

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Oct 19	11:00am	Sunday Worship - repWorks preaching
	12:30am	Linger Lunch
	12:45pm	Handbells Introduction
	2:00pm	Installation of Rev. Terri McNamara
Mon, Oct 20	9:00am	Walking Women
Tue, Oct 21	5:00pm	BlackLivesMatter Vigil
Wed, Oct 22	1:30pm	Bible Study - online via tinyurl.com/zoomcog
Thu, Oct 23	2:00pm	A Refutation - in-person only
	6:00pm	A Refutation - hybrid
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Oct 24	5:00pm	Stand With Ukraine Vigil
Sat, Oct 25	1:00pm	Violet Little's Book Signing
	3:00pm	Trunk or Treat Community Event
Sun, Oct 26	9:30am	Adult Academy - Rev. Stephen Heilakka
	11:00am	Sunday Worship - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching
	12:30pm	Linger Lunch
	4:00pm	Immigrants Under Siege Meeting
	7:00pm	Crafting Group

Adult Academy: October 26 @ 9:30 AM

Join us at Adult Academy on Oct 26 as Rev Steph Heilakka joins us to share about "The Art of Being Present". As a trauma-informed counselor and ordained elder, he has spent his professional life, helping others be present including that's caring for folks in prison, those who have been harmed by the church and so many others making it through life.

Permission to podcast or stream the music in this service was obtained from CCLI via License #2983492.

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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POWER and justice
AT ITS BEST at its best
IS LOVE is power
IMPLEMENTING correcting
THE DEMANDS everything
OF JUSTICE, that stands
against love.

Martin Luther King, Jr. *Where Do We Go from Here* SCLC Address, 1967



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OCTOBER 19, 2025 • 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, October 19, 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

Announcements & 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.

Carillon Prelude

Evelyn Sun

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach
Sonata No 14 "Moonlight," by Ludwig van Beethoven
Image No. 2 by Émilien Allard

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

One:
Is not this the fast God chooses:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free,
to break every yoke?

All:
We come seeking to be a people who repair
what has been broken—
in systems, in stories, and in our own hearts.

One:
God calls us to share our bread with the hungry,
to bring the unhoused into our homes,
to clothe the naked,
and to never hide ourselves from the truths of our neighbors.

All:
Then, says the Lord,
You will be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

One: Let us worship the God of justice and mercy.

All: ready to be transformed, and to become
agents of transformation.
Based on Isaiah 58

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

“What Does The Lord Require of You”
by Mark Miller (see screens)

Welcome and 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

Lisa Chapman

Sung Response

UMH 375 - “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Gathered Prayer

Bill Ewing

Contemporary Reading

Who'll Pay Reparations on My Soul?
by Gil Scott-Heron

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12
(see insert for full text)

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 436 - “The Voice of God is Calling”
(to the tune of WEBB - UMH 514)

Sermon

Ant Smith & Lucy Duncan

Reparative Justice:
Our church as a catalyst for transformation

Connections and Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir

“Stand Up” by B. E. Boykin

Doxology

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 94 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering Prayer

God, we know that we are standing on stolen land. We know that we are living in a country that was built on slave labor. We confess these things to you today because we are tired of living this way. Help us to use these offerings for reparations so that we can begin to heal ourselves and the harm we have done to others. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

“I Need You To Survive” by Hezekiah Walker
(see screens)

Benediction

Carillon Postlude

Evelyn Sun

Bell Canto by Geert D'hollander

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!

Cover design by Bruce McNeel

Dale Stahl, liturgist

Amina Loder & John Chapman, readers

Lisa Chapman, children's message

Bill Ewing, gathered prayer

Wayne Snover, tech

Dan Ross, tech

Ann Perrone, tech

Barbara Revere, tech

Evelyn Sun, guest carillonneur

Jodi Bohr, piano & organ



Insert for Sunday, October 19, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, Oct 23
A Refutation dramatic readings, 2pm & 6pm
- Saturday, Oct 25
Violet Little's book signing, 1pm
Trunk or Treat, 3pm
- Sunday, Oct 26
Immigrants Under Siege Meeting, 3pm
Crafting Group, 7pm
- Monday, Oct 27
Immigration Witness 11am
- Wednesday, Nov 13
Mission Link Friendsgiving, 6pm
- Saturday, Nov 22
Charge Conference, 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!

