

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Montez Morey; Ecclesiastes 3:1, says: *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."*

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, March 1, 2026

Born Anew

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

-Ezekiel 36:26

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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SAVE THE DATE:

****No choir or bell practice on Thursday, March 5th****

- March 2nd, Piece Corps at 10am.
- March 3rd, Church Council (open meeting) at 6:30pm in the Varsity Room.
- March 5th, Kenyon College Chamber Singers Concert, in the sanctuary 7pm–8pm.
- March 6th, Care Team at 11:30am.
- March 8th, C.R.E.W. & Logan are going to Eastern Star to visit residents. Meeting at 1pm, and will finish around 2pm.
- March 9th, UWF at 1pm.
- March 17th, Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm–6pm in Fellowship Hall.
- March 17th, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- March 20th, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.
- March 22nd, Our new members will be joining the church at the 10:45am service, and Logan is having a Youth Mission Trip Meeting at 12:30pm on the 3rd floor.

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 congregational meal;** Please join us at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday for a great meal & fellowship. **(We are still having dinner on 3/11)**
- **C.R.E.W. Youth Group** 6:15pm–7:30pm on the 3rd floor. **(NO study on 3/11)**
- **Pastor Christopher’s Bible Study** on ‘Disciple 1’ from 6:15pm–7:45pm in the Varsity room. **(NO study on 3/11)**

Our Mission

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *Trio from Partita on Hyfrydol*, by David Lasky Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Rev. Dale Sutton

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Gathering Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* UM Hymnal 292

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

L: We look for help.

C: Where will it come from?

L: Our help will come from the Lord who created the heavens and the earth.

C: Let our hearts rejoice in God’s kindness and love. AMEN.

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 121 Lay Reader: Carol Navin

*John 3:1–17

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

Message *Born Anew* Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *To God Be the Glory* UM Hymnal 98

Morning Prayer

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.

Offertory *God So Loved the World*, by John Stainer Chancel Choir

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVE

Remembering Your Baptism

Communion service and responses UM Hymnal 13 & 14

Communion Hymn *How Great Thou Art* Lori Barbee, soloist
by Stuart Hine, arr. by Craig Courtney

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Blessing

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UM Hymnal 420

*Benediction

Postlude *Toccata from Partita on Hyfrydol*, by David Lasky Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Chancel & Kingdom Kids Choir Director:

Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream: Carol Moore

Sound: Jassmine Bayless

Ushers:

Liz Lutwick, John & Susan Stone, Cyndi Wyatt

