

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Feb 1	11:00am	Sunday Worship - Pastor Alisa preaching
	4:00pm	POWER Assembly at Mother Bethel AME Church
Mon, Feb 2	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Stop ICE Vigil at 8th St. and Cherry St.
	11:00am	Community Fridge Cooking
Wed, Feb 4	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thu, Feb 5	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Feb 8	9:30am	Adult Academy - Joe Waldo with URDC
	11:00am	Scout Sunday - D'avon Byrd preaching
	12:30pm	Linger Lunch
	12:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal

Scout Sunday Guest Speaker: D'avon Byrd



D'avon Byrd, a lifelong member of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church's Troop 126, has been actively involved in the life of the Church and scouting. Here, he was introduced to the principles of leadership, integrity, and righteousness. These qualities have shaped him into the man he is today. They also played a crucial role in his journey to becoming Enon's first Eagle Scout in 2017.

After graduating from Roman Catholic High School in 2017, he pursued architecture at Morgan State University. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 2021 and immediately embarked on his Master of Architecture degree, which he earned from Thomas Jefferson University in 2024.

Please plan to join us to here D'avon at Scout Sunday next week, February 1.

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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 Willoo • **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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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • 11 AM

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, February 1, 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

W&S - Worship & Song

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

“Adoration” by Florence B. Price

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

One: Come to the water, all you who thirst—
come drink deeply from the river of life.

**All: Come to the water, all you who are weary
—come rest in the quiet pools of God’s
love.**

One: Come to the water, all you who long for
justice— come be renewed in God’s ever-
flowing stream.

**All: For God is here among us, washing away
the dust and grime of our lives, and
pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.**

One: Let’s worship God together.

All: Let us worship in spirit and truth.

~ by Christine Longhurst

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 723 - “Shall We Gather at the River”

Passing the Peace

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

Connections and Announcements

Stories That We Share

Sung Response

UMH 393 - “Spirit of the Living God”

Contemporary Reading

excerpt from “For the Inward Journey”
by Howard Thurman
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading

(see insert for full text)

John 4:1-29

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 464 - “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Sermon

Pastor Alisa Wailoo

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
arr. Roland Carter

Doxology

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 94 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

W&S 3154 - “Draw the Circle Wide”
(see insert)

Benediction

*Beginning this Sunday, immediately following the
benediction, Pastor Steph will move to the baptismal
font. If you feel the need for prayer, Steph will be
available to pray with you or for you. Please respect the
privacy of those in prayer, by maintaining a respectful
distance.*

Postlude

Jodi Bohr

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (more Christ-like)”
Traditional Spiritual, arr. David Lantz III

*Thank you for joining in worship today. You are also invited
remain seated in the sanctuary during the postlude, or to
continue about your day. There will be no Linger Lunch
following the service today.*

Cover design: *living water* by Lauren Wright Pittman

Barbara Revere, liturgist

Kristen Pinder, reader

Geo Andujar, tech

Wayne Snover, tech

Ken & Titus Espejo, tech

Jodi Bohr, piano & organ



Insert for Sunday, February 1, 2026

New Year, New Study!

This Spring in worship we will be focused on the Gospel of John and his unique way of inviting us into the radical ways of Jesus. If you want to go deeper than just the Sunday morning message, please plan to join us online any/every Wednesday at 1:30pm (tinyurl.com/zoomcog) for Bible Study where we will get the background of the text and wrestle together with how it applies to our lives. In addition to the scripture, we will rely on the Disciple Bible Curriculum Called “An Invitation to John.” If you cannot do daytime and would still like a Bible Study, please also reach out to Pastor Alisa with any interest.

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

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Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, Feb 11
 - Nonviolent Direct Action Training, 6pm
- Tuesday, Feb 17
 - Pancake Supper, 4:30pm
- Ash Wednesday, February 18
 - FUMCOG service, 8am
 - Lighthouse Fellowship service, 7pm
- Saturday, Feb 21
 - Spiritual Retreat, 9am
 - Neighbors Table, 12pm
- Wednesday, Mar 11
 - Lenten Cluster Service at FUMCOG, 7pm

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.

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| For Willie Little as he continues to heal. | For Pete Sullivan , assistant Pastor of Christ Haven Church and Tim Gibson’s friend. Pete’s health has been getting worse. |
| For all those killed, brutalized, or neglected by ICE. | For Barbara Mitchell’s and Ruth Thornton’s niece, Elaine Crooks , as she recovers from heart surgery. |
| For C. Gloria Akers and her transition to Sunrise Assisted Living in Columbia, MD closer to her daughter, Melanie. | For children, youth, educators and parents traumatized by ongoing school violence. As community members, may we work to change US laws to limit access to guns of war. |
| For Kat Grau’s daughter as she recovers from ankle and foot surgery | For Katreise Ruffin , who is recuperating from open-heart surgery. |
| Prayers of healing for Betty, Joy, Latasha, Kaira, Nate, Kim, Karima & Bridgette . | For Wayne Varnadore who is improving each day. |
| Prayers of comfort for Joy’s family, the Marshall, Redmond, Sameal, & White families . | For Tim Gibson’s aunt Selma Cooper who is sick. |
| Prayers of clarity for Diane and Skyy . | For Jean Young , Barb Revere’s longtime friend, from Omaha, Nebraska, as she’s receiving treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia. |
| For Thea’s healing. | For Ken Espejo , who is recovering after his open-heart surgery. |
| For Donald Knotts , who is healing from cancer. | |
| For Paul T. , friend of the Stahls, following the death of his wife, Linda. | |



POWER Affordability Assembly

Philadelphia’s affordability crisis didn’t happen by accident. Wealthy corporations do not contribute to the quality of life Philadelphians deserve. This man-made crisis has driven up costs of living and impacted access to essential city services and supports for working families, seniors, and young people are eliminated. Yes, we’re angry. Yes, we’re tired, but we’re doing something about it. Philadelphians are organizing, rising to meet the moment, and demanding that the city they’ve put blood and sweat into do its job.

