

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Susan Borrowss in celebration of Jim Borrow's birthday!

Gay Street Prayer Concerns: Debbie Baker, Marilyn Empey, Shari, Starr Hill, Scott Moran, James (Geno) McNeill, Jim Barr's family, Tina Doup, Lisa Steury, Jan Pembrook, Ruth McConnell, Deb Everett, Karolyn Smith, John Miller, Duane Barber, Patti Coates daughter and family.

Green Valley Chapel Prayer Concerns: Brock Hazen, Jenna Mossing, Harlan Nisly.

SAVE THE DATE:

- August 18th, Trustees meeting at 5pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- August 21st, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- August 23rd, CREW Kings Island Trip: Leaving around 8am and will need money for breakfast and will return around 10pm, cost is \$40 per person which includes ticket, drinks, food for during the day.
- August 26th, Logan's monthly CREW Youth Group at 6pm on the 3rd floor.
- August 30th, Picnic in the Park from 4-7pm at the Gambier Shelter House.

WAYS TO SERVE:

Friday Night Community Hot Meals:

Join us each Friday at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we serve hot meals to our community. Volunteers are always welcome!

Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed:

We are seeking volunteers for our Sunday services in the following areas:

- Liturgist
- Lay Readers
- Live Stream
- Sound Board
- Ushers/Greeters

If you feel called to serve in any of these roles, please contact the church office. Your support helps make our worship possible—thank you!

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 16, 2026

A Thin Place

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

-Matthew 18:20

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected: mtvumc.org | Facebook | Instagram | eDevos (weekly newsletter)

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:

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION
Prelude
The Lord’s My Shepherd
by Jesse S. Irvine, Setting by Donald Hustad

Opening Prayer–All Uniting
Heavenly Father, Thank You for inviting us into Your presence today. In the middle of busy lives, heavy burdens, and distracted hearts, draw us close to You and help us experience the peace, joy, and renewal that only You can give. As we worship together, open our hearts to hear Your voice and remind us that You are near to Your people in every season of life. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn
O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice
UM Hymnal 391

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**
L: We gather today longing for the peace, hope, and presence that only God can give.
C: We come with gladness into the house of the Lord.
L: In the midst of busy lives and weary hearts, God invites us into His presence.
C: Here we seek the Lord together and find rest for our souls.
L: Where God’s people gather in worship, hearts are renewed, burdens are lifted, and faith is strengthened.
C: We rejoice to worship alongside one another in the presence of God.
L: Come, let us worship the Lord with expectation, gratitude, and joy.
C: For the Lord is near to His people, and His peace is with us. Amen.

Invitation to Children
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
Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD
Hebrews 10:24–25
Psalm 122
Lay Reader: Susie Fish

*Response to the Word
Message
Gloria Patri
A Thin Place
UM Hymnal 71
Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Prayer Hymn
Morning Prayer
Lord’s Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
TFWS 2051

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
My Song in the Night, Inspired by a text by Joseph Swain
Laura Fruehling, soloist & Sarah Goslee Reed, violinist

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

SENDING FORTH
***Hymn of Parting**
***Benediction**
Hail to the Lord's Anointed
UM Hymnal 203

Postlude
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
by Martin Luther, Setting by Donald Hustad
Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Live Stream:
Carol Moore
Sound:
Todd Burson
Ushers:
Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

