



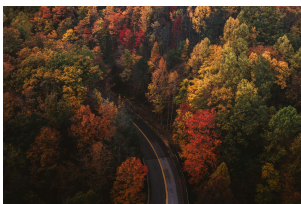
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The newsletter of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
November 2025



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Articles/announcements for *Windows* are due by the 22nd of each month. Send submissions to office@fpcgermantown.org

Beloved,

With Thanksgiving in just a few short weeks, I have been reflecting on all that we have to be thankful for here at FPCG. From welcoming new members, to Bible studies, to church outings that have allowed us to grow closer as a community, 2025 has been a year that has nurtured and challenged all of us. I give thanks for all of you, and for all of your support and prayers. This Halloween, the Hood family hosted the youth for an evening of



fellowship and fun, providing a safe and welcoming space to gather. It was a fun evening, and we thank the Hoods for hosting.



Rehearsals for FPCG's annual performance of *Messiah* are well underway. The concert will be held on November 30th, at 3PM. I hope to see all of you there, and please invite a neighbor for what is sure to be a beautiful afternoon of music. Rehearsals are also starting for this year's youth Christmas pageant, which is open to all youth at FPCG. Please talk to John if you'd like to participate.



While we celebrate with those we love, we are also mindful of our neighbors who need a little extra help. Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry is once again collecting food for holiday baskets, and is also collecting coats and toys. If you are able, please consider donating in this extraordinary time of need.

Don't forget to vote November 4th! We are called to care for our neighbor, and voting is one way in which we can do so.

November also marks the start of stewardship season. This year, our theme is "All In". Please prayerfully consider how you can best support FPCG in 2026. We will have more information to share, both on what stewardship is and how faithful stewardship helps us keep the doors open.

The clocks and leaves are changing, and we are well on our way to winter. As the days grow darker earlier, we look forward to Advent and to welcoming Christ, our light who shines in the darkness.

Blessings,

Pastor Cheni

November Birthdays

Liam Gibbs	November 02	Ruby Camarena	November 20
Frank Lundy	November 03	Heidi Mercado	
Antonio Littles	November 07	Littles	
		Serafim Santos	
Richard Jenkins	November 09	Daniel Conner	November 26
Donna Payne	November 10	Gamal Helmy	
Elaine Gray	November 11	Frank Lundy II	November 27
Maddie Valentine			
		Pam Ball	November 30
		Carolyn Tarver	
Adeline	November 19		
Hoekema-Boerman			

Church Closure

FPCG will be closed on 11/11, in honor of Veterans' Day, and on 11/27-28, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Church Officers

Elders

2026	2027	2028
Sheila Heyer-Rivera	Arlene Grace	Anthony Webb
Andrew Hood	Randy Clever	Sara Greene
Peter Smith	Contina Lee Lundy, Clerk of Session	Klass Hoekema-Boerman

Deacons

2026	2027	2028
Zaria Cuffee, Moderator	Lydia Cooper	Faith Lewis
Garth Herrick	Matthew Grewe	Andrea Overon-Horne
Madeline Valentine	William Lewis	Rosemary Williams

Members At-Large: Lisa Grewe, Annie Kotto, Naomi Davis

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Klaas Hoekema-Boerman

Christian Education
Sheila Heyer-Rivera

**Congregational Development
and Fellowship**
Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje

Mission & Outreach
Andrew Hood

Property
Peter Smith

Worship, Music, & Arts
Contina Lee Lundy

Safety and Wellness
Sara Greene

Service Time:

Sunday, 10AM

Church Hours

Office:
Monday-Friday, 9AM-1PM

Building:
Monday-Friday, 8AM-4PM
Saturday, 8AM-3PM
Sunday, 8AM-5PM

Pastor Christian's

Office Hours

Tuesday, 10-1
Wednesday, 10-1
Friday, 5-6:30 and youth group

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New Bulletin

We appreciate everyone's flexibility and adaptability to the new bulletin. This bulletin re-design will save FPCG just over \$3,000/year in paper. As we enter stewardship season, we thank you for helping us be better stewards of FPCG's resources.

