

The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Duane Barber in honor of his mother, Claire Barber’s birthday! **Proverbs 31:29** says: “*Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.*”

The carnations on the altar are in memory of Doug Brenneman and Linda Miller, the sister of Neal & Jim Martin.

SAVE THE DATE:

TONIGHT: 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.
- October 12th, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella room on the 1st floor.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE:

Wednesday, October 7th, from 12pm-7pm
Thursday, October 8th from 9am-5pm

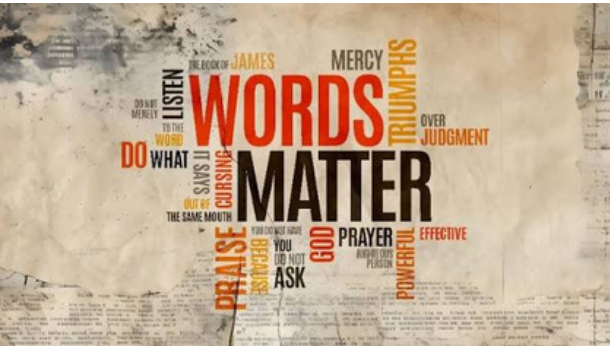
RESUMING OCTOBER 14TH:

- Wednesday night meal resumes (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, Wednesdays from 6:15pm–7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study, Wednesdays 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 27, 2026

Watch Your Words
*Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.*
–Proverbs 18:21

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)

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude

God, Be in My Head, Kevin McChesney

Wesley Ringers

Opening Prayer–All Uniting

Liturgist: Tom Barbee

Gracious God, thank You for the gift of Your living Word, which speaks truth, hope, and life into our hearts. As we worship today, transform us by Your Holy Spirit so that the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts may be pleasing in Your sight. Fill us with Your grace, that our lives and our words may reflect the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UM Hymnal 577

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

L: Come, let us worship the God whose Word brings life, hope, and truth.

C: We come to praise the One who is faithful in all He says and does.

L: May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in His sight.

C: Lord, transform our hearts, that our words may reflect Your love and grace.

L: Let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts and lives surrendered to Him.

C: We will worship with joy, receive His Word with humility, and seek to honor Him in all we say and do. Amen.

Invitation to Children

Rev. Christopher Liberati

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

Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 19:14

James 3:1–12

Lay Reader: Dave Dunnavant

*Response to the Word

Gloria Patri

UM Hymnal 71

Message

Watch Your Words

Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UM Hymnal 420

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Chancel Choir

Choral setting by Larry Shackley

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 94

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Wonderful Words of Life

UM Hymnal 600

**ACCEPTING NEW MEMBER:
COLLEEN HICKS**

*Benediction

Postlude

Acclamation in G Minor

by Karen Thompson