

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Mary Alice Gordon with gratitude for all of the blessings in her life!

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

SAVE THE DATE:

–September 27th, Logan is having a bonfire at his house; all families are welcome! The time is from 6pm–8pm. Please bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, games, fellowship, and s'mores!

-October 2nd, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.

–October 2nd, Logan & CREW: Friday night football at the Mount Vernon Football Field; meet at the gate at 6pm. Your ticket is covered, bring money for concessions.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE:

Thursday, October 7th, from 12pm-7pm

Friday, October 8th from 9am-5pm

RESUMING OCTOBER 14TH:

- Wednesday night meal (every Wednesday) at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship.
- Pastor Christopher's Bible Study, Disciple 1, also resumes every Wednesday from 6:15pm-7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study every Wednesday as well from 6pm-8pm.

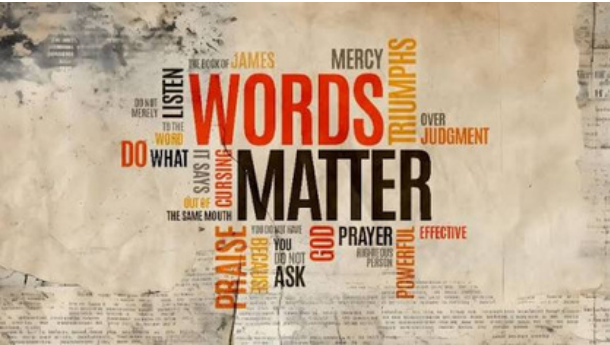
If you are interested in joining the choir, bells, or are in search of any volunteer opportunities, please call the church office!

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 20, 2026

Encouraging Words

When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

-Mark 2:17

Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected: mtvumc.org | Facebook | Instagram | eDevos (weekly newsletter)

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:

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION
Prelude
The Church’s One Foundation
Samuel Wesley, arr. by John Innes
Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting
Gracious and merciful God, thank You for welcoming each of us with love and grace, not because of who we are or what we have done, but because of Your great mercy. As we worship today, open our hearts to receive Your Word and transform us by Your Spirit. Help us to see others as You see them, to love without favoritism, and to reflect the compassion of Christ in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn
For the Healing of the Nations
UM Hymnal 428

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)
L: Come, let us worship the God whose mercy never fails.
C: We come with grateful hearts, thankful for His grace and love.
L: God shows no favoritism but welcomes all who come to Him.
C: Help us to see others through the eyes of Christ and to love as He loves.
L: Let us worship the Lord with hearts ready to receive His Word and respond in faith.
C: May God's mercy shape our lives as we worship Him today. 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.

Children’s Message
Marty Bell

INTO THE WORD
1 Samuel 16:7
James 2:1–17
Lay Reader: Gayle Keller

*Response to the Word
Gloria Patri
UM Hymnal 71
Message
Encouraging Words
Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD
Prayer Hymn
In Christ There Is No East or West
UM Hymnal 548
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
Halle, Halle, Halle
Choral setting by Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

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

SENDING FORTH
*Hymn of Parting
Jesu, Jesu
UM Hymnal 432
*Benediction

Postlude
Chromatic Fugue, Johann Pachelbel
Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:
Live Stream:
Max Heindl & Carol Moore
Sound:
Jasmine Bayless
Ushers:

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