Meals on Wheels

On September 28, FPCG's youth group joined Enon Baptist Church's group to learn about the ministry of Chestnut Hill's Meals on Wheels. Carey Davis lead us in an afternoon filled with engaging teaching and fun activities where we were able to learn about the people that benefit from this resource. Carey also gave us the opportunity to decorate cookies to share with the meals delivered that week!

We are grateful to Enon Baptist Church, for receiving us, and very thankful for Carey Davis and her wonderful leadership!



New School Year Blessings

In September, we prayed for our young people in elementary, middle and high school as well as our undergrad, graduate and postgraduate students. We also prayed for the teachers that work with the children of and around our city!

Please join us in prayer as they enter midterms.



All Saints' Day 2025

What is a saint?

Unlike the Catholic understanding, where a person has to go through extensive investigation (almost always be dead for at least five years; have the Catholic church investigate your life for heroic virtue(s) or martyrdom, which has two stages, being declared “Servant of God” and then “Venerable”; after a verified miracle comes beatification, but no miracle is required for martyrs; finally, after a second miracle is verified, a person becomes a saint), PC(USA) understands a saint to be a believer of Jesus Christ. All Saints' Day is a time of gratitude for the faithful departed, those who impacted our lives and shared their faith with us, and a time to reflect on their love and legacy.

“An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the “glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs” (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.”

-<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theology-worship/worship/christian-year/all-saints-day>



Cherry Crest Adventure Farm

On October 25, a group of 30 FPCG friends and families spent the day at Cherry Crest Adventure Farm in Ronks, PA! We jumped, survived the corn maze, saw farm animals, watched pigs race, and did many many more things! We are thankful to God for granting us such a beautiful day!







Phishing

There has been a recent security breach in the office@fpcgermantown.org email account. Please do not open any attachments from this account.



Jonah Bible Study

Our Jonah Bible Study, facilitated by Carey Davis, is underway. It has been engaging, challenging, and informative! Join us for our last class on 11/09. You don't want to miss it!

October Sermon

This month, we are featuring a sermon by Cari States-Codding, titled *Uprising*, reflecting on Luke 18:1-8.

All of October's sermons are available online at <https://www.fpcgermantown.org/sermon-archive/>



***Uprising*, by Cari States-Coddling**

It was a hot, summer night in 1969, and enough had been enough. For years, Stormé DeLarverie, a biracial woman, and her friends, and their entire community, had fought for equal rights. For any rights, really. They tried being respectable. They tried looking and sounding like society wanted. They went to judges, knowing that they wouldn't find justice, but trying nonetheless. They were denied housing, denied jobs, they were even denied medical care. Yet they persisted in crying out, in calling out. Stormé, her friends, and their community overall had instances of pushing back that are noteworthy nowadays but, at the time, were barely a blip on the radar of national consciousness. When arrested, they urged each other to cooperate, to not fight back, even when the police assaulted them. Their friends were assaulted and even murdered by their neighbors, but still the call for justice fell on deaf ears. Who would notice if there was one less of *those* people? Who cared? But patience wears very thin, very quickly, when it is illegal to hold the hand of the person you love in public. When your very existence is illegal in a majority of the country. Still, they cried out. Grant us justice.

That summer, at a well-known community hub, Stormé and her friends had had enough. This was their safe space. Homeless and runaway youth knew they could go here to spend the night. You could hold the hand, even dance, with the person you loved. Yes, there were routine police raids, but there was always a heads-up ahead of time thanks to an officer or two that were willing to make a phone call in return for a small gratuity. It was important, not only for folks' immediate safety, but because police often came with journalists whose goal was to photograph and publicly shame people. This could cost them their job, their home, even their families. But, on this fateful night, the tip didn't come, and the police did. And enough was enough. What started with Stormé resisting arrest exploded into a six night long uprising. Was it an uprising? A riot? A rebellion? A revolution? Perhaps all of the above?