TODAY, February 1st from 3:00pm -- 6:30pm, we will convene our Philadelphia Affordability Assembly at the historic Mother Bethel AME Church to discuss creating the pathway to affordability with city elected officials. It’s time for a city that works for everyone - not just the wealthy.

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-29

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John — 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. 4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” 11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” 13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” 16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” 17 “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” 25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” 26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” 27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

Contemporary Reading

“We keep a troubled vigil at the bedside of the world. Thus we clutch the moment of intimacy in worship when we become momentarily a part of a larger whole, a fleeting strength, which we pit against all the darkness and the dread of our times.”

excerpt from “For the Inward Journey”
by Howard Thurman

Help our Immigrant Neighbors

Join us at an Interfaith Vigil every Monday at 11 at the Ice Field Office and/or bring food to FUMCOG for local Latina families who are not safe to go to work currently. Any non-perishables are helpful, especially rice, beans, oil, and corn flour. Thank you for your support!



**STOP ICE RAIDS
PRAYER VIGIL**

EVERY MONDAY | 11 AM

**OUTSIDE OF
ICE FIELD OFFICE**

**N. 8TH ST. & CHERRY ST.
PHILA., 19106**

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.

Non-Violent Direct Action Training

Non-Violent Direct Action Training at FUMCOG on February 11 at 6 pm. You are invited to this evening of learning of spiritual and mental preparation. We will learn some of the history and theology that roots the wide spectrum of direct action as well as practice some specific skills sets. Please let Pastor Alisa know if you can volunteer to welcome others in and RSVP because there are limited spots.

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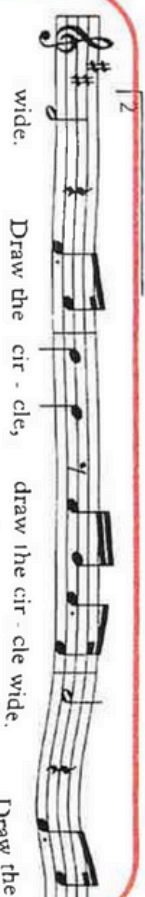


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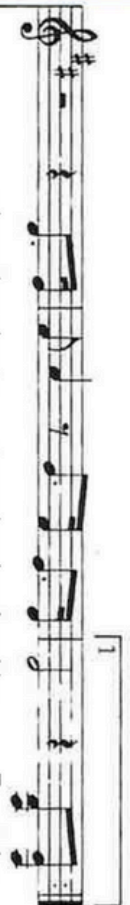
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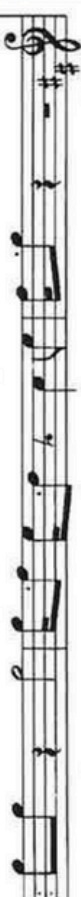


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EMBRACING COMMUNITY WISDOM

*How whole school, classroom, and neighborhood
approaches support transformational learning*



**MONDAY
FEB 9, 2026
7-9 PM**

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A CONVERSATION WITH:

**DR. PAULINE
CHEUNG**

Principal,
Francis Scott Key School



**SUZANNE
CILLI**

Third grade Teacher,
Albert Greenfield School



**MEKIA
ELIZABETH**

Community Impact
Manager, Harmony Hill



**Register
Here**



Forum Moderator:
City Councilmember
Kendra Brooks



Lenten Corner

Pancake Supper

Can you help FUMCOG offer our annual Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 17** for fellowship among members (new and old) and our community? The party will be from 4:30pm - 6:30pm, and all of the families from Ms. Marty's Daycare are invited too. We need cooks and others to help decorate, do crafts with kids, greet, clean-up, etc. Please contact Pastor Alisa (wailoo@fumcog.org or 267-405-1383) if you are interested.



Lenten Devotional Writers

Would you be able/willing to write a short devotional (approx. 250 words but could be shorter) for our FUMCOG Lenten Devotional Guide this year? We would send you 4 scripture suggestions to choose from or you could pick your own. You can also base the devotional on a song or different spiritual quote. You do not have to be a great writer or bible scholar. You can simply share about a personal experience through which you learned about God, faith and/or community or a prayer that has impacted you, etc. Please contact Tamia at pastorsassistantfumcog@gmail.com or Pastor Alisa (wailoo@fumcog.aol) if you have questions or interest. We need all of the devotionals written by **Feb 10**. Thank you!

Lenten Morning Apart

Save the date for a Mini spiritual retreat also known as a 'Lenten Morning Apart' on **Saturday, Feb 21** from 9-12. In this sacred season of connecting with God, Rev. Steph will lead us in embodied prayer practices. Watch for more information to come."



Ash Wednesday

What's that you ask? It's the start of our 40 day preparation for Easter. A day we remember our need for God and our opportunity to walk with Jesus. It's a contemplative and powerful time and we hope you can join us for one of these Ash Wednesday services on **February 18th**:

- Outdoor Service at FUMCOG on High St - short and sweet time of worship to begin the day at 8am
- Mission Link Service with Neighboring Churches at Lighthouse Fellowship UMC at 7pm
 - In-person: 137 N Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038
 - Or online: <https://www.facebook.com/lfumcglenside/live/>

Additionally, FUMCOG will be hosting the Wednesday Lenten service on March 11th at 7pm, with a community meal beforehand. Please contact Pastor Alisa (wailoo@fumcog.org or 267-405-1383) if you can help!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
12 - 2 PM

Come together for a cozy afternoon of
comforting soups, good company, and
connection with friends and neighbors!

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