



3rd Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025

Liturgical Color -- Purple
Traditional Service - 11:00 am

Flowers gracing the sanctuary are given
by Barbara McMahon in memory of
her husband, George McMahon.

Rosebud is given in celebration of
Debby Bland's great-granddaughter, Clara June Dickey,
born 2/9/25.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *Take My Life and Let It Be/ Surrender All* H. Malan/W.Weeden

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship** Psalm 63:1-4, 13-14

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 121** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 880** *Nicene Creed*

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Congregational Call To Prayer TFWS 2275 *Kyrie*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Mission Moment UMW Consignment Sale - Natalie Cathcart

Offertory *There Is A Balm In Gilead* William L. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounds whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.
Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll never refuse to lend,
There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 510** *Come Ye Disconsolate*
(Children come down to the front during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6-9

*Gospel

Luke 13:6-9

Sermon

Lent: From Repentance to Reconciliation
3. Respond

*Hymn of Commitment **UMH 340** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

*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

Allemande and Gigue from Suite in E minor

J.J. Froberger

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.*



Leading in Worship Today

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
Soloist: Kim Marsh
Chancel Choir
Time With the Children: Hayley Heard

This Week at GUMC

Sunday, Mar. 23:

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Lay Ministry Council Planning Event
5:00 pm Children's Choir
5:00 pm Testimony Choir
6:15 pm Matins Handbells

Tuesday, Mar. 25:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 am High School Breakfast

Wednesday, Mar. 26:

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

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

Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, March 30, 9:30-10:30 am. Join us during the Sunday school hour to meet our pastors, learn about the history, beliefs, and missions of Germantown UMC, and how to get connected to our congregation -- a perfect opportunity for visitors or those who are considering church membership! Please contact Mary Groh at mgroh@germantownumc.org if you are interested in attending.

Day of Service - After the GUWF Children's Consignment Sale, we need all hands on deck on **April 5** to get the OLEC ready for PRISM. Shifts are from 12:30 - 3:30 pm and 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Go to bit.ly/GUMCDayofService or scan the QR code to sign up for a shift. We can't do it without you!



Please join us on April 13, in the Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am, for a Hands-only CPR training led by a member of the Germantown Fire Department. Hands-only CPR is a life saving skill for people that can double the chance of survival during a sudden cardiac arrest, without the use of rescue breathing. Hosted by the Health and Wellness Committee, contact Erica Perkins at ericalperkins84@gmail.com with questions.

Spring Blood Drive: Did you know that a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives? The Bloodmobile will be in the preschool parking lot on Sunday, April 13, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, and we need donors! Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are also welcome.

Scan the QR code to register or contact Erica Perkins at ericalperkins84@gmail.com with questions.



M i n i s t r y , N e w s a n d E v e n t s

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

Annual Spring Prayer Vigil: The Care Ministries Team is hosting the annual spring prayer vigil, on Friday, April 11, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, in the Chapel. It's a time to pray, sit and reflect, or journal. Come and go as you please. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney at ytoney@germantownumc.org or call 901-801-6368.

There is available parking right across the street from the Chapel.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-school (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

At GUMP, our little friends are excited for the beautiful weather that we experience in Spring! We are learning about different plants and flowers, and the seeds they grow from, and identifying all the bugs and insects that we see outside.

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Project Transformation 2025 Fundraiser at the GUMC OLEC, April 10, 2025: Project

Transformation 2025 has begun. Please join us at the luncheon fundraiser, Thursday, April 10, at Noon, in the GUMC OLEC. For more information contact Terrice Thomas at thomas@pttennessee.org and/or Mike Herringshaw at mjherringshaw@att.net.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC), 901-753-3100

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation, gkelly@germantownumc.org

Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation, kmarsh@germantownumc.org

T-Ball Registration is open for boys and girls ages 4, 5 and 6. The season starts in late April and goes through May. Registration is \$100 and includes league fees, uniforms, and trophy or medal. Register under Sign Ups and Events on the church website. Contact Kim Marsh at kmarsh@germantownumc.org for more information.

Pickleball this week:

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

Nighttime: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

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

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Ball.aties: Monday, 9:30 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 night, 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, 3:30-5:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, afternoon from 1-5 pm, but times may vary. Please call the OLEC to confirm times. *Open Gym times are for church members only. * Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Scan the QR code to view our 2024 Annual Ministry Report.



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): WOW has ended for spring semester. See you in the fall!

Easter Egg Hunt: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is back! We will host this fun event in McVay Gardens on Saturday, April 19, from 9:30-10:30 am, and 10:30-11:30 am. Each family will sign up for an hour of fun, starting with the egg hunt, then enjoying train rides, petting zoo, games, crafts, etc. **Registration is required and is open on the church website.**

Planning ahead? Our VBS and summer camp registrations are now OPEN! 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: Element will be tonight from 6-8 pm in the OLEC! Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Is at 6:30 am this Tuesday at the Starbucks on Houston Levee! Contact Chloe if you need a ride to school!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy (middle schoolers) will be this Wednesday from 6-7:15 pm in the Prescott House. Synago (high schoolers) will be from 7:15-8:30 pm, same day, same place!

Confirmation: Confirmation Retreat is happening THIS Saturday, March 29! Confirmation Service is 5-6 pm, on April. 6, in McVay Gardens (weather permitting). The entire congregation is invited to celebrate our new members!

High School Seniors: The Senior Sunday Packet deadline is April 7! Contact Caasi for more details!

Summer: Our Summer Calendar is on our website now, and sign ups for 901 mission camp opens this week!

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.

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*.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call... Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, please contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

April Brown Bag Lunch Series! Dan McCleary, Founder, Producer, and Artistic Director, Tennessee Shakespeare Company, will present "The Founding of the Tennessee Shakespeare Company." This presentation will be on **Friday, April 11, 2025**, in the Fellowship Hall. **Please note that this is a change in date.** 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 May Event! Come with us for a motorcoach trip to Jackson to eat at The Old Country Store and to Milan to tour the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We depart at 9:30 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the all-inclusive cost is \$55 per person. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Breneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, April 15.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Get ready to shop, save and support local missions! The GUWF Children's Consignment Sale begins **Friday, April 4, from 8 am to 3 pm, at the OLEC.** Many items will be marked "half-price" that same evening from 5 pm to 8 pm. Half-price sale continues Saturday, April 5, 8 am - 12 pm. Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan QR code for details!



Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group Tomorrow, March 24, at 10 am, in Room 338 for a discussion of *Bloomsbury Girls*, by Natalie Jenner. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library and join us for a lively conversation. **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!

Congregational Prayer List



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