

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, Church is closed due to Presidents’ Day!  
–February 17<sup>th</sup>, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance at 6:45pm.  
–February 20th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.  
–February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Painting the youth room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, from 12-3pm. Lunch will be provided.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and running every Sunday through April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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*



**Chapel, 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](http://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](mailto:office@mtvumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **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  
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude

*On Eagle’s Wings*, arr. by John Carter

Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting**

Liturgist: Dwight Beougher

**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!**

**INTO THE WORD**

Psalms 42:1–3

Proverbs 13:12

Lay Reader: LeNan Hager

\*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.*

**\*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

