

Weekly Calendar

Sun, May 18	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service - Rev. Jackie Newsome preaching
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
Mon, May 19		FUMCOG Office Closed
	9:00am	Walking Women
Tue, May 20	10:00am	Holy Trouble
	7:00pm	Bible Study - FUMCOG Parlor
Wed, May 21	1:30pm	Bible Study - via Zoom
Thu, May 22	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, May 25	9:30am	No Adult Academy
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching
	12:15pm	Linger Lunch
	6:00pm	Voices of Philadelphia: A Jazzy Cabaret

Scouts for Hire

Once again, the youth of BSA Troops 1719 B and 1313 G, ages 11-17, are offering our services for hire. We are raising funds together so that every family can afford to send their Scouts to summer camp. We are registered to attend Camp Ockanickon in Bucks County this July. Sending city kids to camp is one of the best ways to decrease violence and increase community in Philadelphia. If you live in Northwest Philadelphia (Germantown, Roxborough, Manayunk, Mt. Airy, or Chestnut Hill), we can help with:

yard work • assembling IKEA furniture • installing window AC units • garage or basement clean-outs
stacking firewood • putting out patio furniture • sorting and organizing stuff
...and anything else strong young folks (and their parents) can do.

Please email Tracey Rockemore (tracy.rockmore2@gmail.com) to arrange a time. Pay what you think is fair. Thank you for your support of FUMCOG Scouts!

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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.

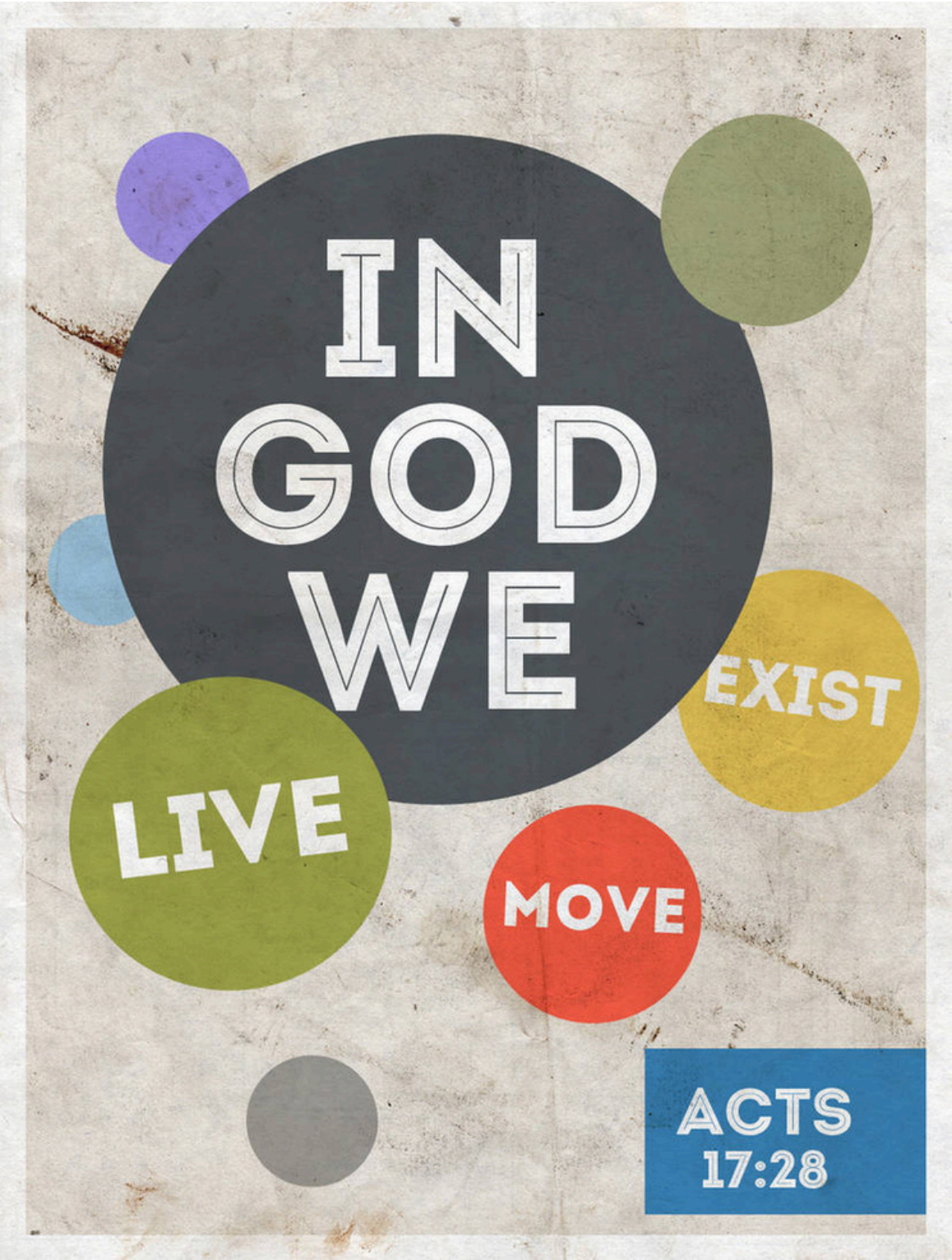
Lead Pastor Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo • Assistant Pastor Rev. Jacqueline Newsome

