

**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Sherri Pembrook in celebration of Judy Stringfellow's birthday on July 19th. We are very thankful for her love and presence in our lives.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

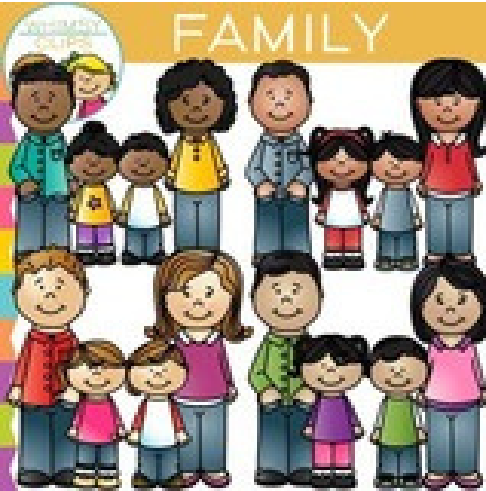
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 1pm–6pm. THE RED CROSS ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! Please see Becky Glass if you’re interested!
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, First Friday with Logan downtown from 6–9pm. Everyone welcome to join!
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, Care Team meeting at 11:30am in the Varsity Room.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>, C.R.E.W. Cedar Point Trip with Logan.
- August 4<sup>th</sup>, Piece Corps at 10am.
- August 15<sup>th</sup>, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- August 19<sup>th</sup>, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm and Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- August 24<sup>th</sup>, Picnic in the Park from 4pm-7pm; 115 Meadow Lane Gambier, OH 43022. *Please bring a covered dish and a chair.*

- **Our Nursery** is open year round for children of all ages.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.

**Our Mission**

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs  
*Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service*



**Chapel, July 20, 2025**

***A Family Church***

*For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.*

**–Matthew 12:50**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [mtvumc.org](http://mtvumc.org), Facebook, Instagram, or by signing up for eDevos–our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** [office@gaystreetumc.org](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

Sermon Notes:

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6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
<i>The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dale Sutton	
PREPARATION		
Prelude	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i> , by Gordon Young	Janet Guetle
Opening Prayer–All Uniting	Liturgist: Janet Rehling	
<b>We often act as if we are the only children in your family, God. Our arrogance has caused division where none should be. Remind us again that our adoption has become a reality only by the precious blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Never let us forget that we are members of your family, not by inheritance but by loving and grace filled adoption. Let us love God and one another with all our hearts. Amen.</b>		
*Gathering Hymn	<i>We Gather Together</i>	UM Hymnal 131
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)</b>		
L: O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship.		
<b>C: Yet narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife.</b>		
L: Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet,		
<b>C: but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.</b>		
L: God make the door of this house		
<b>C: the gateway to your eternal kingdom.</b>		
INTO THE WORD		
Galatians 3:25-29	Lay Reader: Janet Rehling	
*Matthew 12:46–50		
*Response to the Word	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	UM Hymnal 71
Message	A Family Church	Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Prayer Hymn	<i>Happy the Home When God Is There</i>	UM Hymnal 445
Morning Prayer Lord’s Prayer– <b>UM Hymnal 895</b>		
Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings: <i>When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.</i>		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	<b>UM Hymnal 94</b>
*Prayer of Dedication		
SENDING FORTH		
*Hymn of Parting	<i>Come, We That Love the Lord</i>	UM Hymnal 732
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Fanfare on “Ein Feste Burg”, Martin Luther</i> arr. by James Pethel	Janet Guetle