Some words of wisdom I've received is, if you're going to throw a rock or a brick at a protest, you're going to get arrested. So make it count. And these people made it count. Bricks, bottle caps, rocks, molotov cocktails, whatever they could get their hands on. Their uprising became a rallying cry, at first in the US, then internationally. Their uprising, their courage, their determination, gave the momentum needed for several nation-wide civil rights organizations to be founded. To this day, the uprising that Stormé triggered is one of the first places where victories are celebrated and tragedies are mourned. Their calls for justice fell on deaf ears, but finally the judge relented. Not because it was the right thing to do, but because the judge finally realized that this was the only way to restore the peace. Peace not disrupted by Stormé and her friends, but by the judge's failure to uphold justice.

So where is this place? Who are these people? The night was June 28th, 1969, and the place was the Stonewall Inn, in Greenwich Village, New York City. In this unassuming, health code-violation filled bar, a movement took off. A movement towards liberation for queer and transgender people. A movement born out of oppression and degradation, that is still journeying to the promised land of liberation, that is still traveling through the wilderness. That sounds a little Biblical to me.

But I'd like to take a moment and ask, and I don't need a show of hands, it's just a curiosity: how many of you knew I was talking about Stonewall, and how many of you thought I was talking about the *racial* civil rights movement? But it's interesting, isn't it, when we realize how much we have in common when we strip away the labels? Labels are important, they help keep us safe and help us find community, but they can also insulate us. What could our world look like if there was a collective call for liberation, a collective call for

justice?

We're living in cold times, and it's not just because it's October. Over the next ten years, Medicaid will have its funding cut by nearly one trillion dollars. This year, there has been a four point seven billion dollar funding cut for low-income schools. There have been one hundred twenty two anti-transgender bills passed this year. Over four billion dollars worth of federal grants for medical research were canceled this year. There has been a six point two billion dollar reduction in global health aid just this year. When USAID and other global hunger programs were either suspended or canceled, other countries offered to buy food that would have kept millions alive. But that food was either left to rot, or destroyed.

And this is Jesus' answer? Pray? Pray, when it feels like the world is collapsing around us? Pray, when the only thing that looks to be consistent is that we're in a free fall? Pray?

Not just pray. Endure. But how? How do we endure? When faithfulness feels like foolishness, how do we endure? It is here where Jesus meets us with this morning's parable, where he teaches us what this can look like through the tenacity and determination of a widow.

So what's up with this widow? If you're making a list of Biblical themes, *widow* is going to find its way onto your list. What did it mean to be a widow, and why were there so many of them? In these times, to be a widow was to be helpless and vulnerable. You weren't an outcast, but you were relegated to the margins of the community. Women or, more appropriately, girls would usually marry between the ages of twelve to seventeen, whereas men were between eighteen and twenty years old. Twenty was considered adult because that was the age a man could serve in the military, so it was generally around this time that they'd take on the responsibilities of a wife and children. Almost half of children died before the age of ten, and it is hard to get an average life expectancy because of how many women died in childbirth. If there was a war, average life span would be further skewed by how many young men died fighting and if there were any famines that came along for the ride. Generally, if you survived past ten and survived childbirth, you might make it into your sixties. If you were wealthy, you might even see your seventies. So, yes, Jesus was middle-aged.

So this widow might be more advanced in years, but it's just as plausible that she's in her twenties. But why does she keep coming back? Even in ancient law, the ruling was the ruling. You only had one chance, and however the judge ruled was final. As a woman, she wasn't even allowed to testify in court. The judgement was made, the case was closed. So was she making a scene? If she had been, the judge would have been able to get her thrown out.

In this parable, it can get a little weird when we try and assign roles. If we're the widow, then God's the judge, and that's not a very comfortable thought. But, if we assign roles and force our understanding of this parable into those boundaries, we're going to miss a lot. If all we can take away from this is that we have to nag God in order for God to listen to us, that that's the only way God will answer our prayers, we've missed the point.