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 information:

WIFI: Fumcogsanc

PW: FUMg3rm2020



Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm
Pastor Alisa takes her Sabbath on Fridays

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Looking for a Laptop Donation

Do you have a gently used laptop, made between 2018 and now, that you're no longer using? Our Adult Academy seminars, held every Sunday morning, are in need of a reliable laptop that just works—Mac or PC—to help us run Zoom and other presentation tools. If you can help, please contact Mandonnah at fumcogtech@gmail.com. Your donation will help us continue providing enriching experiences for our community! Thank you for your generosity!



Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **Kathy Broadnax**, sister of Dave Brown, recovering from an auto accident.

For **Bob Brown**, brother of Dave Brown, recovering from surgery.

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

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

Dear FUMCOG Family,
We want to thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy we have received during this difficult time. Your prayers, cards, hugs, kind words, and presence at my dad's Memorial Service have meant so much to us. My dad had a wonderful, long life and still his passing leaves a hole. Your support has been comforting and sustaining.

Love Lisa, John, Brianna and Ben Chapman

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

For the family of **Cynthia Kimball**, Ms. Ruby's niece and Vanessa Bullock's cousin who passed away this week. Also prayers for the Symonette family as they all travel across country.

For the family of **Judy Robinson** who passed away peacefully on September 25. Cards of sympathy and support can be sent to Judy's son and his family at: Jeff and Melissa Clark 6845 Gorsten St. 19119

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

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

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

For the family of **Lillian Gaines** who passed away peacefully at the age of 97. Her memorial service will be on **Saturday, November 8th at 11am**. Please keep Joy, Ross, their children Joel and Rachel, and all who love the Gaines family in prayer. Cards of sympathy and support can be sent to:

Joy Gaines Thompson
404 Highgate Drive
Ambler, PA 19002

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.

Rev. Terri McNamara Installation Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 PM

You're Invited!

Installation of **Pastor Teresa (Terri) McNamara**
as Full Communion Partner and Pastor
of **Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion**



**Lutheran Church of the
Holy Communion**

Celebrating God's Welcome

2110 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA, 19103

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

10 if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Contemporary Reading

Who'll Pay Reparations on My Soul?
Many suggestions
And documents written.
Many directions
For the end that was given.
They gave us
Pieces of silver and pieces of gold.
Tell me,
Who'll pay reparations on my soul?

Many fine speeches
From the White House desk
Written on the cue cards
That were never really there. Yes,
But the heat and the summer were there
And the freezing winter's cold. Now
Tell me,
Who'll pay reparations on my soul?

Call my brother a junkie 'cause he ain't got no job
Told my old man to leave me when times got hard
Told my mother she got to carry me all by herself.
And now that I want to be a man who can depend on
no one else.

What about the red man
Who met you at the coast?
You never dig sharing;
Always had to have the most.
And what about Mississippi,
The boundary of old?
Tell me,
Who'll pay reparations on my soul?

by Gil Scott-Heron

Altar Guild Volunteers/Coordinator Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the **Altar Guild Ministry** — a meaningful way to serve behind the scenes and support worship at FUMCOG. Tasks include:

- Setting the altar cloths
- Filling oil in the candlesticks
- Arranging flowers on the altar
- Presenting flowers to donors or others in the community after worship

You can sign up to serve weekly or take on one month at a time. We also need helping hands to **coordinate Christmas greenery and Easter Lily orders and decorations**. We are blessed to offer altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones — but we need your help to continue sharing this grace with others.

Can you help in any way? Please contact Pastor Alisa at wailoo@fumcog.org to learn more or get involved.

