

Weekly Calendar

Sun, May 3	11:00am	Sunday Morning Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
	12:30pm	New Member Class
Mon, May 4	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Stop ICE Vigil at 8th St. and Cherry St.
	11:00am	Community Fridge Cooking
	7:00pm	Ad Council meeting
Tue, May 5	5:00pm	BLM Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown
	1:30pm	Bible Study
Wed, May 6	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thu, May 7	5:00pm	Ukraine Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown
Fri, May 8	2:00pm	Memorial Service for Roberta Millard
Sat, May 9	9:30am	Adult Academy
	11:00pm	Sunday Morning Worship
Sun, May 10	12:15pm	Linger Lunch

May 17th: Indigenous People's Sunday

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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.

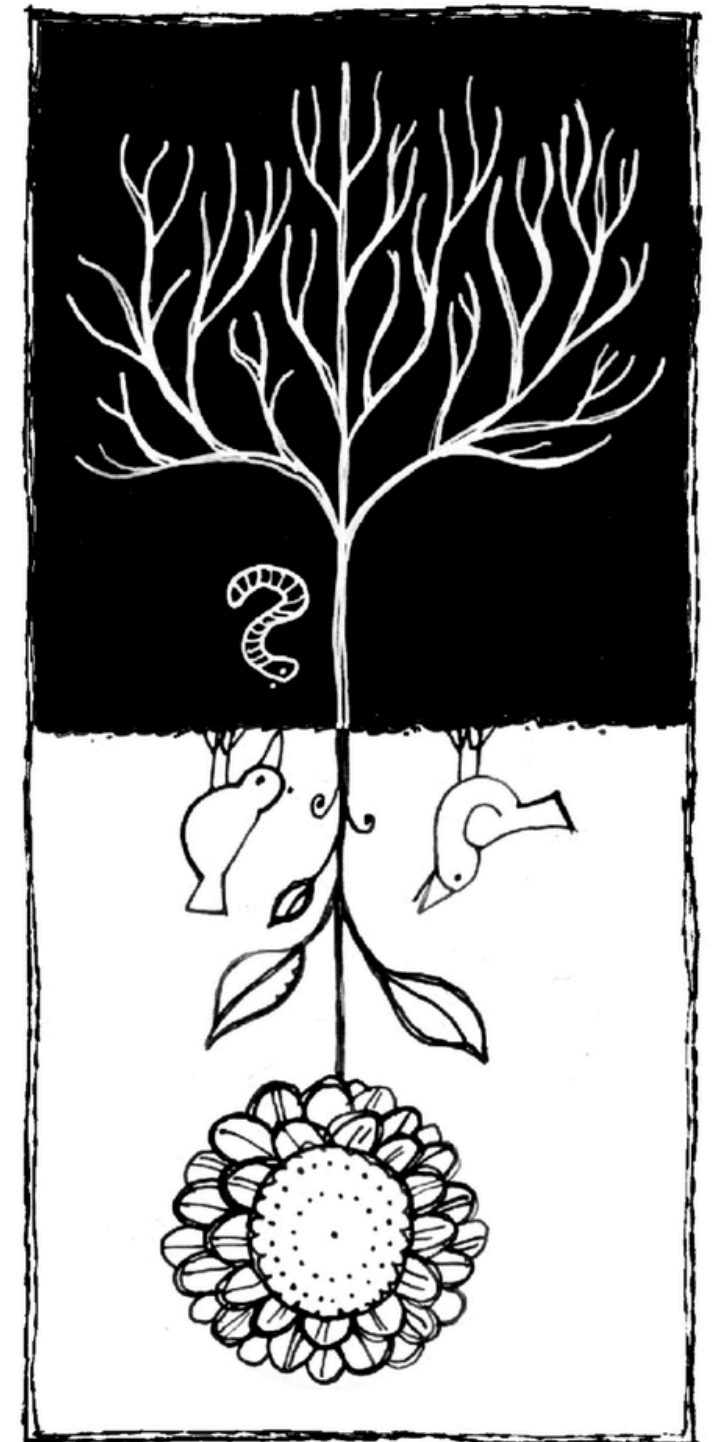
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It was
easy to
love God
in all
that is
beautiful.
The
lessons
of deeper
knowledge,
though,
instructed me
to embrace
God
in all things.

