

Weekly Calendar

Sun, Apr 13	11:00am	Palm/Passion Sunday Service - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching
	12:30pm	Potluck Linger Lunch
Mon, Apr 14		FUMCOG Office Closed
	9:00am	Walking Women
	11:00am	Community Fridge Cooking - FUMCOG kitchen
Tue, Apr 15	10:00am	Holy Trouble
	7:00pm	Bible Study - FUMCOG Parlor
Wed, Apr 16	1:30pm	Bible Study - via Zoom
Thu, Apr 17	3:00pm	Holy Trouble
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service - Bickley's New Beginning UMC
Fri, Apr 18	12:00pm	Seven Last Words Service - Grace UMC
	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun, Apr 20	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Hike
	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching

Easter Sunrise Hike over the Wissahickon

Greet Easter morning with a group of FUMCOGers at Lover's Leap! We will meet in the parking lot just off Henry Avenue before the Henry Avenue Bridge at 6am on Sunday, April 20th. From there, John Riggan will lead the group to the rock outcropping overlooking the Wissahickon Creek and Lincoln Drive, for a sunrise reflection over Germantown. Here are directions to the parking lot on Henry Ave:

Head south (towards the City) on Henry Avenue. After crossing Walnut Lane, get in right lane. Go past Hermit Street and just before the Bridge, turn right on Hermit Lane into a small parking lot. We hope to see you there!



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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
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BEFORE THERE WAS EASTER... PALM-PASSION SUNDAY 2025

**BEHOLD,
 THY
 SALVATION
 COMETH;
 BEHOLD,
 HIS REWARD
 IS WITH HIM,
 AND HIS WORK
 BEFORE HIM.**

- ISAIAH 62:11B KJV



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 • 11 AM



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Palm Sunday, April 13, 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

Carillon Prelude

Pie Jesu Gabriel Faure, arr. R. Kroezen

Prelude on "The King's Majesty" Milford Myhre

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 Valerie Gay & Aaron Graves

Faith Conquers All by Vanessa Bell Armstrong

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

Only one king comes to our town
not in a Rolls Royce or BMW
with police bikes all around,
but bareback on a runt of a donkey,
like a comedian, feet brushing the ground.

Come, Faithful Jesus.

Only one high priest comes to our church
not led by bishops and cardinals
rich-robed with religious sentiment,
but led by a grubby gang of street kids
screaming their heads off with merriment.

Come, Faithful Jesus.

Only one God comes down our street
not surrounded by holy angels
or shining like the sun at noon,
but with tears running down his cheeks
for those who play the devil's tune.

Come, Faithful Jesus.

Only one human comes along this way
never looking to be served
or honoured with public praise,
but to serve and share his faith
as a witness for the rest of us.

Come, Faithful Jesus, come.

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 278 - "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

All are invited to participate in the opening procession, parading around the sanctuary before returning to our seats, and the kids to the front for the children's message.

AT THE PARADE

Children's Message

Passing the Peace

Community Needs Spotlight

Zakia S. Williams,
Black Men Heal

Connections and Offering

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir
"Ride On, King Jesus" Traditional, arr. Moses Hogan

THE LAST SUPPER

Scripture Reading

(see insert for full text)

Luke 22:14-23

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Wailoo

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 618 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"

IN THE GARDEN

Scripture Reading

(see insert for full text)

Luke 22:39-44

Prayer

Rev. Jackie Newsome

The Lord's Prayer

(see screens for full text)

AT THE PALACE

Scripture Reading

(see insert for full text)

Luke 22:66-67, 23:6-12

Personal Reflection

Hymn

Valerie Gay & Aaron Graves

If I Can Help Somebody by Mahalia Jackson

ON THE CROSS

Scripture Reading

(see insert for full text)

Luke 23:32, 39-43

Response

Rev. Jackie Newsome

All are invited to bring forward palms and staple them to the cross as a sign of paradise to come.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 298 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Benediction

Postlude

Thank you for joining in worship today. You are invited to Pilling Hall immediately following the postlude for our Potluck Linger Lunch!

