

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jassmine Bayless, in gratitude for this church family who has taught me what it means to belong!

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

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



Chapel, March 22, 2026

Our Greatest Hope
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
-1 Corinthians 15:26

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 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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SAVE THE DATE:

- Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
- TODAY:** Logan is having a youth mission trip meeting on the 3rd floor at 12:30pm.
 - March 29th, Palm Sunday services at 8:30am & 10:45am. In the 10:45am service, the choir will be presenting a cantata.
 - March 29th, Logan & C.R.E.W. will be headed to Scene75. \$10 will be due to Logan for the trip, and bring lunch money. We will be leaving around 12:30pm and hoping to be back home by 6pm.
 - April 2nd, Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary.
 - April 3rd, Care Team at 11:30am.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

THE SANCTUARY WILL BE OPEN FOR A TIME OF PRAYER/REFLECTION FROM 9AM-6PM. PLEASE USE THE RAMP AT CHESTNUT STREET. WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A SERVICE THIS DAY.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH

we will be having our 8:30am & 10:45am service, please join us. Also, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30pm.

Pastor Dale’s Lenten Study:

February 22nd and running **every Sunday** through April 12th. 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 3rd floor.
- **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.

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude

Come Down, O Love Divine, arr. by Jeffrey Quick Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Guy Hager

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

UM Hymnal 534

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

L: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

C: May we be called to the light of righteousness.

L: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

C: May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.

L: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

C: Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.

INTO THE WORD

Revelation 21:1–5

Lay Reader: Dawn Porter

*John 11:1–45

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

UM Hymnal 349

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

Only Trust Him

UM Hymnal 337

*Benediction

Postlude

To God All Praise and Glory, Roger C. Wilson

Janet Guetle

**IN THE SANCTUARY
SERVICE WE ARE
RECEIVING 3 NEW
MEMBERS:**

Dave Claborn

Stacey Claborn

Amy Jo Taylor Sanders

