

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Jerry Navin's birthday which would have been March 14.

SAVE THE DATE:

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

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

-March 17th, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.

–March 20th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

–March 22nd, Our new members will be joining the church!

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

- March 24th, SPR meeting at 7pm.

–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.

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.

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

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



Sanctuary, March 15, 2026

Clinging to Jesus

***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.***

-John 3:17

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:

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION

Rev. Dale Sutton

Prelude

Thank you, Jesus, for the Blood, by Charity Gayle and David Gentiles

Duet: Olivia Guetle Colwell and Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Tom Barbee

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UM Hymnal 479

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

L: Once you lived in darkness.

C: Now the light of God has shone upon us.

L: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.

C: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

C: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.

Invitation to Children

Rev. Dale Sutton

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 followed by Junior Church dismissal

Ethan McNaughton

INTO THE WORD

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Lay Reader: Dave Dunnavant

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

Clinging to Jesus

Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

As the Deer (sing x2)

TFWS 2025

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

Chancel Choir

arr. by Hal Hopson

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 95

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Amazing Grace

UM Hymnal 378

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on God Father

Janet Guetle

arr. by William Picher

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon

Sound: Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

