

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Sep 7	10:00am	Sunday Hymn Sing Service
	11:30am	Lemonade Lull
Mon, Sep 8		FUMCOG Office Closed
	9:00am	Walking Women
Tue, Sep 9	5:00pm	BlackLivesMatter Vigil
Wed, Sep 10	1:30pm	Bible Study - online via tinyurl.com/zoomcog
Thu, Sep 11	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Sep 12	5:00pm	Stand With Ukraine Vigil
Sun, Sep 14	9:30am	Adult Academy - Reparations
	11:00am	Homecoming Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Alisa preaching
	12:30am	Potluck Linger Lunch

Need a Nametag?

Beloveds, it is so wonderful to have new faces and see familiar ones. One way we can support our growing community is to wear a name tag on Sundays. It both helps our new friends as well as those of us with older minds and memories! :). So please stop by the table at the High Street entrance to pick up your name tag before worship. If you don't see one there, please email fumcog1@gmail.com. If you plan to head to Linger Lunch, hold onto your nametag after the postlude! As the sanctuary clears, the box of nametags will be moved into Pilling Hall.



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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.

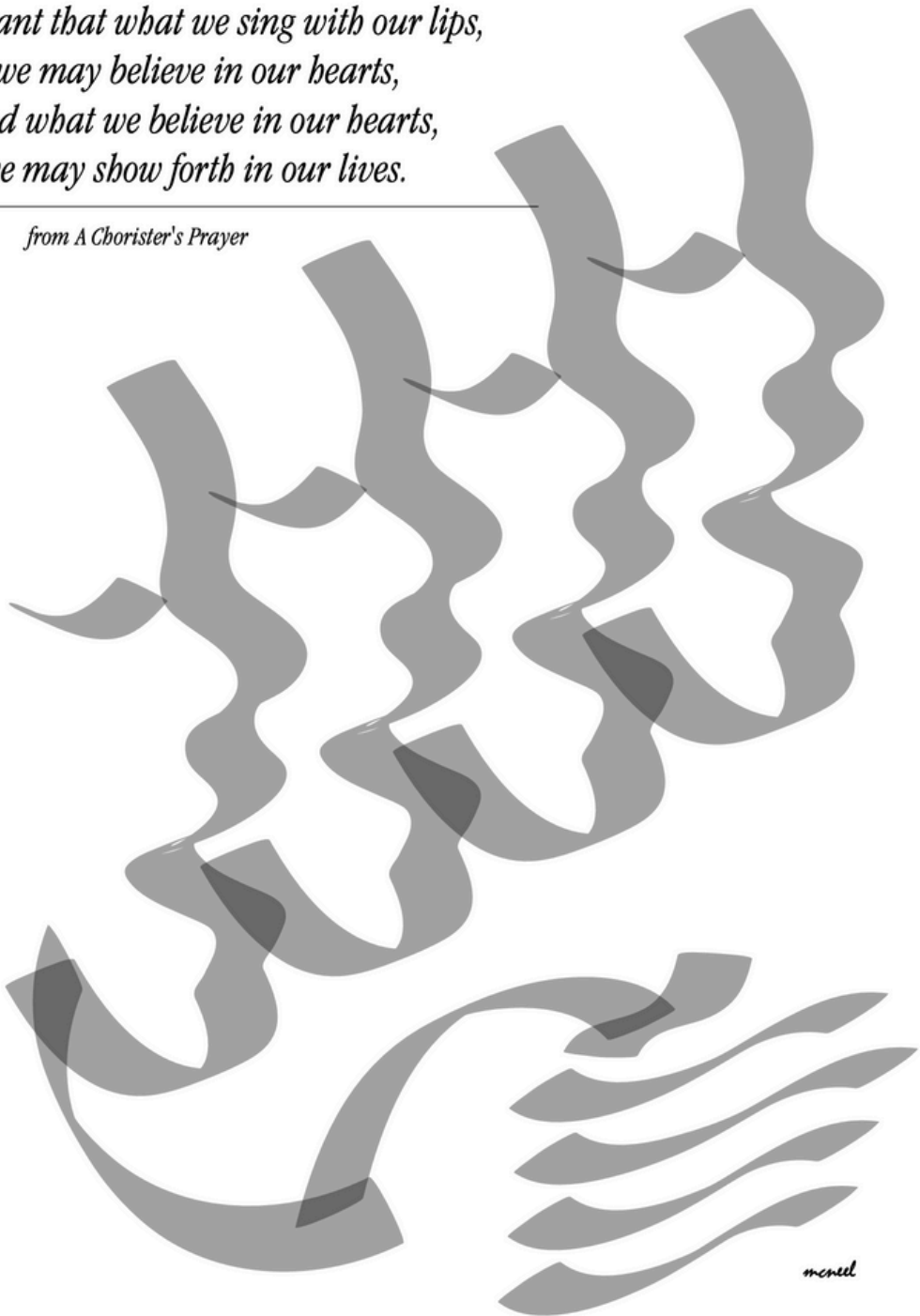
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*Grant that what we sing with our lips,
we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts,
we may show forth in our lives.*

from A Chorister's Prayer



HYMN SING SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 • 10 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:00AM

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.

