

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Apr 5	11:00am	Easter Sunday Worship
Mon, Apr 6	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Stop ICE Vigil at 8th St. and Cherry St.
	11:00am	Community Fridge Cooking
Tue, Apr 7	5:00pm	BLM Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown
Wed, Apr 8	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thu, Apr 9	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Apr 10	7:00pm	Ukraine Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown
Sun, Apr 12	9:30am	Adult Academy with Allen Drew on <i>One Hope Solar Project</i>
	11:00pm	Sunday Morning Worship & Communion
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
	1:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal

A Special Thanks to everyone who made this morning's service possible!

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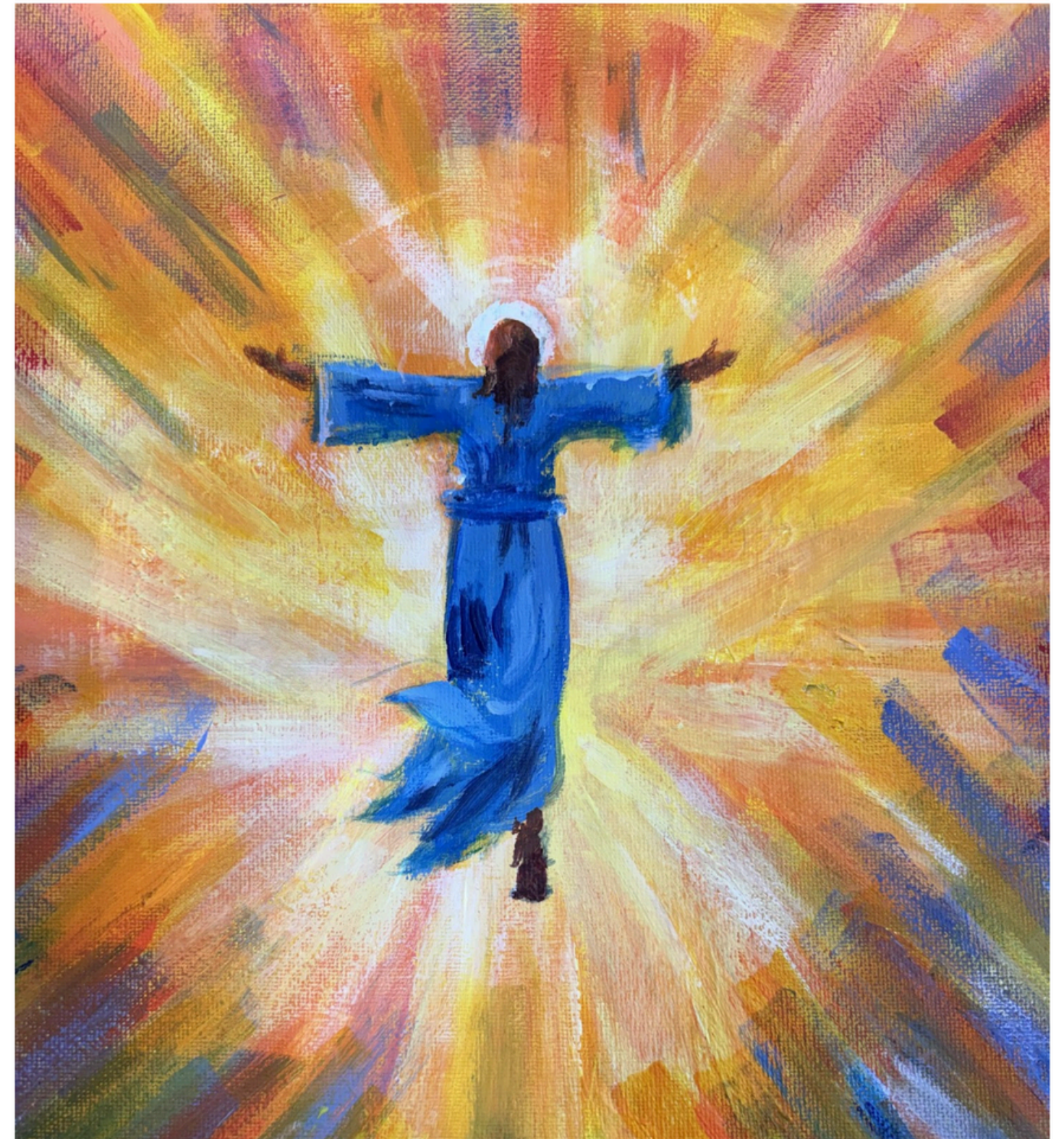
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The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our commitment by working together, taking risks for social justice and peace in our community, our city, our nation, and our world.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 • 11 AM



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Easter Sunday, April 5, 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.

