

## Weekly Calendar

		<b>Daylight Savings Time begins</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 9</b>	11:00am	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching
	12:15pm	<b>Potluck Linger Lunch</b>
<b>Mon, Mar 10</b>		<b>FUMCOG Office Closed</b>
	9:00am	<b>Walking Women</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Uncle Bobbies Event</b> - Mohammed El-Kurd
<b>Tue, Mar 11</b>	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> - FUMCOG Parlor
<b>Wed, Mar 12</b>	1:30pm	<b>Bible Study</b> - via Zoom
<b>Thu, Mar 13</b>	7:00pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sat, Mar 15</b>	10:00am	<b>Abolition Teach-In 3</b> with Maggie Dekker & Théophé Love
	12:00pm	<b>Neighbors Table Community Lunch</b>
	3:00pm	<b>HealYourLove. Meditation</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 16</b>	9:30am	<b>Adult Academy</b> - The Culture of Poverty with Pastor Alisa
	11:00am	<b>Sunday Service</b> - Rev. Jackie Newsome preaching
	12:15pm	<b>Linger Lunch</b>
	7:00pm	<b>FUMCOG Crafting Group</b>

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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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Ev'ry Time We Feel the Spirit



Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 • 11 AM**





# First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, March 9, 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

## Carillon Prelude

*Ukrainian National Anthem*

*Deep River*

*Spiritual, arr. CGB Garret*

## 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*

**Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.**

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

**In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.**

As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

**Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.**

As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

**With our ancestors and all the communion of saints**

**Opening Hymn** *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 269

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

## 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

**Gathered Prayer** Ruth Thornton & Barbara Mitchell

## 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 2164 - “Sanctuary”

## Contemporary Reading

Excerpt from an essay by Audre Lorde (see insert for full text)

## Scripture Reading

(see insert for full text)

Luke 4:1-13

## Song of Preparation

“Been Buked” arr. Hall Johnson

*VoP*

## Sermon

Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo

*Who Needs to Be Delivered?*

## Connections and Offering

## Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir & VoP  
“*Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel*” arr. James Miller

## 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*  
“What A Mighty God We Serve”  
(lyrics on screens and insert)

## 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!*

*The flowers today are in memory of Jean Sharin, niece of Jean Walker.*



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Insert for Sunday, March 9, 2025

### Upcoming Dates

- Abolition Teach-In Session 3  
Saturday, Mar 15 at 10am
- Neighbors Table Community Meal  
Saturday, Mar 15 at noon
- HealYourLove. Meditation  
Saturday, Mar 15 at 2pm
- Crafting Group  
Sunday, Mar 16 at 7pm
- Juliet & Romeo Opening Night  
Friday, Mar 21 at 8pm
- Crafting Group  
Saturday, Apr 12 at 2pm

### Staff and Office Information

#### Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm

*Our Pastors take Sabbath on Mondays*

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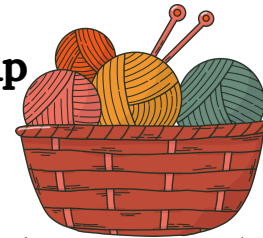
### Adult Academy 3/16

#### Living Out Liberation Theology in our Classist Society

Pastor Alisa remembers the first time she heard Gustavo Gutierrez, one of the founders of Liberation Theology in Latin America, speak. He reminded her class that, "To make an option for the poor is to make an option for Jesus." Through years of ministry with unhoused neighbors, Alisa has sought to learn and teach how to make true options with our neighbors living on the streets/with very little means. There is, of course the ongoing advocacy work for the human rights of stable housing, food, health care, etc. But there are also the day-to-day ways we interact and engage with our siblings living without those realities. At the request of some members, Alisa will spend the hour discussing how we practically break the cultural paternalistic practice of "doing for" the poor and learn practices for true engagement and authentic interactions and relationships.

### FUMCOG Crafting Group

The newly revived knitting/crocheting group meets next on **Sunday, March 16, at 7:00pm** at a home in Mt. Airy just off Lincoln Drive. We make prayer shawls and/or baby blankets for church members and outreach. New members are encouraged so please contact Lucy Hill at [phillyhills512@yahoo.com](mailto:phillyhills512@yahoo.com) or Susan Tomlinson at [susanStomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:susanStomlinson@gmail.com) if interested. We hope to see you there!