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal

SEEDS - Seeds Upon the Wind

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.

Prelude

Adri Barnett

“Why We Sing”, by Kirk Franklin

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

One: Come, beloved community—

You who are joyful and you who are weary,

You who sing with full hearts and you who

sing through tears— Come just as you are.

All: We come because we are seen.

We come because we are held.

We come because God makes us free.

One: Even in struggle, even in doubt,

All: Love is our song, and freedom is our rhythm.

One: Let every voice be lifted,

Every story honored, Every soul welcomed—

For this is God’s house, and all belong.

All: Let us worship the One who sets us free—

With joy, with justice, with song!

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

TFWS 2146 - *“His Eye is On the Sparrow”*

Introduction to Hymn Sing

Adri Barnett

Hymn & History

Adri Barnett

UMH 437 - *“This Is My Song”*

Hymn & History

Choir Members

UMH 519 - *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 480 - *“O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”*

v. 1, 3

Hymn & History

Tamia Walker

UMH 474 - *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Alisa

UMH 314 - *“In the Garden”*

Invitation to the Table & Hymn History

Barbara Revere

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Alisa

UMH 377 - *“It Is Well with My Soul”*

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Passing the Peace

Connections & Announcements

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir

AAHH 466 - *“Here Am I”*

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257

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.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 707 - *“Hymn of Promise”*

Blessing of New Staff

Benediction

Sending Forth

Standing with body and spirit

SEEDS 14 - *“Join The Music”*

Postlude

Jodi Bohr

“How Firm A Foundation”

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. Lemonade and cookies are available in Pilling Hall following the postlude.

Cover design by Bruce McNeel

Barbara Revere, liturgist & tech

Wayne Snover, tech

John Bustard, tech

Dan Ross, tech

Jodi Bohr, piano & organ

Beverly Lucas, reader

Moses Possible, reader

Macy Young, reader

**Reminder: worship begins at 11:00am
next week, on September 14**



Insert for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, Sep 14
Homecoming Sunday, 11am
Potluck Linger Lunch after worship
- Saturday, Sep 20
Villanova Day of Service, 9am
Neighbor's Table Community Meal, noon
- Saturday, Sep 27
Rev. Dick Cox Memorial, 10:30am
- Sunday, Oct 5
World Communion Sunday, 11am
- Saturday, Oct 18
United Women in Faith Celebration, 10am

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!

Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

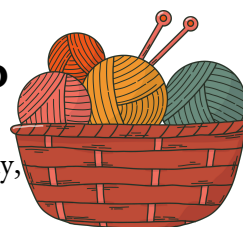
Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm

Pastor Alisa takes her Sabbath on Mondays

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FUMCOG Crafting Group

The FUMCOG knitting/crocheting group next meets on Sunday, **September 14** at 7:00pm at a home in Mt. Airy just off Lincoln Drive. We make prayer shawls and/or baby blankets for church members and outreach. New members are encouraged so please contact Lucy Hill at phillyhills512@yahoo.com or Susan Tomlinson at susanStomlinson@gmail.com if interested. We hope to see you there!



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Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

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 **Janet Tebbel** who broke her arm over the weekend.

For the family of **Lillian Gaines** who passed away peacefully last weekend at the age of 97. A service will be planned for October. Please keep their beloved daughter Joy, her husband, Ross, their children, Joel and Rachel, and all who love her in prayer. Cards of sympathy and support can be sent to:

Joy Gaines Thompson
404 Highgate Drive
Ambler, PA 19002

For the family of **Egan McNeel Golfer**, newborn child of Becky McNeel and Adam Golfer! Egan is the first grandchild for Bruce McNeel & Mariana Eckardt.

Five months after her paralyzing fall, Celeste's dear friend **Nadine Hackman** has gone home to New Hampshire. She still faces a long and difficult road, but she has recovered enough to operate an electric wheel chair, and will continue with therapies and full time care. Nadine's indomitable spirit has been an inspiration. She thanks everyone for their prayers and concern. Hallelujah!

For **Ms. Tina** at Miss Marty's and her family after the passing of her mother.

For **Magic**, who is recovering from wrist surgery.

For **Julie Cox**, after the passing of her husband, Dick Cox. You can also send cards of love and support to: 806 Foulkeways, Gwynedd, PA 19436. His memorial service will be on Sept 27.

