



## **Learn More About Us!**

**Welcome to the German American Cultural Center of Maryland!**

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### **Why a German American Cultural Center?**

When discussions about a German American Cultural Center first began, we were optimistic. We wanted a place that was multi-purpose: where those of German descent could celebrate their heritage and also a place where visitors could experience the rich German culture that has existed for centuries in Maryland.

Why a German Culture Center on the campus of Zion Lutheran Church? What better place than one that has welcomed so many waves of new Americans that came to Baltimore from Germany? German immigrants and their descendants are an integral part in shaping Baltimore, Maryland, and the United States by making significant contributions to industry, medicine, politics, education, religion, and the arts.

We formed the GACC for its value in serving contemporary, 21st century audiences to bridge the heritage of the German American community with the German Americans of today. Respect for culture, differences, and contributions of multiple perspectives and experiences is paramount to our organization.

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### **Our Motivation**

As we continue to develop the GACC, we have consistently asked for feedback from the broader community. We are told that German culture is more than bratwurst, bier and oompah music. Germany is a big country with a variety of foods, customs,

and traditions. Much of the feedback refers to local similar German events with little change from year to year. The GACC wants to evolve to create a vibrant and exciting cultural center! We need YOU to help us develop new and interesting activities, and help us create a lasting sense of purpose.



## Our Plan

### At the GACC, we would like to institute the following:

- Provide exhibitions, programs, and activities that interpret the German American experience to foster cross-cultural understanding.
- Establish programming dedicated to documenting and preserving the history of Maryland's German American immigrant communities, past and present, through activities that demonstrate respect and equality for all people of our city and region.
- Celebrate our heritage and future through food, the arts, and the exchange of ideas.
- Actively seek funds to sponsor and support our shared goal of preserving and protecting the historic Sexton's House and making it the home of the new and vibrant GACC of Maryland.
- Boost your knowledge of German Culture and of the German language. Netflix, Amazon and Hulu all offer a wide range of German films, documentaries, and series.

What better way to learn more about life in Germany, current ideas, and new perspectives? Would you like to participate in a film discussion either via zoom or in person? Let us know via our webpage [GACCMD.org](http://GACCMD.org).

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### **German Language Stammtisch**

March 22  
6:30 - 8:30pm  
Zion Lutheran Church

Baltimore City Stammtisch ist wieder da! Wir treffen uns in der Zion Church, mit kostenlose Parkplätze, Bier wird bereitgestellt, aber jeder sollte sich frei füllen sein Lieblingsgetränk und Lieblingsnack mitzubringen.

Registration is required. Please sign up here: [www.meetup.com/german-50/events/291382845/](http://www.meetup.com/german-50/events/291382845/)



### **GACC Inaugural Welcome Reception**

May 13  
4:00 - 6:30pm  
Zion Lutheran Church

We invite you to join the GACC for our kick-off event! Learn about the GACC, chat with people from all over Maryland and German, and enjoy a late spring evening in Baltimore.

Cost of the Event: The cost of admission to this event is 2 non-perishable food items (e.g., boxed rice, pop top canned goods, cereals, etc.)



### **Happy Hour at Guilford Hall**

June 22  
5:30 - 7:30pm  
Guilford Hall Brewery

Relax with the GACC for happy hour at Guilford Hall. Grab a beer, some food, and enjoy!

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