Director of Music Adrianna Barnett • Office Administrator Michael Yancey

Organist/Pianist Jodi Acker Bohr • Media Specialists Mandonnah Mahallati & Joey Ward



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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 • 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, May 18, 2025 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

AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal

Carillon Prelude

Announcements & 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

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

One: Come, beloved of God,
gather to hear the good news that breaks barriers
and builds bridges.

**All: Just as Peter was called to see God's grace
in unexpected places, so are we called to
witness God's work beyond our comfort and
expectation.**

One: We come, ready to listen,
open to the Spirit who speaks through visions,
voices, and new understanding.

**All: We rejoice that God's love knows no
bounds, and God's gift of repentance leads all
to life.**

One: Let us worship the God who welcomes all,

**All: the God who breaks down dividing walls,
and the God who gives the Spirit without
discrimination.**

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 399 - "Take my Life and Let it Be "

Welcome and Passing the Peace

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

Children's Message

Sung Response

TFWS 2052 - "The Lone, Wild Bird" v. 2

Gathered Prayer

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.**

Sung Response

TFWS 2052 - "The Lone, Wild Bird" v. 5

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-2; 11-18
(see insert for full text)

Contemporary Reading

Excerpt from James Weldon Johnson's Poem
"Prodigal Son"

Reflection

Rev. Jackie Newsome
Who was I that could hinder God?

Hymn

UMH 393 - "Spirit of the Living God"

Connections and Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir
"The Peace of Wild Things"
lyrics by Wendell Berry, music by Jake Runestad

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer

**God, we know that we are standing on stolen
land. We know that we are living in a country
that was built on slave labor. We confess these
things to you today because we are tired of
living this way. Help us to use these offerings
for reparations so that we can begin to heal
ourselves and the harm we have done to others.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit
AAHH 466 - "Here Am I"
(see screens)

Benediction

Postlude

*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 day. You are also invited to
Pilling Hall immediately following the postlude for
Linger Lunch!*

Wayne Snover, liturgist
Lucretia Browning, prayer
Mandonnah Mahallati, tech
John Bustard, tech
Dan Ross, tech
Jodi Bohr, piano & organ



Insert for Sunday, May 18, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, May 31
HealYourLove. Meditation, 9:30am
Black Men's Conference, 11:30am
Neighbor's Table Community Meal, noon
- Sunday, June 1
Celebrating 30yrs of partnership with Fonkoze
- Sunday, June 8
Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday, 11am
Churchwide Picnic, 12:30pm
- Sunday, June 15
Summer worship begins, 10am
Celebrating our graduates in worship
- Saturday, June 20
Voices of Philadelphia Fish Fry, 3pm
- Sunday, June 21
Voices of Philadelphia Juneteenth concert, 3pm

Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

***Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm**

Our Pastors take Sabbath on Mondays

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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!

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 is coordinating with their Pastor for food delivery. There is a box in the sanctuary as well as Pilling Hall. Any non-perishables are helpful: especially rice, beans, oil, and corn flour. Thank you for your support!



Prayers & Fellowship

Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

Prayers for **Rev. Bob Coombe** and his children, Jess & Jeff, following Rev. Coombe's cancer diagnosis.

For **Mariana Eckard**, who is recovering well at Lankenau Hospital.

Prayers of healing for **Geraldine, Betty, Nate, Karina, Isaac, & Joan**. Prayers of direction for **Skyy**.

For the family of **Marsha Bettner**, who passed away on April 23. Marsha was the office assistant to Wayne Varnadore.

For **Nadine Hackman**, friend of Celeste Zappala who was paralyzed by a fall and is in Magee rehab receiving intensive therapy.

For **Bob Smart**, who has returned home after being hospitalized due to several diabetic emergencies.

For **Susanne Johnson**, friend of Rev. Jackie, who has been hospitalized.

For **Judy Robinson** as she navigates health concerns.

For **our confirmands!** May they know they are completely loved just as they are, always.

For **Sophy Gamber** as they prepare for their appointment as senior pastor of Bensalem UMC beginning July 1.

For **Andy Singer**, brother-in-law of Anne Toensmeier, and his continued recovery from injuries.

For **Corey Walker**, Jean Walker's great nephew, who is recovering from a serious health issue.

For healing for **Patrica Hayward**, Nicole Bull's mother.



Prayer for Annual Conferences

Pastor Alisa will be away this week, this time for the Eastern PA Annual Conference. Please pray for all delegates to this and other annual conferences happening around our globe, as this year they will be voting on important legislation relating to the inclusion of **all** in our denomination.

