

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Dwight and Jane Beougher to honor the glory of God and to celebrate our many family members and friends with birthdays and anniversaries in August.

**The carnation on the altar** this morning is in honor of Guy Hager’s father, Joe Hager, who went home to the Lord on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

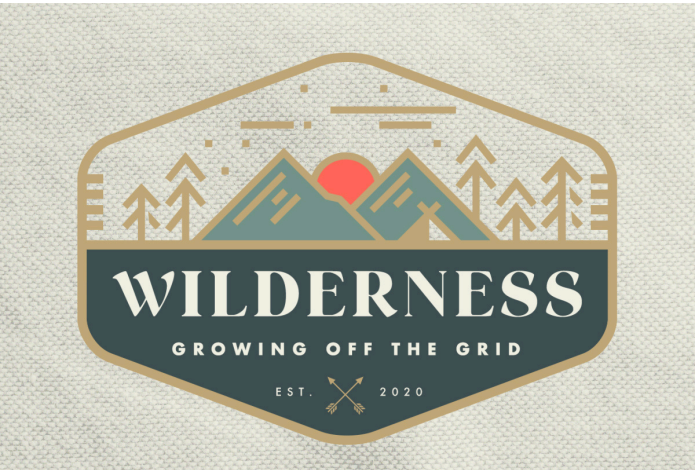
**Upcoming dates to remember:**  
**TODAY: PICNIC AT THE PARK AT THE GAMBIER SHELTER HOUSE FROM 4-7PM. BRING A COVERED DISH AND CHAIR IF YOU WOULD LIKE!**  
–**August 26<sup>th</sup>, Church Council Meeting (open) in the Varsity Room at 6:30pm!**  
–August 28<sup>th</sup>, Choir Rehearsal is back in session every Thursday at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Terry Dunnavant!  
–August 31<sup>st</sup>, anyone interested in trying out bells, please join Mary Kepple in the bell room; one class is at 9:30am and the other will be held at 12pm. Come give it a try!  
–September 1<sup>st</sup>, Office is closed due to Labor Day.  
–September 4<sup>th</sup>, Wesley Ringers Rehearsal is back in session every Thursday at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining, please see Mary Kepple!  
–September 5<sup>th</sup>, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.  
–September 5<sup>th</sup>, is our final ‘First Friday’ with Logan & the youth. Visit us downtown from 6–9pm.  
–September 7<sup>th</sup>, Youth Bell Practice begins; every Sunday from 9:30am-10:15am.  
–September 7<sup>th</sup>, Junior Church begins (infants–5<sup>th</sup> graders) dismissal at 11am and lasts until the 10:45am service ends.  
–September 8<sup>th</sup>, Piece Corps at 10am & United Women in Faith at 1pm.

- **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*



**Sanctuary, August 24, 2025**

***Listen in the Wilderness***  
*but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;*  
*they shall mount up with wings like eagles;*  
*they shall run and not be weary;*  
*they shall walk and not faint.*  
**–Isaiah 40:31**

**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.

Sermon Notes:

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11TH 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>Reprise</i> , by Paul Manz	Janet Guetle
<b>Opening Prayer–All Uniting</b> <b>Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.</b>		
Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop		
*Gathering Hymn	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	UM Hymnal 600
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)</b> L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. <b>C: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.</b> L: They shall mount up with wings like eagles. He restores my soul. <b>C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.</b> L: They shall run and not be weary. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me. They shall walk and not faint. <b>C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</b>		
Invitation to Children	Rev. Dale Sutton	
Children’s Song-congregation	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	
<b>Lyrics:</b> <b>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.</b>		
Children’s Message	Marty Bell	
<b>INTO THE WORD</b>		
Psalm 23	Lay Reader: Dave Dunnavant	
1 Kings 19:9–13		
*Response to the Word	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	UM Hymnal 71
Message	Listen in the Wilderness	Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

My Tribute (x2)

UM Hymnal 99

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

*I Believe*, by Eric Levi

Lucas Weiss, soloist

\***Doxology**  
\*Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**UM Hymnal 94**

**SENDING FORTH**  
\*Hymn of Parting

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UM Hymnal 400

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Postlude on St. Anne*, by Craig J. Westendorf

Janet Guetle

**Worship Volunteers:**  
Live Stream: Max Heindl & Carol Moore  
Nursery: Sharon Bowers & Debbie Butler  
Sound: Daniel Burson  
  
Ushers: Todd, Cathy, and Allyson Brooks, Sharon Mills

