

## Weekly Calendar

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<b>Wed, Mar 11</b>	7:00pm	<b>Mission Link Service</b> at FUMCOG
<b>Thu, Mar 12</b>	7:00pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 15</b>	9:30am	<b>Adult Academy</b>
	11:00am	<b>Scout Sunday Worship</b> - D'avon Byrd speaking
	12:30pm	<b>Linger Lunch</b>
	12:45pm	<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>
<b>Mon, Mar 16</b>	9:00am	<b>Walking Women</b>
	11:00am	<b>ICE Out Vigil &amp; March</b> at 8th St & Cherry St.
	3:30pm	<b>Adri Barnett's Masters Recital</b> at Temple
<b>Wed, Mar 18</b>	1:30pm	<b>Bible Study</b>
	6:00pm	<b>Mission Link Dinner</b> at Ridge Ave UMC
	7:00pm	<b>Mission Link Service</b> at Ridge Ave UMC

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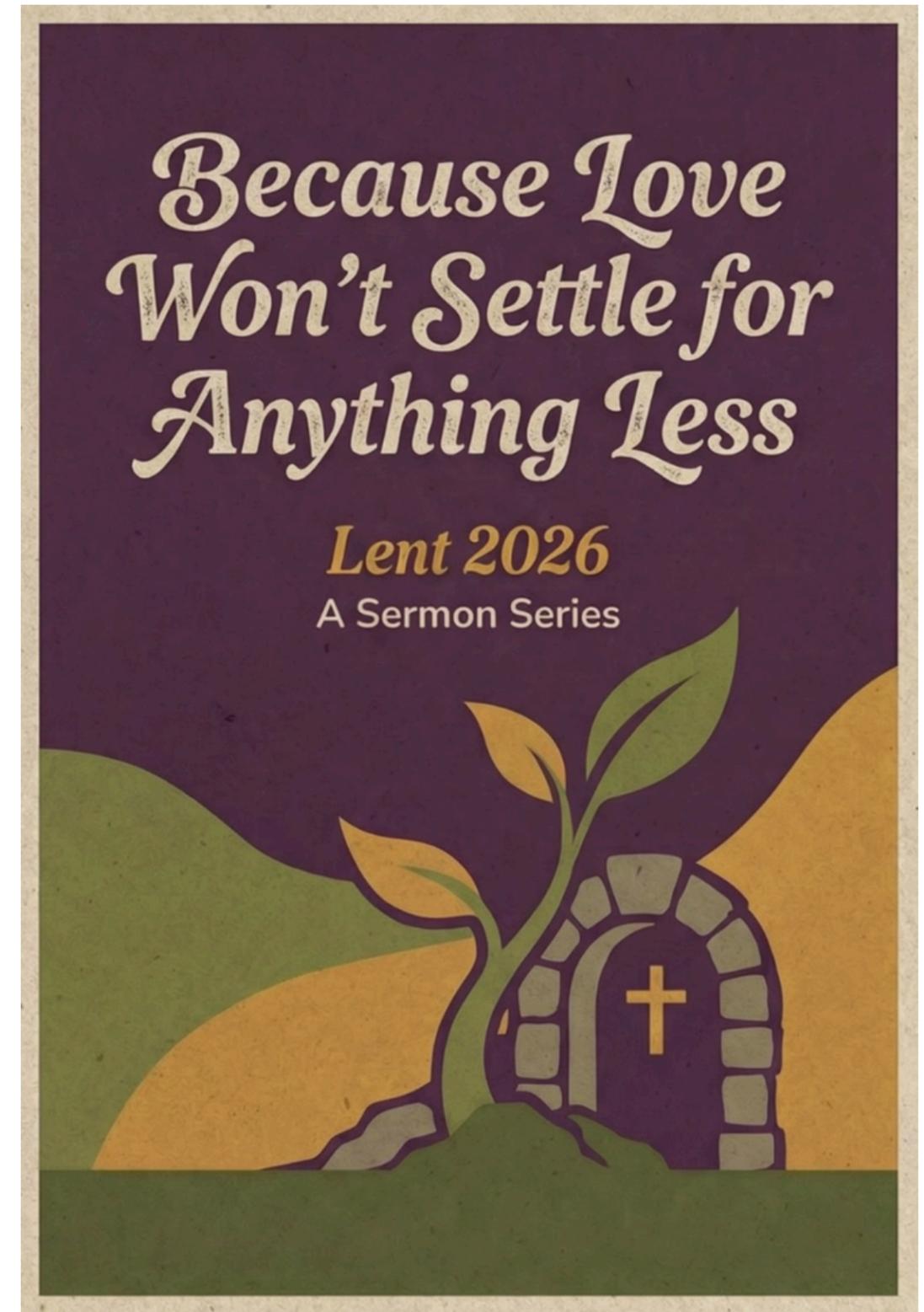
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*The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our 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 • **Interim Pastor of Spiritual Connection** Rev. Stephen Heilakka  
**Office Administrator** Michael Yancey • **Director of Music** Adrianna Barnett • **Organist/Pianist** Jodi Acker Bohr  
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**NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA MISSION LINK**

