Weekly Calendar

Sun, Nov 15	11:00am	**Morning Worship Service** - Pastor Alisa preaching
	12:15pm	**Linger Lunch**
	3:00pm	**Drama Group of Germantown Presents:** ***Euripides Medea***
Mon, Nov 16	9:00am	**Walking Women**
	11:00am	**Stop ICE Vigil** at 8th St. and Cherry St.
	11:00am	**Community Fridge Cooking**
Tue, Nov 17	4:00pm	**BLM Vigil** - Unitarian Society of Germantown
Wed, Nov 18	1:30pm	**Bible Study** via Zoom
Thu, Nov 19	7:00pm	**Choir Rehearsal**
Fri, Nov 20	4:00pm	**Ukraine Vigil** - Unitarian Society of Germantown
	7:00pm	**Drama Group of Germantown Presents:** ***Euripides Medea***
Sat, Nov 21	12:00pm	**Neighbors Table Community Meal**
	7:00pm	**Drama Group of Germantown Presents:** ***Euripides Medea***
Sun, Nov 22	9:30am	**Adult Academy**
	11:00am	**Morning Worship Service** - Pastor Alisa preaching
	12:15pm	**Potluck Linger Lunch**
	3:00pm	**Drama Group of Germantown Presents:** ***Euripides Medea***

DONATE FOOD THIS WEEK!

Dear FUMCOG friends. For those of you who are newer to church David Hill and I take a non-perishable food donation every month to United Methodist Neighborhood Services in North Philadelphia. The need is great and we warmly welcome new donors. All non-perishable food items are fine. This month we are also collecting personal care items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and hand/body lotion). We will take our November donation on Wednesday, November 25. We will put a box on our porch on Friday, November 20. For those of you who prefer to take a donation to church please let us know so we can connect with you. Our contact information is in the church directory. Many, many thanks, Lucy and David Hill

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SEEING TRUTH IN THE AGE OF AI

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 • 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, November 15, 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
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

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*

Leader: In a world full of voices, opinions, and competing claims, how do we know what is true?
People: We come seeking truth that is deeper than facts and stronger than fear.

Leader: Jesus invites us to look beyond what is easy, popular, or convenient.
People: To listen with open hearts, to question with courage, and to follow with faith.

Leader: The Bible says, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Bots claim they can help us calculate the same.
People: May we encounter truth that transforms and truth in love that liberates. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
TFWS 2004 - *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

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 Dale Stahl & Beverly Lucas

Sung Response
UMH 454 - *Open My Eyes, That I May See* vs 1

Mission Moment
Millicent Clark, Neighborhood Services

Gathered Prayer Ann Perrone

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response
UMH 454 - *Open My Eyes, That I May See* vs 2

Contemporary Reading
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading *select verses from John*
(see insert for full text)

Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 164 - *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* vs 1

Sermon Pastor Alisa Wailoo
Discerning Divine Truth in a Digital Age

Silent Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem & Offering FUMCOG Choir
O Nata Lux composed by Porter"

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

Offering Prayer
God of truth, we confess the harm humans have done and the old biases AI builds upon. May our gifts help uncover injustice, not repeat it, and move us toward your truth rooted in love, justice, and liberation. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*
UMH 465 - *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

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 15, 2026

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, November 16
  - 1st class for *Asleep on the Hay: Advent Study*
- Saturday, November 21
  - Neighbors Table, 12pm
- Friday, November 22
  - Final Night of *Euripides: Medea,* 3pm
- Wednesday, November 25
  - Das Good Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 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

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.

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**

Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **Ray Torres'** continued recovery from a minor surgery this week. There is a caring bridge link in Hot Topics.

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

For the family of **Rev. Fred Day**, who passed on Thursday, October 30.

For **Kristen Ruff** & her daughter **Frankie** as they continue to grieve the passing of Amanda Bruton, their wife & mother respectively. A link to her celebration of life is in Hot Topics.

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

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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FUMCOG Small Groups

Wednesday 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. Simply email wailoo@fumcog.org to be added to the group email and join the FUMCOG zoom at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays. PLEASE NOTE: No Bible Study on Wednesday, Nov 25 due ot the THanksgiving Holiday.



Ongoing Vigils

The prayer vigils to stop ICE raids are 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).

The weekly BlackLivesMatter and Stand with Ukraine vigils also continue in front of the Unitarian Church on Lincoln Drive. Both begin at **4pm** with BLM being on Tuesdays and Ukraine support on Fridays.

Women's Walking Group



Love to walk? Do you connect best while surrounded by all of God's creation? All women are invited to join our Monday morning walking group in the Wissahickon. We meet at 9:00am at Northwestern Ave. and Forbidden Drive. Please contact Cara Herold (267-257-5984) if you have any questions.

Come VOLUNTEER for a Community Thanksgiving Meal

Tipsy Cafe & Catering

7TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

DAS GOOD CAFE — DAS JUST GOOD FOOD

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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.
215-804-9449

RECLAIM PHILADELPHIA

Join Scouting at FUMCOG!

Scouts BSA offers families a way to help their children, male, female, and non-binary, from Kindergarten to age 17 to grow up to be skilled and confident young adults through adventure, enrichment and family fun. Join the diverse Cub Pack and Scout Troops here at FUMCOG serving children and youth in Germantown and throughout the city. Contact Ann Perone (abperrone.1719@gmail.com) for more information.

Food & Fellowship







The Drama Group of Germantown: *Euripides Medea*

Facing exile, mourning the loss of her love, feeling used and discarded, Medea's sadness turns to unmitigated rage. Surrounded by neighbors and faithful servants, she tries to work through her grief and plan a way to move on without Jason. But in this ancient cautionary tale we see how love can turn to hate, and how hate can consume even those thought to be favored by the Gods. How far will a spurned woman go just to assert her power and freedom. In this modern staging, with movement and visual imagery, come witness the epic tragedy of Medea in FUMCOG's Pilling Hall.

Show Dates:
Fridays, November 22 at 7pm
Saturdays, November 21 at 7pm
Sundays, November 15 & 22 at 3pm