

**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Larry & Nancy Vail in celebration of their anniversary!

## Upcoming dates to remember:

**TODAY after each service** there is Pulled Pork to go or to eat in Fellowship Hall after each service. All donations go to the youth mission trip.

–May 5th, Piece Corps at 10am in the Varsity Room.

-May 6<sup>th</sup>, Church Council-OPEN Meeting at 7pm in the Varsity Room.

–May 7th, Knox Public Health presents a Tick-Talk with Dr. Glen Needham who is a local tick borne disease expert. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm.

-May 12<sup>th</sup>, United Women in Faith at 1pm in the Kurella Room.

-May 16<sup>th</sup>, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

–May 18<sup>th</sup>, Celebrating our Graduates & Youth in the 10:45am service!

–May 18<sup>th</sup>, Usher/Greeter Meeting; back of the sanctuary after the 10:45am service with Pastor Dale.

-May 18<sup>th</sup>, Beach Volleyball at The Naz with Logan-all youth invited, 1pm-3pm.

**Friendly reminder, please be sure to read the back of the bulletin, check your email for the edevo that gets sent out every Thursday, visit our website-which also has our Church Calendar, or check us out on Facebook! We strive to make sure everyone is aware of what is taking place here at Gay Street UMC! If you need help signing up for the edevo, please call the office at 740-392-6626**

- **Kingdom Kids Activities:** Choir from 9:30am-9:45am and Sunday School from 9:45am-10:30am every Sunday in the blue room.
- **Youth Bible Study:** Led by Logan on the 3rd floor, Wednesdays from 6:15pm-7:30pm.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.

## Our Mission

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

# Gay Street UMC

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



# Chapel, May 4, 2025

## Created for a Purpose

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

**-Psalm 139:14a**

# Welcome to Gay Street UMC!

Ways to stay connected; our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.org), Facebook, 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@gaystreetumc.org](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the end of the hallway on the first floor.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor

## Sermon Notes:

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER		
The <i>*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Christopher Liberati	
PREPARATION		
Prelude	God's Time is the Best from Cantata No. 106 by J. S. Bach	Janet Guetle
Opening Prayer–All Uniting	Liturgist:	
Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters—and there was light, your first creation. Your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism—and again, there was light in our souls and hearts. Let your holy light shine on us today, as we remember your creation and our special part in it. Amen.		
*Gathering Hymn	This Is My Father's World	UM Hymnal 144
*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)		
L: Let us remember what our God has done!		
C: God created the world out of a formless void.		
L: Let us remember what our God has done!		
C: God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.		
L: Let us remember what our God has done!		
C: God created people in the image of God.		
L: Let us remember what our God has done!		
C: God has made us caretakers of the earth.		
INTO THE WORD		
Psalm 139:13–14	Lay Reader: Montez Morey	
Genesis 1:26–31, Genesis 2:7–9		
*Response to the Word	Gloria Patri	UM Hymnal 71
Message	Created for a Purpose	Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn	Let All Things Now Living	TFWS 2008
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.*

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

RECEIVE

*Apostles’ Creed	UM Hymnal 7
Communion service and responses	UM Hymnal 13 & 14
Sharing of Bread and Cup	
Communion Blessing	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting	Marching To Zion	UM Hymnal 733
*Benediction		

Postlude	Now Jesus Christ, the Son of God from the Easter Cantata by J.S.Bach	Janet Guetle
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