

**The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Jerry Navin's birthday which would have been March 14th.**

**Gay Street Prayer Concerns:** Debbie Baker, James Trowbridge, Marilyn Empey, Shari, Tom Waddell, Starr Hill, Scott Moran, Karolyn Smith, Candace Crampton, James (Geno) McNeill, Jim Barr's family, Amy Poland, Sandi Hubiak, Tina Doup, Dennis Posey, Jackie & Bob Wihl & family, Jen Castellanos.

**Green Valley Chapel Prayer Concerns:** Care & Connection

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall.
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- March 20<sup>th</sup>, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Our new members will be joining the church!
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Logan is having a youth mission trip meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 12:30pm.
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, SPR meeting at 7pm.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday services at 8:30am & 10:45am. In the 10:45am service, the choir will be presenting a contatta.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, Logan & C.R.E.W. will be headed to Scene75. \$10 will be due to Logan for the trip, and bring lunch money. We will be leaving around 12:30pm and hoping to be back home by 6pm.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.

**Pastor Dale's Lenten Study:**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> and running every Sunday through April 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be held in the Kurella Room from **9:30am-10:30am**.

**Weekly on Wednesdays:**

- **Wednesday night congregational meal;** Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday for a great meal & fellowship.
- **C.R.E.W. Youth Group** 6:15pm-7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- **Pastor Christopher's Bible Study** on 'Disciple 1' from 6:15pm-7:45pm in the Varsity room.

**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*



**Sanctuary, March 15, 2026**

***Clinging to Jesus***

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

***-John 3:17***

**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@mtvumc.org](mailto:office@mtvumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.
- **Connect Cards:** are in the pew racks. If you are a guest or need to update your information please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the Pastor following the service.

Sermon Notes:

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Sutton

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Thank you, Jesus, for the Blood*, by Charity Gayle and David Gentiles  
Duet: Olivia Guetle Colwell and Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Tom Barbee  
**Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* UM Hymnal 357

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Once you lived in darkness.

**C: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

L: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.

**C: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.**

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**C: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.**

Invitation to Children Rev. Dale Sutton

Children’s Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children’s Message followed by Junior Church dismissal Ethan McNaughton

**INTO THE WORD**

Ephesians 5:8-14 Lay Reader: Dave Dunnivant

\*John 9:1-41

\*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71

Message *Clinging to Jesus* Rev. Dale Sutton

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *As the Deer* (sing x2) TFWS 2025

Morning Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:  
*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.*

Offertory *Dona Nobis Pacem* Chancel Choir  
arr. by Hal Hopson

**\*Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn of Parting** *Amazing Grace* UM Hymnal 378

**\*Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata on God Father* Janet Guetle  
arr. by William Picher

**Worship Participants:**

**Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:**

Terry Dunnivant

**Live Stream:** Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon

**Sound:** Daniel Burson

**Ushers:**

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