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.

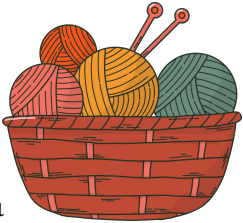


REMINDER

There are hearing assistance devices located in the back of the church near our tech crew. If you need one, please ask an usher and they will be more than happy to help you receive one.

FUMCOG Crafting Group

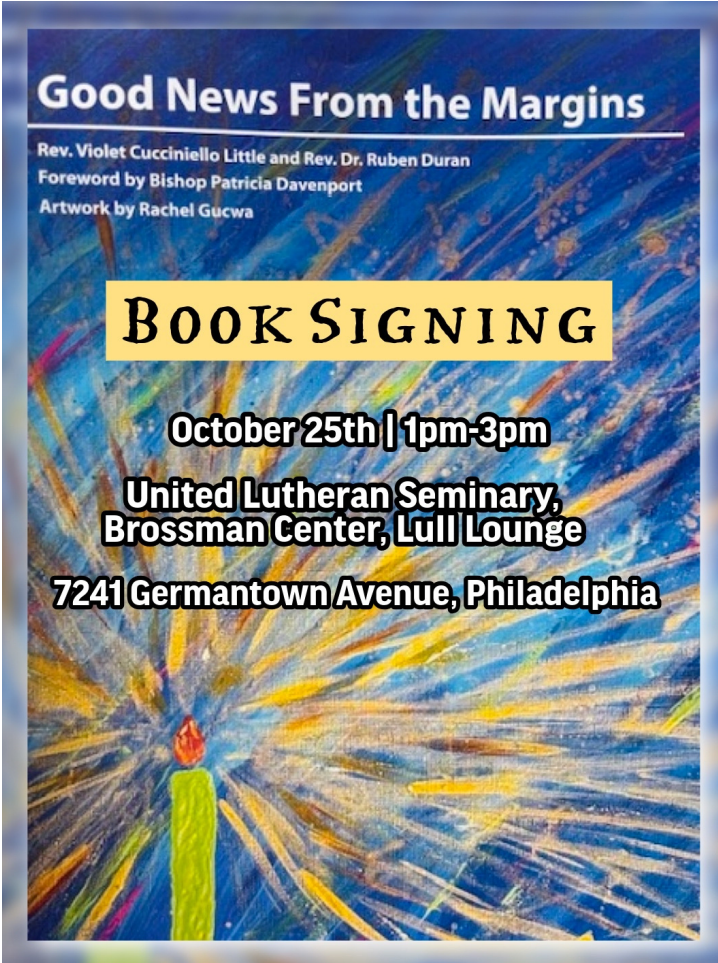
The FUMCOG knitting/crocheting group next meets on **Sunday, October 26 at 7:00pm** at a home in Mt. Airy just off Lincoln Drive. We make prayer shawls and/or baby blankets for church members and outreach. New members are encouraged, so please contact Lucy Hill at phillyhills512@yahoo.com or Susan Tomlinson at susanStomlinson@gmail.com if interested. We hope to see you there!



All Saints Names

Every year on All Saints Sunday, we pause to give God thanks for the saints in our lives that have passed away the previous year. At FUMCOG, we name and celebrate members of our church that have died, as well as family members and loved ones of FUMCOGers. So, if someone you love passed away this year and you would like to hear that saint named and a candle lit in their memory on **Sunday, Nov. 2** please let us know. Simply send your loved one's full name to the church office at office@fumcog.org before **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**. It is a sacred honor to journey with you in life, death and life after death through Christ.

Connection Opportunities



Creation Care Opportunities Through Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL)

1. Annual Convening - Sunday October 26th 1pm-6pm (virtual)
Join PA IPL for the Love Your Neighbor, Love Your World: 2025 Annual Convening on October 26th from 1-6pm. Explore topics related to faith, revolutionary love, and justice, as well as workshops and local programs. Join Valarie Kaur for a special fireside chat! Valarie Kaur is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author of *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*. Register via Hot Topics.

