

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Sherri Pembrook, in remembrance and honor of George and Judy Stringfellow's anniversary on February 6th. We will be forever grateful to have them as parents.

SAVE THE DATE:

Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
TODAY: Superbowl sub pickup after each service in Fellowship Hall for Chapel & Parlor for Sanctuary folks.
–February 15th, Logan & Youth are going to Easton Town Center to venture an escape room. Leaving church around 12:30pm and should be returning home around 5pm. \$10 is due to Logan before the trip & please bring lunch money.
–February 16th, Church is closed due to Presidents’ Day!
–February 17th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance at 6:45pm.
–February 20th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
–February 22nd, Painting the youth room on the 3rd floor, from 12-3pm. Lunch will be provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

February 18th we will have two services: 1pm & 7pm, both in the sanctuary!
We will NOT be having the congregational meal or adult/youth Bible Studies on this evening; we will resume the following week!

Pastor Dale’s Lenten Study:

Beginning February 22nd and running every Sunday through April 12th. This will be held in the Kurella Room from 9:30am–10:30am. Sign up in the parlor or call the office.

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!

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, February 8, 2026

Dealing with Unreachable Destinations
I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.
–Psalm 69:3

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:

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude

On Eagle’s Wings, arr. by John Carter

Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Gayle Keller

Lord, as we gather to worship, meet us in every place of longing. Renew discouraged hearts. Strengthen faint trust. Stir fresh hope within us by the power of Your Spirit. Open our eyes to see Your goodness in this very moment. Open our ears to hear Your voice speaking life. Open our hearts to receive the joy, peace, and hope You desire to give. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UM Hymnal 452

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

L: People of God, we come with hopes that have been delayed, prayers still unanswered, and longings not yet fulfilled.

C: Lord, meet us in our waiting, and renew our hearts with Your presence.

L: Scripture reminds us that when hope is fulfilled, it becomes a tree of life rooted, growing, and bearing fruit.

C: We look to You, O God, the source of true hope and the giver of every good gift.

L: Come, let us bring our longing, our trust, and our worship before the Lord.

All: We worship the God who restores hope and makes our lives flourish. Let us praise the Lord!

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

Proverbs 42:1–3

Lay Reader: Gayle Keller

Proverbs 13:12

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

Dealing with Unreachable Destinations

Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day

UM Hymnal 411

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

Here I Am, Lord, by Dan Schutte, arr by Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

UM Hymnal 418

*Benediction

Postlude

Hymn to Joy, Setting by John Carter

Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Max Heindl

Sound: Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Donna Campbell, Lee Rhoades,

Carol Navin, Susan Snyder

