The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Harold Caldwell in memory of his wife, Thelma, whose birthday was yesterday, July 4th!

SAVE THE DATE:
–July 14th, Church Council at 6:30pm in the Varsity room on the first floor. This is an open meeting for everyone to attend.
–July 17th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
–July 21st, Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 1–6pm.
–July 22nd, monthly youth group night on the 3rd floor with Logan, 6pm–7:30pm.

TODAY: July 5th–July 10th
Youth ASP Mission Trip heading to West Virginia;
Keep our team in your prayers this week!

NO United Women in Faith for July or August, we will resume in September

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

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.

WIN THE DAY

Chapel, July 5, 2026

Cut The Rope
I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
–Joshua 1:9

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: End of first–floor hallway
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:

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude — *My Country 'Tis of Thee,* arr. by Wilbur Held — Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting — Liturgist: Jim Borrows

Heavenly Father, as we gather in worship today, quiet the noise around us and within us so we may hear Your voice clearly. In the midst of every fear, distraction, and storm we carry, remind us that You are still present, still faithful, and still speaking peace over our lives. Open our hearts today and give us the courage to trust You more deeply. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* — UM Hymnal 697

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

L: Church, today we gather in the presence of the One who speaks peace into every storm.
C: We come to worship the God who calls us beyond fear and into faith.
L: When the waves rise and uncertainty surrounds us, Jesus still says, "Peace, be still."
C: We will trust the voice of Christ above the noise of the world.
L: God has not called us to live timidly, but faithfully.
C: We will step forward in courage, trusting the Spirit to lead us.
L: So let us leave distractions behind, open our hearts to God's presence, and worship with boldness and hope.
C: For the Lord is with us in every storm, and His love will never fail.
All: Let us worship the Lord together!

COMMISSIONING ASP YOUTH MISSION TRIP

INTO THE WORD

2 Timothy 1:7 — Lay Reader: Montez Morey
*Mark 4:35–41

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

Message — Cut The Rope — Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn — *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* — UM Hymnal 509
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.

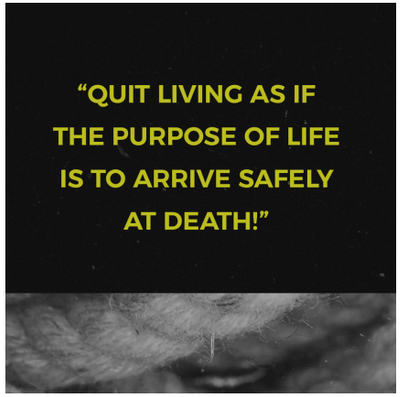
***Doxology** — *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* — **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

*Apostles' Creed — UM Hymnal 7
Communion service and responses — UM Hymnal 13 & 14
Sharing of Bread and Cup
Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting — *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* — TFWS 2191
*Benediction

Postlude — *Scherzando on God Bless Our Native Land* — Janet Guetle
arr. by Wilbur Held