

Weekly Calendar

Sun, May 17	11:00am	Morning Worship - Indigenous People's Sunday
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
Mon, May 18	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Stop ICE Vigil at 8th St. and Cherry St.
Tue, May 19		Eastern PA Annual Conference begins
		Election Day
	5:00pm	BLM Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown
Wed, May 20	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thu, May 21	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
		Eastern PA Annual Conference ends
Fri, May 22	5:00pm	Ukraine Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown
Sat, May 23	3:00pm	Music for All America Concert
Sun, May 24	11:00pm	Morning Worship
	12:15pm	No Linger Lunch

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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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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026 • 11 AM



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, May 17, 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

Carillon Prelude

melody for Kinyaa'áanii No 1

Janet Tebbel

Connor Chee

Invitation to Worship & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

*by the Committee on Native American Ministries
(see screens)*

Prelude

*Sandpainting for Piano #3: Western Lightning,
by Connor Chee*

Jodi Bohr

Call to Worship

*Standing with body and spirit
(see insert for full text)*

Opening Hymn

*Standing with body and spirit
TFWS 2117 - "Spirit of God" verses 1, 4, 5*

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 bug. All young ones and young at heart are welcome to come forward during this time for the children's message: Stories That We Share.

Stories that We Share

The Delaware Lenape Creation Story

Beverly & Kyra

Sung Response

UMH 78 - "Heleluyan"

Gathered Prayer

written and offered by Rev. Steph Heilakka

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response

UMH 78 - "Heleluyan"

Scripture Readings

(see insert for full text)

Genesis 1:26-27

James 2: 14-17

Hymn

*Standing with body and spirit
UMH 148 - "Many and Great, O God"*

Introduction of the Speaker

Barbara Revere

CLM

Reflection

from the Native American House Alliance, Inc.

Claudia Haddad

Introduction to Offering

Anthem & Offering

"I Dream a World" by Andre Thomas

FUMCOG Choir

Doxology

*Standing with body and spirit
UMH 94 - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Offering Prayer

Creator God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. May these offerings become a part of a long commitment to truth-telling, healing, justice, and reparations with Indigenous peoples. Guide us beyond words into faithful relationship, repair, and real hope. Amen.

Closing Hymn

*UMH 92 - "For the Beauty of the Earth"
verses 1-4, 6*

Standing with body and spirit

Benediction

Postlude

Sandpainting for Piano #11, by Connor Chee

Jodi Bohr

Navajo pianist and composer Connor Chee has distinguished himself by blending his classical piano training with his Navajo heritage. His solo piano music is inspired by traditional Navajo songs and chants.

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.

Immediately following the postlude, Rev. Steph will move to the baptismal font. If you feel the need for prayer, he will be available to pray with you or for you. Please respect the privacy of those in prayer by maintaining a respectful distance.

Linger Lunch is available in Pilling Hall today, for all to catch up with old friends or make new connections over a meal.

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Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, May 19
 - Election Day
- May 19-21
 - Eastern PA Annual Conference
- Saturday, May 23
 - FUMCOG & Voices of Philadelphia
Music for All America concert, 3pm
- Saturday, May 30
 - C. Gloria Akers' Memorial Service, 11am
 - Civil Disobedience Training, 2pm
- Sunday, May 31
 - Celebration of Graduates, 11am
 - Potluck Picnic, 12:15pm
- Monday, June 1
 - Admin Council Meeting, 7pm
- Sunday, June 7
 - Worship begins at 10am
 - All Church Annual Meeting, 11:30pm
- Saturday, June 20
 - Neighbor's Table, 12pm
 - Voices of Philadelphia concert, 3pm

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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**



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

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

For **Ray Torres** as he recovers from his first round of chemotherapy.

For **Ms. Que**, who is recovering from a dislocated hip after a fall on April 11.

For the friends and family of **Susan Kensill** who passed away on April 16 from metastatic breast cancer.

For **Elizabeth Ellis**, friend of Ruth Thornton & Barbara Mitchell at Simpson House. She broke her ankle, but can heal with PT and TLC.

For **Chanelle Spearman and her son Kyle**. Thanksgiving that they survived a house fire, and prayers for them in this time of transition.

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 **Jean Walker** who will have knee replacement surgery on May 11, and is facing other health issues making it difficult to come to church.

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

For **Krista Hansen** and her treatment of new health concerns.

For **Willie Little** as he continues to heal.

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 **Diane and Skyy's** clarity of mind.

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

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

For **Jean Young**, Barb Revere's longtime friend, from Omaha, Nebraska, as she's receiving treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.



The flowers on the altar today are given in appreciation of Barbara Revere and her ongoing Native American advocacy.