The widow isn't calling out into the void, she isn't wasting her time and energy in a meaningless exercise. She's not only annoying the judge. She is wearing him down. So, out of curiosity, I checked exactly what kind of wearing down was going on. And, bless the Greek language. This translation is the figurative, not the literal, meaning. Literally, this word means to hit under the eye, to disable an antagonist as a pugilist. Yes, you heard right. Greek has a word for a bare-knuckle boxer punching someone under the eye to disable them. And that is what this widow is doing. Metaphorically speaking.

Now, I'm not a boxer, but from my admittedly limited understanding of the sport, is that you only box those who are the same size and who have the same ability as you. This widow may appear to be at a disadvantage, but she can take this judge. When she is calling out to the judge, she knows that he has lost his way, that he's lost sight of the responsibility that comes with his position. By calling out to him, she's showing us that she has not given up on him. On who he was when he first took this responsibility. On a man that upheld justice. She knows what he was capable of, and it is her faith in who the judge was that emboldens her to reach out, to call out, to try and call him back to who he was and who she knows he can be.

And so too are we called. We are called to endure. To not give up. We are called to not leave before the miracle happens.

This parable is a beautiful metaphor for prayer, not just in that it calls us to pray, but that it shows us the potential and promise that we are gifted in prayer. If justice is extracted after all of this work, how much more will we find justice in a God who loves us and delights in us. God will grant justice to God's chosen ones, God's children, those who not only to choose to walk with God, but answer God's call to be partners in the ongoing creation of God's world.

It wouldn't be a parable if Jesus didn't find a way to slip in a question but, at first glance, this one seems a little out of place. But it is a very simple question: when Jesus comes, will we have endured? When it feels like God is silent, when it feels like our prayers are not even acknowledged, much less heard, when it feels like life is only giving us disappointment and loss, will we have endured? Can we trust in God, can we refuse to believe that God has abandoned us? That God would ever abandon us? Can we endure? When faith seems like foolishness, can we endure?

We have to remember that we need to endure. That we need to be like the widow. Crying out for justice for ourselves isn't enough. We have to cry out, in order to reach out. We have to call our opponents to account, and we have to recall them to the best versions of themselves. We have to fight against our anger and our disappointment, towards ourselves and towards God. We have to fight against our prejudices, against our bigotry. Our cry for justice, has to be a cry for justice for all of God's people. Even for, or especially for, the other. The one that we fear. The one that we hate. The ones who hate us.

Thanks to Stormé DeLarverie, the first Pride was a riot. Her voice, and the voice of millions of her queer and transgender siblings, are calling out, are reaching out, to the potential of who we are as a society. Last week, on the fourteenth, was George Floyd's fifty-second birthday. His voice, and the voice of millions of people of a variety of shades, are calling out, are reaching out, to the potential of who we are as a society. This country, which was built on the bodies and exploitation of our black and brown siblings, is about to celebrate its two-hundred and fiftieth birthday, claiming that it is and always has been a beacon of freedom and equality. Their voices, despite of and in spite of hundred of years of erasure and censorship, are calling out, are reaching out, to the potential of who we are as a society.

Our struggle and our survival can be a blessing, but only if everyone is included. Only if everyone is called out to, is reached out to.

As the widow called out and reached out, as the widow persisted, as the widow endured, may we go and do likewise.

Amen.

The background of the entire poster is a musical score with various notes and clefs. A piece of torn, aged paper is pasted onto the score, serving as a backdrop for the main text.

Come sing with us!

G.F. Handel's Messiah

Weekly rehearsals: Tuesdays at 7:15 PM
beginning October 28

Concert: Sunday, November 30th at 3 PM

For more information, contact
Director of Music, John Walthausen,
at jwalthausen@fpcgermantown.org



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Join us to learn about utility bill assistance and other community resources for income eligible Philadelphians.

- Applications processed on the spot, so bring your utility bills, ID , and Proof of income
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2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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2025 GACM Holiday Basket Collection

Thanksgiving baskets will be given to families who have requested help and documented their family size and financial need. A \$40 donation can provide a basket for a family. All donations are appreciated! Checks should be made payable to "GACM".