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 • 7 PM**



# First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Wednesday, March 11, 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

## 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.

**Prelude**

Jodi Bohr

## Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

Leader: We gather before the One who is Truth.

**People: We come to listen and to follow.**

Leader: Jesus asked Pilate to seek truth and faced lies without fear.

**People: We seek that courage in our own hearts.**

Leader: Love leads us into honesty and light.

**People: Love guides our words and our witness.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of steadfast love.

**People: We come to the fount of truth to be blessed.**

## Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 400 - "Come, Thou Fount"

## Passing the Peace

*Please take a moment to share God's love with one another be that via handshake, high-five, fist-bump, peace sign, or hug.*

## Contemporary Reading & Prayer

"Lent IV - Truth-Telling" by Cole Arthur Riley  
(see insert for full text)

**Scripture Reading**

John 18:28-40  
(see insert for full text)

## Special Music

FUMCOG Quintet

"*Versa Est in Luctum*" Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla

## Sermon

Pastor Alisa Wailoo

*Say What?*

## Hymn

*Standing with body and spirit*

"I Need You to Survive" by Hezekiah Walker  
(see insert for lyrics)

## Invitation to Offering

## Anthem & Offering

FUMCOG Choir

"*Inscriptions of Hope*" by Z. Randall Stroepe

## Offering Prayer

God of truth and grace, please use what we offer—our resources and our lives—to bear witness to your love in the world. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 156 - "I Love to Tell the Story"  
verses 1, 2, 4

## Benediction

**Postlude**

Jodi Bohr

Roz McKelvey, signer  
Anthony Wailoo, reader  
Kristen Pinder, reader  
Geovanni Andujar, tech  
John Bustard, tech  
Bonnie Andrews, tech  
Jodi Bohr, piano & organ  
Katrina Dignum, quintet  
Adrianna Barnett, quintet  
Olivia Forney, quintet  
Michael Yancey, quintet  
Dominic Barrel-Korbyn, quintet

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## Readings for Wednesday, March 11, 2026

### Scripture Reading

John 18: 28-40

28 Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" 30 "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." 31 Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. 32 This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. 33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" 34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" 35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" 36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" 40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

### Contemporary Reading & Prayer

Honest God, we confess that we, as individuals and nations, have engaged in self protection and illusion. Let this be a season when we reclaim the practice of telling the truth about our histories, that we would no longer shield ourselves and others from the harm, we have caused by cuddling, our guilt and insecurity. Let our love be made of unapologetic truth telling. But those of us who have been gaslit find our stories centered and affirmed in this season. Guide us towards spaces that have grown weary of delusions, desiring to see the world for what it is, and all its complexities, beauties, tragedies, and oppression. And as we cultivate honest communities, that are healing and liberation rise to meet us. Amen.

"Lent IV - Truth-Telling" by Cole Arthur Riley

**INTERFAITH CLERGY COALITION**

**TRAINING:**  
**NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION  
AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
**1 - 5 PM**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM**

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# EASTER FESTIVITIES

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH**  
**12PM-2PM**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**DIY BASKETS**  
**PRIZES AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**COME CREATE MEMORIES WITH US EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!**

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GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY FRIDGE

## NEIGHBORS TABLE

COMMUNITY LUNCH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Come together with neighbors for great company and delicious foods!

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### Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, Mar 15
  - Scout Sunday, 11am
- Monday, Mar 16
  - Adri's Masters Recital, 3:30pm
- Saturday, Mar 21
  - Neighbors Table, 12pm
  - Direct Action Training, 1pm
- Saturday, Mar 28
  - Community Party, 12pm
- Palm Sunday, Mar 29
- Easter Sunday, Apr 5
- Friday & Saturday, Apr 17-18
  - "Understanding Harm & Healing" April Weekend Sessions
- Sunday, Apr 26
  - Germantown Jazz Festival, 2pm
- Saturday, May 9
  - Roberta Millard memorial service, 2pm
- Saturday, May 23
  - FUMCOG & Voices of Philadelphia concert

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