Weekly Calendar

Sun, Nov 1	11:00am	**All Saints Morning Worship Service** - Deacon Nikki preaching
	12:15pm	**Linger Lunch**
	7:00pm	**Crafting Group**
Mon, Nov 2	9:00am	**Walking Women**
	11:00am	**Stop ICE Vigil** at 8th St. and Cherry St.
	11:00am	**Community Fridge Cooking**
	7:00pm	**Ad Council Meeting** via tinyurl.com/zoomcog
Tue, Nov 3		**Election Day**
	4:00pm	**BLM Vigil** - Unitarian Society of Germantown
Wed, Nov 4	1:30pm	**Bible Study** via Zoom
Thu, Nov 5	7:00pm	**Choir Rehearsal**
Fri, Nov 6	4:00pm	**Ukraine Vigil** - Unitarian Society of Germantown
	7:30pm	**Beacon Theatre Short Play Festival**
Sat, Nov 7	11:00am	**Yvonne Haskins Memorial Service**
	2:00pm	**Charge Conference**
Sun, Nov 8	9:30am	**Adult Academy**
	11:00am	**Morning Worship Service** - Pastor Alisa preaching
	12:15pm	**Linger Lunch**
	2:30pm	**Voices of Philadelphia Soup & Songs Soirée**

Annual Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be on **Saturday, November 7 at 2pm**. The meeting will take place at FUMCOG and ONLY be in person. All are invited to come for our annual church business meeting. Questions? Email Pastor Alisa: wailoo@fumcog.org.

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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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All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026 • 11 AM

First United Methodist Church of Germantown

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Sunday, November 1, 2026 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
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

Welcome & 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 Janet Tebbel
Amazing Grace traditional, M. Myhre
Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) E. Elgar, arr. K. Cosaert
Morning Has Broken E. Farjeon, arr. J. Dundore
For All the Saints R. Vaughn Williams, arr. L. 't Hart

Prelude Jodi Bohr
When We All Get to Heaven
by Emily Wilson, arr. Craig Curry

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*
We remember, O God...
The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

We remember, O God...
The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God...
The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.

We remember, O God...
The ultimate love of Jesus,
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

posted on the Desperate Preacher's website

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 711 - *For All the Saints*

Invitation to Passing the Peace
On Communion Sundays, we do not have a Gathered Prayer or Children's Message up front. In lieu of a Children's Message, the children are invited to the back of the church for a story now, and to join us during holy communion later in the service.

Contemporary Reading
VISITATIONS,
by Naila Francis, a Germantown neighbor
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9-17
(see insert for full text)

Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
TFWS 2126 - *All Who Hunger*

Sermon Rev. Nikki Kleinberg
Interconnection of a Great Multitude

Silent Reflection

Reading of the Names

Offertory Anthem FUMCOG Choir
"Asante Sana Jesu" arr. Mark Burrows

Prayer of Confession (see insert)

The Great Thanksgiving (see insert)
The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup
All are invited to come forward to join in Holy Communion. Simply follow the direction of the ushers and the pastors. The bread is NOT gluten-free and the cup is grape juice. If you prefer gluten-free, simply ask the server to provide a gluten-free cracker. If you prefer not to receive the elements but would simply like to come forward for a blessing, please share that with the Pastor as you approach. We are honored to join in this sacred meal with you.

Communion Music Katrina Dignum
"Allerseelen" by Richard Strauss

Prayer After Communion

Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 145 - *Morning Has Broken*

Benediction

Postlude Jodi Bohr
Song for All Saints arr. Mary McDonald

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. Linger Lunch is available in Pilling Hall today.

Immediately following the postlude, Rev. Steph will move to the baptismal font. If you feel led he will be available to pray with you or for you.

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Insert for Sunday, November 1, 2026

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, November 3
  - Election Day
- Friday, November 6
  - Beacon Theatre Short Play Festival, 7:30pm
- Saturday, November 7
  - Yvonne Haskins memorial, 11am
  - Charge Conference, 2pm
- Sunday, November 8
  - Being Human in the Age of AI sermon series
  - Soup & Songs Soirée, 2:30pm
- Friday, November 13
  - Opening Night of *Euripides: Medea*, 7pm
- Saturday, November 21
  - Neighbors Table, 12pm
- Wednesday, November 25
  - Das Good Community Thanksgiving

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.

