

Weekly Calendar

Sun, May 11	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
Mon, May 12		FUMCOG Office Closed
Tue, May 13	9:00am	Walking Women
	10:00am	Holy Trouble
Wed, May 15	7:00pm	Bible Study - FUMCOG Parlor
	1:30pm	Bible Study - via Zoom
Thu, May 16	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, May 18	9:30am	Adult Academy with Dr. Samer Abboud
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service - Rev. Jackie Newsome preaching Linger Lunch

Scouts for Hire

Once again, the youth of BSA Troops 1719 B and 1313 G, ages 11-17, are offering our services for hire. We are raising funds together so that every family can afford to send their Scouts to summer camp. We are registered to attend Camp Ockanickon in Bucks County this July. Sending city kids to camp is one of the best ways to decrease violence and increase community in Philadelphia. If you live in Northwest Philadelphia (Germantown, Roxborough, Manayunk, Mt. Airy, or Chestnut Hill), we can help with:

- yard work • assembling IKEA furniture • installing window AC units • garage or basement clean-outs
- stacking firewood • putting out patio furniture • sorting and organizing stuff
- ...and anything else strong young folks (and their parents) can do.

Please email Tracey Rockmore (tracy.rockmore2@gmail.com) to arrange a time. Pay what you think is fair. Thank you for your support of FUMCOG Scouts!

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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.

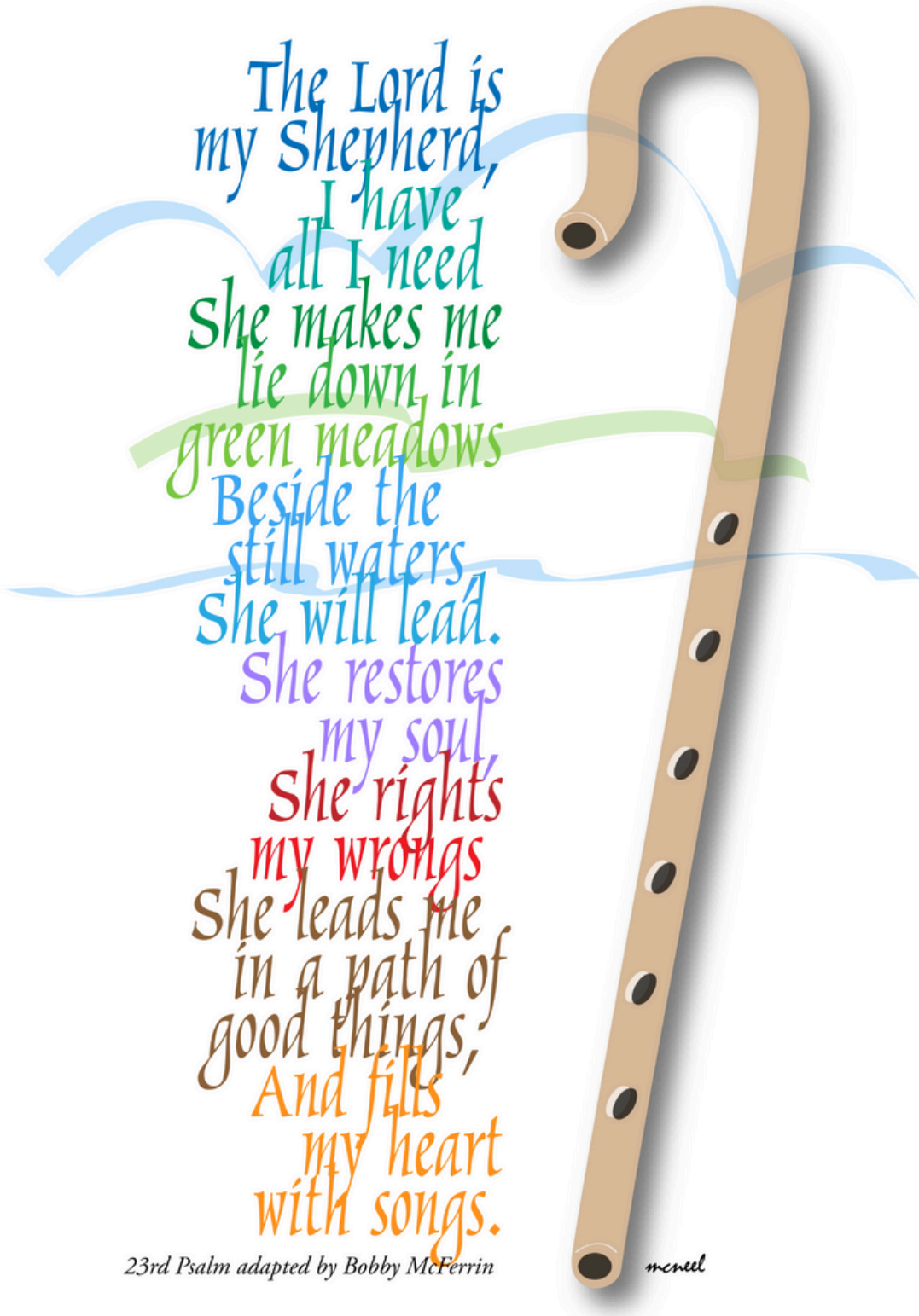
Lead Pastor Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo • Assistant Pastor Rev. Jacqueline Newsome

