

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Jan 11	11:00am	Sunday Worship - Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster III preaching
	12 :30am	Potluck Linger Lunch
	12:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Mon, Jan 12	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Cooking
		Stop ICE Raids Vigil
Wed, Jan 13	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thu, Jan 14	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Jan 18	9:30am	Adult Academy
	11:00am	Sunday Worship - Haywood, Lopez & Tekelioglu speaking
	12:30pm	Linger Lunch
	12:30pm	New Member Class
	12:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal

MLK Sunday Panelists


We are excited to invite 3 distinguished panelists on MLK Sunday next week: Senator Art Haywood, Rev. Noe Gabriel Lopez, and Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu, PhD. We hope you'll come listen to them at our 11am service next Sunday, January 18th!

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18 JAN
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JOIN US!
IN PERSON OR
LIVESTREAM

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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 Wailoo • Interim Pastor of Spiritual Connection Rev. Stephen Heilakka
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Lord of the flood, wash us with your Spirit
that we may be your ark of life,
your peace in the sea of violence...
Teach us to cling to our baptisms,
where we were drowned and reborn
by the water and fire
of your Spirit. So
reborn, make us
unafraid.

Stanley Hauerwas
Prayers Plainly Spoken



Baptism of the Lord Sunday
JANUARY 11, 2026 • 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, January 11, 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.

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal

SoZ - Songs of Zion

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

Jesse Ratcliff

Golden Bells from 2nd Suite for Carillon - Robert Kleinschmidt (Robert served as carillonneur at FUMCOG in the late 40's).

Sheep May Safely Graze - J.S. Bach, arr. T. Rusterholz

Arioso from A Simple Suite - Ronald Barnes

He Leadeth Me - arr. Charles T. Chapman

Kumbaya - arr. Alice Gomez

Prelude

Jodi Bohr

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
by Albert L Peace, arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

All: Jesus emerges from the water.

One: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

All: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

One: Jesus is named. Claimed.

All: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

One: Can it be so? What a thing to be named.
Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

~ by Caela Wood, Pastor at the First Congregational
United Church of Christ in Manhattan, Kansas

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

TFWS 2107 - “Wade in the Water”

Passing the Peace

All young ones and young at heart are welcome to come forward during this time for the children’s message.

Connections and Announcements

Stories That We Share

Laura Stahl

Sung Response

TFWS 2117 - “Spirit of God” verse 1

Gathered Prayer

Sung Response

TFWS 2117 - “Spirit of God” verse 3

Contemporary Reading

An excerpt from *By Water and the Spirit:
A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism*
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

(see insert for full text)

Introduction of the Speaker

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

AAHH 675 - “Take Me to the Water” verses 1, 3, 4, 6

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster III

Remember Your Baptism

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 608 - “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

Baptismal Renewal

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir

“All Things New” by Elaine Hagenberg

Doxology

Standing with body and spirit

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

Offering Prayer

God of justice, mercy, and abundance,

we come to you with gratitude for the gifts we have received—for this community, for the land that sustains us, and for the many ways you continue to offer life and possibility.

As we bring our offerings today, we also bring honesty. We acknowledge that we live on land taken from Indigenous peoples and within systems shaped by the labor and suffering of enslaved people.

**We name these truths not in shame alone,
but out of a longing to live more fully into your vision of wholeness.**

Offering Prayer (cont.)

Receive these gifts as signs of our commitment to repair—to reparations that are not only financial, but relational, spiritual, and systemic.

**Thank you, God, for your steady presence,
for the hope that change is possible,
and for the invitation to participate in your ongoing work of renewal.**

May these offerings help shape a future rooted in truth, repair, and abundant life for all.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

SoZ 138 - “Study War No More” verses 1, 2, 6
(see insert for lyrics)

Benediction

Postlude

Jesse Ratcliff

“Toccata from *The Hemony Suite*” by Albert De Klerk



The altar flowers this Sunday are given by Ann Perrone in memory of her mother, Clarice Herbert.

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. You are also invited to Pilling Hall immediately following the postlude for Potluck Linger Lunch.

Wayne Snover, liturgist

Kristen Pinder, reader

Geo Andujar, tech

John Bustard, tech

Barbara Revere, tech

Ann Perrone, tech

Jodi Bohr, piano & organ



Insert for Sunday, January 11, 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 1:30 (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!

