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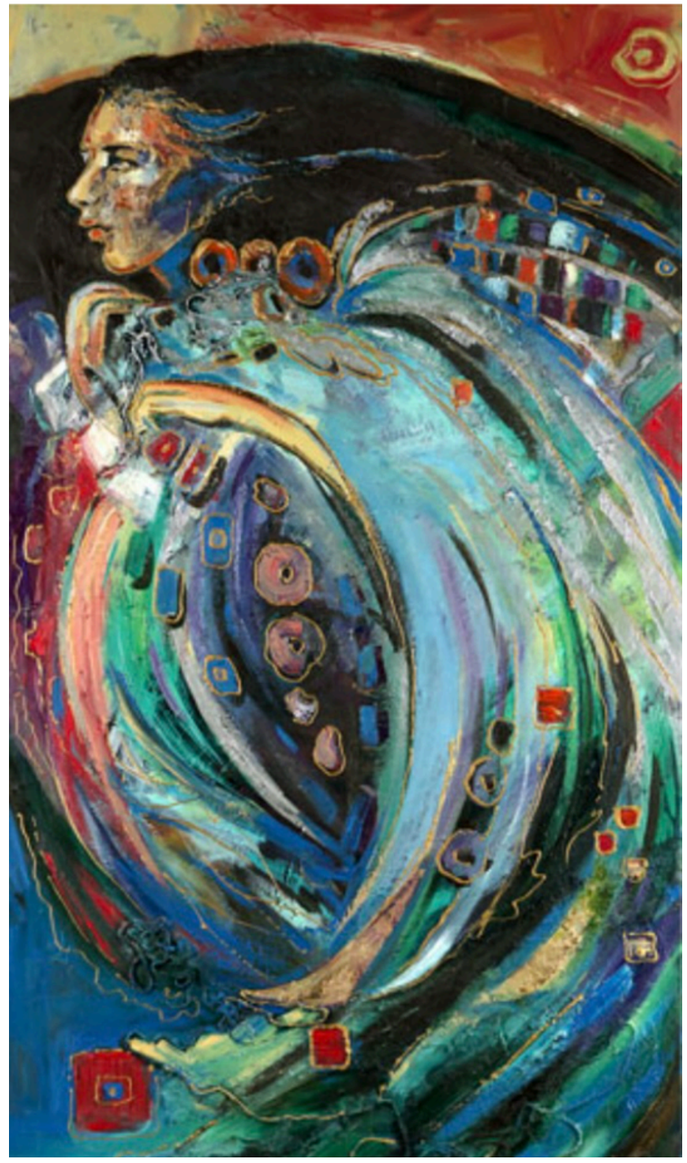
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Welcome To All Coming To Worship!
All people of all ages are invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church. We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God. Congregational responses are in bold type.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

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.

Invitation to Worship & Announcements

Prelude Jodi Bohr

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

One: God of holy wisdom, we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.

All: Our lives are full of information and opinions,

One: but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom –

All: Your wisdom, God – cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

One: Today, O God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning.

All: Today, O God, call us to hear your true wisdom and find hope therein. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 103 - *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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 Kyra Atterbury & Dale Stahl

Sung Response
UMH 394 - *Something Beautiful*

Mission Moment
Bob Byrne, Family Promise

Gathered Prayer Wayne Snover

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response
UMH 394 - *Something Beautiful*

Contemporary Video
(see screens)

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 10:23-24; James 1:2-5*
(see insert for full text)

Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
Grateful by Hezekiah Walker

Sermon Pastor Alisa Wailoo
Navigating AI with Wisdom

Silent Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem & Offering FUMCOG Choir
Gift to be Free, by Rollo Dilworth

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

Offering Prayer
Gracious God, we long for wisdom, but prefer that it be our own. Today, we bring these gifts to your altar as a reminder that we want all of our thoughts and actions to begin with you. As we give, show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promises each and every day. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 577 - *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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.

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

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Insert for Sunday, November 22, 2026

Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, November 22
  - Final Night of *Euripides: Medea,* 3pm
- Wednesday, November 25
  - Das Good Thanksgiving Luncheon, 11am
- Sunday, December 13
  - FUMCOG Candlelight Concert
- Saturday, December 19
  - Neighbors Table, 12pm
  - FUMCOG Christmas Party, 2pm
  - Voices of Philadelphia Concert, 4pm
- Monday, December 21
  - The Longest Night Service, 7pm
- Thursday, December 24
  - Christmas Eve Family Service, 3pm
  - Christmas Eve Chapel Service, 5pm

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.

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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**

Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **Grace Glenn**, who after a stint in the hospital, is now at rehabilitation. She welcomes prayers, cards, calls and texts but please no visits.

For **Florence Sheppard** and her daughter, FUMCOG's own Kristen Pinder, as she moves into hospice.

For **Bruce McNeel** who has returned to Simpson House after a stay at Lankenau and is recovering slowly. Marianna is glad to have him home.

For **Lynne Cox** who had a surprise heart issue and is heading home to heal.

For **Ray Torres'** continued recovery from a minor surgery.

For the family of **Charles Leali,** Larry Young's cousin, who passed away earlier this month

For **Jean Walker** who is recovering from a broken hip.

For **Karen Hermanson** who is battling stage 3 ovarian cancer.