Director of Music Adrianna Barnett • Office Administrator Michael Yancey

Organist/Pianist Jodi Acker Bohr • Media Specialists Mandonnah Mahallati & Joey Ward



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SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 • 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, May 11, 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

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

Carillon Prelude

What a Wonderful World G.D.Weiss & Bob Thiele
arr. S. Magassy

Let All Things Now Living Geert D'hollander

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.

Organ Prelude

Jodi Acker Bohr

“Adagio” by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Diane Bish

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

Loving Shepherd, you know our names;

you care for us.

When we face darkness and death,

walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love,

fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful,

feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy

all the days of our lives. Amen.

*~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on
MinistryMatters.com*

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 88 - “Maker in Whom We Live”

Welcoming Jodi Bohr Home

Invitation to Passing the Peace

*On Communion Sundays, we do not have a
children’s message. In lieu of a children’s message,
the children are invited to join us during holy
communion later in the service.*

Contemporary Reading

A Liturgy by Rev. Molly Bolton

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43

(see insert for full text)

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

TFWS 2051 - “I Was There to Hear Your
Borning Cry”

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo

Accompanying God

Connections and Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir

“The 23rd Psalm” arr. Bobby McFerrin

The Great Thanksgiving

(see insert)

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.**

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.*

Prayer After Receiving

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

Worship & Song #3149 - A Place at the Table
(see insert)

Benediction

Postlude

“Gelobt Sei Gott” by Melchior Vulpius,
arr. Jane Holstein

*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 day. Please know that
each of you are in our prayers this Mother’s Day*

*The altar flowers this morning are given by John and
Lisa Chapman in loving memory of their mothers,
Patricia Owens and Julia Daniels.*



Cover design by Bruce McNeel

Marion Brown, liturgist

Mandonnah Mahallati, tech

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Janet Tebbel, carillon

Jodi Bohr, piano & organ



Insert for Sunday, May 11, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, May 17
URDC Service Day, 8am @ Chestnut Hill Pres.
- Saturday, May 31
HealYourLove. Meditation, 9:30am
Black Men's Conference, 11:30am
- Sunday, June 1
Celebrating 30yrs of partnership with Fonkoze
- Sunday, June 8
Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday, 11am
Churchwide Picnic, 12:30pm
- Sunday, June 15
Summer worship begins, 10am
Celebrating our graduates in worship
- Sunday, June 21
Voices of Philadelphia Juneteenth concert, 3pm

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



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!

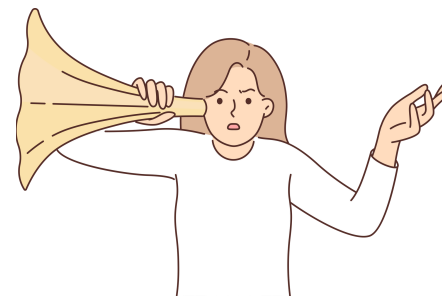
Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

*Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm

Our Pastors take Sabbath on Mondays

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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.



Prayers & Educational Opportunities

Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **Mariana Eckard**, who is recovering well at Lankenau Hospital.

Prayers of healing for **Geraldine, Betty, Nate, Karina, Isaac, & Joan**. Prayers of direction for **Skyy**.

