### Weekly Calendar and Upcoming Events

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### URDC Volunteer Days

URDC and FUMCOG partners to help local seniors repair their homes. To help, RSVP to Karen Schoenewaldt, (267) 752-2238, schoenewaldt@gmail.com.

- July 1-4: with Interfaith Community Building Group (a collaboration between St. Vincent’s and Mishkan Shalom synagague)

### Weekly Vigils for BLM & Ukraine

Join fellow FUMCOGers and other local faith communities at the weekly vigils hosted by our friends of the Unitarian Society of Germantown. All are welcome to join these peaceful, family-friendly events in front of the USG Church at 6511 Lincoln Drive, weather permitting.

- Tuesdays from 5-6pm: Black Lives Matter Vigil
- Fridays from 5-6pm: We Stand with Ukraine

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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 • **Associate Pastor** Rev. Noe Gabriel Lopez
**Director of Music** Daniel Jackson • **Office Administrator** Michael Yancey
**Organist/Pianist** Jodi Acker Bohr • **Media Specialists** Mandonnah Mahallati & Joey Ward

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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**

**JUNE 23, 2024 • 10 AM**
Welcome To All Coming To Worship!
All people of all ages are invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreach 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

Carillon Prelude
_Summertime ('Porgy and Bess')_ by George Gershwin, arr P. Van den Broek
_Take Me Out to the Ball Game_, by J. Tilworth & A. Von Tilzer (1908), arr. S. S. Warner

Acknowledgements
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• 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

Call to Worship _Standing with body and spirit_
One: We gather in awe,
All: standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.

One: We gather in faith,
All: trusting that the One who has held little children holds our lives in the heart of God.

One: We gather in need,
All: seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.

One: We gather in purpose,
All: hoping to become instruments of God’s magnificent mercy.

Opening Hymn _Standing with body and spirit_
UMH 121 - “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Scripture Reading
Psalm 139:1-10
(see insert for full text)

Sermon
Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo
_Jesus Loves the Outfielder_

Hymn
_TFWS 2208 - “Guide my Feet”_
v. 1, 3, 5, 6

Connections and Announcements

Offertory Anthem
_Daniel Jackson_
_“The Call” arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams_

Offering Prayer
_God, you stretch to catch us whenever needed._
_We give these gifts, asking that you stretch us Thats we may truly be there for others when they are in need._
_Amen._

Closing Hymn
_UMH 701 - “When We All Get to Heaven”_
v. 1-3

Benediction

Postlude
_“Arabesque”_ by Johann Friedrich Burgmüller

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Invitation to Passing the Peace
_During the summer months we do not have an official Children’s Time, but all children are invited to come forward during the Passing of Peace for a special activity from Pastor Alisa._

Gathered Prayer
Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family
Please know that we are thinking about and praying with you.

For the family of Tony Emrich, who passed away last week. Tony is the brother of Linda Brown.

For Catherine McQueen, who has suffered a stroke, and her husband Fritz. Catherine is Amanda Kreiss’ step-mother.

For our beloved graduates, who are stepping boldly toward their exciting new stages of life!

For the faculty, staff, & students of University of the Arts during this time of incredible uncertainty.

For Seth Warner & Maxelle Neufville, who are packing up their current house and buying a new one. We wish them a warm goodbye, pray for new beginnings, and give thanks for their many gifts that have enriched this Philadelphia community.

Of thanksgiving for the reinstatement of Rev. Dr. Beth Stroud’s clergy credentials. We give thanks for every FUMCOG member who has accompanied Beth on this journey.

For Priscilla Schaffer and her healing through some ongoing medical challenges.

For Jean Walker as she recovers from recent back procedures.

FOR OUR KIDS
Children are welcomed and beloved in our worship space! There are Kid Activity Bags by the door. There is also a children’s space in the sanctuary’s back corner. Ask the ushers for more information.

Lemonade Lull
Lemonade Lull: Linger Lunch will return in the fall, but for now, there is Lemonade Lull! Each Sunday after worship we will offer refreshing lemonade or iced tea in Pilling Hall so we can both refresh ourselves and connect with each other. Cara Herold will have the drinks prepped in the fridge and the cups and napkins ready. But we need some volunteers to help lay out the drinks and do the minor clean up. Can you volunteer to help some Sundays this summer? If so, contact Cara at (267) 257-5984. Thanks in advance.

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.
Scripture Reading
Psalm 139: 1-10

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

For you have searched me and known me, O Lord, you have searched me and known me. This is a repetition of the first line, to emphasize the idea. It is a declaration of faith, a celebration of divine knowledge.

Contemporary Reading

“Gideon, there’s a lot more to watching a baseball game than keeping your eye on the ball… [T] he real movement doesn’t start until the ball is in play. After the ball is hit, after it has cleared the infield, especially if it is going for extra bases, you’ve got to train yourself to look back at the infield. While the outfielder is running down the ball, watch who is covering which base, watch to see who is backing up third and home. You’ll be amazed at the amount of movement. Ah, Gideon, when everyone is in motion it’s like watching those delicate, long-legged insects skitter over calm water…. ‘You’ve got to watch the pitcher, Gideon… and you’ll appreciate why baseball is a combination of chess and ballet. Watch him back up the bases, watch him get across to first on a grounder to the right side, watch to see who is backing up third and home. ‘When it looks like nothing is going on, choose a player and watch him react to every pitch, rising like water, receding like water. Watch a different player every inning. It takes a lot of years watching baseball to learn not to follow the ebb and flow of the fielders, the kaleidoscopic arrangements and rearrangements of the players in response to a foul ball, an extra-base hit, or an attempted stolen base.’

W.P. Kinsella in “The Iowa Baseball Confederacy”

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The Great Thanksgiving
from Enfleshed Ministries

The Holy One be with you.
And also with you.
Open your hearts to the One who is Love.
Our hearts are open to God.
Let us give thanks and praise to the Holy One.
We give you thanks, O God!

With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation – the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones – all that has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touched by your Sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us – individually and as a whole – as your beloveds, created in your image, with sacred worth.

You will for us life abundant and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

And yet, daily, we turn away from you and one another. Destructive and divisive powers lure us away from connection and relationship. We become frustrated and try to forge our own paths. Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult, we too are tempted to desert those most vulnerable or give up on loving on our enemies.

But you do not abandon us to our fear or sin. In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open. No matter our past. No matter our regrets. No matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others, you keep calling us back to you.

This relentless invitation of yours that entices with freedom and joy and forgiveness is such a threat to empire that it still attempts to crucify every incarnation of your love today. And so, we are reminded of the witness of Jesus.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around a table with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”

And so in remembrance of the One who never gave up on love, we pray that Your Spirit would make us one in our commitment to the liberation of all your creatures and creations. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, and each of us gathered here, that through these ordinary gifts, we might taste the sweetness of your Kin-dom and catch a glimpse of what we are capable of becoming together. Make us one with you, one with each other and one in ministry with all the world until Christ comes back and we feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

And now let us pray together the words Christ taught us saying:

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.