

We have two altar flower dedications this morning!

One arrangement is given by the Loren & Barb Ing, in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary! Congratulations!

The second arrangement is given by Jim McCarron in celebration of Linda McCarron’s birthday which is today!

SAVE THE DATE:

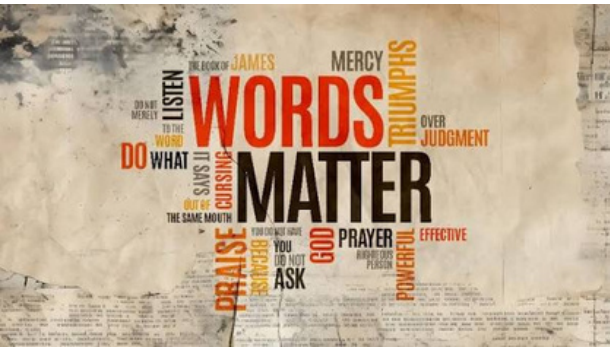
- September 14th, United Women in Faith, meeting at 1pm in the Kurella room.
- September 15th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- September 16th, Wednesday night CREW Bible Study resumes with Logan, every Wednesday from 6–8pm on the 3rd floor!
- September 18, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- September 27th, CREW bonfire out at Logan’s house from 6pm–8pm. Please bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, games, fellowship, and s’mores!

September 26th, Bonnie Magaw’s memorial service here at Gay Street in the sanctuary at 11am. Light meal to follow in fellowship hall.

If you are interested in joining the choir, bells, or are in search of any volunteer opportunities, please call the church office!

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, September 13, 2026

Respond to the Word

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

–Hebrews 4:12

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:

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION
Prelude
Sing Joyfully Unto God, Robert J. Powell
Janet Guetle
Rev. Christopher Liberati

Opening Prayer–All Uniting
Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from You, and today we thank You for the gift of Your presence and Your living Word. Open our hearts to receive what You desire to say to us, and give us the courage not only to hear Your truth but to live it each day. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us into faithful disciples whose lives reflect the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Liturgist: Jim Borrows

*Gathering Hymn
I Sing the Almighty Power Of God
UM Hymnal 152

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)
L: God has spoken through His Word, offering hope to the weary, wisdom to the searching, and grace to the broken.
C: Open our hearts, O Lord, that Your Word may take root within us.
L: We have not gathered simply to hear words, but to encounter the living Christ.
C: Transform us by Your truth and shape us into the people You have called us to be.
L: Come, let us worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
C: We will worship with joy, respond with faith, and go into the world as doers of Your Word. Amen.

Invitation to Children
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.
Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children’s Message
Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD
Romans 12:1–2
James 1:17–27
Lay Reader: Bethany Celmar
*Response to the Word
Gloria Patri
UM Hymnal 71
Message
Respond to the Word
Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Prayer Hymn
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
UM Hymnal 400
Morning Prayer
Lord’s Prayer–UM Hymnal 895

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
With a Voice of Singing, by Martin Shaw
Chancel Choir

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

SENDING FORTH
*Hymn of Parting
*Benediction
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
UM Hymnal 140

Postlude
Postlude on “Duke Street”
Tune by John Hatton, arr. by Edward Broughton
Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:
Live Stream:
Patsy Hommon & Carol Moore
Sound:
Daniel Burson
Ushers:
Liz Lutwick, John & Susan Stone, Cyndi Wyatt

