

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Montez Morey during this Lenten season. Psalm 104:31 says *May the glory of the Lord endure forever, may the Lord rejoice in his works.*

SAVE THE DATE:

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

TODAY: Join Logan & C.R.E.W. as we finish painting the youth room on the 3rd-floor, from 12–3 PM! Come lend a hand; lunch is on us, and all help is welcome! (bring clothes to get dirty in)

–February 28th, GSUMC is hosting the ‘Coldest night of the year’ 5k fundraiser, for our local homeless shelter; The Winter Sanctuary. Event starts at 4pm; join us in Fellowship Hall!

–March 2nd, Piece Corps at 10am.

–March 5th, Kenyon College Singers Concert, in the sanctuary 7pm–8pm.

NEW MEMBER CLASS:

Sunday, February 22nd & March 1st from 12:15pm–1:45pm in the Kurella room on the 1st floor. Please call the office to sign up, or see Pastor Dale with any questions.

Pastor Dale's Lenten Study:

Beginning February 22nd and running **every Sunday** through April 12th.

This will be held in the Kurella Room from **9:30am-10:30am**. Books are \$9, call the office to sign up or see Pastor Dale.

Weekly on Wednesdays:

- Wednesday night meals have resumed! Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday.
- 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, February 22, 2026

Rewired by Christ

*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:

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| 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT | | |
| <i>The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i> | | |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Christopher Liberati | |
| PREPARATION | | |
| Prelude | <i>Wild Mountain Thyme, arr. by Sandra Eithun</i> Wesley Ringers & Madeline Springer, flute | |
| Opening Prayer–All Uniting | Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop | |
| Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see; the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes are placed before us. We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety we will be OK. Show us how foolish we are to place our hope and trust in these things. Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our security, our home. AMEN. | | |
| *Gathering Hymn | <i>O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing</i> | UM Hymnal 57 |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text) | | |
| L: Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven! | | |
| C: God’s forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm. | | |
| L: Happy are the people who place their trust in God. | | |
| C: God’s presence is their guide and their strength. | | |
| L: Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us. | | |
| C: Let us celebrate God’s presence with us each day. AMEN. | | |
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| Invitation to Children | Rev. Christopher Liberati | |
| Children’s Song-congregation | <i>Where Children Belong</i> | |
| 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 | | Logan Hines |
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| INTO THE WORD | | |
| Psalm 32 | Lay Reader: Carol Navin | |
| *Matthew 4:1–11 | | |
| *Response to the Word | <i>Gloria Patri</i> | UM Hymnal 71 |
| Message | Rewired by Christ | Rev. Christopher Liberati |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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| Prayer Hymn | Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days | UM Hymnal 269 |
| 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. | | |
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| Offertory | Do Not Be Afraid For You Are Mine, by Lloyd Larson | Chancel Choir |
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| *Doxology | Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | UM Hymnal 95 |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | |
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| SENDING FORTH | | |
| *Hymn of Parting | Jesus, Tempted in the Desert | TFWS 2105 |
| *Benediction | | |
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| Postlude | Fantasy on an Irish Tune, arr. by Arnold Sherman Wesley Ringers & Madeline Springer, flute | |
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| Worship Participants: | | |
| Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director: | | |
| Terry Dunnavant | | |
| Live Stream: Patsy Hommon & Carol Moore | | |
| Sound: Daniel Burson | | |
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| Ushers: | | |
| The Brooks Family & Sharon Mills | | |

