

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Nov 9	11:00am	Sunday Worship - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching
	12 :30am	Potluck Linger Lunch
	12:45pm	Handbells
	3:00pm	Drama Group Performance - <i>Spring Awakening</i>
Mon, Nov 10	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Stop ICE Raids Vigil
Tue, Nov 11		Veteran's Day
	4:00pm	BlackLivesMatter Vigil
Wed, Nov 12	1:30pm	Bible Study - online via tinyurl.com/zoomcog
	3:30pm	POWER Press Conference
Thu, Nov 13	6:00pm	Mission Link Friendsgiving - Jenkintown UMC
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Nov 14	4:00pm	Stand With Ukraine Vigil
	7:00pm	Drama Group Performance - <i>Spring Awakening</i>
Sat, Nov 15	12:00pm	Neighbor's Table Community Meal
	7:00pm	Drama Group Performance - <i>Spring Awakening</i>
Sun, Nov 16	9:30am	Adult Academy
	11:00am	Sunday Worship - Isa Pickett preaching
	12:30pm	Linger Lunch
	12:45pm	Handbells
	3:00pm	Drama Group Performance - <i>Spring Awakening</i>

POWER Press Conference

On Wednesday, November 12th at 3:30PM you are invited to join POWER Interfaith NW Cluster **HERE** at FUMCOG for a multi-faith press conference about the urgency of the affordability crisis and the impact that cuts to business taxes in Philadelphia will have on our congregations and communities. Please contact Tamia Walker (pastorsassistantfumcog@gmail.com) or Sharon Weinman (sharoncweinman@gmail.com) with questions!

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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.

Lead Pastor Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo • Office Administrator Michael Yancey
Director of Music Adrianna Barnett • Organist/Pianist Jodi Acker Bohr
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NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, November 9, 2025 11:00AM

Welcome To All Coming To Worship!

All people of all ages are invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church. We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.

Congregational responses are in bold type.
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

Acknowledgements

As a faith congregation, we acknowledge that this is a pivotal moment in American history and that our mission is clearly laid out in the Gospel of Jesus.

We acknowledge our mission to:

- seek justice for black and brown people of all genders and orientations
- dismantle systems of bias and racism
- call out those who protect the power of state-sponsored violence against black and brown bodies,
- and re-center the voices of the marginalized of our community and society.

We acknowledge our part in perpetuating white norms of language, style, worship, behavior, and culture, and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the truth that Black Lives Matter.

We acknowledge that this service of worship is being held on the traditional lands of the Lenape people, and we pay respect to elders past and present.

We affirm the sacredness of Native people, their languages, their cultures and their gifts to the church and the world.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Jodi Bohr & Michael Sheadel
“Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit”, by J.S. Bach,
transcribed by Kurtág

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

One: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—small at first, yet full of life and promise.

All: We come with seeds of faith, ready to grow in gratitude and generosity.

One: The kingdom of God is like yeast—quietly working, transforming all it touches.

All: We long to be changed, yet sometimes we hold back— clinging to fear, to comfort, to the illusion of control.

One: But grace calls us to let go,
to trust the One who provides more than enough.

All: When we give freely, we discover joy; when we share boldly, we find justice.

One: So today, we bring our pledges, our prayers, our hearts— planting seeds of faith for God’s Kin-dom here on earth.

All: With grateful hearts and generous spirits, we worship the God who makes all things grow!

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 89 - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Passing the Peace
All young ones and young at heart are welcome to come forward during this time for the children’s message.

Children’s Message

Sung Response
“The Kin-dom of God”
(see insert)

Gathered Prayer Barbara Revere

Sung Response
“The Kin-dom of God”
(see insert)

Stewardship Speakers Dale & Laura Stahl

Contemporary Reading
haiku for the inanimate by Hannah Ledlie

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:31-33
(see insert for full text)

Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 583 - “Sois la Semilla”
v.1 Spanish, v.1 English

Sermon Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo
What We Knead

Connections and Offering

Offertory Anthem FUMCOG Choir
“The Promise of Living” by Aaron Copland

Doxology *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 94 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
“Grateful” by Hezekiah Walker
(see screens)
All who feel led are invited to bring an annual pledge card to the altar.

Benediction

Postlude Jodi Bohr
Minuet from *Royal Fireworks Music*, by G.F. Händel

Thank you for joining in worship today. You are invited to remain in your pew during the postlude to quietly reflect during this final movement of worship or to move peacefully into your afternoon. You are also invited to Pilling Hall immediately following the postlude for Linger Lunch!

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Insert for Sunday, November 9, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, Nov 13
Mission Link Friendsgiving, 6pm
- Saturday, Nov 22
Charge Conference, 10am
- Saturday, Nov 29
HealYourLovePeriod, 3pm
- Sunday, Nov 30
Voices of Philadelphia in worship, 11am
- Sunday, Dec 7
Candlelight Service, 4pm

KIDS AT FUMCOG

All children are beloved and welcomed here. We offer three ways for your child(ren) to engage:

- * Join in the new “Nursery Ministry.” All kids 6 and under are invited to join Ms. Lanette in Pilling Hall immediately following the Children’s Message.
- * Enjoy a “Kid Activity Bag”. Just ask an usher.
- * Play in the “Children’s Space” in the Sanctuary’s back corner.

