

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Tom & Lori Barbee to celebrate the third birthday of granddaughter, Allie Toms; happy birthday Allie!

The carnation on the altar is in memory of James Trowbridge who passed away on September 28th.

SAVE THE DATE:

- October 11th, Logan & CREW/Youth/Children/Families are going to a pumpkin patch around 12:45pm. More details to come.
- October 12th, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella room on the 1st floor.
- October 16th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- October 18th, Charge Conference at Sunbury UMC at 3pm.
- October 20th, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm

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



Sanctuary, October 4, 2026

Fighting Words
*Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.*
–Proverbs 4:23

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

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Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–3pm | 740-392-6626 | 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: 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:

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Janet Guetle
Nun Freut Euch, arr. by Michael Burkhardt

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Jim Borrowes
Gracious God, we come before You today, grateful for Your love, Your mercy, and the peace that is found in Jesus Christ. As we worship, search our hearts, reveal anything that keeps us from You, and transform our desires so that they reflect Your will. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may become peacemakers who honor You in our words, our actions, and our relationships. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* UM Hymnal 419

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**
L: Come, let us worship the God who is rich in mercy and perfect in peace.
C: We come seeking His grace to renew our hearts and minds.
L: The Lord invites us to lay down our pride, our fears, and our selfish desires.
C: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and lead us in Your ways.
L: Let us worship the One who alone can bring peace where there is conflict and hope where there is brokenness.
C: We will worship with humble hearts, trusting Christ to transform us from the inside out. Amen.

INTO THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:9–10 Lay Reader: Jassmine Bayless
James 4:1–3

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

Message Fighting Words Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Taste and See (x2)* TFWS 2267

Morning Prayer

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.



Offertory *Receive the Joy* Chancel Choir
Words by Mary Martin, Music by Joseph Martin

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

RECEIVE
*Apostles’ Creed UM Hymnal 7
Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn *Humbly I Adore Thee* Ben Locke, soloist
arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch

Sharing of Bread and Cup
Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH
*Hymn of Parting *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UM Hymnal 614
*Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on God, Father, Praise and Glory* Janet Guetle
arr. by William Picher

Worship Participants:

Live Stream:
Max Heindl & Carol Moore

Sound:
Daniel Burson

Ushers:
Donna Campbell, Shelley Coon, Susan Snyder, Carol Navin

