

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

SUNDAY • JULY 30, 2017 • 10:00 AM • ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO YOU! WELCOME TO ALL COMING TO WORSHIP!

Everyone, including children of all ages, is invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church.

Personal hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God. The congregation's responses are printed in **bold type**.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

SEEDS - Seeds Upon The Wind

TIME OF PREPARATION

Enter the sanctuary quietly, respecting the meditation of others and opening to the presence of God.

CENTERING THOUGHT

The ultimate container is God.

That is, a container that holds but does not contain; contains but allows. It is so big, it allows everything.

Jason Shulman: Receiving God

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the maroon folders.

Call to Worship

God of mercy, we humbly come before you offering our doubts, our sorrows, and our sufferings.

God of righteousness, we pour out our praise for how you renew us and turn our hearts toward your goodness that dwells in each of us.

God of justice, guide us so that we might live with the compassion taught by Jesus and strengthen us so that we might remain in the fight.

With faith in your mercy, righteousness, and justice, we kneel at the altar of hope,

where life reveals your face in fleeting glimpses and our recollections of your enduring love.

Together our souls abide in this hope. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 117 "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Morning Prayer

Lord, I'm Willing (1989)

A prayer written by Genna Rae McNeil

**Lord, it's more than I'll ever understand,
how I am preserved by thy hand.**

But then there's only two things required of me:

to be faithful (because I've been set free)

and to be willing to be used by Thee.

So Lord I come willing to be used by Thee.

Refrain:

Lord, I'm willing.

Lord, I am willing your will and way to see.

Lord, I'm willing. Lord, I'm willing

Lord, I'm willing to be used by Thee.

**"Though sometimes I don't feel worthy,
consecrate me. I'm saved, I'm not the same.**

**"Though the world may under-rate me,
dedicate me so I'll be wholly changed.**

Lord, I'm willing. Here I stand.

Lord, I'm willing. Take my hand

and keep me by thy grace,

so I can run this race.

Passing The Peace

Not an easy peace,

Not an insignificant peace,

Not a half-hearted peace,

But the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ

Is with us now.

Let us share it with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Everyone is invited to exchange a greeting or word of peace as a sign of reconciliation and community.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Contemporary Reading Alexis Pauline Gumbs
“mixed use”

Scripture Lesson Genesis 29:15-30

Sermon *“The Voice of Hope”* Tamie Scalise
Readers: Ann Perrone, Audrey Garrett

Gathered Prayer Willie Little

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray.

Beginning in silence; persons are invited to participate in the Gathered Prayer by kneeling at the altar rail.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Mother-Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Response *Standing with body and spirit*
TFWS 2197 *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

Offering /Offertory
Improvisation on “Slane” (Lord of All Hopefulness)

Offertory Response
TFWS 2172 *“We Are Called”*

Offertory Prayer

Majestic God, we are amazed that you count us among your children. Open our eyes to see every human being as your beloved child. Send your Spirit to guide us to live as citizens of your heavenly kingdom. All good gifts come from you, and from these riches we bring this offering. Let our church

embody a generous way of giving to others in this world, which will one day be conformed to your reign. We ask this for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
TFWS 2212 *“My Life Flows On”*

Benediction

Postlude: *We All Believe in One True God* J.S. Bach



Liturgist: Lynne Peterson

Ushers: Robert Smart, Krista Hansen, Ann Perrone

Audio: John Bustard

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

July, 10:00 am Worship

30 Tamie Scalise - *Sermon Series on Genesis*

August, 10:00 am Worship

6 Communion
Bob Coombe - *Sermon Series on Genesis*

13 Lucretia Hurley- Browning

20 Tamie Scalise

27 Tamie Scalise & Nancy Tkacs

September, 10:00 am Worship

3 Communion
Bob Coombe - *Labor Day*

September, 11:00 am Worship

10 **Homecoming Sunday**
Bob Coombe

WELCOME VISITORS!!!

Thanks for finding your way to FUMCOG! We are glad you have come! Take the opportunity to register your attendance in the maroon folders passed along the pews. Your sharing of contact information will allow us to be in touch. A variety of church information is available on the church website. Also, members of the staff and congregation are eager to greet you at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the service. You are cordially invited to join us for Meet & Mingle in Pilling Hall.

