The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Jassmine Bayless in loving memory of her brother, Jarod, on his first birthday in heaven. Jarod would have turned 30 on November 25th.

SAVE THE DATE:
TODAY: Logan & CREW trip to the trampoline park at Altitude in Newark. The cost will be $15. See Logan for more details.
–November 24th, Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 12pm–5pm.

This year, our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings will be divided equally among Royal Family Kids Camp, Giving Hope Charity, and Pleasant Street Elementary School.

NOVEMBER 25TH:
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL OR BIBLE STUDIES

NOVEMBER 26 & 27:
THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

TREE OF SHARING:

Help bless local families with the gift of Christmas!
Names are available on the tree in the Parlor. Gayle James will be there after each service. **Please return all gifts UNWRAPPED to the Parlor by December 13th.**
Include wrapping paper and/or gift boxes if possible.
Questions? Contact Gayle at 740-848-4029.
Thank you for supporting this mission!

DINE WITH 9:

Dine with 9! Gather in groups of nine to enjoy food, fellowship, and reconnecting with others. Groups decide when and where to meet, whether monthly, quarterly, or simply for fun. Sign-ups begin in January! See Joe or Marty Bell for details.

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS–OPEN TO ALL:

- Congregational meal at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor Christopher's Bible Study, Disciple 1, from 6:30pm–7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study on the 3rd floor from 6pm–8pm.

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

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



Sanctuary, November 22, 2026

Wasted Talents: Missed Opportunities
His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
–Matthew 25:21

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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:

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude — *There's Something About That Name,* arr. Gloria Axelson — Wesley Ringers

Opening Prayer–All Uniting — Liturgist: Jim Borrows

Gracious God, thank You for all that You have entrusted to us. Help us lay aside fear and complacency and give us courage to use our gifts, our time, and our resources for Your Kingdom. Open our hearts to hear Your Word and give us the faith to take the next step. May we live faithfully, generously, and boldly for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* — UM Hymnal 694

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

L: Come, let us worship the God who has entrusted us with gifts, time, and purpose.
C: We come with open hearts, ready to be faithful with what we have received.
L: Let us lay aside fear, excuses, and complacency.
C: We choose faith. We choose obedience. We choose to serve.
L: God has given each of us something to share for His Kingdom.
C: Lord, help us use what You have entrusted to us for Your glory.
All: Let us worship God!

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

James 4:17 — Lay Reader: Todd Brooks

*Matthew 25:24–30

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

Message — Wasted Talents: Missed Opportunities — Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn — *Trust and Obey* — UM Hymnal 467

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Stewardship Moment–Bethany Celmar

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:

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.

Offertory — *Hear My Prayer, O Lord,* by Roy Belfield Jr. — Chancel Choir

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

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting — *Let All Things Now Living* — TFWS 2008

*Benediction

Postlude — *Song of Assurance,* Arnold Sherman — Wesley Ringers

Worship Participants:

Chancel Choir Director:
Terry Dunnavant

Wesley Ringers Director:
Heather Stewart

Live Stream:
Carol Moore & Patsy Hommon

Sound:
Daniel Burson

Ushers:
The Brooks Family