Call to Worship

One: From one Creator, God formed all peoples and nations, shaping our histories, our cultures, and our lands.

All: We come to worship the God who is near to all of us.

One: God spoke life into every race and culture through ancient lands and new homelands, through ancestors and descendants, through stories carried across oceans and generations, and stories deeply rooted in the soil.

All: In God, we live and move and have our being.

One: We gather today as many people in this land, descendants of the enslaved and the free, Indigenous communities, African American, African, and Afro-Caribbean communities, Anglo and European descendants, Latino, Hispanic, and Afro-Latino communities, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander peoples, Middle Eastern and Arab communities, multiracial and mixed-heritage families, immigrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and undocumented siblings, rural and urban, long-established and newly arrived, each bearing the image of God.

All: We are God's offspring, created in love and dignity.

One: We acknowledge that the lens of our histories does not look the same. Some are marked by privilege. Some are marked by displacement and struggle. Some are marked by resilience, faith, and hope. YET ALL are held within God's redeeming grace.

All: Teach us to listen, to learn, and to walk humbly with one another.

One: Today, we honor the peoples of this land. We give thanks for the richness of every culture, including Our Indigenous Family, and we commit ourselves to justice, reconciliation, and peace.

All: Let us worship together our Great Creator God, who calls us in relationship with one another. Let us celebrate our Indigenous siblings and all of humanity. One God, a Diversity of People, One Family, a Future of Hope, redemption, and transformation. We believe it to be so!

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;

Scripture Reading

James 2:14-17

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Claudia Haddad Bio

Our speaker today, Claudia Haddad, is part of a Speaker's Guild for the Native American House Alliance, Inc. located in Philadelphia, PA. Also, with us today in worship is Ms. Cornelia Dimalanta, Director of the Native American House Alliance. The Native American House Alliance was founded by Indigenous people and Allies to promote an accurate understanding of the Native American experience, history and culture. The Native American House Alliance actions aids in dispelling prevailing stereotypes and generalizing cultural representations of American Indians.

The Native American House Alliance is a proud sponsor of the 2026 Indigenous Peoples' Day held on October 12, 2026 at Penn Treaty Park.

All Church Meeting

On **June 7th** after our summer **10am** worship time, we will celebrate all God has done in the ministries of this place this year and listen for the plans God may have for us in the year to come.

We hope you can join us!

Memorial Service Volunteers

Dear FUMCOGers, thanks to all who helped last week with Roberta Millard's memorial service. We are still looking for help with C. Gloria Akers' memorial service on **May 30th at 11am** to support the wide array of the guests coming to celebrate her. If you can be present on to greet, usher, help with the reception, or even tell people where the restrooms are, please email or call the church office at office@fumcog.org or (215) 438-3677.

Linger Lunch in May

May 17- Linger Lunch

May 24- Memorial Day.

Coffee Hour after service, but no Linger Lunch

May 31- Pot Luck Linger Lunch

Picnic in the Back Yard and Graduation Celebration!

Lemonade Lull following the 10 am service begins June 7

If you can help with the May 31st picnic or any of our summer Lemonade Lulls, please email Celeste Zappala: czappala1@yahoo.com



Easter Offering Results

Celebrate the generosity of our members and friends who have contributed \$10,125 for grants to Beacon Theatre Productions, Need in Deed, PA Youth Vote, and United Methodist Neighborhood Services! The Community Needs Committee thanks you.

Education at FUMCOG

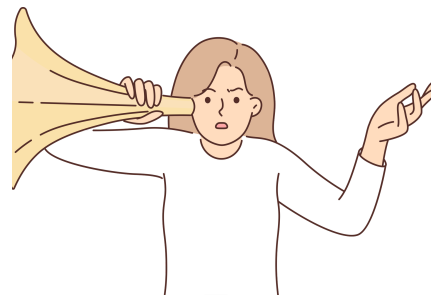
Adult Academy

Today was our last session of Adult Academy until the fall. An enormous thanks to all of our speakers and we are incredibly appreciative for our coordinators: John Riggan, Cara Herold, Stan Krall, Mark Smith, Bill Ewing, and Rev. Alisa!



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 **May 31st**.

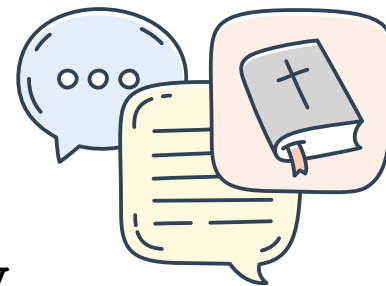


REMINDER

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.