ADULTS AT FUMCOG: Various small groups and work areas function for participants to get to know one another, to work toward a goal they are passionate about, or to learn more about themselves and their journeys of faith. These groups meet at various times during the week. For more detailed information, speak to the church staff.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT FUMCOG

Children and youth are welcomed to share in worship at FUMCOG.

DURING THE SUMMER: early-June through Labor Day Sunday

Childcare is provided during the Sunday service for infants through second grade in Room 102 of the Education building. Also, a room is available at the top of the balcony stairs for parents who wish to attend to their children's needs while still hearing the service. "Busy Bags" are available for younger children who are in church. Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, September to June:

Classes are available for each age group, from nursery through senior high. A professionally staffed nursery is open each Sunday morning from 9:30 am through the end of the worship service.

Children 2 years - 2nd grade are invited to attend the opening of the 11:00 am worship service with their families. At 11:15 am, teachers take the children to childcare. "Busy Bags" are available from the ushers for younger children who opt to attend church with their parents.

Students in grades 3-12 meet in classes at 9:45 am and then attend worship with their families. Older youth meet on Sunday mornings for informal fellowship and reflection. The youth also take part in special activities and events, including trips, parties, cultural events, and retreats. One of the most exciting components of the senior high youth program is an annual summer trip which focuses on service, learning, and spiritual development, exposing the young people to new experiences that help them deepen their faith.

The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our commitment by working together, taking risks for social justice and peace in our community, our city, our nation and our world.

FUMCOG Staff and Email Addresses

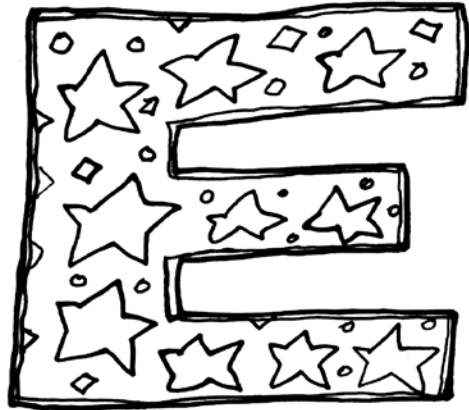
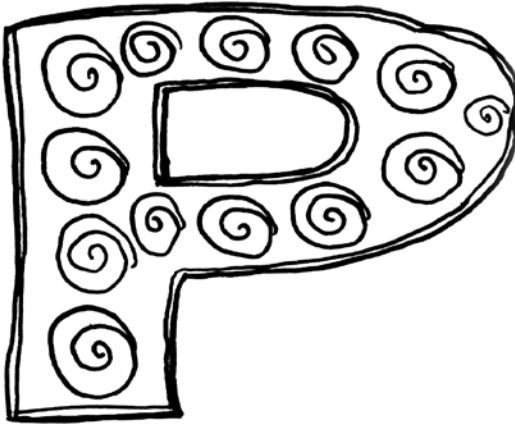
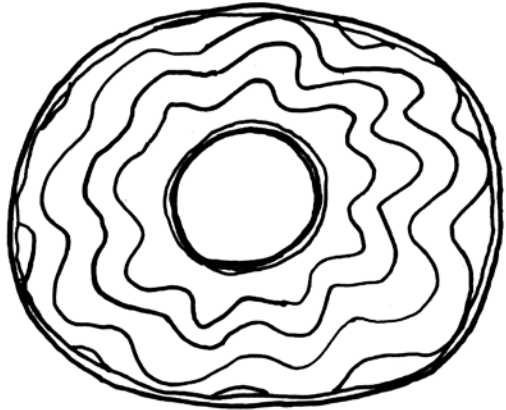
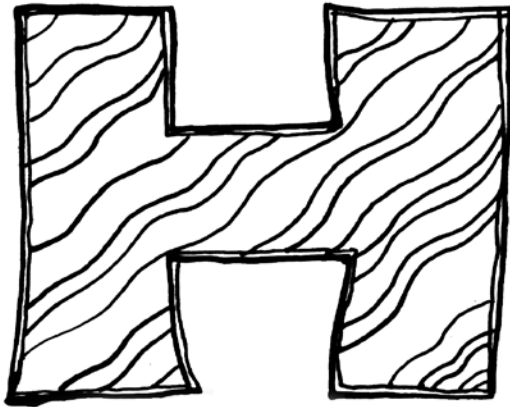
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Hope is the thing
with feathers
that perches in the soul
and sings the tune
without the words
and never stops at all.