For **Karen Ramsey** who has early-stage Parkinsons.

For **Willie Little** who is improving daily.

For **Luz Morales**, who is recuperating at home in Leiden following her stroke. She continues to go to outpatient therapy every day. She appreciates everyone's prayers.

For **Phyllis Strock,** who recently fell and broke her leg. She is home from the rehabilitation center!

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

For **Jennings Sims** who has been diagnosed with a terminal genetic disease.

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

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

Here is a place you can go to throughout the service and write down what you're left with. What is your prayer today?

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Scripture Readings for November 22, 2026 and Award

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 10:23-24*

23 “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but
not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do
anything”—but not everything is constructive. 24
No one should seek their own good, but the good of
others.

Scripture Reading *James 1:2-5*

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because
you know that the testing of your faith produces
perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so
that you may be mature and complete, not lacking
anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should
ask God, who gives generously to all without
finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Social Racial Justice Award 2027 Nominations

At FUMCOG, we recognize the centrality of the Gospel to issues of justice in our society. The words of the prophet Amos proclaiming, “Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,” call us to action in response to this challenge. It is our tradition each year, on Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday, to recognize a FUMCOG or Community Member with the Social and Racial Justice Award. This award is given in recognition of the work of an individual making a significant contribution toward the resolution of issues of injustice and motivating others to engage in this work.

- A committee formed of previous award recipients will consider each application and make the final decision.
- Please use the nominating form at **tinyurl.com/FUMCOGSRJ2027** to nominate someone for this award.
- The deadline for the 2027 Award submission is **TOMORROW, November 23, 2026**

Education Opportunites

Adult Academy, Reparations, and Linger Lunch & Learn

The FUMCOG Reparations Task Force will be hosting two upcoming Adult Academy sessions with encore Linger Lunch and Learn sessions to share highlights about what we have learned from Anthony Smith and Lucy Duncan of reparationWorks, the consultant team that has been walking with us on our journey. These opportunities will provide the larger congregation essential knowledge and tools that will support all of us in grappling with our faithful call to reparations.

On each of these following dates, both Adult Academy and encore Linger Lunch and Learn sessions will be held. Adult Academy takes place in the Parlor from 9:30am -10:30 am. For those who are unable to attend Adult Academy, the same material will be shared and discussed again during Linger Lunch and Learn for 45 minutes to 1 hour. After worship, grab your Linger Lunch and bring it to the Parlor to engage in what was shared and discussed in Adult Academy that morning.

*Note: The Linger Lunch and Learn for the December 13 Adult Academy session will be held on December 6 due to the Candlelight Service on December 13.

Dec 13, 2026 - The Posture of Repair

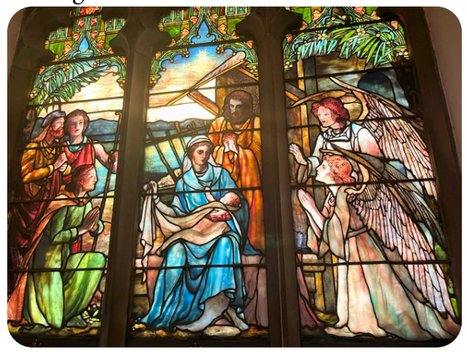
Engaging in reparations calls us into community relationships. What do these relationships look like, sound like and feel like? We will learn about and discuss accompaniment and co-conspiratorship.

Jan 17, 2027 - Reparations in Action

This session will provide an update on FUMCOG’s current reparation partnerships.

Asleep on the Hay w/ Pastor Steph

I’ve spent a lifetime with images, as a painter, a pastor, and someone who has learned that what we see on the surface is rarely the whole story. The artists who painted the nativity weren’t just illustrating a scene. They were preaching. Every color, every gesture, every shadow was saying something about who this child is.



For four sessions, I’d like to sit with you in front of the images of the nativity. Through Roman catacombs, Renaissance masterpieces, & Indigenous and African American artists; whose face do you expect to see in the manger? The answers may surprise you. You don’t need to know anything about art. You only need to be willing to look again. My hope is that by the end, you’ll never see a nativity scene quite the same way. We will meet on **Wednesdays: December 2, 9, & 16** at via Zoom at 8pm. Email Pastor Steph to register.

Dec 6, 2026 - Book Review

All Book Lovers: plan to attend our perennially popular Pre-Holiday Book Review on **Sunday, December 6**, in Adult Academy at 9:30am. Be ready to share one or two books you would enjoy telling us about –in time for holiday gift giving. Sponsored by the United Women in Faith, we welcome all women, men, and nonbinary folks - everyone who enjoys a congenial discussion and a good book. Questions? Contact Faye Ross, 215-984-8968 or fayezross@verizon.net.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 25TH AT
FUMCOG (6001 GERMANTOWN AVE.)
FROM 11AM-3PM
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
THIS IS A NO COST EVENT



Donations can be made at Das Good Cafe
Perishable bakery items must be delivered the day before (Nov. 24th), all other donations can be dropped off at the restaurant during restaurant hours.
Items that can be donated: mashed potatoes, stuffing, canned corn, turkeys (last day for turkey donations are Nov. 23rd), canned green beans

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Drop off location:
Das Good Cafe
322 W. Chelten Ave.
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