St. Francis of Assisi



Sandy Clay Bauer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 • 11 AM



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, May 3, 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

Alba (Dawn)

Jan Coeck

Valse-Caprice

John Knox

Ashgrove

arr. Geert D'hollander

Andante Tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn,

(from Organ Sonata III

arr. C. Van Eyndhoven

Spring

Aaron David Miller

Prelude

Jodi Bohr

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

We gather together in the presence of God,
The Lord of heaven and earth:

The Creator of our world and everything in it;
The One who gave us life and breath,

The One who is never far away from any of us,
The One in whom we live and move and have our being.

The One who longs for us to know this love that will not let us go.

Let's come to know God in worship together.

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 660 - "God Is Here" verses 1-3

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 United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion adopted by the 2004 General Conference of The United Methodist Church (see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading

Acts 17: 16-28
(see insert for full text)

Special Music

Handbell Choir
"Be Thou My Vision" Traditional, arr. E. Butler

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Wailoo
Worship in the Noise

Silent Reflection

Offertory and Offering FUMCOG Choir
"Sacred Ground" by Benjamin Harlan

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 Communion

Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 304 - "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Benediction

Postlude

Jodi Bohr

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.

This Sunday is Communion Sunday. If you are worshipping virtually, don't forget your elements! The Communion Offering is otherwise known as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is designed for the pastor to help individuals on a case-by-case basis who are in crisis and immediate need. You can give in-person throughout the week, virtually through our website, or send your check to the church office with "Communion Offering" in the memo.

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, May 4
 - Admin Council Meeting, 7pm
- Saturday, May 9
 - Roberta Millard’s Memorial Service, 2pm
- Saturday, May 16
 - Neighbors Table, 12pm
- May 19-21
 - Easter PA Annucal Conference
- Saturday, May 23
 - FUMCOG & Voices of Philadelphia
Music for All of America concert, 3pm
- Saturday, May 30
 - C. Gloria Akers’ Memorial Service, 11am
 - Civil Disobedience Training, 2pm
- Sunday, June 7
 - Worship begins at 10am
 - All Church Annual Meeting, 12pm

Staff and Office Information

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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 and Eileen Gilkenson** as they begin a healing journey for Ray.

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 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 **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.

Today’s altar flowers are in memory of Emmanuel “Manny” Morales, provided by his mother Clara (aka Gabriela) and sister Luz. Four years ago Emmanuel sadly lost his life to Castleman’s disease. Rest in peace, Manny! You are much loved and deeply missed!



Scripture Reading

Acts 17: 16-28

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” 21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

Scripture Reading

(continued)

27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Contemporary Reading

Acts 9:1-11

A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion

The Greek word used in the early church for sacrament is *mysterion*, usually translated mystery. It indicates that through sacraments, God discloses things that are beyond human capacity to know through reason alone. In Latin the word used is *sacramentum*, which means a vow or promise. Holy Baptism and Holy Communion have been chosen and designated by God as special means through which divine grace comes to us. Holy Baptism is the sacrament that initiates us into the body of Christ “through water and the Spirit”. In baptism we receive our identity and mission as followers of Christ. Holy Communion is the sacrament that sustains and nourishes us in our journey of salvation. Sacraments are sign-acts, which include words, actions, and physical elements. They make God’s love both visible and effective. We might even say that sacraments are God’s “show and tell,” communicating with us in a way that we, in all our brokenness and limitations, can receive and experience God’s grace.

adopted by the 2004 General Conference of
The United Methodist Church

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

In the noise of this world, we confess we have
chased many things—
ideas, distractions, and desires that pull us in every
direction.

Yet you are not far from any one of us.

