

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Dwight & Jane Beougher in celebration of their daughter Kerry's birthday and the many blessings of family and friends!

The carnation on the altar is in memory of Jim Barr, the son of James & Susan Barr, who went home to the Lord on October 6th.

SAVE THE DATE:

TODAY: Charge Conference at Sunbury UMC at 3pm.

- October 20th, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm
- November 1st, CREW & Logan to go visit our members at Eastern Star from 2pm-3pm.
- November 2nd, Piece Corps at 10am in the Varsity room.
- November 6th, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.
- November 8th, CREW & Logan trampoline park trip; more details to come.
- November 9th, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella room.

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS:

- Wednesday night meal 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.

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 18, 2026

Faith That Makes a Difference

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another.

-Galatians 5:13

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:

LAITY SUNDAY		
<i>The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Wayne Dunlop	
PREPARATION		
Prelude	<i>In the Garden</i> , Arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski	Wesley Ringers
Opening Prayer–All Uniting		Liturgist: Jon Butler
Gracious God, we thank You for Your church and for the many gifts You have given Your people. As we celebrate Laity Sunday, remind us that each of us is called to serve and share the love of Jesus Christ. Bless our worship and the one who brings Your message today, that our faith may be lived out in love and service. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.		
*Gathering Hymn	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	UM Hymnal 103
*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)		
L: We gather today as the body of Christ, giving thanks for the faith, love, and hope that unite us.		
C: We are the church, called to serve God and share His love.		
L: God has gifted each of us for ministry and called us to be His witnesses.		
C: May our faith be lived out in love, and may our lives point others to Jesus.		
L: Come, let us worship the living God!		
All: We worship with grateful hearts, ready to serve and make a difference in the world. Amen!		
Invitation to Children	Wayne Dunlop	
Children’s Song-congregation	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	
	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 10:23–24	Lay Reader: Christy Burson	
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10		
*Response to the Word	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	UM Hymnal 71
Message	Faith That Makes a Difference	Wayne Dunlop

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Alleluia

UM Hymnal 186

Morning Prayer
Lord’s Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

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

You Are Our Dwelling Place, by Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Rock Of Ages, Cleft for Me

UM Hymnal 361

*Benediction

Postlude

Oh Happy Day arr. by Tammy Waldrop

Wesley Ringers

Worship Participants:

Live Stream:
Patsy Hommon & Max Heindl

Sound:
Daniel Burson

Ushers:
Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