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### Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

For **Wykina Woolford**, who will be undergoing spinal surgery on Monday, March 10.

For **Barbara Perkins** who is leaving for a month in ChangSha, PRC to be 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 **Bonni Zetick** who had a heart event last week. She now has a pacemaker and is doing well, but appreciates our prayers

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 the family of **Wendy Sharin**, Jean Walker's niece who passed away from cancer on February 16.

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.

#### FOR OUR KIDS

Children are welcomed and beloved in our worship space! There are Kid Activity Bags by the door. There is also a children's space in the sanctuary's back corner.

Ask the ushers for more information.

### Rev. Sophy Driscoll Gamber appointed to Bensalem UMC

Rev. Sophy Gamber (she/they) is a deep listener, strategic visionary, and a builder of people. They have a heart of a shepherd and previously served as an Assistant Pastor and an Intern Youth & Outreach Minister, in addition to holding various social service and advocacy roles. Sophy has demonstrated their pastoral heart as a chaplain in hospice, oncology, and pediatric healthcare settings. Sophy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Sociology & Anthropology from Ursinus College as well as a Master of Divinity from Yale University School of Divinity. Pastor Sophy coupled with Bensalem UMC's desire to grow and thrive through diversity and continued ecumenical partnerships providing more opportunities to evangelize the community with creativity and a fresh approach will yield discipleship for years to come. Pastor Sophy's passion for meeting people where they are is exactly what makes this a good ministry match.





**Contemporary Reading**

"For we have, built into all of us, old blueprints of expectation and response, old structures of oppression, and these must be altered at the same time as we alter the living conditions which are a result of those structures. For the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house."

by Audre Lorde

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' 4Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' 8Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

12Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' 13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Mission Link Wednesday Worship**

Did you know that we have the honor and joy of worshiping with six other congregations each Wednesday throughout Lent? These Methodist congregations are a part of our Mission Link and each church hosts a worship in their own style. Plan to come to at least one worship if not more this season. Next week, March 12, we will gathered at 7 pm at Ridge Avenue UMC( 7811 Ridge Ave, 19128).



**Supporting Immigrant Neighbors**

We are 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 Piling Hall. Any non-perishables are helpful; particularly rice, beans, oil, and flour for dough. We are also working with the EPA-UMC Immigration Rapid Response Team on additional ways to support so please watch out for more information to come. Together we will live out God's word, "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself..." Leviticus 19:34

**ICE Watch Training**

New Sanctuary Movement is asking for allies to join neighborhood clusters that can respond to reports of ICE agents. Come out to a training and orientation on Tuesday, March 18th, from 6-8pm! Practice how to safely document and report the presence of ICE agents in your neighborhood, learn your rights, and get plugged into the larger rapid-response network. We will also equip you to replicate the training in your own faith community. The training is in person and the location will be shared soon.

**ICE Watch Training**  
**March 18th, 6-8pm**  
**In Person Location TBA**

NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT OF PHILADELPHIA

KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER FIGHT FOR ALL 11 MILLION

Ahora es el Momento!

Register & Learn More Here!

Practice identifying and engaging ICE agents.  
 Learn your rights as a human rights observer.  
 Plug into NSM's network responding to reports of ICE in our neighborhoods and faith communities.

**Germantown Drama Group Presents Juliet & Romeo**

What happens when we fail our children? What happens when we let the hatred of our past infect our future? And then what happens when we are forced to risk everything for love? Don't miss your chance to see this classic play performed by an extraordinary ensemble cast in a contemporary context. In the spirit of community, tickets are \$15, \$10, or Pay What You Wish! Tickets are now on sale.

THE DRAMA GROUP OF GERMANTOWN PRESENTS

**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S**

*Romeo and Juliet*

**JULIET & ROMEO**

**DIRECTED BY:**  
**JL HITCHENS & RYAN WALTER**

**MARCH 21ST, 22ND, 23RD, 28TH, 29TH, 30TH**  
**APRIL 4TH, 5TH, 6TH**



**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.