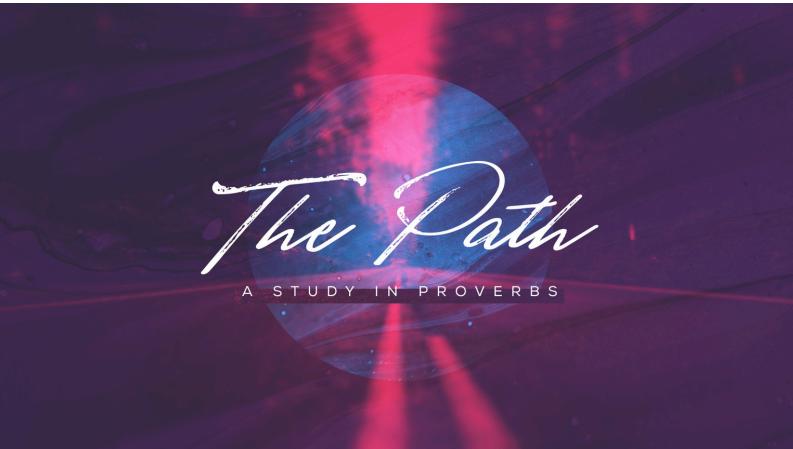


The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Marshall & Marjorie Winkle, in celebration of their daughter Martha's heavenly birthday. Deuteronomy 33:12 says:
Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him.

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

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



SAVE THE DATE:

Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.

TODAY: First Youth Mission Trip Meeting with Logan on the 3rd floor at 12:15pm.

–February 2nd, Piece Corps at 10am.

–February 6th, Care Team at 11:30am.

–February 7th, Logan & Youth will be making Superbowl subs in Fellowship Hall from 6–8pm. *This is a Saturday.*

–February 8th, Superbowl sub pickup after each service in Fellowship Hall for Chapel & Parlor for Sanctuary folks.

–February 15th, 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.

Weekly on Wednesdays:

Wednesday night meals have resumed! Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday.

Pastor Christopher's **Bible Study** on 'Disciple 1' from 6:15pm – 7:45pm in the Varsity room.

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!

THE GIVING TREE:

For Pleasant Street Elementary; the requests include underwear, socks, shoes, sweat pants and leggings for both boys and girls from Pre-K to 6th grade. These items can be placed on or around the tree in the red Parlor **starting Sunday, December 21st through the end of January.** The items that are NOT NEEDED this year are hats, scarves and mittens. If you have any questions or concerns, give Gayle James a call at 740-848-4029.

Our Mission

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

Sanctuary, January 25, 2026

Getting Help Along the Way

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

–James 1:5

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected; our website: 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
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **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:

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude

Marching to Zion, arr. by Jason Krug Wesley Ringers

Opening Prayer-All Uniting

Liturgist: Joseph Bell

As we gather, we pray for a spirit of humility among us. Give us ears to hear the counsel of those who walk with You, and the discernment to know Your voice in the multitude of voices around us. Equip our leaders and each member of this community with a heart to seek guidance and a willingness to offer it in love. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past UM Hymnal 117

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

L: The world offers many voices, and often, our own plans fall short when we rely only on ourselves.

C: We long for wisdom and direction, seeking the safety found in Godly counsel.

L: Let us open our hearts and humble our spirits before the God who guides us.

C: Amen. Let us worship God together!

Invitation to Children

Rev. Christopher Liberati

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

Proverbs 12:15

Proverbs 15:22

Lay Reader: Carol Navin

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

Getting Help Along the Way

Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

UM Hymnal 142

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.

Offertory

Child of God by Layton De Vries, arr. by Dale Grotenhuis
Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Go Forth for God

UM Hymnal 670

*Benediction

Postlude

Overture from Cantata No. 147, J.S. Bach

Janet Guetle

Worship Volunteers:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnivant

Wesley Ringers Director:

Mary Kepple

Live Stream: Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon

Sound: Jassmine Bayless

Ushers:

The Brooks Family & Sharon Mills

