



6th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025
Traditional Service - 8:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given
in memory of David Oppenheim on the 5th
anniversary of his passing on February 16, 2020.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Pastorale on Lasst uns erfreuen

David Lasky

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1-6, ed.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread,
but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 732**

Come, We That Love the Lord

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 885**

A Modern Affirmation

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Trust in the Lord

arr. Rollo Dilworth

I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice.
I will rejoice in Thy salvation.
I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath dealt bountifully with me.
I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice.
Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not to thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy path.
I will trust in the Lord 'til I die.

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 132**

All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

(Children come down to the front during the last stanza.)

Time With Children

Scripture

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Sermon

Planted

***Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2076**

O Blessed Spring

***Mission Statement**

We are a welcoming community of faith committed to: Loving God and loving others, Serving Christ and sharing Him; Transforming lives and making disciples.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

Please fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and leave it attached to the pad or scan the QR code below.

If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org.



L e a d i n g i n W o r s h i p T o d a y

Preaching: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: André Duvall
Time with Children: Hayley Heard
Chancel Choir

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Sanctuary Flowers: We need 2025 weekly donors! Following Sunday worship, flowers are rearranged into smaller florals and then delivered to our home-bound members. Flowers for the sanctuary remain a treasured way to enhance worship, while honoring or remembering a loved one, celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or honoring a friend. For more information or to select a date, please visit our website www.germantownumc.org, click on the "Sign Up & Events" menu to the far right and choose "Communication Hub" in the drop down list, scroll down to "Forms" near the bottom, then choose "Sanctuary Flowers Form" or call Lisa Bell at OLEC 753-3100.

In Case of Emergency Information: The GUMC Safety Team and the Health & Wellness Committee encourage you to complete or update your ICE information in your mobile phone for use in case of an emergency. Scan the QR code for instructions on how to enter this information in your phone.



T h i s W e e k a t G U M C

Sunday, Feb. 16:

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Children's Choirs
- 5:00 pm Testimony Choir

Tuesday, Feb. 18:

- 6:30 am Men's Sunrise Group

Wednesday, Feb. 19:

- 6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm Wesley Chimes
- 6:00 pm Synergy
- 6:00 pm WOW
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:15 pm Synago

Ministry, News and Events

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: germantownumc.org
Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Event Registrations" at the top of the page.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Care Ministries Director, CLM

You Are Not Alone. The Care Ministries Team is here to support you. We offer prayer and practical assistance to help navigate life's challenges. Grief is a natural part of life, and it's okay to talk about it. Care Ministries presents "Coping with the Death of a Loved One," March 3, 2025, 10:30 am or 6:00 pm, GUMC main building, Room 339. Register online to join the discussion. Questions? Call Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, 901-801-6368. There is no cost.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, mgroh@germantownumc.com

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9:30-10:30, Sunday mornings. Please check out the list of classes, locations, teachers, and topics at the Welcome Center or online and join us. Visitors are always welcome!

Join the Monthly Book Group, Monday, February 24, 10 am, in Room 338 for a discussion of "The Little Village of Booklovers" by Nina George. No need to register; just purchase the book or check out the book from the library and join us for a lively conversation.

The Gospel of John - Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World starts Wednesday, March 5, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. In this 7 session Lenten study, author Melissa Spoelstra will encourage us to slow down and linger with the living Word as we explore context and historical insights. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$23.

Digital Giving Options

Online



Venmo



Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC)

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,

gkelly@germantownumc.org

Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,

kmarsh@germantownumc.org

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Monday, 12 pm-3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Starting Wednesday Feb. 19, we will return to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening play from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Please check the website each week for changes in the pickleball schedule.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Ball.aties: Monday, 9:00 am.

Gentle Yoga: Monday, Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Monday, 5-6 pm, Wednesday, 2-3 pm.

Senior Fitness Walk Fit: Tuesday, 10-11 am.

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Thursday, 10-11 am.

Fit 4 Mom Stroller Strides: Monday, 9:30-10:45 am.

Stroller Barre: Wednesday, Friday, 9:30-10:45 am.

Body Boost: Monday night, 6:15-7:15 pm.

Body Ignite: Wednesday nights, 6:15 pm-7:15 pm.

Martial Arts: Tuesday, Thursday, Beginner class, 5:45-6:45 pm, Advanced class, 6:45-7:45 pm.

