

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by George & Jane Frentzel, in grateful celebration of their 72nd wedding anniversary on April 11th.

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

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



United Women in Faith

Sanctuary, April 12, 2026

A Beacon of Hope

As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

-2 Timothy 4:5

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

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Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–3pm | 740-392-6626 | 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: 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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SAVE THE DATE:

- Every Thursday: rehearsals for Wesley Ringers are at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.
- April 13th, UWF at 1pm.
- April 17th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- April 19th, Trip to COSI! Planning 1:30/2pm arrival. All K–12 are invited on this trip with their families as well! Please see Logan for more details!
- April 21st, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance at 6:45pm.
- April 26th, Parent/Volunteer meeting with Logan on the 3rd floor from 12:30pm–2pm.
- May 1st, Care Team meets at 11:30am.

April 15th,

LAST Wednesday night meal & last Disciple 1 study for the season!

April 19th,

Organ Concert in the Sanctuary at 3pm!

Featuring Janet Guetle, Stan Osborn, and Sol Rizzato!

Adult Mission Trip to Kentucky—departing on April 26th & will be back home by May 2nd! Please keep our team in your prayers!!

Weekly on Wednesdays:

- **Wednesday night congregational meal;** Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday for a great meal & fellowship. **OUR LAST MEAL FOR THE SEASON WILL BE APRIL 15TH!**
- **C.R.E.W. Youth Group** 6:15pm–7:30pm on the 3rd floor. **Last study will be on May 13th!**
- **Pastor Christopher’s Bible Study** on ‘Disciple 1’ from 6:15pm–7:45pm in the Varsity room; **LAST study is on April 15th!**

Our Mission

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude *Lift High the Cross*, by David Cherwien Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Marge Winkle
Dear God, we give You praise and thanksgiving for all seasons of life, and we ask that You open our eyes that we may see the unique gift of each person’s life, created out of Your love. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *We Gather Together* UM Hymnal 131

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

L: Give thanks to the Lord, our God, who has created all life. Open our eyes to the joys and gifts to be learned and shared from all seasons of life. Thank you God for children who are curious, unafraid, and infectiously joyful, who are trusting receivers of God’s grace.

C: We thank and praise you God for children.

L: Thank you, Lord, for the young who demonstrate courage and hope as they begin new adventures; for their fresh ideas and their energies.

C: We thank and praise you, God, for the young.

L: For those in the middle years of life, we give thanks, dear Lord; for steady hand and hearts that guide the young, and offer their experience to us all.

C: We thank and praise you, God, for those in the middle years of life.

L: For those grown up and grown old, dear Lord, we celebrate Your special gift. We give thanks for joys seen only through the eyes of those who are wise in their age, and whose stories of life lived can enrich all our lives.

C: We give thanks and praises, dear Lord, for those who have grown old.

L: Guide our lives, Lord, so that in each stage of life we recognize and cherish the joys and sorrows, the strengths and weaknesses, and the special presence of Your Spirit—not only in our own season of life, but in the lives of each other, young or old or in between.

C: God’s love enfolds us all, every day.

Invitation to Children Becky 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 Allyson Brooks

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 78:1–4

2 Timothy 1:4–10

Lay Reader: Jassmine Bayless

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

Message A Beacon of Hope Provides the Gift of Faith Through the Generations
 Becky Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* UM Hymnal 102

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 *Hymn Tapestry* arr. by John Purifoy Chancel Choir

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UM Hymnal 327

*Benediction

Postlude *Lift High the Cross*, setting by Gordon Young Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:**Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:**

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:

Patsy Hommon & Sarah Hayes

Sound:

Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Donna Campbell, Shelley Coon, Carol Navin, Susan Stone

