

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, March 8, 2026

Set Free from Shame

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.*

-Psalm 95:6-7

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 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:

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of Jo-Ann’s birthday! Psalm 40:11 says, “Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.” Given with love, by Patrick, Margaret & Philomena.

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: C.R.E.W. & Logan are going to Eastern Star to visit and play games with the residents. Meet at Eastern Star at 1pm. We will finish around 2pm.

–March 9th, UWF at 1pm.

–March 17th, Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm–6pm in Fellowship Hall.

–March 17th, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.

–March 20th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

–March 22nd, Our new members will be joining the church!

–March 22nd, Logan is having a youth mission trip meeting on the 3rd floor at 12:30pm.

–March 24th, SPR meeting at 7pm.

Pastor Dale’s Lenten Study:

February 22nd and running **every Sunday** through April 12th.

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 3rd floor. **(NO youth study on 3/11)**
- **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.

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*, arr. by Don Wyrzten Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Gayle Keller
Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* UM Hymnal 479

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

L: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

C: We have drawn deeply of those waters.

L: We come to the well of anger and hate.

C: These waters flourish in all the land.

L: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

C: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. AMEN.

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

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 Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD

Romans 5:1–11 Lay Reader: Logan Hines

*John 4:5-42

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

Message Set Free from Shame Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Fill My Cup, Lord* (sing x2) UM Hymnal 641

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 *Father, Forgive Us* Chancel Choir
by Pamela Martin and Craig Courtney

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UM Hymnal 731

*Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare of Praise*, composed by Don Wyrzten Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Max Heindl & Patsy Hommon

Sound: Jassmine Bayless

Ushers:

Donna Campbell, Shelley Coon,
Carol Navin, Susan Snyder