For our youth and children that they feel loved and safe and supported. Prayers for educators as they prepare for a new school year.

For **Bob Smart** who has returned home from rehab and is continuing to recover from severe infections.

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

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

For **Judy Robinson** and her family as she moves into hospice.

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 at home after his open-heart surgery.

Prayers of healing for **Karima, Nate, Joy, Betty, Allen, & Bridgette**; of clarity for **Skyy, Diane, & the Byrd family**; and of comfort for **Marshall Jones, Connie, Alan, & Geraldine's** family.

For **Corey Walker**, Jean Walker's great nephew, who is recovering from a serious health issue.

For healing for **Patrica Hayward**, Nicole Bull's mother.

Invitation to Handbells Postponed

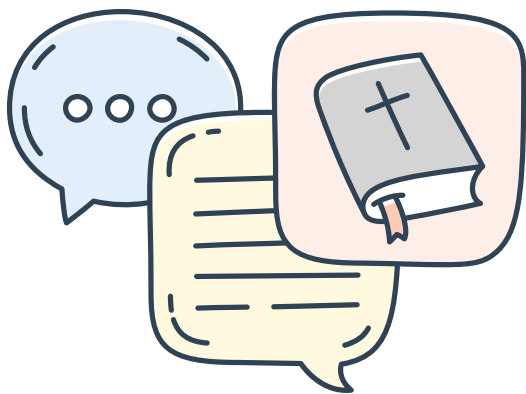
Unfortunately, Janet Tebbel has a broken arm, so she won't be leading the introduction to handbells this Sunday. Stay tuned for more info!



Announcements

Villanova Day of Service

On **Saturday, September 20th** we will host between 12 and 25 student volunteers from Villanova University to assist with various cleanup activities. They will be doing a lot of work on the outside of the church with the gardens, as well as helping to remove accumulated junk from the church building. Please reach out to Alan Ankeny if you can volunteer some of your time to help guide and assist these energetic students! You can call Alan at 215-806-3728, or email the church office (office@fumcog.org) if you are interested. The Villanova students arrive by bus between 9 and 10 AM, and will depart between 2 and 3 PM, after the Neighbor's Table community meal.



Bible Study

Want a mid-week reboot? Join us for Bible Study with Pastor Alisa this Wednesday at 1:30 pm online. We chat, pray and explore the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. No matter if you are a biblical scholar or totally new to the Bible, your thoughts will be a gift to others. Simply email wailoo@fumcog.org to be added to the group email and join the FUMCOG zoom at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Potluck Linger Lunch

September 14 will be a Potluck Linger Lunch. Please bring a dish to share as we celebrate Home Coming Sunday, a return to 11 am services, and our monthly potluck lunches.



Altar Flowers

We have beautiful, fresh altar flowers each Sunday. Would you like to honor someone with these flowers? If so, simply email fumcog1@gmail.com at least 2 weeks in advance. Please include the date you would like them on the altar, and the names of the person or people you would like to honor or remember. Then donate \$60 to cover the cost of the flowers. The arrangement is yours to take home or give away after Sunday's worship.



Upcoming Adult Academy Topics

SEPT 14 – CONVERSATIONS ON RACE with a REPARATIONS DISCUSSION

A birthing process is afoot at FUMCOG. We are giving birth to a way of living into reparations. A birthing process includes discomfort, hard work and support and results in the miracle, joy and gift of new life. At Adult Academy we will update our progress, including our work with Ant and Lucy from reparation Works, and share some of the inspiring stories we have been learning.



SEPT 21 – ELECTIONS DISCUSSION

We will have a discussion about the November election led by Bill Ewing and Freedom Horton. This will include judicial campaigns (especially the PA Supreme Court), the Philadelphia DA's race, and any questions that may be on the ballot. If time allows, we will also address the Presidential effort to usurp the power of the states and Congress to decide how elections are conducted.



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SEPT 28 – MINISTRY WITH NEIGHBORS IN SHELTER and/or RECOVERY

Troy Mouzon of *SELF Inc.* and Tamia Walker will lead a discussion on the needs, hopes, gifts, and dreams of unhoused Troy Mouzon of SELF Inc. and Tamia Walker will lead a discussion on the needs, hopes, gifts, and dreams of unhoused neighbors in our midst. Mr. Mouzon serves as the director of a large shelter for *SELF Inc.* whose mission is to motivate, empower, and inspire unhoused individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and secure permanent housing through innovative programming and supportive services. Tamia has worked both at Face to Face and as an outreach worker at SELF before joining the FUMCOG team. This will serve as a continuation on a similar conversation Pastor Alisa led last Spring as we continue to connect with all God's children in empowering, anti-racist, liberating and life-giving ways.