

## Weekly Calendar

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- Sun, Mar 1** 11:00am **Sunday Worship** - Pastor Alisa preaching  
12:30pm **Linger Lunch**  
12:30pm **Handbell Rehearsal**
- Mon, Mar 2** 9:00am **Walking Women**  
11:00am **ICE Out Vigil & March** at 8th St & Cherry St.  
7:00pm **Admin Council meeting** via [tinyurl.com/zoomcog](https://tinyurl.com/zoomcog)
- Wed, Mar 4** 1:30pm **Bible Study**  
7:00pm **Mission Link Service** at Jenkintown UMC
- Thu, Mar 5** 7:00pm **Choir Rehearsal**
- Sat, Mar 7** 9:00am **Fridge Team Giveaway**
- Sun, Mar 8** 9:30am **Adult Academy**  
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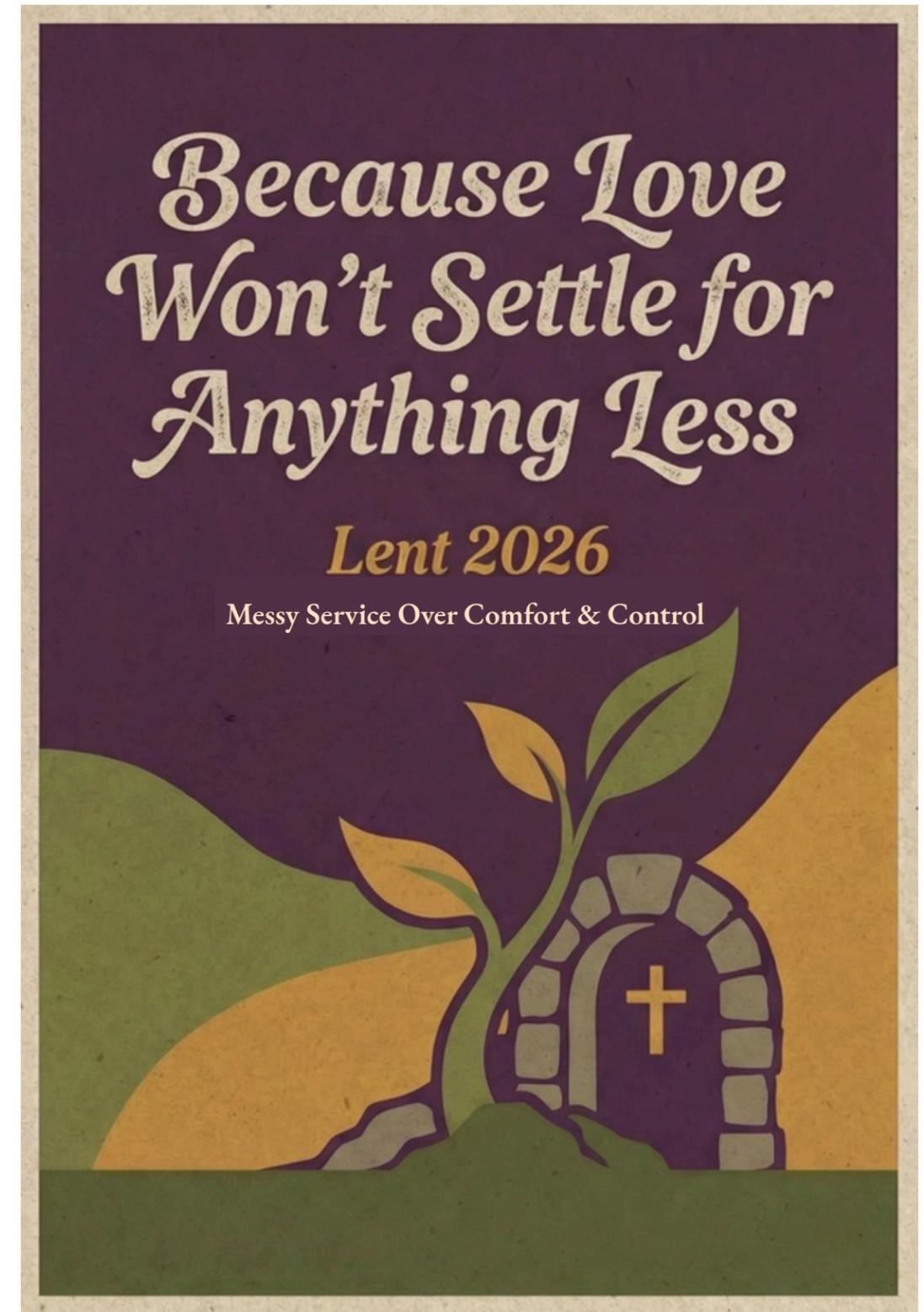
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*The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our 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**

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 • 11 AM**



# First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, March 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

## Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

Leader: Beloved community, in this season of Lent, we follow the One who kneels with a towel and a basin.

**People: We come to worship the Love that refuses to settle.**

Leader: On his way to the cross, Jesus rises from the table and washes his disciples' feet.

**People: He chooses service over status, tenderness over power.**

Leader: He refuses comfort, control, and predictability.

**People: He embodies radical, merciful, messy love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Christ who kneels before us still.

