

Weekly Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sun, Jun 23	10:00am Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Alisa Wailoo preaching 11:15pm Lemonade Lull
Mon, Jun 24	9:00am Walking Group
Tue, Jun 25	5:00pm BLM Vigil
Thu, Jun 27	5:00pm Ukraine Vigil
Sun, Jun 30	10:00am Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Alisa Wailoo preaching 11:15pm Lemonade Lull

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 synagogue)



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.

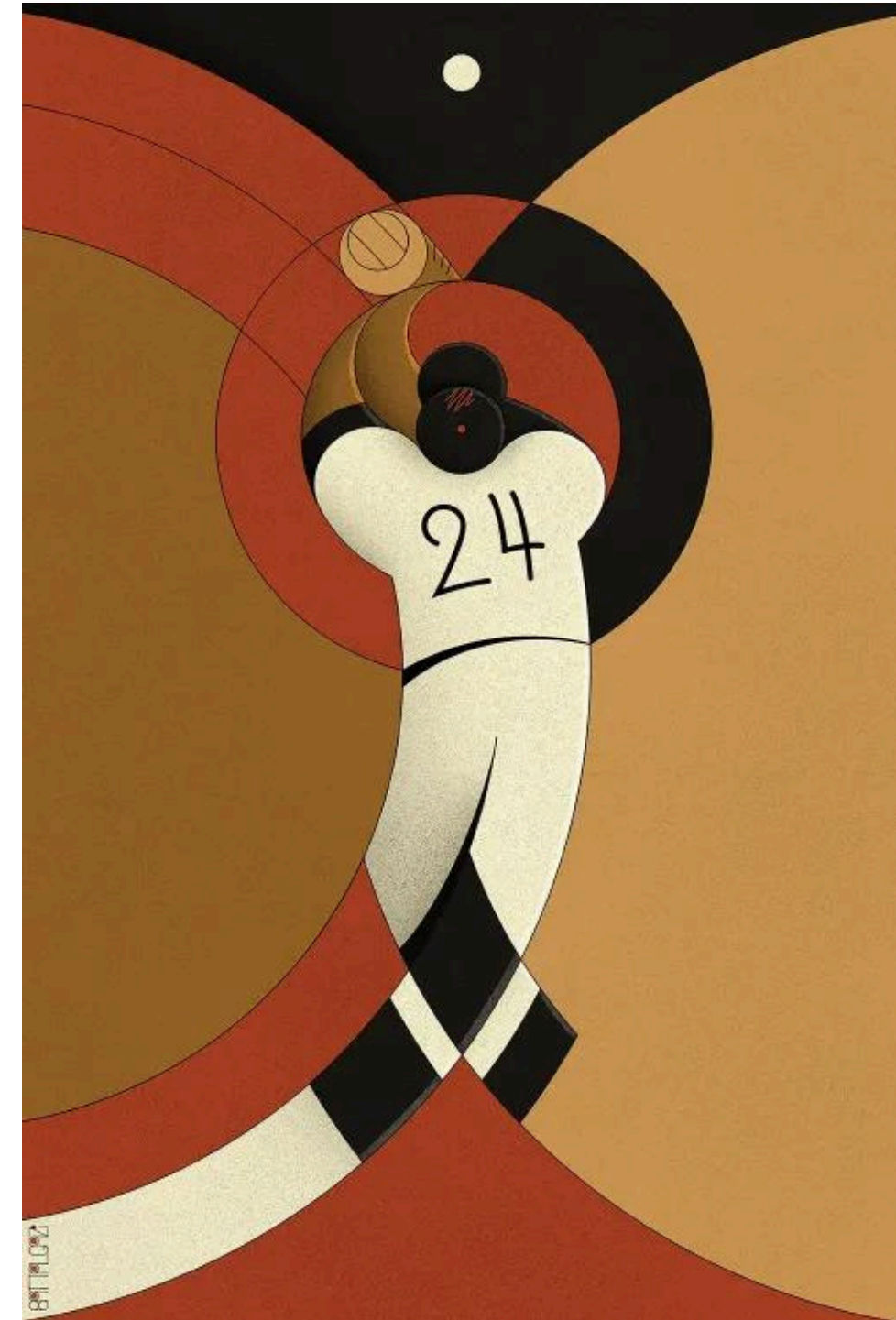
Lead Pastor Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo • **Associate Pastor** Rev. Noe Gabriel Lopez

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



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:00 AM

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

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

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

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"

Invitation to Passing the Peace

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

Gathered Prayer

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.

Contemporary Reading

W.P. Kinsella in "The Iowa Baseball Confederacy"
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-10

(see insert for full text)

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo

Jesus Loves the Outfielder

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

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 That we may truly be there for others when they are in need. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 701- "When We All Get to Heaven"
v. 1-3

Benediction

Postlude

Andrew Wailoo, piano

"Arabesque" by Johann Friedrich Burgmüller

"The Catch", cover design by John Battalgazi

Marion Brown, liturgist

Mandonnah Mahallati, tech

John Bustard, tech

Geo Andujar, tech

Janet Tebbel, carillon

Jodi Acker Bohr, piano & organ

Andrew Wailoo, piano



Upcoming Dates

- URDC Volunteer Day
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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 & Maxéle 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.

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.

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](tel:2672575984). Thanks in advance.



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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.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

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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 skim 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, see how the first baseman leads him, tossing to an empty sack, trusting him to be there. “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 ball every second. The true beauty of the game is 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.”

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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 is 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.