Potluck Linger Lunch

No Linger lunch on May 25, Memorial day weekend.

Our June potluck will be a picnic, on **June 8**, and a time to celebrate the wonderful group of young folks who will be confirmed that day- that will be our last Linger Lunch till September. There will be Lemonade Lull during the summer when we have 10 am services. We do need some volunteers to help out during the summer, preparing and serving the Lemonade, (and volunteers are needed any time!)

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 **June 15th**.

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-2; 11-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him.

11 Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. 12 The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. 13 He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. 14 He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

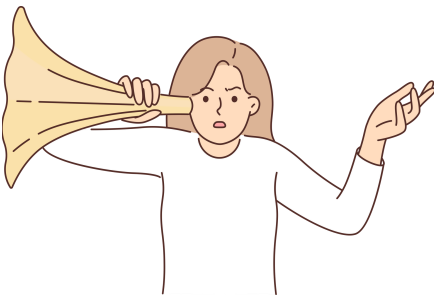
15 “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” 18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Contemporary Reading

Young man—
Young man—
Your arm’s too short to box with God.

But Jesus spake in a parable, and he said:
A certain man had two sons.
Jesus didn’t give this man a name,
But his name is God Almighty.
And Jesus didn’t call these sons by name,
But ev’ry young man,
Ev’rywhere,
Is one of these two sons.

Excerpt from James Weldon Johnson’s Poem
“Prodigal Son”



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.

Volunteers for Uncle Bobbies Event

It is always helpful to have a few friendly FUMCOG faces present, so please come help as an usher or greeter at the next Uncle Bobbies Author event:



You can purchase tickets at unclebobbies.com/events
If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office and plan to arrive at 5:45pm.
GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY FRIDGE PRESENTS:

NEIGHBORS TABLE

SATURDAY, MAY 31

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy delicious cookout foods. Good food, great vibes, and community fun!

BURGERS - HOT DOGS - SALADS

Vegetarian options available!

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Adult Academy

Join us on Sundays at 9:30am in Cassel Parlor

May 25 - No Adult Academy

June 1 - 30th Anniversary of FUMCOG-APF/Fondwa Twinning Relationship

Please join us for this special Adult Academy in which FUMCOGers and friends will share stories and experiences of their trips to Haiti and how these trips impacted their lives at the time and how the experiences continue to influence their life paths. FUMCOG has sponsored many trips to Haiti since the early 1990s in order to strengthen our partnership with the people of Fondwa, to learn about their culture, and to learn how we can support their efforts to become a self-sustaining and thriving community in the midst of enormous economic, environmental and political challenges. We'll start with a brief history of our twinning project with the APF and then open it up to trip attendees to talk about their experiences. We'll finish up with a report on the country's current status and hopes for the future.

June 8 - Ty Fowler, of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL), will share with us in AA about the health and protection of the Delaware watershed from a science, religious, and justice perspective. Ty is the Southeast Regional Organizer and Coordinator for PA IPL. PA IPL, a Julia Morgan Fund recipient, is an interfaith environmental organization with a focus on responding to the climate crisis as a moral imperative. Come and learn more about why environmental issues intersect with the ministries of religious groups. There will also be an important update from FUMCOG's Climate Action Committee on the solar project in Hunting Park.

Beautify FUMCOG Work Days

Did you know that we are having an Open House on June 4 at FUMCOG for local non-profits and community leaders to learn more about our space and explore how we can partner for mercy, justice, and liberation work in our community. But we need to get our space ready. Can you please help us clean, organize and beautify some of our available spaces? You can come anytime on Saturdays May 24 and May 31 from 9-1. Coming by for even an hour would be so helpful. Reach out to Tom Loder with questions or to RSVP at TTLoder@duanemorris.com. Thanks in advance!



BLACK LOVE HEALING CIRCLE

*Breath Work, Sound Healing, &
Reflection Space welcome to
anyone in the Black Community*

CURATED BY HEALYOURLOVE

MAY 31ST | 9:30 AM | FUMCOG GYMNASIUM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

\$15 PER PERSON

First United Methodist Church of
Germantown Presents...

BLACK MEN'S

Conference 2025



**Saturday, May 31st
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

Join us in Pilling Hall at
6001 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

*A powerful gathering focused on
empowerment, connection, and growth. This
conference is a space for Black men of all ages
to come together for honest conversations,
spiritual renewal, and practical tools.*

Scan to Register!





Northwest Philly Town Hall

JUNE 8, 2025

3:00-5:00PM
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
109 E. PRICE STREET, PHILADELPHIA PA 19144

Our Agenda



We are hosting a town hall to address the growing issue of housing affordability in our city! Join us, as we come together on this issue that greatly impacts our most vulnerable community members.

What to Expect

- ✓ Engage in conversation with council members and partner on finding solutions to the housing crisis.
- ✓ Hear testimonies from housing advocates, faith leaders and policy makers.

Register
www.powerinterfaith.org/calendar

TOWN
HALL
MEETING

