

Weekly Calendar

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| Sun, Apr 20 | 11:00am | Easter Sunday Service - Rev. Alisa Wailoo preaching |
| Mon, Apr 21 | | FUMCOG Office Closed |
| | 9:00am | Walking Women |
| | 11:00am | Community Fridge Cooking - FUMCOG kitchen |
| Tue, Apr 22 | 10:00am | Holy Trouble |
| | 6:00pm | Monthly Mindfulness |
| | 7:00pm | Bible Study - FUMCOG Parlor |
| Wed, Apr 23 | 1:30pm | Bible Study - via Zoom |
| Thu, Apr 24 | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sat Apr, 26 | 10:00am | Abolition Teach-In Session 4 |
| | 12:00pm | Neighbors Table Community Lunch |
| Sun, Apr 27 | 9:30am | Adult Academy - Dirtbaby |
| | 11:00am | Sunday Morning Worship Service - Rev. Jackie Newsome preaching |
| | 7:00pm | FUMCOG Crafting Group |

A Special Thanks to our Worship Leaders this morning!

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| Marion Brown, liturgist | Adrianna Barnett, director of music |
| Wayne Snover, tech | Janet Tebbel, carillon |
| John Bustard, tech | Nick Marsola, organ |
| Alan Symonette, tech | Valentina Sierra, quartet soprano |
| Dan Ross, tech | Jessica Lowe, quartet alto |
| Ann Perrone, tech | Michael Yancey, quartet tenor |
| Jesse Marinucci, reader | Moses Possible, quartet bass |
| Page Miesen, reader | Arlet Tabares, french horn |
| Bev Lucas, reader | Nicholas Welicky, french horn |
| Lisa Chapman, reader | Ethan Stanfield, french horn |
| Victor Newsome, reader | Sander Maroey, french horn |
| Sophy Gamber, reader | |

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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
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 • 11 AM



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Easter Sunday, April 20, 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

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.

Pre-Service Music

“God so Loved the World” by John Stainer

FUMCOG Quartet

Jan Tebbel, carillon

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven,
arr S. Warner

Tempo di Ballo (K. 430)

Domenico Scarlatti,
arr A. Gerken

Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello,
arr A. Gerken

Carillon

G. F. Handel, arr W. De Turk

Selections by Temple Horn Quartet

Prelude

FUMCOG Quartet

“Alleluia” by Randall Thompson

Call to Worship

Standing with body and spirit

Join in a call and response! Your response is:

“Christ is Risen. Alleluia!”

You may also see the screens for when to respond.

Opening Hymn

Standing with body and spirit

UMH 302 - “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Invitation to 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

Rev. Jackie Newsome

Choral Response

FUMCOG Choir

“Jesus Rose.” by Rollo Dilworth

Gathered Prayer

Sophy Gamber

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.

Congregational Response

UMH 310 - “He Lives” v. 1

Contemporary Reading

“From Mortal Man” by Kendrick Lamar
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12
(see insert for full text)

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit
UMH 316 - “He Rose” v. 1, 3, 4

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Wailoo
Coming Out of the Cocoon

Connections and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir & Temple Horns

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption,
we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias!
Together, may we humbly acknowledge the
broken world we have sinfully built on stolen
land through slave labor. Please raise up these
gifts and our lives that we may break free from
our old ways and be true instruments of
reparations and liberation. Through the power
of your resurrecting love, we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit
UMH 307 - “Christ is Risen”

Benediction

Postlude

Standing with body and spirit
“Hallelujah” from Messiah by G. F. Handel
If you would like, come join the choir! We have the full
scores up front. You may also join in with the
lyrics on the screen.

Thank you for joining in worship today. Feel free to
move about your day as the horns continue with their
postlude. Please join us again for worship next Sunday
at 11am!

The many flowers which adorn the altar this morning
have just as many dedications!
See the insert for their names.





Insert for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, Apr 26
Abolition Teach-In: Session 4, 10am
Estate Planning Clinic, 10am @ Green St Friends
Neighbors Table Community Lunch, noon
- 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.
Philomusica Concert, 7:30pm
- Saturday, May 17
URDC Service Day, 8am @ Chestnut Hill Pres.

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



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.
- * Play in the “Children’s Space” in the Sanctuary’s back corner.

We are so glad you and your family are here!

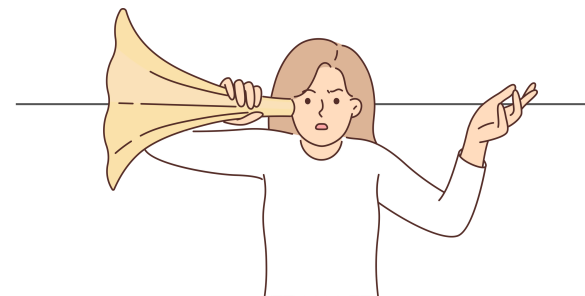
Staff and Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday from 9:30am-5pm

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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.