For the family of **Marsha Bettner**, who passed away on April 23. Marsha was the office assistant to Wayne Varnadore.

For **Nadine Hackman**, friend of Celeste Zappala who was paralyzed by a fall and is in Magee rehab receiving intensive therapy.

For **Bob Smart**, who has returned home after being hospitalized due to several diabetic emergencies.

For **Susanne Johnson**, friend of Rev. Jackie, who has been hospitalized.

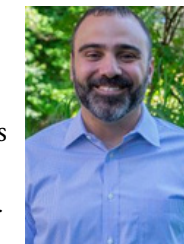
For **Judy Robinson** as she navigates health concerns.

For **our confirmands!** May they know they are completely loved just as they are, always.

Adult Academy

Join us on Sundays at 9:30am in Gribbel Room

May 18 - Dr. Samer Abboud, Associate Professor of Global Interdisciplinary Studies at Villanova University, will join us in Adult Academy to reflect on current events in the Middle East. He is the author of *Syria* (Polity, 2018), a book that explores the outbreak and trajectory of the Syrian uprising, as well as a good friend of John Riggan's. Come hear from an expert with a heart for all people.



May 25 - No Adult Academy

For **Sophy Gamber** as they prepare for their appointment as senior pastor of Bensalem UMC beginning July 1.

For **Andy Singer**, brother-in-law of Anne Toensmeier, and his continued recovery from injuries.

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.

Volunteers for Uncle Bobbies Event

It is always helpful to have a few friendly FUMCOG faces present, so please come help as an usher or greeter at the next Uncle Bobbies Author event:



You can purchase tickets at unclebobbies.com/events
If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office and plan to arrive at 5:45pm.

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Contemporary Reading

Amidst destruction
Blessed be the creators
Amidst despair
Blessed be the nurturers of connection
Amidst cynicism
Blessed be those practicing hope
Amidst cruelty
Blessed be the gentle
Amidst death-dealing systems
Blessed be those who work for resurrection
The God of New Life blesses
those who love compassion and justice

*A Liturgy by Rev. Molly Bolton,
published by enfleshed*

Prayer for Annual Conferences

Pastor Alisa will be away this week in Baltimore at the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, as she still holds her clergy membership in that conference. Please pray for this annual conference and others happening around our globe as this year they will be voting on important legislation relating to the inclusion of **all** in our denomination.



How can YOU immediately help neighbors in Germantown? Join us for a URDC (Urban Resources Development Corporation) workday on **Saturday, May 17!** Our work helps support URDC’s mission to support neighborhoods in northwest Philadelphia by handling urgent home repairs that enable elderly and low-income homeowners to stay in place. You’ll also get to meet new people and help with jobs like painting, sheet rock, cleaning, woodwork, or gardening. No specific skillset required. The day starts at 8am at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church when we choose assignments and get t-shirts. URDC provides a hoagie or pizza lunch and the work day runs until 3pm. Volunteers may stay for as many or few hours as they wish and all skill levels are welcome. Please RSVP by May 9 to Karen Schoenewaldt at (267) 752-2238, schoenewaldt@gmail.com.

We would love to serve with you.



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 is coordinating with their Pastor for food delivery. There is a box in the sanctuary as well as Pilling Hall. Any non-perishables are helpful: especially rice, beans, oil, and corn flour. Thank you for your support!

Potluck Linger Lunch

There is no linger lunch after today’s morning worship service. But next week, on Sunday May 18, we will have a potluck linger lunch, so please bring a dish to share.



Calling All Graduates

We know there are several FUMCOG friends and family that are graduating this year - be it from early elementary, high school, college or graduate school. We want to celebrate with you! So please send in a picture with a brief description of their connection to the church and accomplishment. Email info to Michael Yancey at office@fumcog.org. We will celebrate our graduates in worship on **June 15th**.

Welcome spring with other FUMCOG women!

Come to a get-together for lunch on **Thursday, May 15, 12:00PM**. This is an informal gathering which warmly welcomes any interested FUMCOG woman. We’ll meet at Faye Ross’s apartment, #H408, Cathedral Village, 600 E. Cathedral Rd, Roxborough. Please let Faye know you are coming – 215 984-8968, fayezross@verizon.net. Also contact Faye if you have questions or need a ride.

Sponsored by United Women in Faith.