Newish to FUMCOG?

We joyfully invite you to attend our New Members Class. This class will next meet **TODAY** from 12:30-1:30pm and then again at the same time on Sunday, June 7. It provides an opportunity to connect with fellow FUMCOGers, learn more about Methodist and FUMCOG history and beliefs, and explore ways to grow in faith and service here. Whether you are new or simply looking to become more engaged, we encourage you to come and share in this meaningful time of fellowship, learning, and growth. Contact Pastor Alisa with questions or to RSVP at wailoo@fumcog.org



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.

Music at FUMCOG

Summer Music @ FUMCOG: Now it's YOUR Turn!

Do YOU sing or play an instrument? We would love for you to share your gift this summer while the FUMCOG choir is on its summer break. It can be any type of music and at any skill level. God works with whatever we offer. Also, if you have a child in your life who likes to sing, act or play an instrument, we would love to invite them to share their gift as well. Simply reach out to our Adrianna, at music@fumcog.org

FUMCOG CHOIR & VOICES OF PHILADELPHIA

MUSIC FOR ALL OF AMERICA

FEATURING: NATHANIEL DETT'S "CHARIOT JUBILEE"
TENOR EMANUEL SINGLETARY

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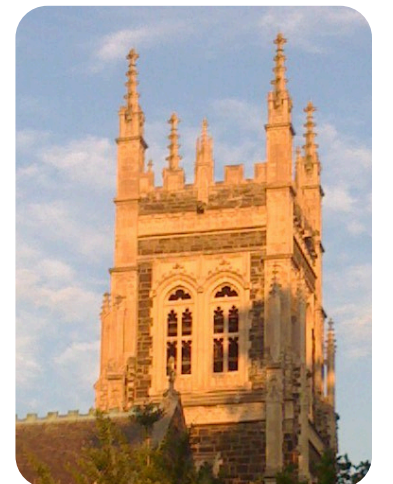
SATURDAY, MAY 23RD AT 3PM
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Summer Carillon Series

Monday Nights at
7:30pm

- July 6
- July 13
- July 20
- July 27



Connection Opportunities

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, so come on **Mondays at 11am** to help us make delicious meals for our neighbors!



Women's Group

Would you like to connect with other young/middle aged women at FUMCOG? We have many wonderful women, both new to the church and long-timers, who can't do daytime gatherings but would still love to connect for study, service, food, friendship, support...you name it. Pastor Alisa is hosting a gathering to meet each other in a regular monthly group. She'd love to hear what you are thinking or would like to see here at FUMCOG. So please come, on **Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm** and email Alisa(wailoo@fumcog.org) for directions.

Newest Eagle Scout Joseph Taylor

Congratulations to Joseph Taylor, 18, a senior at Cheltenham Township High School, on his elevation to Eagle Scout on April 23, at 8:22 PM. Joe's project was to repaint Room 200 at the church, which is now occupied by Heal Your Love Period. Joe is the eleventh FUMCOG Scout to reach Eagle, and the tenth for Troop 1719 (Troop 1313 has one, so far). This weekend: Liberty Jam camping event at Green Lane Park, May 1-3. FUMCOG Scouts are searching for a treasurer... please help us out!

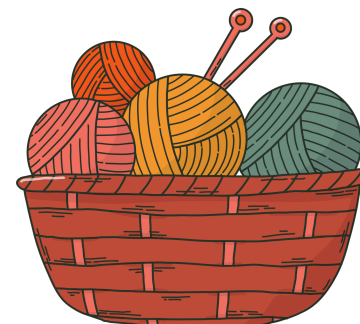


Help our Immigrant Neighbors

We are still collecting food for members of a local Latina church who are not safe to go to work currently. Pastor Alisa coordinates with their pastor for food delivery. There is a box in the entryway, sanctuary as well as Pilling Hall. Any non-perishables are helpful: especially rice, beans, oil, and corn flour. Thank you for your support!

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 Sunday, May 31st** 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. Hope to see you there!



Work and Witness for Social and Racial Justice

Weekly Vigils

The weekly BlackLivesMatter and Stand with Ukraine vigils will meet as usual in front of the Unitarian Church on Lincoln Drive. Both begin at 5 pm with BLM being on Tuesdays and Ukraine support on Fridays.

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).



MONDAY ICE VIGIL INTERFAITH COALITION

**TRAINING:
BUILDING SKILLS FOR BOLD ACTION**



TOPIC:

EFFECTIVE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

MAY 30 | 2-6 PM

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Help support local families experiencing housing insecurity

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Any contribution, small or big, would make a great difference for the families we serve.

All sizes and brands are welcome!

Drop-Off Location:

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