

The carnation on the altar is in loving memory of Larry Gault who passed away Thursday, July 23rd.

–August 3rd, Our Piece Corps group are inviting everyone to attend an organization meeting at 10am in the Varsity room, on the 1st floor for anyone interested about joining the group. Do you love to sew, knit, crochet, etc? Come check it out to learn more!

–August 7th, First Friday downtown; visit our booth near Happy Bean Coffee Shop from 6-9pm.

–August 21st, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

–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.

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Chapel, August 2, 2026

*He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead the mother sheep.*

-Isaiah 40:11

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:

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Just a Closer Walk*, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram Marty Bell

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Guy Hager
Heavenly Father, Thank You for being our Good Shepherd through every season of life. When we are weary, You restore us; when we are afraid, You walk beside us; and when we wander, You lovingly guide us back to Your path. As we worship today, help us to trust Your presence, rest in Your peace, and follow wherever You lead. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UM Hymnal 381

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

L: No matter what valley we may be walking through today, we gather with confidence knowing we are not alone.

C: The Lord is our Shepherd, and He walks beside us.

L: When we are weary, God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

C: We come seeking the peace, strength, and presence of the Good Shepherd.

L: When fear surrounds us and the path feels uncertain, God remains faithful.

C: We will not fear, for the Shepherd guides and protects His people.

L: Surely goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives.

C: And we will worship the Lord with grateful hearts forever. Amen.

INTO THE WORD

John 10:11–14 Lay Reader: Montez Morey

Psalms 23

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

Message The Shepherd’s Psalm Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want* UM Hymnal 136

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UM Hymnal 139

*Benediction

Postlude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*, Mary McDonald Marty Bell