Carillon Prelude

Janet Tebbel

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson
arr. J Bink

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood
M. Eithun

Easter Hymn

arr. B. Buchanan

*Pictures at an Exhibition
Promenade*

Modest Mussorgsky
arr. J. Tebbel

The Great Gate of Kiev

Brass Prelude

Brass Quartet

In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach

Christ Lag in Todesbanden

J.S. Bach

Invitation to Worship

Organ Prelude

Jodi Bohr

Lift High the Cross, by Sydney H. Nicholson,
arr. Larry Shackley

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

One: In the midst of a trembling world, God whispers, "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

All: We come, still carrying sorrow, yet drawn into love that will not let us go.

One: "Again I will build you," says the Holy One, "and you shall be rebuilt."

All: We rise from what has been broken, trusting resurrection is still at work.

One: "Again you shall take your tambourines and go forth in the dance."

All: We dare to dance—grief in our bones, hope in our steps—alongside the Risen Christ.

One: "Again you shall plant and enjoy the fruit of your labor."

All: We join the dance of new life, planting justice, joy, and peace in a weary world.

One: Because Christ is risen today!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
verses 1-4

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. 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

Sung Response

AAHH 478 - "What a Mighty God We Serve"
(see screens)

Contemporary Reading

The Magdalene's Blessing, by Jan Richardson
(see insert for full text)

Gathered Prayer

written and offered by the Women's Group

Sung Response

UMH 318 - "Christ is Alive"

Invitation to Offering

Community Needs Spotlight

Kyra Atterbury from Need in Deed

Anthem & Offering

FUMCOG Choir

"Easter Chorale" by Samuel Barber

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

(see insert for full text)

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo
Easter Moves

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit
UMH 261 - "Lord of the Dance"

Benediction

Sending Forth

Standing with body and spirit

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel

If you want the full score, come join the choir! We have scores up front. Or simply join in with the lyrics on the screen.

Postlude

Jodi Bohr

Low in the Grave He Lay, arr. Mark Hayes

Carillon Postlude

Janet Tebbel

Prelude (BWV 998)

J.S. Bach, arr. F. Deleu

Triumphant March

Geert D'Hollander

Pictures at an Exhibition

Robert Kleinschmidt

I. Golden Bells

II. Iron Bells

III. Silver Bells

Come Ye faithful, Raise the Strain arr. B. Buchanan

Preludio (from A Simple Suite)

Ronald Barnes

The tower door will be open for visitors to the playing cabin. 70 steps, no ladders.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. You are invited to stay and enjoy the carillon postlude, or to go out into this lovely Easter morning! Please join us again for worship next Sunday at 11am.



Insert for Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Upcoming Dates

- Friday & Saturday, Apr 17-18
 - “*Understanding Harm & Healing*” Weekend Workshop for all, 5pm & 10am
- Sunday, Apr 26
 - Germantown Jazz Festival, 2pm
- Friday, May 1
 - Beacon Theatre: *The Bookstore*, 7:30pm
- Saturday, May 9
 - Roberta Millard’s Memorial Service, 2pm
- Saturday, May 23
 - FUMCOG & Voices of Philadelphia concert, 3pm
- Saturday, May 30
 - C. Gloria Akers’ Memorial Service, 11am

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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 the new “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**



Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For the family of **Harry Morgan**, father of Laura Stahl, who passed away on March 29.

For **Elizabeth Ellis**, friend of Ruth Thornton & Barbara Mitchell at Simpson House. She recently 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 **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 **Susan Kensill** who is battling metastatic breast cancer. Susan grew up in Mid-town Parrish UMC and now lives in Kansas.

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 **Raymond**, the son of Janis Glen.

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

For **Kat Grau’s daughter** as she recovers from ankle and foot surgery.

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.

