

**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Dwight and Jane Beougher in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary!

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

- TODAY, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Church Picnic at the park, from 4pm–7pm at The Gambier Shelter House. Please bring a covered dish, and bring a chair if you would like.**
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, Care Team at 11:30am.
- June 7<sup>th</sup>, ‘Feed the Right Wolf’ free community concert by JD Stillwater & Sarah Reed at 2pm in the sanctuary.
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, Piece Corps at 10am in the Varsity Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, United Women in Faith are meeting at LeNan’s house at 1pm. (200 N. Park St. Mount Vernon)
- June 17<sup>th</sup>, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance meeting at 6:45pm.
- June 19<sup>th</sup>, Church office is closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- June 20<sup>th</sup>, The Closet (taxable night) at 5pm.

**June 22, from 2pm–4pm, you are all invited to an Open House honoring Pastor Mearle Griffith and all of his efforts and dedication! This will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the UCC church, located at 200 N. Main Street here in Mount Vernon.**

- **Our Nursery** is open year round for children of all ages.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.

**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, June 1, 2025**

***Be Ready***  
*God is my shield,*  
*who saves the upright in heart.*  
**–Psalm 7:10**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [www.gaystreetumc.org](http://www.gaystreetumc.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@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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*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PREPARATION

Rev. Christopher Liberati

Prelude

*Joyous Etude*, by Melody Bober  
Philomena-Olga Odonkor, piano

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Guy Hager  
**Blessed are you, Holy One, creator of all that is and all that ever will be. You sent your holy child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us, to show us your love. After his suffering and death on the cross, he was still among us, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins for all who call on his name. Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed, fill us now with your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and spirit, of Christ. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* UM Hymnal 363

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

L: Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

**C: The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.**

L: Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

**C: we live with Christ in our hearts.**

L: Clap your hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**C: Sing praises to God, who fills the world with forgiveness and grace.**

**INTO THE WORD**

Psalm 47 Lay Reader: Montez Morey  
Acts 1:1–11

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

Message Be Ready Rev. Christopher Liberati

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UM Hymnal 557  
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**

**Blessing of Capes & Commissioning Team for RFKC**  
\*Hymn of Parting *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223  
\*Benediction

Postlude *White Noon*, by Naoko Ikeda  
Jo-Ann Odonkor, piano

**TODAY IN THE SANCTUARY SERVICE WE ARE  
RECEIVING 4 NEW MEMBERS:**

Drew Appleman, Andrew Koziel, Reagan Koziel, Cherryl Pursel