We are so glad you and your family are here!

Want to Connect?

Use this QR code to access our link tree. From there, you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube, fill out an online connect card or easily reach our website: www.fumcog.org

If you’re looking to do any of that while you’re here, you can connect to wifi using the following: **WIFI: Fumcogsanc** **PW: FUMg3rm2020**



Staff and Office Information

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Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm
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Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for 10am on **Saturday, November 22nd**. The meeting will take place in Pilling Hall, and ONLY be in person. All are invited to come for our annual church business meeting. Feel free to email Pastor Alisa with questions (wailoo@fumcog.org).



Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

Please know that we are thinking about and praying with you.

For the family of **David E. Loder**, who passed away on Oct. 21st. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 3 p.m., in the Germantown Monthly Meeting at Germantown Friends School (31 W. Coulter Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144).

For family of **Alison Isenberg** who passed away last month. Alison is Chris and Alisa’s sister-n-law, and Anthony and Andrew’s aunt. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11am on December 6 at Princeton University Chapel.

For **Donald Knotts**, who is healing from cancer.

For the birth of **Wallace Freedom** who was born October 22 to Carrie & Freedom Horton. Everyone is doing well!

For **Laura K** who recently lost her spouse to death.

Prayers of healing for **C. Gloria Akers** as she continues her cancer treatments.

For Barbara Mitchell's and Ruth Thornton’s niece, **Elaine Crooks**, as she recovers from heart surgery.

For **children, youth, educators and parents** traumatized by ongoing school violence. As community members, may we work to change US laws to limit access to guns of war.

For the family of **Lillian Gaines** who passed away peacefully at the age of 97. Her memorial service was yesterday. Cards of sympathy and support can be sent to:

Joy Gaines Thompson
404 Highgate Drive
Ambler, PA 19002

For **Katreise Ruffin**, a scout parent who is recuperating from open-heart surgery.

For **Wayne Varnadore** who is improving each day.

For Tim’s aunt **Selma Cooper** who is sick.

For **Jean Young**, Barb Revere’s longtime friend, from Omaha, Nebraska, as she’s receiving treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

For **Linda & Paul T** as they deal with the challenges of dementia.

For **Ken Espejo**, who is recovering after his open-heart surgery.



Readings & Music

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-33

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Contemporary Reading

haiku for the inanimate

here’s to the houseplants
which turn us into mothers,
opening shutters

to the weekly soaps
which show the day has not scrubbed
us of our feeling

to the dough, which turns
even us, demolition
experts, to sculptors

by Hannah Ledlie

The Kingdom of God

Em C Am G D G D C

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

4 Am/C D G C Em Am G D Bm Em D G

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

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Connections & Announcements

Nomination for FUMCOG's Social & Racial Justice Award 2026

At FUMCOG, we recognize the centrality of the Gospel to issues of justice in our society. The words of the prophet Amos proclaiming, “Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,” call us to action in response to this challenge. It is our tradition each year, on Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday, to recognize a FUMCOG or Community Member with the Social and Racial Justice Award. This award is given in recognition of the work of an individual making a significant contribution toward the resolution of issues of injustice and motivating others to engage in this work.

A committee formed of previous award recipients will consider each application and make the final decision. Please use this form to nominate someone for this award. The deadline for the 2025 Award submission is November 23, 2025.

The short link to this nominating form is <https://tinyurl.com/FUMCOGSRJ26>

Ann Perrone & Lisa Chapman
Members of the SRJ Award Committee

The Drama Group of Germantown Presents
Frank Wedekind's
Spring Awakening

Directed by: CJ Higgins
November 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd 8PM
November 9th, 16th, 23rd 3PM
First United Methodist Church of Germantown
6001 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Immigration Witness

The prayer vigils to stop ICE raids is still going strong! Join Pastor Alisa, other clergy, and community leaders at the ICE office on Mondays at **11 am**. Pastor Alisa is glad to help with rides to ICE Philadelphia Field Office, 114 North 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Call her for more information (267-405-1383).

The weekly BlackLivesMatter and Stand with Ukraine vigils also continue in front of the Unitarian Church on Lincoln Drive. Both begin at **4 pm** with BLM being on Tuesdays and Ukraine support on Fridays.



STOP ICE RAIDS PRAYER VIGIL

EVERY MONDAY | 11 AM

OUTSIDE OF ICE FIELD OFFICE

N. 8TH ST. & CHERRY ST. PHILA., 19106

Logos for: First United Methodist Church of Germantown, State Senator Art Haywood, Germantown Men's Church, and Just Nation.