Scouting at FUMCOG

Join Scouting at FUMCOG Scouts BSA offers families a way to help their children, male, female, and non- binary, from Kindergarten to age 17 to grow up to be skilled and confident young adults through adventure, enrichment and family fun. Join the diverse Cub Pack and Scout Troops here at FUMCOG serving children and youth in Germantown and throughout the city. Contact Ann Perone (abperrone.1719@gmail.com) for more information.



Contemporary Reading

The Magdalene's Blessing

You hardly imagined
standing here,
everything you ever loved
suddenly returned to you,
looking you in the eye
and calling your name.
And now
you do not know
how to abide this hole
in the center
of your chest,
where a door
slams shut
and swings open
at the same time,
turning on the hinge
of your aching
and hopeful heart.
So let the tears come
as anointing,
as consecration,
and then
let them go.
Let this blessing
gather itself around you.
Let it give you
what you will need
for this journey.
You will not remember
the words—
they do not matter.
All you need to remember
is how it sounded
when you stood
in the place of death
and heard the living
call your name.

by Jan Richardson

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

“At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”

This is what the Lord says:

“The people who survive the sword
will find favor in the wilderness;
I will come to give rest to Israel.”

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:
“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.
Again you will take up your timbrels
and go out to dance with the joyful.

Again you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
the farmers will plant them
and enjoy their fruit.

There will be a day when watchmen cry out
on the hills of Ephraim,
‘Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.’”

FUMCOG CHOIR & VOICES OF PHILADELPHIA

MUSIC FOR ALL OF AMERICA

FEATURING: NATHANIEL DETT'S
"CHARIOT JUBILEE"

CONDUCTORS,
ADRIANNA BARNETT & CONIYAH FORTE

ACCOMPANIST, JODI BOHR

TENOR SOLOIST,
EMANUEL SINGLETARY

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD AT 3PM
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Education at FUMCOG

Adult Academy

Every Sunday morning at 9:30am we gather to learn from one another and leaders in the community about a wonderfully diverse set of subjects, from ways to work for justice to how to move through the aging process. We would love for you to join us any week in the parlor or online at tinyurl.com/zoomcog. Here is April's line-up:

April 12: Allen Drew, director of the Hunting Park Community Solar Initiative (HPCSI) will discuss the One Hope Solar Project. Pro bono legal teams from Earth Justice and the Columbia Legal Clinic worked to design a revised model of power sharing through virtual net metering that leverages the benefits of solar power generated as revenue in the form of energy-burden alleviation grants. If you don't know that that means (and even if you do), come and learn about this exciting new model that cares for the earth and our urban neighbors.

April 26: Novella Lyons, founder and executive director of Women of Hope and Faith, will join us to share about the lessons learned of two decades of leading this important ministry. Created to educate, support and advocate for women with breast cancer, especially of Women of Color, WOFAH was housed at FUMCOG for over a decade. The organization officially retired this month with its founder, but Ms Lyons still has hopes and plans for how we can continue the mission. Come learn more and make sure to invite any one who has survived or is facing the unknown of cancer.



April 19: Former Philadelphia City Councilmember-at-Large Derek S. Green will join Bill Ewing to lead a discussion of the upcoming primary election. We know we are called to serve God in all aspects of our lives including being informed citizens. Together we will learn about: (1) the election of the committee members who will decide the leadership of Democratic and Republican parties at the City and State levels for the next 4 years; (2) the contested race for State Representative for the 200th District in Mt. Airy (incumbent Chris Rabb having decided to run for Congress instead); (3) the hotly contested race for the Congressional Seat presently currently occupied by Dwight Evans; and (4) various other Congressional and statewide contests.

Monthly Christian Mindfulness

Need a time to re-center your heart, mind, and soul?

Do you ever struggle to pray alone?

Want to expand your prayer and meditation practices?

If you answered "yes" to any of these, please join us on April 28th at 6:00pm for an hour of Christian Mindfulness; there is no need to RSVP or come to every session. Just drop in when your soul needs it or you feel led to pray with and for our beloved community. Questions? Ask Pastor Alisa at wailoo@fumcog.org or 267-405-1383.

All-Church Weekend Workshop

Understanding Harm & Healing

All FUMCOGers are cordially invited to an **interactive weekend (April 17-18) designed to support the building of a liberatory church community.** Guided by Niyonu Spann, our current beloved antiracism consultant, we will explore frameworks and tools to help us navigate difficult conversations, recognize patterns that create barriers, and practice deep listening across differences. Grounded in practices that honor body, mind, and spirit, the workshop will also invite us to reflect on where FUMCOG is now and to envision a future in which it more fully embodies liberation for all.