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**



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Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, Jan 18
MLK Jr. Sunday, 11am
- Monday, Jan 19
FUMCOG Office Closed
MLK Day of Action, 11am
Community Cooking, 11am
- Monday, Jan 26
New Women’s Group
- Monday, Jan 31
We Walk by Faith event, 2pm
- Ash Wednesday, February 18



Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **C. Gloria Akers** and her transition to Sunrise Assisted Living in Columbia, MD closer to her daughter, Melanie.

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

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

Prayers of comfort for the **Marshall family**, the **Byrd family**, **Isaac & the Carlton family.**

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

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

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

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

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 **Katreise Ruffin**, a scout parent who is recuperating from open-heart surgery.

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.

For **Ken Espejo**, who is recovering after his open-heart surgery.

FUMCOG Social Racial Justice Award 2026

For 28 years, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, FUMCOG has awarded a FUMCOG or community member with the Social Racial Justice Award. This award is given in recognition of the work of an individual making a significant contribution toward resolution of issues of injustice and motivating others to engage in this work. It has been the practice of the award committee, composed of former recipients of the award, to keep the name/s of the current year’s award recipient/s a secret until Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday. Last year, the committee decided to revise that practice.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Christine Schaeffer and Ken Weinstein will be the recipients of this year’s Social Racial Justice Award. We warmly invite you to attend morning worship on January 18, 2026, to hear about the noteworthy contributions Christine and Ken have made to resolving issues of injustice. A reception will be held following morning worship where we can personally thank Christine and Ken for their contributions. Please join us!



Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved,’ with whom I am well pleased.’

Study War No More lyrics

Verse 1

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside, Gonna study war no more.

Refrain: I ain’t gon’ study war no more. (6x)

Verse 2

Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside, (3x)
Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside, Gonna study war no more.

Refrain: I ain’t gon’ study war no more. (6x)

Verse 6

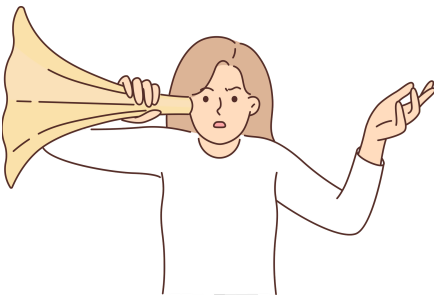
Gonna meet my loving Jesus
Down by the riverside, (3x)
Gonna meet my loving Jesus
Down by the riverside, Gonna study war no more.

Refrain: I ain’t gon’ study war no more. (6x)

Contemporary Reading

Baptism is the doorway to the sanctified life. The sacrament teaches us to live in the expectation of further gifts of God’s grace. It initiates us into a community of faith that prays for holiness; it calls us to life lived in faithfulness to God’s gift. Baptized believers and the community of faith are obligated to manifest to the world the new redeemed humanity which lives in loving relationship with God and strives to put an end to all human estrangements. There are no conditions of human life (including age or intellectual ability, race or nationality, gender or sexual identity, class or disability) that exclude persons from the sacrament of baptism. We strive for and look forward to the reign of God on earth, of which baptism is a sign.

- excerpt from *By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism*



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.

Cooking with Our Neighbors

Germantown Community Fridges are a 24/7 mutual aid resource that helps combat food insecurity and food waste in Philadelphia, specifically in the Germantown neighborhood. FUMCOG is blessed to host a fridge under our High St. porch and cook together. This year we put over 13,000 fresh cooked meals into the Fridge! Come on January 19th at 11 am to help us make delicious meals for our neighbors. Reach out to germantownfridge@gmail.com for more information and cooking times.



We Walk by Faith Event

As we move through this season remembering the life and witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this gathering offers space to ground ourselves in faith that is both reflective and active. In the spirit of Dr. King’s call to justice rooted in love, we will reconnect, reflect, and discern together how we are being called to respond in this moment. We’ll explore why we act as people of faith, where we are being invited to show up in our communities, and how we move forward through mutual aid, organizing, and shared commitment. There will be light refreshments, intentional conversation, and time to strengthen relationships across our churches and justice efforts.

You can register using the link in Hot Topics for this January 31st event.



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.



New Women’s Group

Would you like to connect with other young/middle aged women at FUMCOG? We have many wonderful women, both new to the church and long-timers, who can’t do daytime gatherings but would still love to connect for study, service, food, friendship, support... you name it. Pastor Alisa is hosting a gathering at her house simply to meet each other and explore interest in a regular monthly group. She’d love to hear what you are thinking or would like to see here at FUMCOG. So please come, **Monday, January 26** at 6:30 pm and email [Alisa\(wailoo@fumcog.org\)](mailto:Alisa(wailoo@fumcog.org)) for directions.