**People: And make us ready to kneel in love for one another.**

## Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 605 - Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

## Passing the Peace

*On Communion Sundays, we do not have a children's message. In lieu of Stories that We Share, the children are invited to join us during holy communion later in the service. This Sunday, there is also a special book reading with them in the rear of the sanctuary.*

## Contemporary Reading

Excerpt from "Tattoos on the Heart"  
by Father Gregory Boyle  
(see insert for full text)

## Scripture Reading John 13: 1-17

(see insert for full text)

## Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 434 - "Cuando El Pobre"  
verse 1 Spanish, verses 1 & 2 English

## Sermon Pastor Alisa Wailoo

*Messy Service Over Comfort & Control*

## Invitation to Offering

## Anthem & Offering FUMCOG Choir

"Blessings" by Laura Mixon Story,  
arr. Heather Sorenson

## 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 (and optional foot washing)

*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.*

*The tradition of foot washing originates in the New Testament where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. In the same way that Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me," in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the wine, Christians join in the washing of the feet as a remembrance. We follow the path of Jesus as leaders who serve others. If you would like to experience the ritual of the washing of your feet or hands please join Revs. Alisa and Steph at the baptismal font.*

## Communion Hymn

W&S 3168 - "Come to the Table of Grace"  
(lyrics on screens & insert)

## Prayer After Communion

## Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

"I Need You To Survive" by Hezekiah Walker  
(lyrics on screens & insert)

## Benediction

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

## Postlude

Jodi Bohr

*Flowers on the altar today are given in memory of David Atwood, brother of Marion Brown.*



*Thank you for joining us 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.*

Marion Brown, liturgist  
Geovanni Andujar, tech  
Wayne Snover, tech  
Ann Perrone, tech  
Dan Ros, tech  
Jodi Bohr, piano & organ



### Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, Mar 11
  - Lenten Cluster Service at FUMCOG, 7pm
- Sunday, Mar 15
  - Scout Sunday, 11am
- Saturday, Mar 21
  - Neighbors Table, 12pm
  - Direct Action Training, 1pm
- Saturday, Mar 28
  - Community Party, 12pm
- Palm Sunday, Mar 29
- Easter Sunday, Apr 5
- Friday & Saturday, Apr 17-18
  - All Church Anti-Racism Training
- Sunday, Apr 26
  - Germantown Jazz Festival, 2pm
- Saturday, May 9
  - Roberta Millard memorial service, 2pm
- Saturday, May 23
  - FUMCOG & Voices of Philadelphia concert
- Sunday, Jun 14
  - All Church Annual Meeting, 12pm

### Staff and Office Information

#### Office Hours

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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 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!

### 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](http://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.

Prayers of healing for **Krista Hansen** and for a prompt diagnosis of new health concerns.

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

For the family of **Fred Gardner**, uncle of Rich Gardner, who passed away on February 9th at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife Gael and children Ted and Claire.

For the loved ones of **Roberta Millard** upon her sudden peaceful passing last month. Her memorial service will be on May 9 at 2pm.

For the family of **C. Gloria Akers**, who passed away on February 4. We are planning to celebrate her life at FUMCOG in the spring, but for the time being you can share your condolences and love of Gloria with her daughter Melanie Alston-Akers at 10759 Cordage Walk, Columbia, MD 21044

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

For all those killed, brutalized, or neglected by ICE.

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

Prayers of healing for **Betty, Joy, Latasha, Kaira, Nate, Kim, Karima & Bridgette**.

Prayers of comfort for **Joy's family**, the **Marshall, Redmond, Sameal, & White** families.

Prayers of clarity for **Diane and Skyy**.

For **Thea's** healing.

For **Paul T.**, friend of the Stahls, following the death of his wife, Linda.

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

For **Pete Sullivan**, assistant Pastor of Christ Haven Church and Tim Gibson's friend. Pete's health has been getting worse.

For Barbara Mitchell's and Ruth Thornton's niece, **Elaine Crooks**, as she recovers from heart surgery.

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 **Wayne Varnadore** who is improving each day.

For Tim Gibson's aunt **Selma Cooper** who is sick.

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

### Communion Sunday

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.



## Reading & Announcements

### Scripture Reading

John 13: 1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

### Contemporary Reading

Once the homeless began to sleep in the church at night, there was always the faintest evidence that they had. Come Sunday morning, we'd "foo-foo" the place as best we could — sprinkle 'I Love My Carpet' on the rugs, vacuum like crazy, strategically place potpourri — all to combat this lingering, pervasive reminder that nearly fifty men had spent the night there. Still, try as we might, the smell remained. The grumbling set in, and people spoke of "churching" elsewhere.

So one Sunday I asked in the homily, "What's the church smell like?" Mortified, people searched their purses, avoided eye contact. Finally an old man boomed out, "*Huele a patas*" — "Smells like feet."

I responded, "Excellent. But why does it smell like feet?" A woman said, "Because many homeless men slept here last night?" I asked, "Well then, why do we let that happen here?" Another voice: "*Es nuestro compromiso*" — "It's what we've committed to do." "And why would anyone commit to that?" A third voice: "*Porque es lo que haría Jesús*" — "Because it's what Jesus would do."

Then I asked, "Well then, what does the church smell like now?" A man stood and bellowed, "*Huele a nuestro compromiso*" — "It smells like commitment." Someone waved their arms and shouted, "*Huele a rosas*" — "Smells like roses." And the packed church roared with laughter and new kinship — embracing someone else's odor as their own. The stink hadn't changed: only how the people saw it. They had begun to embody the call to compassion — to "stand in the right place" with the outcast.

Excerpt from "Tattoos on the Heart"  
by Father Gregory Boyle

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.  
From the earth you bring forth bread and create the  
fruit of the vine.

You fed us manna in the wilderness,  
and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land.  
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.  
Emptying himself that our joy might be full,  
he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the  
outcast and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet,  
and gave a holy meal as a sign of his abiding  
presence.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and  
resurrection you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the  
Spirit.

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 many 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 gifts 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 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 God, now and for ever. **Amen.**