

We have two altar flower dedications this morning each honoring someone special: One arrangement is given by Mary Mills in honor of her husband, Alan Mills, who passed away this day, 4 years ago. Alan is much beloved and greatly missed.

The second arrangement is given by the Odonkor family; in celebration of Philomena-Olga's birthday. Jeremiah 33:3 says *‘Call to me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things you do not know.’*

SAVE THE DATE:

- September 7th, The church office is closed in observance of Labor Day.
- September 8th, Church Council (open meeting) at 6:30pm in the Varsity room. Everyone is invited! The topic of discussion: potential merge with Green Valley Chapel UMC.
- September 13th Junior Church resumes every Sunday during our 10:45am Sanctuary service, ages infant through 5th grade.
- 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!

**Pastor Dale will be starting a study of the Bible, called “*Meet Your Bible*”, beginning Sunday, September 13th at 9:45am in the Kurella Room. This class is designed for those looking to understand and explore the Bible.
See Pastor Dale if you have any questions.**

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

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 6, 2026

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Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
–Romans 13:10

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:

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Sutton

PREPARATION

Prelude

In the Sanctuary, Aria from “Israel in Egypt”

Janet Guetle

George Frederick Handel

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Emily Toms

O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

We Gather Together

UM Hymnal 131

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)

L: God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship,

C: but narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife.

L: Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet,

C: but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.

L:God, make the door of this house

C: the gateway to your kingdom. Amen.

INTO THE WORD

Romans 13:8–14

Lay Reader: Bethany Celmar

Matthew 18:15–20

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

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Worship Participants:

Live Stream:

Max Heindl & Carol Moore

Sound:

Daniel Burson

Ushers:

Donna Campbell, Shelley Coon, Susan Snyder, Carol Navin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Prayer Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	UM Hymnal 405
Morning Prayer		
Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings: <i>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.</i>		
		
Offertory	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> Elisabeth Guetle-Culley, cellist Janet Guetle, pianist Sarah Goslee Reed, violinist	
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UM Hymnal 94
*Prayer of Dedication		
RECEIVE		
*Apostles’ Creed		UM Hymnal 7
Communion service and responses		UM Hymnal 13 & 14
Communion Hymn	<i>Oblivion</i> , by Piazzolli Elisabeth Guetle-Culley, cellist Janet Guetle, pianist Sarah Goslee Reed, violinist	
Sharing of Bread and Cup		
Communion Blessing		
SENDING FORTH		
*Hymn of Parting		<i>God Is Here</i>
*Benediction		UM Hymnal 660
Postlude	<i>A Festive Trumpet Tune</i> , Gilbert M. Martin	Janet Guetle

