



Serving Today

Organist/Chancel Choir Director Lucas Weiss
Youth & Children's Vocal Choirs: Suzy Springer
Youth & Children's Accompanist: Marty Bell, Carol Navin
Wesley Ringers' Director: Mary Kepple
Youth Bell Choirs: Heather Stewart
Nursery: Maria Walter, Natalie Gunderson
Children's Worship: Rev. Lauren Miller, Eric Diehl
Children's Message: Perry Brokaw
Hospitality Table: Carol Brown
Liturgist: 8:30 Perry Brokaw 10:45 Chris Oehl
Lay Reader: 8:30 Nancy Riddle 10:45 Mary Mills
Sound/Video: Jason & Patrick Frazer
Ambassadors: Justin & Meghan Durbin, Tom & Susie Fish
Head Usher: Marcia Needham *Ushers:* Bob & Pat Ronk, Larry & Nancy Vail
Communion Ushers: Lee Rhoades, Marshall Winkle, Doug Peterson, Al Gore
Communion Stewards: Nancy Riddle, Cedric & Bonnie Warren, Ken & Claudia Grove

Retired Clergy Associated with GSUMC

Gerald Bell, John Capper, James Magaw, Charlie Bark, Jr., Gary Brown, George Gribben, Russell Metcalfe and Dale Sanford

In Our Prayers

Ann, Sharon, Kaden, Caleb, Revs. Wayne & Carol, Rev. Jerry, Helen, Millie, John, Linda, Grant, and many unspoken requests. *Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers* to: Tom & Julie Long in the September 27 death of Joan Long; and Shirley Snyder and family in the October 2 death of her father, Rudy Garver; Family and friends of Frieda Metcalf who passed away October 2.

We keep our military in prayers: Colton Latham, Jonathan Hughes, Andy Rhoades, Stephen Rhoades, David Beery, Ian Walker and their families.

Hospitalization If you are hospitalized or know of a church member who is hospitalized, let the office know (392-6626 or jtalbott@gaystreetumc.org). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals do not notify the church. *To share in ongoing prayer concerns, please sign up for e-devotionals by notifying Jan Talbott at jtalbott@gaystreetumc.org*

Church Calendar

Today, Sunday, October 7—Communion

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Class Meeting 1
 5:30 p.m. Youth Bells
 6:00 p.m. Heritage Singers
 7:00 p.m. Neighborhood meeting

Tuesday, October 9

9:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle meeting at OES
 1:30 p.m. Congregational Care Team room 102
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting room 102
 7:00 p.m. Trustee Committee meeting room 103

Wednesday, October 10

1:30 p.m. Glora Wysner Circle mtg. at The Living Center
 4:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers
 4:45 p.m. Sunbeam Choir
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

Thursday, October 11

2:00 p.m. Neighborhood meeting
 6:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers
 7:00 p.m. Bipolar/Depression Support Group
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 12

10:15 a.m. Class Meeting 2
 5:30 p.m. Community Meal

Sunday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages
 9:45 a.m. Conversations about the future of the UMC
 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:15 Pizza lunch prior to CROP Walk in FHall
 1:30 p.m. CROP Walk registration
 2:00 p.m. CROP Walk—Riverside Park
 2:00 p.m. Neighborhood meeting
 5:00 p.m. Class Meeting 1
 5:30 p.m. Youth Bells
 6:00 p.m. Heritage Singers

Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Lunch 12-12:30



Our Life in the Church

Gay Street United Methodist Church - Rev. Karen Oehl, Lead Pastor - Rev. Lauren C. Miller, Minister of Discipleship

Items needed for ISS (Interchurch Social Services) food pantry: Boxed stuffing, jello/pudding mixes, cake mixes, gravy mixes, sweet potatoes.

How to help those affected by recent disasters

Those affected by Hurricane Florence Pray! Give to US Disaster Response through UMCOR : You can make your check out to GSUMC and in the memo line write *Advance Special # 901670. Be a Volunteer* in Mission. Contact our Three Rivers Disaster Relief Coordinator, Jason Frazer, with questions.

Those affected by earthquakes and tsunami in Indonesia Pray! Give to International Disaster Response through UMCOR: You can make your check out to GSUMC and in the memo line write *Advance Special #982450*

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ANNUAL CELEBRATION -- October 26-27, 2018

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

89 Canyon Rd. SW, Carrollton, OH 44615

330-627-2219 Registration deadline Oct. 15, 2018

Contact Carolyn Allar for more info.