Flowers are from Dan and Faye Ross in memory of Faye's parents, Zoe and Bill Zerwekh



Cover design by Sandy Clay Bauer

Janet Tebbel, carillon & organ

Aaron Graves, piano

Valerie Gay, soloist

Robert Bauer, liturgist

Mandonnah Mahallati, tech

John Bustard, tech

Wayne Snover, tech

Barbara Revere, tech

Dan Ross, tech

Emma Toombs, reader

Taneal Walker, reader



Upcoming Dates

- Maundy Thursday, Apr 17
Mission Link Service, 7pm @ Bickley's UMC
- Good Friday, Apr 18
Mission Link Service, noon @ Grace UMC
Tenebrae Service, 7pm @ FUMCOG
- Saturday, Apr 26
Abolition Teach-In: Session 4, 10am
- Sunday, Apr 27
Crafting Group, 7pm
- Monday, Apr 28
Bev Lucas Silver Beaver Awardee, 6pm
- Thursday, May 1
We Walk by Faith, 6pm
- Saturday, May 3
Mental Health First Aid, 9am
Estate Planning Clinic, 10am @ Green St Friends
- Saturday, May 17
URDC Service Day, 8am @ Chestnut Hill Pres.

Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm

Our Pastors take Sabbath on Mondays

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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.

Upcoming Dates for Adult Academy

Join us on Sundays at 9:30am in Gribbel Room

- 4/20 - No Adult Academy
- 4/27 - Dirtbaby: Come hear from Amalia Colón-Nava of Dirtbaby, a NW community cooperative farm that does much more. Part of their work is to distribute free meals on a weekly basis, made primarily from the farm's fresh produce, for postpartum mothers. This work is rooted in relationships with local birth workers and community chefs, and is critical given the unjustly high postpartum mortality rate among black and brown mothers and infants in our city. Dirtbaby chefs used the FUMCOG kitchen for the cooking this fall and we saw firsthand the beauty and power of their work.

5/11 - Sophy Gamber: Rev. Sophy Gamber will begin their first full-time appointment as a United Methodist Pastor this July. Come hear Sophy share about their call story, with all the twists and turns, their time here at FUMCOG, including leading our confirmation class, and their hopes for what's ahead.

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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



Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

- For **Anne Zettek**, Bill Ewing's sister, who recently moved to assisted living and celebrates her 98th birthday today.
- For **Susanne Johnson**, friend of Rev. Jackie, who has been hospitalized.
- For **Drew**, Christine Schafer's cousin, who has entered hospice with a glioblastoma. We also pray for his wife, their two children and his godmother Renee.
- For **Judy Robinson** as she navigates health concerns.
- For **Wykina Woolford**, who is recovering from spinal surgery.
- For **Barbara Perkins** who is in ChangSha, PRC with her son McKinley, daughter-in-law TingTing, and grandson William.
- For **Vanessa Bullock**, who is retiring from federal service. She will join Alan Symonette's company to continue her career in workplace dispute resolution.
- For **our confirmands!** May they know they are completely loved just as they are, always.
- For **Lendell Foan** (nephew of Bob Smart) and his wife **Kate**, who are presently stranded in Mozambique. Among other things their consultant contracts, daughters' schooling, and travel ability have all been upended by the changes to USAID federal funding.
- For **Sophy Gamber** as they prepare for their appointment as senior pastor of Bensalem UMC in July.
- For **Marsha Bettner**, the office assistant to Wayne Varnadore, who has a serious medical condition.
- Prayers of healing for **Betty & Geraldine** who have been diagnosed with cancer.
- For **Andy Singer**, brother-in-law of Anne Toensmeier, and his continued recovery from injuries.
- For **Skyy** and all students as they pursue their educational goals.
- 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.

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. Lynette in Pilling Hall immediately following the Children's Message.
- * Enjoy a "Kid Activity Bag". Just ask an usher for one.
- * Play in the "Children's Space" in the Sanctuary's back corner.

We are so glad you and your family are here!

Abolition Teach-In: Session 4

Join us for the fourth session in our series where we'll explore transformative justice and the difference between punishment and accountability in a punitive world. This session will also review key discussions from the previous teach-ins, offering a chance to reflect and engage.

Please email newsome@fumcog.org with any questions.