Emily Dickinson

SCB

Readings: July 30, 2017

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1: 26-31

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

Contemporary Reading

mixed use by Alexis Pauline Gumbs

dedicated to Shelia Broderick

they used girls like me
instead of mannequins
in the glass windows
of the Limited Too
at the Fashion Mall
in Plantation, Florida
on weekends

underweight girls like me
they found us
slightly
more alive
than plastic

i imagine that sometimes
your weekdays are like
my saturdays were then
a public stillness
breathing disguised as nothing
a mandate (not) to make eye contact

a fear of
a hunger for
the laughter that could make it
all fall apart

they used girls like me
instead of iron
as anchors
on the Paideia High School track team
4 by 4 relay squad
all over Georgia

conveniently black girls like me
they called us
natural talent

i imagine that sometimes
your weekdays are like
my saturdays were then
a chronic inability to stay
between the lines

a dizzy aversion
to running in circles
a tight urge
to steal the baton
and run towards where home
might be
forgetting the girls that depend
on you

i have no way of knowing
what any day
any week of yours has been
but i want to know
how do you feel

useful?



July 30, 2017

What's happening at FUMCOG

Please Keep in Prayer...

Ruth Thornton's brother Gary, who is recovering from a complicated surgery for prostate cancer... **Dick Cox**, who is homebound with bursitis... **Pam Berling**, cousin of Bob Smart, recovering from surgery at home.. **William Witte**, son-in-law of Charlene Segal and husband of Rebecca Thorp, after multiple heart by-pass surgeries..... **Jeff Scott**, Barbara Mitchell's nephew. He is now in hospice at home in Alaska... **John Kofa**, Sayondee Kumorteh's uncle.

Summer Schedule continues

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10 am. Linger Lunch and Adult Academy will be on vacation through September 3. The summer preaching schedule is in the bulletin following the order of service. Please check Hot Topics for special events during the summer.

Childcare during the Summer

Church school is on vacation for the summer until September 3. During that time, FUMCOG volunteers will provide childcare during the church service in Room 102 of the Education building for infants through second graders. Busy bags are available from the ushers for younger children who are attending the worship service. Regular church school will resume with the all-church breakfast on September 10.

If you are interested in helping with FUMCOG's little ones for one Sunday during the summer, please contact Amina Loder, aaloder@comcast.net

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Sunday, July 30

10 am worship

Tamie Scalise preaching
12:30 pm POWER Meeting

Sunday, August 6, 2017

9:00 am Healing Service in Turner Chapel

10 am worship

Bob Coombe preaching
Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, August 13, 2017

10 am worship

Lucretia Hurley- Browning, Guest Preacher

Wednesday, August 16

7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Sunday, August 20, 2017

10 am worship

Tamie Scalise preaching

Sunday, August 27, 2017

10 am worship

A SUMMER SABBATH
Led by Tamie Scalise & Nancy Tkacs
You are invited to offer a gift of celebration for our worship service where we will create a GARDEN of DIVERSE REFLECTIONS

Bible Study with Bob Coombe

Wednesday mornings at 7 o'clock
at the Trolley Car Diner.

No registration, just show up at the Diner

Our women's restroom is located through the fellowship hall from the sanctuary. Signs for restrooms for both genders are located at the end of the hallways in the education building. **Our gender neutral/unisex bathroom** is located at the end of the hallway behind the stage in our fellowship hall.

FUMCOG Book Group

FUMCOG's book discussion group is reading *Waking Lions*, a novel by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. "*Waking Lions* has the type of seductive plot twist - a hit-and-run, a blackmailing scheme, a crime that threatens to rend a marriage - that, seemingly, only a fiction writer could concoct. But in fact, the 34-year-old writer, who lives in Israel, borrowed much of the premise of the story from real life." -*Daniel Lefferts, Publisher Weekly*

We are also each reading some other book that we might suggest for future discussions. We invite anyone to join us for the discussion on **Wednesday, August 16, at 7:30pm** at the home of Ruth and Barbara, **51 West Walnut Lane**, a block from FUMCOG.

Contact at baruth51@aol.com or 215-280-1952.

Caring Connection

The Caring Connection team coordinates meals, rides, or assistance when a FUMCOGer needs some short term support. If you, or someone you know, needs some help, call or email the church office. The team will follow up and make the connection with our list of volunteers.