Niyonu Spann began leading diversity workshops in about 1990. Her work has evolved, and she now refers to it as "social justice with a focus on liberation," moving beyond the too-familiar cycle of "either encourag[ing] traditionally oppressed groups to tell their story of victimization or [bringing] the groups who have been the primary oppressors to the brink of tears and shame." She says, "for training to be most effective, we must seek to include the whole of who we are. Therefore, my approach includes not only the intellect or mind but also the body and spiritual aspects."

The sessions will take place at FUMCOG on **Friday, April 17 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm and Saturday, April 18 from 10:00am - 4:00pm.** It is important to attend both sessions. Dinner will be served on Friday evening. Lunch will be provided on Saturday, along with beverages and snacks for the day.

This is an opportunity you will not want to miss! Please register using the registration link found in Hot Topics. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 13. If you have any questions, please email Lisa Chapman at (lisanchapman@comcast.net) or (lisanchapman82@gmail.com).



Connection Opportunities

Women's Group

Join us for our next Women's Group gathering on **April 15 at 6:30 PM**. We meet once a month for fellowship, encouragement, and faith-filled conversation over a scrumptious meal. All women are welcome, and anyone who would like to come is invited. We hope to see you in the FUMCOG Parlor!



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 11 am to help us make delicious meals for our neighbors!



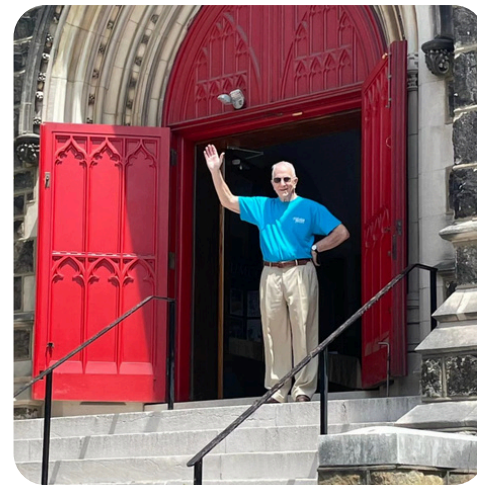
Newish to FUMCOG?

We joyfully invite you to attend our **New Members Class**. This three session class meets on Sundays from 12:30-1:30pm beginning April 19. It provides an opportunity to connect with fellow FUMCOGers 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



HealYourLovePeriod

Darren Lavell Hagood is a wellness practitioner, author of *The Christ Breath: Rediscovering the Power of Breath in Christian Faith*, and co-founder of **HealYourLovePeriod**, alongside his wife Gloria. Together, they lead breathwork and sound healing experiences that calm the body, clear the mind, and expand emotional and self-awareness. Darren weaves scripture, history, and embodied practice to invite people into deeper connection with God, themselves, and one another.



Work and Witness for Social and Racial Justice



URDC April Work Days

How can YOU immediately help neighbors in Germantown? Join us for a series of URDC (Urban Resources Development Corporation) work days throughout the month of April.

Each work day runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with supplies provided and lunch if necessary. There is a way for volunteers to help out every day **between now and May 1**. Whether you are well-versed in laying floors, or think yourself completely unskilled, your hands can be invaluable help toward getting a single mom of 4 back into her home after a house fire. RSVP to Karen at schoenewaldt@gmail.com to sign up!



ICE Raid Hotline

Juntos, a Latine community organizing group, has a community-run rapid response hotline for folks who witness an ICE raid. Please share widely with your friends and neighbors: (814) 205-3293.

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 **4 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).



Good Friday Vigil will retrace empty shoes representing those left behind by individuals who have died in ICE detention this year

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!

Easter Offering for Community Needs



At Easter, we celebrate the hope made possible through Christ's passionate love that could ultimately not be defeated by the violence and injustices around him. At a time when so much of what we treasure is under attack, we invite you to give to our Easter Offering that will benefit four community organizations doing essential work to educate, empower, and raise up our children, youth, and entire community. Every dollar offered will go directly to these partners:

The **Beacon Theatre** is a small Northwest Philadelphia-based theater company that spotlights stories of social justice advocates, activists, people of color, and women. By drawing on critical moments from the past, Beacon illuminates pathways toward a more equitable future. To ensure accessibility, they offer "pay as you can" and low-cost performances so that all may experience the power of live theater. In a time when our governmental and educational agencies are being hindered from telling the whole truth, the church must support those who are!