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KIDS AT FUMCOG

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

* Join in our "Nursery Ministry." All kids 6 and under are invited to join Ms. Lanette in Pilling Hall immediately following the *Stories That We Share*.
* 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**

Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **Kristen Ruff** & her daughter **Frankie** as they continue to grief the passing of Amanda Bruton, their wife & mother respectively. A link to her celebration of life is in Hot Topics.

For **Jean Walker** who is recovering from a broken hip.

For **Karen Hermanson** who is battling stage 3 ovarian cancer.

For **Karen Ramsey** who has early-stage Parkinsons.

For **Luz Morales**, who is recuperating at home in Leiden following her stroke. She continues to go to outpatient therapy every day. She appreciates everyone's prayers.

For **Phyllis Strock**, who recently fell and broke her leg. She is home from the rehabilitation center!

For **Sylvia Bolden**, who wants to share that she recently experienced profound healing of severe pain in her right hip, which was unrelenting for years. She expresses gratitude for the healing, and your continued presence in her life. Visitors to her at Simpson House are very welcome!

For **Willie Little** who is improving daily.

Ray and Eileen are grateful for all the love and support from the FUMCOG family. A caring bridges site is in Hot Topics.

For **Wayne Varnadore** as he continues to recover.

For **Jennings Sims** who has been diagnosed with a terminal genetic disease.

For Troop parents **Antonio McCall**, **Cheryl Greene, Cary Smith & Edna Smith**, for the health and recovery of their family members.

For **Mira**, Jordanian daughter of Laura & Dale Stahl, and **her family** who have been impacted by the attack on Iran. The whole Middle East is suffering.

For **Rob Lasater**, father and grandfather to Alisa, Chris, Anthony, & Andrew.

For **Betty, Joy, Karima, Kim, Robin, Nate, Allen, Bridgette, Michelle, Latasha, Thea, Buleuh, Carmettea, & Camela's** healing.

For the **Marshall, White, Carlton, & Redmond Samuel families' & Joy's family's** comfort.

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

Call for Memorial Volunteers on November 7th

Beloveds, we've been asked to host the memorial service for attorney & social welfare activist **Yvonne B. Haskins.** She specifically requested FUMCOG in large part due to our church's reputation for social justice work, and we are honored to uphold that request.

Are you available on **Saturday, November 7** to greet, usher, or just tell people where the restrooms are? If you can offer any amount of time between 10am and 1pm, please email office@fumcog.org or call the church office at (215) 438-3677. The service begins at 11am.

Readings for Sunday, November 1, 2026

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners
of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to
prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the
sea or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel coming
up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He
called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had
been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do
not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a
seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." 4
Then I heard the number of those who were sealed:
144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.
5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great
multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
tribe, people and language, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes
and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And
they cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the
throne, and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell
down on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 saying:
"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and
honor and power and strength be to our God for
ever and ever. Amen!"

13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white
robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"
14 I answered, "Sir, you know."
And he said, "These are they who have come out of the
great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,
"they are before the throne of God and serve him day
and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they
thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any
scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Contemporary Reading

When the lights dim above the dinner table, a flickering
warmth, and the white butterfly
claps its wings against my streaked window pane,
willful heft of air — what news do you bring?
Have you tapered into luster, lute of open sky?
Was the crossing safe? Midwifed?
Tranquil? A pinprick snatch of time?
I am standing at the ivory gate, seduced by this trackless
night, its cryptic grief-scraped dream.
Everything lives on, a world around my treble mouth,
collapsing on its tears.
You lived in peace and will go in peace. That was what
you said. But what of us pilgrims, pinned to all this
lovely peril, span of tangled lives?
I want to praise your boundlessness, its migratory gold.
Believe when the body is broken, death is a starlit strut
that lifts the spirit home.
Is that where you are, sending postcards on such fragile
wings, even the bluebird that hopped across my path,
each sudden sway of light?
Every one signed,
love is the only news.