In you we live and move and have our being.

When we were lost among many voices,
you spoke your Word through the prophets.
When we wandered among unknown gods,
you revealed yourself in Jesus Christ—
not distant, but near; not hidden, but made known
in love.

And so, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
In a world full of noise and shallow worship,
he lived a life of deep trust and true devotion.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me.”

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come
again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these elements of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, draw us away from shallow worship
and into lives of deep trust and surrender.
Free us from the idols that fragment our hearts,
and root us in you—the One who is not unknown,
but intimately present, here and now, at this table
and in this community.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Education at FUMCOG

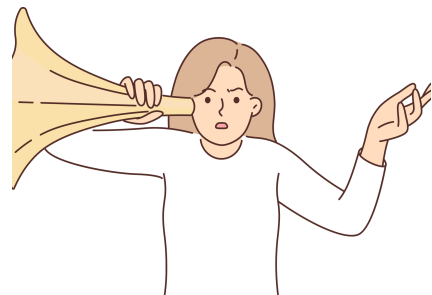
Adult Academy

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:



ICE Response Training

What should your church do if ICE shows up? Join us for an important and timely training led by Rev. Mark Salvacion on **Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM**. This session will cover practical steps for preparedness, provide updates on current immigration policies, and offer space for your questions. Register using the link in Hot Topics.

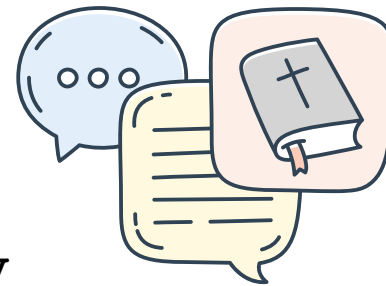


REMINDER

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.

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.



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

CONDUCTORS
ADRIANNA BARNETT
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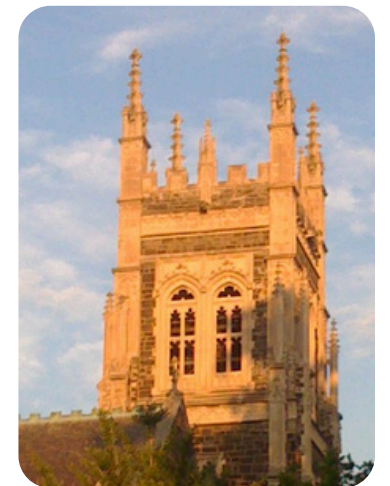
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JODI BOHR

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD AT 3PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144

Summer Carillon Series

Monday Nights at
7:30pm

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



Connection Opportunities

Newish to FUMCOG?

We joyfully invite you to attend our New Members Class. This class will meet on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 on May 3, 17, and 31. 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

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!

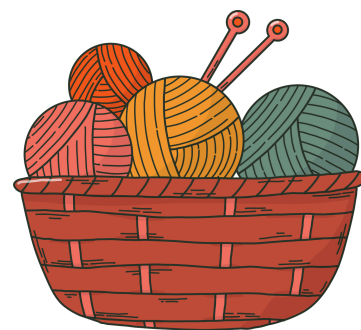


Memorial Service Volunteers

Dear FUMCOGers, This month, we have the bittersweet honor of remembering two stalwart FUMCOG members with Roberta Millard's memorial service on **May 9th at 2pm**, and C. Gloria Akers' memorial service on **May 30th at 11am**. They were much beloved by not only their FUMCOG community, but also by a much wider tapestry of friends and family. To support both the grief and exultation of the day coming to our church we need YOUR help! If you can be present on either day to greet, usher, help with the reception, or even tell people where the restrooms are, please email office@fumcog.org or call the church office at (215) 438-3677.

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).



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.

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!



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!

Family Promise
of Philadelphia

Diaper Drive

Help support local families experiencing housing insecurity

How to Help:

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

All sizes and brands are welcome!

Drop-Off Location:

Family Promise of Philadelphia
7047 Germantown Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19119