Need in Deed, led by our own Kyra Atterbury, partners with Philadelphia public school teachers to engage students in grades 3–8. Their programs reach at-risk youth and help students connect classroom learning with real-world issues, elevating student voices and lived experiences while strengthening academic skills and civic awareness. As funding for public schools continues to be cut, Need in Deed embodies Christ's call to let the little children come.

PA Youth Vote is a nonpartisan coalition focused on civics education and engagement among public high school students, especially in marginalized communities. Our support will help fund student-led voter registration drives, public issues education, and meaningful civic participation in Northwest Philadelphia high schools. Christ raised up voices from the margins and PA Youth Vote seeks to do the same.

United Methodist Neighborhood Services (UMNS) is already a partner in our ministry, as we contribute food to their food bank through the efforts of Lucy and David Hill. This Easter Offering will further support UMNS in launching Saturday Pop-up Kids' Clubs, where neighborhood children can grow in faith while learning communication, listening, and conflict resolution skills—turning belief into action.

Please participate by **placing your gift in the offering plate** during worship, **mailing a check to the Church Office** (memo: "Easter Offering for Community Needs") or **giving online** at www.fumcog.org – (click on "Giving," enter your amount, and select "Easter Offering for Community Needs" under "Purpose of Gift"). After the total amount of contributions is known, the committee will prayerfully review the allocation to each of these transformative organizations. Thank you in advance!

-The Community Needs Committee



EASTER FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN LOVING MEMORY OF....

Doyle Smith, <i>brother</i>	<i>Mark Smith</i>
Julia Daniels, and Dale & Patti Owens, <i>parents</i>	<i>Lisa & John Chapman</i>
Nancy Pigford, <i>spouse</i> Donald C. and Kathryn M. Ankeny, <i>parents</i>	<i>Alan Ankeny</i>
George Herold, <i>father/husband</i>	<i>Cara Herold</i>
Anne Constant Ewing, <i>wife/mother</i> Alberta & Edwin Constant, <i>grandparents (in-law)</i> Anne & Joseph Ewing, <i>grandparents</i> Joe, Tom, & Sam Ewing, <i>brothers/uncles</i> Anne E. Zettek	<i>Bill, Sus, & Becca Ewing</i>
Emmanuel Morales, <i>beloved son and brother of Clara & Lucy</i> Relatives in Guatemala	<i>Gabriela Clara Arrecis</i>
Warren and Ruth Good, <i>parents</i>	<i>Linda Good</i>
George & Verna Krall, and The Rev. Thomas E. & Carol Anderman, <i>parents</i> Lynea Anderman, <i>sister of Clarita</i>	<i>Rev. Stanley & Clarita Krall</i>
Jim Marren	<i>Ray Torres & Eileen Gilkenson</i>
Mary H. Atterbury, <i>mother</i>	<i>Kyra Atterbury</i>
Adrian & Ruth Ross, <i>parents</i> Bill & Zoe Zerwekh, <i>parents</i> Ann Breneman, <i>FUMCOG friend</i> Gladys Barkman, <i>FUMCOG friend</i>	<i>Dan & Faye Ross</i>

EASTER FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OF....

Lucy Morales, <i>my dearest daughter</i>	<i>Gabriela Clara Arrecis</i>
Ellie Lasater, <i>mother & grandmother</i> Rob & Carol Lasater, <i>parents & grandparents</i> Bert & Lynette Wailoo, <i>parents & grandparents</i>	<i>The Wailoo Family</i>
Reginal S. Lewis	<i>Ray Torres & Eileen Gilkenson</i>
The Masland Family	<i>Cara Herold</i>
Jeff & Donna Brown Andy & Leah Brown	<i>Marion & Dave Brown</i>
Michael Yancey	<i>Stanley & Clarita Krall</i>
Rena Winter, <i>sister</i>	<i>Linda Good</i>
Peace Seekers worldwide	<i>Hedy Cerwinka</i>
<i>In gratitude for FUMCOG'S faithfulness in my call to ministry</i>	<i>Stephen Heilakka</i>