Community Overcoming Racism Study Fall Session 2018

Conversation and a book study will again be used in the ongoing Overcoming Racism gatherings on Monday evenings this fall.

You are invited to read *Undocumented: A Dominican boy's Odyssey from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League*, by Dan-el Padilla Peralta. The book will be starting point for conversation. You are welcome to join the conversations without reading the book.

This year's meeting location and time are the Harcourt Parish House, 201 W. Brooklyn Street, Gambier from 7-8 pm on Monday evenings, beginning October 1. For the first four weeks we will cover approximately 50 pages of the book a week, led by different community leaders. On October 29 you are invited to attend a lecture by the author on the Kenyon campus. November 5 will be the last class, wrapping up the rest of the book

along with thoughts on the lecture by the author.

C.R.O.P. Walk - Sunday, October 14, Riverside Park

1:30 p.m. Registration 2:00 p.m. Walk to the public square and back.

Middle and High Schoolers and families are encouraged to participate in this Annual fundraising event to walk in solidarity with people around the world who must daily walk miles for clean drinking water and for food. 25% of the proceeds stay in our community to help with hunger in Knox County, 75% goes overseas to help eliminate hunger. Packets for fundraising are available from Perry Brokaw 419-525-7359. A **Fuel-Up pizza lunch** will be offered after 10:45 worship in the Fellowship Hall. From there we carpool to Riverside Park, 1:30 registration. The theme is "Walk with a Hobbit." Youth will be asking for pledges. Any adults needing pledge sheets, please see Perry or check at the church office.

Acolyte Ministry for All Ages

An acolyte is a person who assists in the worship service. Normally, the acolyte serves by lighting and extinguishing the candles on the altar table. It's been a tradition in our church that the acolyte be a young person, but ANYONE can participate in this ministry. When you serve as an acolyte, you are symbolically bringing the light of Christ's spirit into the worship service.

The acolyte ministry will be directed by Suzy Springer this year. Here are a few ideas for those who could acolyte together and share in this meaningful ministry:

- Parents with young children
- Friends (any age)
- Parent and Child/Teen
- Married Couples
- Mentor and Mentee
- Sunday School Classmates
- Team or Single Person (any age)

Brief training and a handout is available, but not needed. Please contact Suzy Springer to be involved in this ministry.



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Sunday school for all ages!

Nursery, 0 – 3 yrs, on the sanctuary floor.

Early Learners, Preschool and Kindergarten, hear stories and sing as they learn God loves them, on the third floor.

Rotation Station, 1st – 4th grade, through stations of art, cooking, games, missions, science and storytelling, hear how God is an always present help, on the third floor.

Bible Beams, hands-on exploration of the Bible, early church history, God, and United Methodism, on the third floor.

9th – 12th grade, explore what it means to live a faithful and fruitful life in all circles of their lives.

Wired Word, looks at the headlines through a biblical perspective rm. 103 on the first floor.

We Are All Family, is exploring boundaries with teens, rm. 102 on the first floor.



Red Cross Blood drive results from 9/25/2018

20 donors, 15 units collected, 45 potential # of lives saved!

United Methodist Women Dorcas Circle - Tuesday, October 9, 9:30 a.m. at the Eastern Star Community room.

Glora Wysner Circle—Wednesday, October 10, 1:30 p.m. at The Living Center.

2020 Annual Conference: Contact the church office 740-392-6626 if you would be interested in being nominated as a 2020 District Member at-large to Annual Conference from the Three Rivers District.

Starbucks, Stories, and Space

Well, not Starbucks, but along with a fantastic dinner (see menu below) coffee is available on Wednesday nights, 5:30 p.m. in the first floor Fellowship Hall. How often do we get to really connect on Sunday morning? Over a delicious home-made meal without the clean-up, we have the time to share stories and get to know one another. Cost: One dollar! An amazing price for fresh, homemade entrées, salad, and dessert.



Wednesday Night Dinner menu for October:

Oct. 10: Wraps with choice of ham/cheese, turkey/cheese or veggie, chips with dip, veggie tray, and cookies

Oct. 17: Chili, grilled cheese, fresh green salad, and pumpkin bars.

Oct. 24: Loaded Mac-N-Cheese, ham, salad, and rocky road bars.