Prayers & Service

Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

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

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

For the family of **Ronald Burgess**, husband to Joan Burgess and the father of Adam and Evan Burgess. Ron passed away suddenly on April 12.

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

For the family of **Drew**, Christine Schafer's cousin, including his wife, their two children and his godmother Renee, after Drew passed away this week.

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

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 **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 pursuing 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.



How can YOU immediately help neighbors in Germantown? Join us for a URDC (Urban Resources Development Corporation) workday on **Saturday, May 17!** Our work helps support URDC's mission to support neighborhoods in northwest Philadelphia by handling urgent home repairs that enable elderly and low-income homeowners to stay in place. You'll also get to meet new people and help with jobs like painting, sheet rock, cleaning, woodwork, or gardening. No specific skillset required. The day starts at 8am at Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church when we choose assignments and get t-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. Please RSVP by May 9 to Karen Schoenewaldt at (267) 752-2238, schoenewaldt@gmail.com.

We would love to serve with you.



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 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!

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



Thanks to all who came together last week for our Easter Egg Hunt & Community Celebration!

Contemporary Reading

The caterpillar is a prisoner to the streets that conceived it
Its only job is to eat or consume everything around it, in order to protect itself from this mad city
While consuming its environment the caterpillar begins to notice ways to survive
One thing it noticed is how much the world shuns him, but praises the butterfly
The butterfly represents the talent, the thoughtfulness, and the beauty within the caterpillar
But having a harsh outlook on life the caterpillar sees the butterfly as weak and figures out a way to pimp it to his own benefits
Already surrounded by this mad city the caterpillar goes to work on the cocoon which institutionalizes him
He can no longer see past his own thoughts He’s trapped
When trapped inside these walls certain ideas take roots, such as going home, and bringing back new concepts to this mad city
The result?
Wings begin to emerge, breaking the cycle of feeling stagnant
Finally free, the butterfly sheds light on situations that the caterpillar never considered, ending the internal struggle
Although the butterfly and caterpillar are completely different, they are one and the same.

“From Mortal Man” by Kendrick Lamar



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!
Let Pastor Alisa if you are interested at wailoo@fumcog.org.

Adult Academy

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

On April 27, 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.



Abolition Teach-In: Session 4

Saturday, April 26 at 10am

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. All are welcome even if this is your first session.
Please email newsome@fumcog.org with any questions.

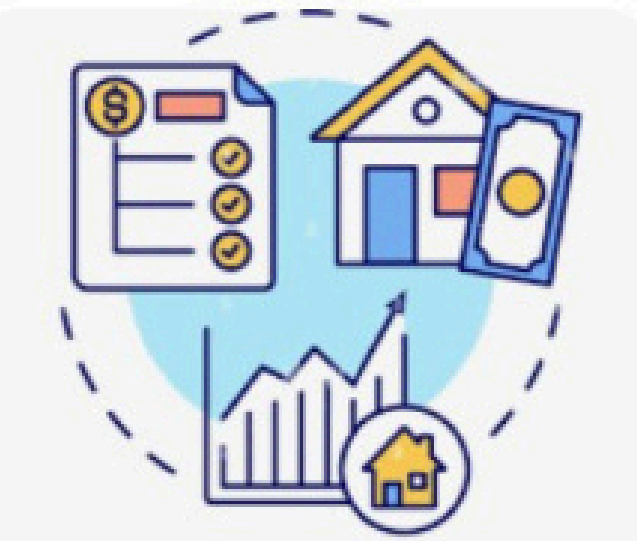
Monthly Mindfulness

Tuesday, April 22 at 6pm

Need a time to re-center your heart, mind, and soul? Do you ever struggle to pray alone? Want to expand your prayer and meditation practices?

If you answered “yes” to any of these, please join Pastor Alisa on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm for an hour of “Prayer and Christian Mindfulness Practices.” Come this Tuesday, April 22. No need to RSVP. Just drop into the FUMCOG parlor when your soul needs it or you feel led to pray with and for our beloved community.

Questions? Ask Pastor Alisa at wailoo@fumcog.org or 267-405-1383.



Estate Planning Clinic

Saturday, April 26 at 10am

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. It will be hosted by Green Street Friends Meeting at 45 W. Schoolhouse Lane.
Contact greenstreetreparations@gmail.com for questions!

Mental Health First Aid

A COURSE TEACHING YOU HOW TO IDENTIFY, UNDERSTAND, AND RESPOND TO SIGNS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CHALLENGES AMONG ADULTS

MAY 3RD, 2025 | 9AM - 5PM

TWO 15 MINUTE BREAKS & 45 MINUTE LUNCH

Hosted at First United Methodist Church of Germantown:
6001 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

THIS COURSE WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO APPLY THE MHFA ACTION PLAN (ALGEE)

ASSESS FOR RISK OF SUICIDE OR HARM
LISTEN NONJUDGEMENTALLY
GIVE REASSURANCE AND INFORMATION
ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL HELP
ENCOURAGE SELF-HELP AND OTHER SUPPORT STRATEGIES



*This is for everyone—
empowering us to care for
each other in church,
home, and beyond.*



EASTER FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN LOVING MEMORY OF....