HOLIDAY BASKET CONTENTS

Meat: Turkey, Turkey Breast, Roasting Chicken

Starch: Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Yams, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Stuffing

Veggie: Green Beans, Green Peas

Bread: Rolls/Corn Bread Mix

Dessert: Cake Mix, Icing, Cookie Mix, Jello, Pie Crust, Pie Filling

Other: Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Seasonings, Sugar, Flour, Juice, Iced Tea, Canned Milk

★ Volunteers are needed : Nov. 21st & 24th 8:30am - 5pm ★ Volunteers must plan to provide a minimum of 2 hours sorting, packing, and distributing baskets

Call the GACM office or email (info@crisisministry.org) to schedule your service

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Donations not used for the holiday baskets will support regular food cupboard operation.

When you do your shopping this week, add an item to your cart for GACM! **Donations** to the food cupboard support families in our community in their seasons of hardship. Return items on the last Sunday of the month.

What we need most:

Cereal	Jelly
Mac & Cheese	Fruit cups
Ramen noodles	Canned Fruit
Apple sauce	

In addition, we can always use the following (or other items you enjoy!):

Beans (dry) • Biscuit/Muffin Mix • Cake Mix & Icing • Canned/-Boxed Fish • Fruit • Juice • Meats • Pasta • Soup • Stew • Tuna • Vegetables • Cereal (cold or hot i.e. grits) • Cream of Wheat • Oatmeal • Coffee • Condiments Ketchup • Pickles • Mayonnaise • Mustard • Relish Cookies • Crackers • Jell-o Jelly • Lunch Snacks • Nuts • Pasta • Peanut Butter • Ramen Noodles Rice • Sugar • Tea • Tomato Sauce • Trail Mix • Meats • Hotdogs • Bread • Pop Top Items • Tear Open Pouches • Microwavable Products • Toothbrush, Paste, Floss Soap, Lotions (full or Travel size items) Razors, Shaving Cream, Sanitary Pads Wash Cloths Laundry Detergent • Dishwashing Liquid • Household Cleaning Products

GACM's Fall & Holiday Activities **2025**

You are invited to participate in these activities.

Mark you calendar and decide which of these opportunities you will support.

For alternative drop off dates or for more info contact:

Info@crisisministry.org or Call our office (215) 843-2340

Winter Warmth Drive

Help us collect new and gently used items for warmth. Coats, hats, scarfs, blankets etc.

- **Donation drop off: NOV 12TH**
- **WWD: NOV 15TH**

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

GACM will share Thanksgiving baskets containing everything needed for a traditional holiday meal. Help us by collecting basket contents.

- **Donations are needed by 9am Fri NOV 21ST**
- **Volunteers needed to pack and distribute baskets NOV 21ST and NOV 24TH**

Angel Tree Project

Our Angel Tree Project provides one gift for each child in qualifying families. GACM will provide you the age, gender and wish list of a child.

- **Gifts will be distributed Mon DEC 22ND**



GACM PRESENTS

★ *The Angel Tree & Christmas Basket Program* ★

GACM focuses on helping families meet their basic needs. At this time of year, gifts for children, while not a basic need, become very important and GACM is pleased to help.

The Angel Tree program matches families with donors who provide one gift for each child under 18yrs.

It's not too late to Make the Season Bright for families. You can donate an unwrapped gift for a child or provide gift cards from stores such as WalMart, Target, Amazon, area Supermarket or gas station.

Donated gift cards are distributed at holiday time and throughout the year enabling us to meet a variety of needs.

Contact GACM office at (215) 843-2340 or email us at (info@crisisministry.org) for more info

**GIFT & BASKET
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THANKS GIVING

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

Healthy eating is important at every stage of life, including celebrations and gatherings. Eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives. When deciding what to eat or drink, choose options that are full of nutrients and limited in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium.