VISITATIONS, by Naila Francis

The Great Thanksgiving

Friends, we come to this bittersweet ritual today filled with a bundle of emotions. While our gratitude for this family of faith is plentiful, our spiritual pain still may be suffocating us at weeks or months or years after the death of our beloved. God, we pray that this feast be one that fills our souls with comfort. Even as winter is growing close and nighttime arrives early, this meal will kindle warmth and light inside our spirits.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of love. You have created us for connection—with you, with one another, and with all who have gone before us. In every generation, your love has held us together, calling us into a communion that neither life nor death can break.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, you have shown us that love is stronger than death, that grace gathers us across every distance, and that your table has room for all.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his love.

Unite us with one another, with the saints who have gone before us adn still live within us, and with all who will come after us. May we find courage in their witness, comfort in their memory, and joy in the promise that we belong to one another in you, now and forever.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

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.

FUMCOG Small Groups

Wednesday Bible Study

Want a mid-week reboot? Join us for Bible Study with Pastor Alisa this and every (or at least most!) **Wednesday** at 1:30pm 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.



Ongoing Vigils

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 **4pm** with BLM being on Tuesdays and Ukraine support on Fridays.

FUMCOG Crafting Group



Interested in knitting or crocheting? If you want to learn, we are prepared to assist you! All levels are welcome! The crafting group gathers to create prayer shawls and/or baby blankets for church members and outreach. Our next meeting is at 7pm on **TONIGHT** at a home in Mt. Airy just off Lincoln Drive. If interested, contact Lucy Hill at phillyhills512@yahoo.com or Susan Tomlinson at susanStomlinson@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

FUMCOG Youth Gatherings

When: Sat, Nov 7, 6-9 pm
Who: All youth & friends in grades 6-12
What will we do: Make cards for homebound & hospitalized FUMCOGers, play games, hang out
Where: Laura & Dale's apartment, 139 W Chelten Ave #508.
Questions: Contact Laura Stahl (218.269.5598) or Chad Sawyer



Sisters in Strength Women's Group

Ladies, you're invited to join us on **Sunday, November 8** after worship for an afternoon of fellowship, encouragement, and connection! This Women's gathering will be held at FUMCOG.

All women of the church are welcome! Come as you are. Bring your heart, your story, your laughter, and your love. Together, we will:
✨ Socialize and strengthen our friendships
✨ Learn about the strong and faithful women of the Bible
✨ Take time to release the burdens on our hearts and minds

Whether you've attended before or this will be your first time, we would love to have you join us for an uplifting evening of sisterhood, and faith.
Questions? Text Pastor Alisa at 267-405-1383.

Sisters in Strength — Growing together in faith, fellowship, and strength

Food & Fellowship

Community Fridge Cooking

Germantown Community Fridges are a 24/7 mutual aid resource that helps combat food insecurity and food waste in Philadelphia. FUMCOG is blessed to host a fridge under our High St. porch and cook together. All are welcome - with or without culinary expertise. Come **Mondays at 11am** to help us make delicious meals for our neighbors!







Potluck Linger Lunch

Our next Pot Luck Linger Lunch will be on **Sunday, November 15** following worship. Please bring a dish to share!



Communion Sunday

This Sunday is Communion Sunday. If you are worshiping virtually, don't forget your elements! The Communion Offering is otherwise known as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is designed for the pastor to help individuals on a case-by-case basis who are in crisis and immediate need. You can give in-person on Sunday, virtually through our website, or send your check to the church office with "Communion Offering" in the memo.

Education Opportunites

Adult Academy, Reparations, and Linger Lunch & Learn

The FUMCOG Reparations Task Force will be hosting three upcoming Adult Academy sessions with encore Linger Lunch and Learn sessions to share highlights about what we have learned from Anthony Smith and Lucy Duncan of reparationWorks, the consultant team that has been walking with us on our journey. These opportunities will provide the larger congregation essential knowledge and tools that will support all of us in grappling with our faithful call to reparations.