2. Faith and Fossil Fuels - Take the Survey!
Institutional faith communities alongside people of faith and conscience are a critical, unique, and underutilized voice in fighting fossil fuels in Pennsylvania. PA IPL is writing a report on Faith & Fossil Fuels to bring this perspective into the larger conversation by exploring how we can build a faithful ethic of stewardship for the earth in response to the impacts of polluting industry in Pennsylvania. Learn more about this program or take the lived experienced survey in Hot Topics.

New Voices Festival

In partnership for over 30 years with Temple University, multi-generational teams of artists take on selected plays written by middle school and high school students. New Voices is a glimpse at the freshest new plays written by the next generation of great writers, artists, and thinkers.

This year, Jubilee Kleinberg's "The Artist and the Muse" was chosen as one of the 9 new works to be featured by the Philadelphia Young Playwrights' New Voices Festival at Temple University You can come see Jubi's play on **October 28** and **30** at 7:00 PM, and **November 1** at 2:00 PM.

Check out HT for ticket information.



Connection Opportunities



A REFUTATION

Featuring pamphlets, letters, and rebuttals by Absalom Jones, Richard Allen, Matthew Carey, and Benjamin Rush.



October 23rd
2pm (in-person)
6pm (in-person or zoom)

To Register
Use the QR Code under "Want to Connect?"

Monthly Christian Mindfulness

Need a time to re-center your heart, mind, and soul?
Do you ever struggle to pray alone?
Want to expand your prayer and meditation practices?

If you answered "yes" to any of these, please join Pastor Alisa on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm for an hour of "Prayer and Christian Mindfulness Practices." The next session is on **Tuesday, October 28**. No need to RSVP or come to every session. Just drop into the FUMCOG parlor when your soul needs it or you feel led to pray with and for our beloved community. Questions? Ask Pastor Alisa at wailoo@fumcog.org or 267-405-1383.

Immigration Witness

Please plan to join Pastor Alisa, other clergy, and community leaders for a prayer vigil at the ICE office on **Monday, October 27 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). We need your faithful witness!



Help our Immigrant Neighbors

We are still collecting food for members of a local Latina church who are not safe to go to work currently. Pastor Alisa coordinates with their Pastor for food delivery. There is a box in the entryway, sanctuary as well as Pilling Hall. Any non-perishables are helpful: especially rice, beans, oil, and corn flour. Thank you for your support!



Immigrants Under Siege: Learn the Facts. Work Together. Take Action.

Join the Northwest Regional Refugee and Immigrant Network (NWRRIN) to hear from national and local experts, immigrant leaders and advocates about the crisis facing mmigrant and refugee communities today--and how we can respond together.

Sunday, October 26, 4 to 6 PM

**First United Methodist Church of Germantown, 6001
Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144**

Master of Ceremonies:

Rev. Greg Holston, Ex. Dir., Just Nation

Opening Panel:

Anna Marie Gallagher, Esq., Executive Director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC): The National Perspective

Lilah Thompson, Esq., Supervising Attorney, Nationalities Service Center: The Local Perspective

Community Response:

Blanca Pacheco, New Sanctuary Movement

Jasmine Rivera, Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition

Mohan Seshadri, Asian Pacific Islander Political Alliance

Member of the African diaspora
(Invited)

The NWRRIN advocates in Northwest Philadelphia to provide direct support to refugees and immigrants, and engage in advocacy.

Questions? email
nwrefugeesandimmigrants@gmail.com



**First United Methodist Church of Germantown
Presents the Annual**

Trunk or Treat Family Festival

Saturday, Oct 25th from 3-5pm

(Rain Date: Thursday, Oct 30th)

Join us for Free:

**Safe Trick or Treating | Pumpkin Decorating
(Provided) | Caramel Apples | Books | Games & More!**

Costume Contest: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Prize Giveaways!



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