Estate Planning Clinic

This event is for black residents of Germantown looking for support in developing a plan to protect your assets including wills, power of attorney, advance health directives, and more. This is hosted by Green Street Friends Meeting at 45 W. Schoolhouse Lane.

Contact greenstreetreparations@gmail.com for questions!

Scripture Insert for Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:14-23

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. It’s the last one I’ll eat until we all eat it together in the kingdom of God.”

Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, “Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I’ll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives.”

Taking bread, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39-44

Leaving there, he went, as he so often did, to Mount Olives. The disciples followed him. When they arrived at the place, he said, “Pray that you don’t give in to temptation.”

He pulled away from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, remove this cup from me. But please, not what I want. What do you want?” At once an angel from heaven was at his side, strengthening him. He prayed so sincerely that his sweat fell to the ground like drops of blood.

Jesus got up from praying and went over to his disciples. They were asleep and worn out from being so sad.

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:66, 23:6-12

When it was morning, the religious leaders of the people and the high priests and scholars all got together and brought him before their High Council. They said, “Are you the Messiah?”

When Pilate heard that, he asked, “So, he’s a Galilean?” Realizing that he properly came under Herod’s jurisdiction, he passed the buck to Herod, who just happened to be in Jerusalem for a few days.

Herod was delighted when Jesus showed up. He had wanted for a long time to see him, he’d heard so much about him. He hoped to see him do something spectacular. He peppered him with questions. Jesus didn’t answer—not one word. But the high priests and religion scholars were right there, saying their piece, strident and shrill in their accusations.

Mightily offended, Herod turned on Jesus. His soldiers joined in, taunting and jeering. Then they dressed him up in an elaborate king costume and sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends.

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32-34, 39-43

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Connection Opportunities for Palm Sunday, April 13

UM Services Food Donations

Dear FUMCOGers,
We will take our April food donation to United Methodist Services in North Philly on Wednesday, April 16. We will put a box on our Arbutus St porch on Friday, April 11. As you have probably read, food distributors like Philabundance have lost funding, so our donations are needed more than ever. If you prefer to bring your donation to the church, please let us know so we can connect with you. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Blessings, Lucy and David Hill

Holy Trouble in Holy Week *Can You Help Prep for Easter?*

Have you been wondering what Holy Trouble is? John Lewis called it “good trouble”, so that’s what we’re getting into! It’s amazing how cleaning, organizing, labeling, and putting things away will make space for us to do meaningful ministry.

As Easter nears, let’s make sure our church looks its best! Work sessions are Tuesdays 10am-12pm and Thursdays 3pm-5pm. Come to the church office in comfortable clothes and we will get into some trouble! RSVPs to jtebbel97@gmail.com are not necessary but are helpful.

If you can’t make either of those dates, are there other ways you can help? Could you be an extra greeter on Easter Sunday (4/20)? Could you be a reader on Good Friday (4/18 at 7pm)? Could you help us prep the sanctuary for any of the services? Please reach out to Pastor Alisa if you are available to help welcome others in!

Weekly Bible Studies

Come to Bible Study! There are two different meeting times: one at 7pm on Tuesdays in the FUMCOG parlor, and another at 1:30pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. No prep-work or homework involved, and you can drop in whenever you like!

Helping 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 will be a box in the sanctuary as well as Pilling Hall. Any non-perishables are helpful: especially rice, beans, oil, and flour for dough. Thank you for your support!



URDC Work Day

FUMCOG has often partnered with Urban Resources Development Corporation, a 501c(3) non-profit. Its mission to stabilize neighborhoods in northwest Philadelphia by handling urgent home repairs that enable elderly and low-income homeowners to stay where they are. The organization is managed by twelve faith congregations and uses no public funding.

On **Saturday, May 17** please join us for a URDC service day, this time with **Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church**. You’ll get to meet new people and help with jobs like painting, sheet rock, cleaning, woodwork, or gardening. The day starts 8am at CHPC when we choose assignments and get tee-shirts. URDC provides a hoagie or pizza lunch and the work day runs until 3pm. Volunteers may stay for as many or few hours as they wish and all skill levels are welcome.

Very important! RSVP by May 9 to Karen Schoenewaldt at (267) 752-2238, schoenewaldt@gmail.com. The organizers need a final count by that date in order to assemble tools and materials. We hope to see you there!