

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Mike and Mary Prince. Congratulations!

The carnation on the altar is in memory of Marna Burwell who went home to our Lord on January 12th.

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.
TODAY: Logan & youth are going to Snow Trails. Leaving around 12:30pm and should be back around 5pm. See Logan for more details.

- January 19th, The church will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
- January 20th, Red Cross Blood Drive from **1:15pm-6pm** in Fellowship Hall.
- January 20th, Trustee meeting at 5:50pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- January 25th, First Youth Mission Trip Meeting with Logan on the 3rd floor at 12:15pm.
- February 2nd, Piece Corps at 10am.
- February 6th, Care Team at 11:30am.

January 21st (Wednesday)

Pastor Christopher's **Bible Study** on 'Disciple 1' begins from 6:15pm - 7:45pm in the Varsity room.

Wednesday night meals will resume on this day as well starting at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, and every Wednesday going forward.

United Women in Faith (and helpers) providing 'Soup to-go Sundays'

Soup will be provided after each service through end of February.

There will be no soup on Feb. 8 due to Super Bowl subs.

Containers provided (or bring your own). *Donation only.* Warm up with us!

THE GIVING TREE:

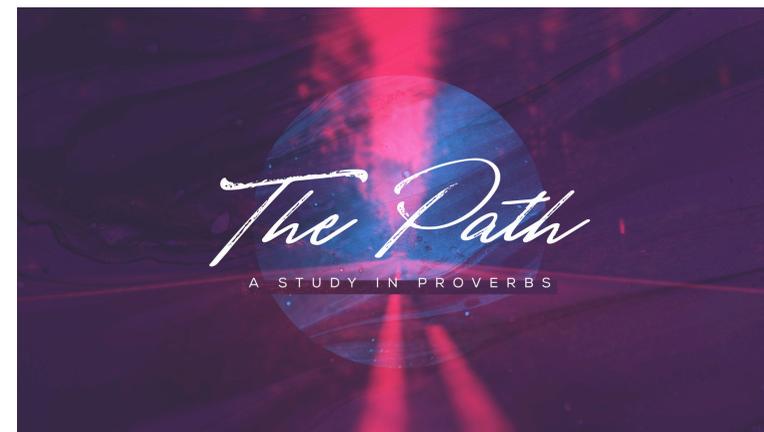
For Pleasant Street Elementary; the requests include underwear, socks, shoes, sweat pants and leggings for both boys and girls from Pre-K to 6th grade. These items can be placed on or around the tree in the red Parlor **starting Sunday, December 21st through the end of January. The items that are NOT NEEDED** this year are hats, scarves and mittens. If you have any questions or concerns, give Gayle James a call at 740-848-4029.

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, January 18, 2026

Your Heart Matters

*Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.*

-Proverbs 4:23

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected; our website: 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
- **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.
- **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:

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude

Fantasia, Grave, J.S. Bach

Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Janet Rehling

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

God of the Ages

UM Hymnal 698

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

L: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

C: And do not lean on your own understanding.

L: In all your ways acknowledge him,

C: And he will make straight your paths.

L: Be not wise in your own eyes;

C: Fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

L: It will be healing to your flesh,

C: And refreshment to your bones.

INTO THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:9

Proverbs 3:5–6

Lay Reader: Janet Schisler

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

UM Hymnal 142

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

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.

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UM Hymnal 133

*Benediction

Postlude

Jubilate Deo, G.F. Handel

Janet Guetle