Open Gym times: Monday, No available times, Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 pm-4:30 pm, Wednesday, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm. Due to the basketball practice schedules, call the OLEC front desk for Open Gym times.*Open Gym times are for church members only.* Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

GUMC Donations for Crosslink: Crosslink medical supplies ministry donation box is in the entrance to the fellowship hall. We need reading glasses, toothbrushes, toothpaste, self-adherent wrap (Coban), ace bandages, 4"x4" gauze pads, automatic B.P. kits, medical tape (cloth or paper), thermometers, and dental floss. If you have any questions call A.J. Kamer at (901) 323-8477 or Mike Herringshaw at mjherringshaw@att.net.

Congregational Prayer List



Children's Ministry

Natalie Adkinson, Director: nadkinson@germantownumc.org
Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org
Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping-Stones (Birth-Prekindergarten): The Hamilton Nursery is open for children birth through pre-kindergarten to have childcare during worship. Preschool Sunday school meets from 9:30-10:30 am.

Elementary Sunday School (Kindergarten-5th Grade): We meet from 9:30-10:30 am each week. All ages (K-5) will gather in The Huddle (room 240) for large group instruction, followed by small groups in classrooms in the Education Wing hallway.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): All ages birth-5th grade are invited to join us for Worship on Wednesday. Time is 6 pm-7:30 pm. Cost is \$5/child. Must register each week before Tuesday at noon.

Planning ahead? Our summer camp registrations are open NOW! Visit the church website to sign up. Spaces are limited.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; cgranberry@germantownumc.org
Caasi Grove, Director of High School Ministries; cgrove@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9:30 for snacks, games, and discussion!

Element: NO Element tonight due to President's Day! No Element next week due to Discovery weekend!

High School Prayer Breakfast: No Prayer Breakfast this week due to holiday weekend!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy (middle schoolers) will be this Wednesday from 6-7:15 in the Prescott House. Synago (high schoolers) will be from 7:15-8:30 same day, same place! Discovery Planning is happening in Synago--Don't miss it!

Discovery Weekend: Is NEXT WEEKEND, February 21-23! Grades 6-12! Signups CLOSE tomorrow!

Stay Informed: Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-school (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org
This week at GUMP, our friends ended the week with a fun Valentine's party, including a special snack and giving their friends Valentines. Our youngest friends had a family member come to the class for "A Treat with Someone Sweet."

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, luci2@comcast.net.

Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in *The Tidings*.

AARP Smart Driver™ Course! GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on March 20 & 21, 2025 from 9 am-1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for non-members), payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call George Coleman at 384-3581 to register. This class will be closed at 28 participants, so sign up soon.

Are you Ready to Play Some Bridge? The weekly Friday Bridge Group is meeting in the Huddle, from 10 am-2 pm, for party bridge and fellowship. No partners are needed; just bring a sack lunch or a potluck dish to share. Contact Kay Lindamood, 754-6033, for more information. Park in the East parking lot (Germantown Road side of the building) and go to the entrance under the portico. Press the button on the speaker box, and someone will buzz you into the building.

March Brown Bag Lunch Series! Matthew Rhoads, Attorney-at-Law, Douglass & Runger, PLLC, will present "Planning for Long-Term Care." This presentation will be on Friday, March 7, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 am, with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed. **There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.**

XYZ's March Event! As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to Mihee Kim-Kort at the Lenten Preaching Series in Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop, and tour St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. We depart at 10 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$5 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennerman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, February 19.

XYZ's April Event! Join us for a tour of the National Weather Service Forecast Office and the Ducks Unlimited campus and to eat lunch at Coletta's Restaurant on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. We depart at 9:15 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the all-inclusive cost is \$18 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennerman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, March 11.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org
Lent by Candlelight, Feb. 25, 6:30-8:30 pm: We invite all women to this free event, featuring warm fellowship over desserts and coffee, in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall, followed by worship in the chapel to prepare for Lent. Please register at germantownumc.org under Sign Up & Events. Limited to 100 women. Preschool childcare is available at no charge.

Join us as we look back at our many accomplishments in 2024!

**Annual Ministry
Impact Report**

RELEASE EVENT

**TODAY AFTER
11AM SERVICES**

in the Fellowship Hall

There will be
a drawing
to win 5
printed
copies!

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