FUMCOG Chess Club

FUMCOG is inviting neighborhood children and teens (ages 8-18) to participate in a Chess Club as an After School Program during the school year, 2017-18. We are looking for FUMCOG members' participation in several ways:

- **Donate a chess set, a Mahjong, a Monopoly game, dominos, checkers.** (*Used sets must be complete.*)
- **Donate an afternoon from 3-6 pm once a week to help monitor and serve snacks.**
- **Donate time to teach chess or Mahjong.**

Our objective is to provide a learning and fun place for kids after school, which we hope will result in having students attend matches and WIN! Each session will start with a healthy snack. Formal training will be provided to chess coaches. Informal training to Backgammon coaches. Even if you have no gaming skills, we still need adult volunteers to be a presence. See Bev Lucas, Michael Yancy, Barbara Mitchell, or Ruth Thornton.

FUMCOG's Commitment to Accessibility Is Always Appreciated!



In our May 21 worship service, Barbara Mitchell and George Herold reminded us of the many ways that FUMCOG has been committed to making worship accessible to ALL, regardless of limitations of mobility, hearing, illness, and other concerns. The number of FUMCOG members who find it difficult to walk long distances is growing. We want to make it as easy as possible for members and visitors with any physical limitations to still join us in worship. Special thanks to the many "angels" who provide transportation to those who are no longer able to drive themselves to church!

To live even more fully into this commitment, we will be increasing the number of spaces in the parking lot that are marked with "Accessible" symbols on Sunday mornings.

We currently have 3 extra-wide spaces with dedicated symbols. Please reserve those spaces for individuals who need the extra space when exiting their cars, perhaps to transfer to a wheelchair. Please reserve the additional marked spaces for anyone who needs to have a shorter path to the entrance due to an acute or chronic health condition.

Your hospitality is one of the greatest assets of our community!



Your Chance to have a Life

in the Theater!

Lights and sound are a big part of every theater production. The Drama Group is looking for someone who would like to get involved in making our shows happen! Experience helpful but not required. You'll see what goes on behind the scenes and play a vital role. Talk to Bob or Sandy Bauer, Wayne Snover, Alan Ankeny or Bruce McNeel or email us at info@thedramagroup.org.

August 27, A Summer Sabbath.

Calling Friends
of All Ages

*Something precious is lost if we
rush headlong into the details of
life without pausing for a moment
to pay homage to the mystery of
life and the gift of another day.*

~Kent Nerburn

You are invited to offer a gift
of celebration during our
worship service on August 27,
2017 where we will create a
GARDEN of DIVERSE REFLECTIONS
through music, art,
photography, poetry, dance,
and spoken word in our
PAUSE that gives PRAISE and
THANKSGIVING for the
gifts of summer.

If you have a gift to share, please
contact Nancy Tkacs (267-408-
0942 or ntkacs@gmail.com) or
Tamie Scalise (610-780-1486 or
scalise@fumcog.org).

Gratefully, Tamie Scalise

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, FUMCOG Staff, Teachers, Parents, and Volunteers

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Sunday, August 27 at 11:15 AM in the Parlor
Wed., August 30 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor

FUMCOG is committed to creating an environment
of hospitality for all persons – male or female, adult
or child. In order to ensure a safe environment for our
children, youth, and vulnerable adults, FUMCOG will
host its annual training on the Safe Sanctuary Policy
on the two dates listed above. All paid staff and any-
one who will be leading and/or working with children,
youth, or vulnerable adults in one or more church
ministries **MUST** attend ONE of the training sessions.
*All questions may be directed to Tamie Scalise (by email
at scalise@fumcog.org or by phone at 610-780-1486).*

FUMCOG Carillon Recital Series:

Thanks to all who came out and supported our sum-
mer series! We look forward to seeing you next year!

And FUMCOG thanks **Jan Tebbell**, our own resident
carillonneur, who produces the series every year.

Tuesday, September 12 Bus trip to The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

Admission: FUMCOG has museum reservations for 54 persons. We are sharing this event with Janes UMC so each church has 27 tickets. If either church sells less than 27 the other church may buy the unsold tickets.

Schedule: **6:00 am** depart FUMCOG. brief rest stop enroute. **9:30 am** Arrive at museum. **3:30 pm** Bus departs with a 15 minute stop at the MLK memorial. There will be a meal stop enroute at the Golden Corral Buffet. **7:30-8 pm** Arrive at FUMCOG. **Total cost: \$55.00 per person.** For more information see Roberta Millard. A more detailed flyer will be made available.