Doyle Smith, *brother*

Mark Smith

George Herold, *father/husband*

Cara Herold

Pat Squire
Carol Squire Hay
Wendy Sharin

Jean Walker

Anne Constant Ewing, *wife/mother*
Jonathan Abebe Ewing, *son/brother*
Joseph Neff & Anne Ashton Ewing, *grandparents*
Edwin Baird & Alberta Wilson Constant, *grandparents (in-law)*
Joe, Tom, & Sam Ewing, *brothers/uncles*

Bill, Susannah, & Rebecca Ewing

Loved Ones
Roberta Bremner, *cousin of Marion Brown*
Ted Zielinski, *cousin of Marion Brown*

Marion & Dave Brown

Emmanuel Morales, *beloved son & brother of Clara & Lucy*

Gabriela Clara Arrecis

George & Verna Krall & The Rev. Thomas & Carol Anderman
Lynea Anderman, *sister of Clarita*

Rev. Stanley & Clarita Krall

Jan & Ken Hoffman

Wayne Snover & Janet Tebbel

The Forgotten

Lucretia & Jim Browning



EASTER FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OF....

The Staff at FUMCOG

Lucretia & Jim Browning

Lucy Morales, *my dearest daughter*

Gabriela Clara Arrecis

Our Children and Grandchildren

Marion & Dave Brown

Our Awesome Tech Team

Eileen Gilkenson

Dale Owens & John Chapman, *our fathers*

Lisa & John Chapman

Michael Yancey, *dedicated FUMCOG Office Administrator*

Stanley & Clarita Krall

Friends & FUMCOG Family

Ruth Espejo

Mother, Daughter, Granddaughter

Hedy Cerwinka



WE WALK BY FAITH

LOCATION:

Mother African Zoar
3259 N Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19140

DATE/TIME:

Thursday, February 27th
6 PM Dinner
7 PM Meeting

In the face of rising threats to our churches/communities, ***We Walk by Faith*** is a call to stand together. This gathering of United Methodists and the broader community will create space for solidarity, testimony, and action.

We will share a meal together at 6:00 PM, followed by a brief reflection to ground us in faith and justice. From there, we will move into a town hall and small group discussions to hear from one another, share experiences, and commit to tangible actions that support and protect our communities.

Join us at Mother African Zoar UMC, a historic church rooted in the struggle for justice, as we strengthen our resolve and stand in unwavering support of one another.

REGISTER:

WWW.EPAUMC.ORG/WE-WALK-BY-FAITH



EASTER

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED.

LUKE 24:34

Easter Offering for Community Needs: Answering Christ's Call

As we journey through Lent and approach Easter, we reflect on Christ's life and ministry—how He walked among the suffering, healed the brokenhearted, uplifted the oppressed and challenged the powers that be. Before He went to the cross, Jesus showed us how to live. This Easter season, we invite you to embody Christ's mission by supporting organizations that bring healing, justice, and renewal to our community. Your generosity will make a direct impact on families, youth, survivors of violence, and the preservation of our sacred musical traditions.

Black Men Heal

Just as Jesus healed the sick and restored the broken, Black Men Heal, a Germantown-based organization provides mental health services to communities affected by gun violence and generational trauma. They work to destigmatize therapy and empower individuals through individual and group counseling. Their Gun Violence Grief & Trauma program gives middle school students a safe space to process their pain and, in time, become mental health change agents themselves.

EMIR (Every Murder is Real) Healing Center

Violence leaves deep wounds, but EMIR works to support families grieving the loss of loved ones to homicide, particularly young Black men. Their mission, like Christ's, is to stand with the suffering, offering advocacy, counseling, support groups, court accompaniment, and wellness services. This year, through your giving, they will send 50 survivors to Harrisburg to demand action from legislators—calling for policies that reduce violence and support those left behind.

Family Promise of Philadelphia (FPP)

Formerly Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network, FPP addresses family homelessness in Northwest Philadelphia and throughout the city, by providing temporary shelter, direct aid, and a variety of other supportive services including intensive case management. FUMCOG helped found the organization in 1991 and has since been an active partner. In past years, Federal contracts have provided significant funding for FPP's shelter program, but uncertainty about that support makes assistance from the Easter offering more essential than ever.

Voices of Philadelphia

Negro spirituals are more than music—they are a testament to faith, resilience, and God's promise of liberation. Voices of Philadelphia, a newly formed community choir, seeks to uplift the spiritual tradition. After blessing FUMCOG's worship service with their powerful voices, they now hope to grow to 45-60 members and host a Juneteenth Concert at FUMCOG, bringing the community together and celebrating the ongoing journey toward freedom and justice.

You can place your gift in the offering plate during worship, mail a check to the Church Office (memo: "Easter Offering for Community Needs") or give online at www.fumcog.org—(click on "Giving," enter your amount, and select "Easter Offering for Community Needs" under "Purpose of Gift"). We are very grateful for your generosity.

-The Community Needs Committee

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