

# Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

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



**Chapel, March 8, 2026**

### ***Set Free from Shame***

*Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.*

**-Psalm 95:6-7**

### **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 flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Jo-Ann’s birthday! Psalm 40:11 says, “Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.” Given with love, by Patrick, Margaret & Philomena.

### **Green Valley Chapel Prayer Concerns: Care & Connection**

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

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

**–TODAY: C.R.E.W. & Logan are going to Eastern Star to visit and play games with the residents. Meet at Eastern Star at 1pm. We will finish around 2pm.**

–March 9<sup>th</sup>, UWF at 1pm.

–March 17<sup>th</sup>, Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm–6pm in Fellowship Hall.

–March 17<sup>th</sup>, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.

–March 20<sup>th</sup>, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

–March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Our new members will be joining the church!

–March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Logan is having a youth mission trip meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 12:30pm.

–March 24<sup>th</sup>, SPR meeting at 7pm.

### **Pastor Dale’s Lenten Study:**

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**.

### **Weekly on Wednesdays:**

- **Wednesday night congregational meal;** Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday for a great meal & fellowship.
- **C.R.E.W. Youth Group** 6:15pm–7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. **(NO youth study on 3/11)**
- **Pastor Christopher’s Bible Study** on ‘Disciple 1’ from 6:15pm–7:45pm in the Varsity room.

### **Our Mission**

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

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*, arr. by Don Wyrzten Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Dwight Beougher  
**Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. AMEN.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* UM Hymnal 479

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

L: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

**C: We have drawn deeply of those waters.**

L: We come to the well of anger and hate.

**C: These waters flourish in all the land.**

L: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

**C: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. AMEN.**

**INTO THE WORD**

Romans 5:1–11 Lay Reader: Sherri Pembrook

\*John 4:5-42

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

Message *Set Free from Shame* Rev. Christopher Liberati

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *Fill My Cup, Lord* (sing x2) UM Hymnal 641

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 95**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn of Parting *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UM Hymnal 731

\*Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare of Praise*, composed by Don Wyrzten Janet Guetle