Start with these tips:

Serve Up Variety

Create a colorful buffet table that includes a variety of foods from all the food groups.

Make Activity Part Of The Fun

Laugh, mingle, dance, and play games with family and friends after a special meal.

Try A Twist On A Dish

Substitute low-fat milk, and cream cheese.

The benefits of healthy eating add up over time, bite by bite.

<https://www.myplate.gov/tip-sheet/celebrations-and-gatherings>

Sweet Potato Cheesecake



INGREDIENTS



1 cup gingersnaps,
finely crumbed
(or graham
crackers)



3 tablespoons
unsalted butter,
melted



8 ounces light
cream
cheese,
softened



1 cup sweet
potatoes, peeled,
cooked, and
mashed



5 egg whites

1 teaspoon
vanilla



1/3 cup sugar



1 teaspoon
orange peel,
finely
shredded



1 1/2 teaspoons
pumpkin pie spice

INSTRUCTIONS

CRUST:

1. Combine crumbs and butter.
2. Press mixture into bottom and 1 inch up sides of an 8-inch spring form pan. Set aside.

FILLING:

1. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sweet potatoes, egg white, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, orange peel, and the vanilla until combined. DO NOT OVER BEAT.
2. Stir in milk. Carefully pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake at 350 degrees F for 60 to 70 minutes until center appears set.
4. Cool on wire rack for 45 minutes. Cover and chill thoroughly.
5. Remove sides of pan and serve.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through the PA Department of Human Services (DHS).



Nutritional Information: (Per Serving) Makes 14 servings

Calories: 140
Fat: 6 g
Carbohydrate: 17 g
Fiber: 1 g
Protein: 5 g
Sodium: 139 mg

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ~ Luke 10:27

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has revoked the previous administration's guidance for immigration enforcement. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents can now enter schools, hospitals and churches. ICE can enter public areas without permission which include parking lots, lobbies and other waiting areas. They cannot, however stop, question and arrest anyone who is in a public area. What this means for us is that ICE may enter the church and our fellowship halls, Longstreth, Jennings and Finney. They are not permitted to go into our church offices unless they have a judicial warrant with a specific person's name on it or expressed permission from the pastor and senior staff. Churches may identify the sanctuary and fellowship rooms as private on the six other days of the week and thus deny access to these areas. Below, please find a graphic advising us on how we be document and be witnesses to interactions that are contrary to our Christian mandate of loving our neighbors and caring for those who seek refuge in our country.

Leviticus 19:33-34: "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong."

Zechariah 7:9-10: "Do not oppress the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

HOW TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT ICE ARRESTS

Let's not let fear divide us. An organized community is a secure community.

HOW TO RECORD Record or take photos: <u>You have the right under the First Amendment to document ICE and the police. Do so from a safe distance.</u>	HOW TO REPORT • <i>It's important that we only share verified reports to avoid causing unnecessary anxiety, panic, or fear in our community.</i> • <u>Contact JUNTOS</u> to report or verify any suspicious ICE activity.
WHAT TO DOCUMENT • Where the raid happened • <i>Date and time</i> • Number of agents • <i>Type of vehicle used</i> • Agents' attire • <i>How they identified themselves</i>	RESPONSE NETWORK • Telephone: 215-218-9079 • Instagram: @vamos_juntos_ • Facebook: Juntos JUNTOS

The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown is to reflect the loving presence of Christ as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully, and share life together in a diverse and generous community. While much could be added to this statement, we believe that this captures the most essential elements of our mission today as revealed through the words, thoughts and actions of the congregation. This mission statement is not only rooted in the life of the congregation; we believe that each promise this statement makes is rooted in Scripture as well:

- We will reflect the loving presence of Christ – Matthew 28:19-20
- We will serve others faithfully – Mark 10:43-45
- We will worship God joyfully – Colossians 3:16
- We will share life together – Acts 2:42-47
- We will be a diverse community – 1 Corinthians 12:15-19
- We will be a generous community – 1 Timothy 6:18-19



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