

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Steve and Cynthia Mahaney, in honor of their son's 33rd birthday, and also in memory of those who lost their lives on December 7, 1941.

## SAVE THE DATE:

Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.

–December 8<sup>th</sup>, United Women in Faith will meet at 12pm at Pine Hill for a potluck luncheon.

Dishes, etc. will be provided.

–December 10<sup>th</sup>, please join us in the sanctuary at 9:15am; Danville Choir Program will be gracing us with a recital.

-December 14<sup>th</sup>, Logan & C.R.E.W. shopping for Tree of Sharing, 12:15pm-1:30pm.

–December 16<sup>th</sup>, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm.

–December 19<sup>th</sup>, The Closet (taxable night) at 5:30pm.

–December 21<sup>st</sup>, C.R.E.W. Christmas party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 12:30pm.

-December 21<sup>st</sup>, Organ & Handbell Christmas Concert in the sanctuary at 3pm!

**Designated Christmas Eve Offerings will be divided between:**

Pleasant Street Elementary School, Winter Sanctuary (Homeless Shelter), Royal Family Kids Camp (camp for Foster Children), Midwest Mission (humanitarian relief)

*\*Any gifts that you're wanting to be included for the 2025 tax year, needs to be in the church office, by December 30th.*

## TREE OF SHARING:

Names are now available in the Parlor on the tree.

Items should be returned, UNWRAPPED, back to the Parlor by **December 15th.**

Please include a roll of wrapping paper and/or gift boxes with the gift.

Contact Gayle James with questions: 740-848-4029

Thank you for supporting this mission!!

**Join Us Every Wednesday Night for Logan's Youth Bible Study: Grades 6-12 (3rd Floor)**

***The group will not meet on 12/24, or 12/31.***

- **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, December 7, 2025

# Peace In The Heart Of Christmas

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

**-Matthew 5:9**

# 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
- **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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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-PEACE		
<i>The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Christopher Liberati	
<b>PREPARATION</b>		
Prelude	<i>What Child Is This</i> , arr. by Eric Carlson Elisabeth Guetle-Culley, Cello, accompanied by Janet Guetle, Piano	
*Gathering Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	UM Hymnal 203
<b>Lighting of Advent Candle</b>	Drew & Reagan Koziel	
<b>Unison Prayer</b>		
<b>Dear God, as we light this candle, we open our hearts to Your gift of peace. Fill us, Lord, with that kind of peace that passes all understanding - that can come only through a sense of Your presence. Amen.</b>		
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)</b>		
L: May the joy of the Advent season with its message of peace be with you all!		
<b>C: And also with you.</b>		
L: As we experience the peace of Christ, may we learn to be aware of how we can spread that sense of peace to those around us.		
<b>C: Just as God sent Jesus to an exact time, and place, and circumstance, so you and I are sent to this time and place to share the hope and peace of Christ.</b>		
<b>ALL PRAISE RESPONSE:</b>		
<b>O come, O come great Lord of might,</b>		
<b>who to thy tribes on Sinai's height</b>		
<b>in ancient times once gave the law</b>		
<b>in cloud and majesty and awe.</b>		
<b>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel</b>		
<b>shall come to thee, O Israel.</b>		
<b>INTO THE WORD</b>		
Romans 5:1	Lay Reader: Wayne Dunlop	
<b>*Luke 2:8-14</b>		
*Response to the Word	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	UM Hymnal 71
<b>Message</b>		
Peace In The Heart Of Christmas Rev. Christopher Liberati		

<b>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</b>		
Prayer Hymn	<i>Let There Be Peace On Earth</i>	UM Hymnal 431
Morning Prayer	Liturgist: Gayle Keller	
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>		
Offertory	<i>A Prayer for Advent</i> by J. Paul Williams & Douglas Nolan	Chancel Choir
<b>*Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	<b>UM Hymnal 94</b>
*Prayer of Dedication		
<b>RECEIVE</b>		
*Apostles' Creed	UM Hymnal 7	
Communion service and responses		UM Hymnal 13 & 14
Communion Hymn	<i>In Silence He Came</i>	Lori Barbee, soprano soloist
	Words & music by Joseph Martin	
Sharing of Bread and Cup		
Communion Blessing		
<b>SENDING FORTH</b>		
*Hymn of Parting	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	UM Hymnal 236
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Fanfare for a Festival</i> , J.J. Mouret Elisabeth Guetle-Culley, Cello, Janet Guetle, Piano	

**Worship Volunteers:**

Chancel Choir Director: Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Bailey McGregor & Patsy Hommon

Sound: Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

