

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Duane Barber in honor of his mother, Claire Barber's birthday! **Proverbs 31:29** says: "*Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.*"

The carnations on the altar are in memory of Doug Brenneman and Linda Miller, the sister of Neal & Jim Martin.

SAVE THE DATE:

TONIGHT: Logan is having a bonfire at his house; all families are welcome! The time is from 6pm–8pm. Please bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, games, fellowship, and s'mores!

–October 2nd, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.

–October 2nd, Logan & CREW: Friday night football at the Mount Vernon Football Field; meet at the gate at 6pm. Your ticket is covered, bring money for concessions.

–October 12th, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella room on the 1st floor.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE:

Wednesday, October 7th, from 12pm-7pm

Thursday, October 8th from 9am-5pm

RESUMING OCTOBER 14TH:

- Wednesday night meal resumes (every Wednesday) at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship.
- Pastor Christopher's Bible Study, Disciple 1, Wednesdays from 6:15pm–7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study, Wednesdays from 6pm–8pm.

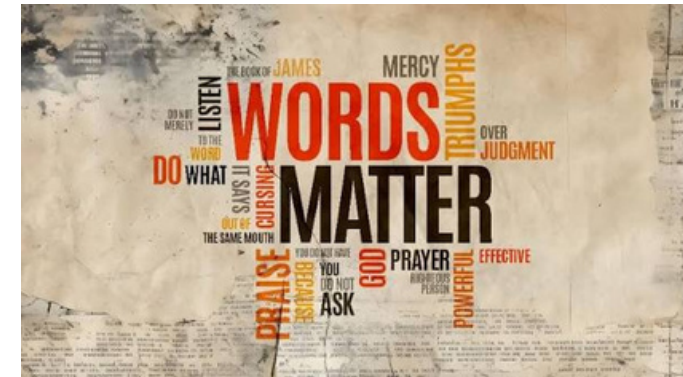
If you are interested in joining the choir, bells, or are in search of any volunteer opportunities, please call the church office!

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, September 27, 2026

Watch Your Words

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

-Proverbs 18:21

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected: mtvumc.org | Facebook | Instagram | eDevos (weekly newsletter)

Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–3pm | 740-392-6626 | office@mtvumc.org

Restrooms: End of first-floor hallway

Prayer Concerns: Use gray cards in pews; place in offering plate or give to a Pastor

Connect Cards: In pew racks—guests and updates welcome (return in offering plate or to a Pastor)

Sermon Notes:

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude *In Heavenly Love Abiding, Finnish Melody* Janet Guetle
Arr. by Carolyn Hamlin

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Jim Borrows
Gracious God, thank You for the gift of Your living Word, which speaks truth, hope, and life into our hearts. As we worship today, transform us by Your Holy Spirit so that the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts may be pleasing in Your sight. Fill us with Your grace, that our lives and our words may reflect the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* UM Hymnal 577

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)
L: Come, let us worship the God whose Word brings life, hope, and truth.
C: We come to praise the One who is faithful in all He says and does.
L: May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in His sight.
C: Lord, transform our hearts, that our words may reflect Your love and grace.
L: Let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts and lives surrendered to Him.
C: We will worship with joy, receive His Word with humility, and seek to honor Him in all we say and do. Amen.

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 19:14 Lay Reader: Loren Ing
James 3:1–12

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

Message Watch Your Words Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UM Hymnal 420

Morning Prayer
Lord’s Prayer–UM Hymnal 895

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



*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Wonderful Words of Life* UM Hymnal 600

*Benediction

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* Janet Guetle
John B. Dykes, Arr. by Carolyn Hamlin

Today in the Sanctuary
service we are accepting
a new member:

Colleen Hicks