Drinks available include milk, iced tea, water, and coffee!

A New Carillon *Would you like to honor a special veteran?* [To date \$4,545.00 has been given in honor of veterans for the new carillon.]

The Gay Street United Methodist Church's carillon has been silent since last Fall. Over the years it has given the community comfort, joy, and a sense of God's presence. In celebration of those who gave to the first carillon as a memorial, we would like to invite gifts to the new carillon in honor and memory of veterans. The cost of a new carillon is \$9,000. The system could be installed and ready to be dedicated on Veterans Day this coming November, which falls on a Sunday this year!

Your name: _____

Name of Veteran (s) you are honoring, these names will be put on the new plaque that will be place in the narthex:

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (Please make checks out to Gay Street UMC, in memo section write "Carillon.")



Our Vision is to connect to God, to all people and to the world in ministry.



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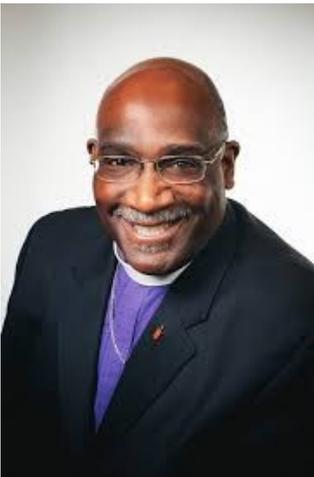
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Kroger Community Rewards (KCR) can raise money for Youth mission projects by doing something you already do – buying groceries. It’s fast, easy, painless, and with NO COST to YOU! What is Kroger Community Rewards? KCR makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you digitally link Kroger Rewards to Gay Street UMC, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

All you need is a Kroger Plus card (sign up at the service desk at Kroger.) Bring your Plus card to the parlor today after 10:45 worship, kids with computers will help you set up your KCR account. When you swipe your Plus card at Kroger, a percentage of your bill will be rewarded to Gay Street UMC from Kroger! Instructions to do this from your home computer will be available and are in the October issue of Tower Topics.

Interchurch 50th Anniversary

You are invited to the 50th Anniversary Worship Celebration and Dinner on October 14, 2018 for Interchurch Social Services of Knox County (ISS).



Bishop Palmer

The worship celebration service at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church will be at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner and program in the school gymnasium. Reservations can be made by calling the ISS office at

740-397-4825 **by October 1.**

Special guest preacher: Bishop Rev. Greg Palmer, of the West Ohio United Methodist Church Conference.

First Look Gathering

Sunday October 28, 12:15ish, following 10:45 worship. If you are interested in joining with the congregation of Gay Street as your church home, Revs. Karen and Lauren invite you to this informal gathering. We will spend some time getting to know each other around the lunch table, give an overview of life at Gay Street UMC and the Covenant Discipleship Cross through which we engage in a faithful life as a Christian. Contact Rev. Lauren with questions, 740-392-6626.

College Care Packages

We are packing up goodies for our sixteen college students to be sent in time for semester testing. Snacks, such as crackers, fruit snacks, trail mixes, cookies, fast food and Starbucks gift cards, Kleenex packs, hot chocolate packets, strawberry, blueberry, or chocolate pop-tarts, microwave ready popcorn packs, or any other small packages of food are being collected the weeks of Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and 11. Place your donation in the box provided in the red parlor at the end of the month.

October J.O.Y. Outing—*Let’s Remember Wash Day*

-Roger Marra

The October JOY outing will find us returning to Logan, Ohio, to visit the Columbus Washboard Company and relive the history of the washboards that generations before us used on washday. Maybe you will "date" yourself if you used a washboard in your early wash days! The Columbus Washboard Company has been in business since 1895, manufacturing washboards and cleaning supplies that speak to a bygone era. The company moved to Logan in 1999 and is the only washboard manufacturer still operating in the United States. The date for the outing will be Monday, October 22, since this outing was postponed for September. We will plan to leave Mount Vernon by 10:00 a.m. and arrive timely for a 12 Noon tour. The tour lasts approximately 35 minutes. Cost for the tour is \$5.00, \$4.00 for Seniors. After the tour, there is a retail area that can be enjoyed. We will then enjoy a late lunch dining out at the Old Dutch Restaurant in Logan. Reservations for the van may be made with Roger at 740-398-0916 or RogerMarra 1954@gmail.com. Deadline to RSVP will be Wednesday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.