

The flowers on the altar are given by Dwight and Jane Beougher to honor the glory of God and to celebrate our many family members and friends with birthdays and anniversaries in August.

The carnation on the altar this morning is in honor of Guy Hager’s father, Joe Hager, who went home to the Lord on August 12th. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

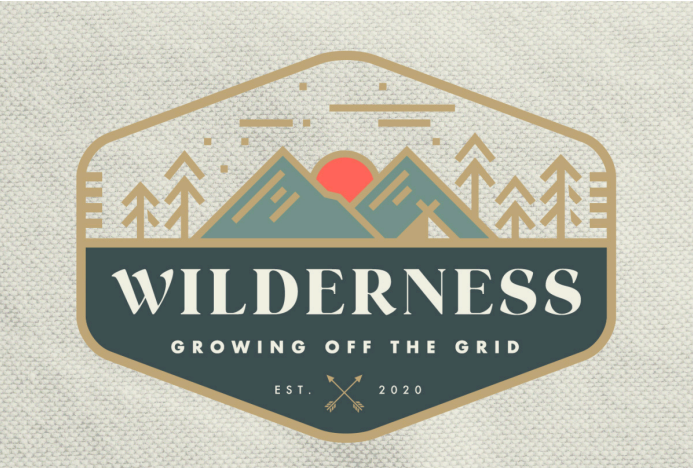
Upcoming dates to remember:
TODAY: PICNIC AT THE PARK AT THE GAMBIER SHELTER HOUSE FROM 4-7PM.
BRING A COVERED DISH AND CHAIR IF YOU WOULD LIKE!
–**August 26th, Church Council Meeting (open) in the Varsity Room at 6:30pm!**
–August 28th, Choir Rehearsal is back in session every Thursday at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Terry Dunnavant!
–August 31st, anyone interested in trying out bells, please join Mary Kepple in the bell room; one class is at 9:30am and the other will be held at 12pm. Come give it a try!
–September 1st, Office is closed due to Labor Day.
–September 4th, Wesley Ringers Rehearsal is back in session every Thursday at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining, please see Mary Kepple!
–September 5th, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.
–September 5th, is our final ‘First Friday’ with Logan & the youth. Visit us downtown from 6–9pm.
–September 7th, Youth Bell Practice begins; every Sunday from 9:30am-10:15am.
–September 7th, Junior Church begins (infants–5th graders) dismissal at 11am and lasts until the 10:45am service ends.
–September 8th, Piece Corps at 10am & United Women in Faith at 1pm.

- **Our Nursery** is open year round for children of all ages.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.

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



Chapel, August 24, 2025

Listen in the Wilderness
*but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*
–Isaiah 40:31

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.

Sermon Notes:

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARATION	Rev. Dale Sutton	
Prelude	<i>Reprise</i> , by Paul Manz	Janet Guetle
Opening Prayer–All Uniting Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.	Liturgist: Becky Sutton	
*Gathering Hymn	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	UM Hymnal 600
*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text) L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. C: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. L: They shall mount up with wings like eagles. He restores my soul. C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. L: They shall run and not be weary. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me. They shall walk and not faint. C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.		
INTO THE WORD Psalm 23 1 Kings 19:9–13		
Lay Reader: LeNan Hager		
*Response to the Word	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	UM Hymnal 71
Message	Listen in the Wilderness	Rev. Dale Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn	<i>My Tribute</i> (x2)	UM Hymnal 99
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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 *Prayer of Dedication	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UM Hymnal 94
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SENDING FORTH *Hymn of Parting *Benediction	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	UM Hymnal 400
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Postlude	<i>Postlude on St. Anne</i> , by Craig J. Westendorf	Janet Guetle
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