On each of these following dates, both Adult Academy and encore Linger Lunch and Learn sessions will be held. Adult Academy takes place in the Parlor from 9:30am -10:30 am. For those who are unable to attend Adult Academy, the same material will be shared and discussed again during Linger Lunch and Learn for 45 minutes to 1 hour. After worship, grab your Linger Lunch and bring it to the Parlor to engage in what was shared and discussed in Adult Academy that morning.

*Note: The Linger Lunch and Learn for the December 13 Adult Academy session will be held on December 6 due to the Candlelight Service on December 13.

Dec 13, 2026 - The Posture of Repair

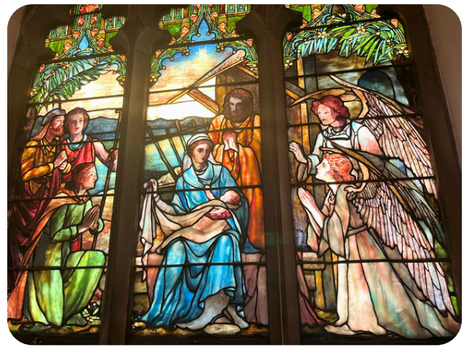
Engaging in reparations calls us into community relationships. What do these relationships look like, sound like and feel like? We will learn about and discuss accompaniment and co-conspiratorship.

Jan 17, 2027 - Reparations in Action

This session will provide an update on FUMCOG's current reparation partnerships.

Asleep on the Hay w/ Pastor Steph

I've spent a lifetime with images, as a painter, a pastor, and someone who has learned that what we see on the surface is rarely the whole story. The artists who painted the nativity weren't just illustrating a scene. They were preaching. Every color, every gesture, every shadow was saying something about who this child is.



For four sessions, I'd like to sit with you in front of the images of the nativity. Through Roman catacombs, Renaissance masterpieces, & Indigenous and African American artists; whose face do you expect to see in the manger? The answers may surprise you. You don't need to know anything about art. You only need to be willing to look again. My hope is that by the end, you'll never see a nativity scene quite the same way. We will meet on **Wednesdays**: **November 18, December 2, 9, and 16** at via Zoom at 8pm. You can register via Hot Topics next week.

Followup - Stewardship w/ Laura

On October 18 Adult Academy focused on using our spiritual gifts, talents and skills to serve God through FUMCOG and in the world. You can take a free spiritual gifts assessment and receive your personal results at www.spiritualgiftsassessment.org. If after receiving your results, I invite you to speak with me or Pastor Alisa about how you might use those gifts to serve God.

Drama Productions

Beacon Theatre Short Play Festival

Beacon Theatre Productions (who previously brought the plays Hatshepsut, When The Truth Comes Out, and The Bookstore to FUMCOG) is excited to announce a Short Play Festival. We had a call for local playwrights to submit plays that were less than 15 minutes in length and we received an overwhelming response.

Our four winning plays and playwrights are:
Bodega Cat by Dina Zhanybekova
McNally's Alley by Ivy Staten-Minor
Look Through My Window by Andrea Spruill
Warning Shot by Dan West



You can reserve your tickets now using the link in Hot Topics!
When: Friday, Nov. 6th at 7:30pm
Where: First United Methodist Church of Germantown
How much: **FREE**
What: Four 15-minute new plays written by four Philadelphia playwrights



The Drama Group of Germantown: *Euripides Medea*

Facing exile, mourning the loss of her love, feeling used and discarded, Medea's sadness turns to unmitigated rage. Surrounded by neighbors and faithful servants, she tries to work through her grief and plan a way to move on without Jason. But in this ancient cautionary tale we see how love can turn to hate, and how hate can consume even those thought to be favored by the Gods. How far will a spurned woman go just to assert her power and freedom. In this modern staging, with movement and visual imagery, come witness the epic tragedy of Medea.

Show Dates:
Fridays, November 13 & 22 at 7pm
Saturdays, November 14 & 21 at 7pm
Sundays, November 15 & 22 at 3pm