

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God as a unique expression of beauty, lovingly crafted with LEGO® bricks through the imagination, creativity, and God-given talent of a babe.

SAVE THE DATE:

–August 3rd, Our Piece Corps group are inviting everyone to attend an organization meeting at 10am in the Varsity room, on the 1st floor for anyone interested about joining the group. Do you love to sew, knit, crochet, etc? Come check it out to learn more!

-August 7th, Care Team meeting in the Varsity room at 11:30am.

–August 7th, First Friday downtown; visit our booth near Happy Bean (from 6-9pm).

-August 18th, Trustees meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm

–August 21st, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

-August 30th, Picnic in the Park from 4-7pm at the Gambier Shelter Ho

WAYS TO SERVE:

Friday Night Community Hot Meals:

Join us each Friday at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we serve hot meals to our community. Volunteers are always welcome!

Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed:

We are seeking volunteers for our Sunday services in the following areas:

- Liturgist
- Lay Readers
- Live Stream
- Sound Board
- Ushers/Greeters

If you feel called to serve in any of these roles, please contact the church office. Your support helps make our worship possible—thank you!

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, July 26, 2026

Pure Happiness

He in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me

-John 15:4

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

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Office hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–3pm | 740-392-6626 | office@mtvumc.org

Restrooms: End of first-floor hallway

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*, Arr. Lloyd Larson Marty Bell

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Guy Hager
Heavenly Father, thank You for meeting us in every season of life. Root us deeply in Your presence and truth so that we may be strengthened, renewed, and guided by You each day. As we worship today, open our hearts to hear Your voice and shape us into people who bear fruit for Your kingdom. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *Come, We That Love the Lord* UM Hymnal 732

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**
L: Church, no matter what season of life you walked in carrying today, hear this good news: God invites us to come and be rooted in His presence.
C: We come seeking the living water that restores our souls.
L: When the world feels noisy, uncertain, and overwhelming, God’s Word remains steady and true.

C: We come to listen for the voice of God above every other voice.
L: Psalm 1 reminds us that those who delight in the Lord and meditate on His truth are like trees planted beside flowing streams.
C: Root us deeply, O God, that we may bear fruit in every season.
L: Come, let us worship the One who sustains us in drought, strengthens us in weakness, and watches over our lives with love and grace.
C: We come to worship the Lord with joy, gratitude, and expectation. Amen.

INTO THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:7–8 Lay Reader: LeNan Hager
Psalm 1

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

Message Pure Happiness Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *Hymn of Promise* UM Hymnal 707

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.



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

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *It Is Well with My Soul* UM Hymnal 377

*Benediction

Postlude *Where He Leads Me*, Arr. Cindy Berry Marty Bell

WE ARE ACCEPTING A NEW
MEMBER IN OUR SANCTUARY
SERVICE TODAY:

Lisa Steury

