



Serving Today

Organist/Music Director: Dr. David Tovey
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: Carolyn Cutler, Maria Walter
Children's Worship: Rev. Lauren, Sarah Metz
Children's Message: Rev. Lauren
Liturgist: 8:30 Wayne Dunlop 10:45 Mary Kepple
Lay Reader: 8:30 Nancy Riddle 10:45 Judith Kell
Hospitality Table: Connie Edick
Sound/Video: Patrick Frazer
Ambassadors: Roselyn Beery, Bob & Evelyn Lee, Loren & Barb Ing
Head Usher: Jerry Bell *Ushers:* Barb Bell, Tony Springer, Doug Trowbridge, Barney Cochran
Communion Ushers: Doug Peterson, Marshall Winkle, Al Gore, Lee Rhoades
Communion Stewards: Cedric & Bonnie Warren, Nancy Riddle, Ken & Claudia Grove

Retired Clergy Associated with GSUMC

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

In Our Prayers

Sherry, Chris and unspoken.

We keep our military in prayers: Colton Latham, Jonathan Hughes, Andy Rhoades, Stephen Rhoades, David Beery, Charles Skinner, Bradley McVicker, 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. Thank you. ♦To share in ongoing prayer concerns, please sign up for e-devotionals by notifying Jan Talbott at jtalbott@gaystreetumc.org

Reception for Mary Cline – Join us on Sunday, December 10, after the 10:45 a.m. worship service in the red parlor to honor Mary for her 12 years of ministry. A love offering is being collected to gift Mary and show her how much we have appreciated her years with us. Please make your check out to Gay St. UMC, and in the memo line put *love gift MC* or place in an envelope marked *love gift MC*.

Church Calendar

Today, Sunday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education all ages
 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Class Meeting 1
 5:00 p.m. HS Bells practice/MS UMYF
 6:00 p.m. MS Bells practice/HS UMYF
 6:00 p.m. Heritage Singers

Monday, December 4

5:00 p.m. Piece Corps at Marilyn Hoy's home

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 p.m. Advent Book Study room 102

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 a.m. UMW Executive meeting room 100
 10:00 a.m. Disciple IV Bible Study room 103
 12 Noon UMW Christmas Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
 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, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education all ages
 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 12 Noon Reception for Mary Cline in red parlor
 5:00 p.m. Class Meeting 1
 5:30 p.m. Children & Youth Christmas Program, light meal to follow.
 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

Advent 1

1. Kin - dle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
2. God's realm is our de - sire, where peace and jus - tice reign.

Light - ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.
Hea - ven and earth com - bined as one, when Christ shall come a - gain.

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Items needed for ISS (Interchurch Social Services) food pantry: Sweet Potatoes, Egg Noodles, Jello/Pudding mixes, Pumpkin, and Evaporated milk. They are now in need of grocery bags, too.

The Tree of Sharing has been plucked clean of names! You may adorn it with mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves that will be given to children in need at Pleasant Street Elementary school.



Join us on Sunday, December 10, 5:30 p.m. for the **Children's Christmas program** *How Far Is It To Bethlehem?* A simple meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The Community Meal Christmas Dinner will be December 15. We are asking for donations of cookies and appetizers. Please let Mary Cline know if you will be able to help in this way or sign up on back of the Caring & Connected card.

With Appreciation

♥Thank you to everyone for all your cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of my brother, Bob Page. Special thanks to Wayne Dunlop for his faithful visits and kindness in visiting Bob. Thank you to Rev. Karen for the meaningful funeral service. -Shirley Workman

♥A big thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and visits during my recovery. I am happy to report I am now home! I am still having therapy and working toward independent mobility! Thank you! Jean Belcher

♥Thank you to those that donated to the blood drive. The results are: 17 donors registered, 19 units collected 20 goal, 57 lives may be saved! That was a very good day and we had several double red donations! Thank you for helping us to save lives in Knox County! Our next drive is scheduled on 1/23. - Becky Glass



Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that pitched in with yard and home repairs for a fellow parishioner and the UMW for the monetary contribution. What a blessing! Praise the Lord!

A Longest Night worship service will be offered on Wednesday, December 20th, at 7pm in the Chapel. For many, the Christmas season is a time of sadness and darkness. This is especially true when a person has lost a loved one in the last year. A Longest Night service allows us to bring grief, loneliness, anxiety, and regrets into the presence of God. In the deepest darkness, the light of God still shines and is not overcome. The service will be one of candlelight, reflection, and meditative music.

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



Our Life in the Church

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All Women are Invited to join the United Methodist Women Christmas meal, program and general meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The main dish, rolls and drinks will be provided. You may bring a side dish to share if you are able. Please RSVP to the church office 740-392-6626 by December 1.



Can you help? On Friday, December 15, we will be providing our annual Friday night Community meal guests with the Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings. This is a huge undertaking, serving as many as 175 people. To make this a smooth operation, we need volunteers to help in the kitchen prepping food, help in the fellowship hall decorating, setting tables, serving and cleaning up after. If you are able to help on this night, please contact the church office or mark the back of the Caring & Connected card.

December J.O.Y. Christmas Outing

It has been a Christmas tradition to offer a December JOY outing to view Christmas displays around the area. This year's outing is being planned for Monday, December 18, as we travel to Columbus to take in the beauty of the Christmas Corner at State Auto in downtown Columbus. This popular display has been a tradition of the holiday season for many years. It is now located in a park setting, allowing those visiting to walk among, and enjoy, the display. Prior to visiting the display, we will dine out at Schmidt's German Haus Restaurant in German Village. We will plan to leave Mount Vernon by 4:00 p.m. Reservations for the van may be made until Thursday, December 14, by calling Roger at 740-398-0916 or emailing at RogerMarra1954@gmail.com.

Please note: Carol Vasbinder is still collecting used greeting cards, (Christmas, get well, birthday, etc.). You may leave them at the church office with her name on them or see her at church.

Baking Pans Are you missing a baking pan or two? There are some baking dishes in the kitchenette from folks that took food out to Trish's.

Youth Christmas Party!! Due to a change in the youth Bell Choir practice schedule, a combined UMYF (aka Youth Group) will meet on Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm or immediately after bell practice at Rev. Lauren's place, 118 E Gambier St. for a Christmas Party. The entrance is the back porch off of McKenzie St. There is a big parking lot to park in. Bring a White Elephant gift to trade - something from around the house or purchased for no more than \$5.00.

Alternative Christmas Gifts This year we are offering once again Alternative Christmas Gifts. The choices this year are: Diaper Drive and the Winter Sanctuary (Knox County homeless shelter). Cards will be available for those you are honoring for pick up from the red parlor and inside the Chapel.

2017 Alternative Christmas Gift Ideas

_____ Diaper Drive

_____ Winter Sanctuary/Homeless Shelter

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please list exactly how you would like it worded in the Alternative Christmas Gift bulletin insert. (example: In loving memory of my Dad, Paul Jones; In honor of my sister, Josie Blue.)

Your Name _____

In HONOR of: _____

In MEMOR Y of: _____

Please make your check out to Gay Street UMC, and attach this order form to it with *Alt. Gifts* in the memo section. Drop off at the church office or in the offering plate. Deadline is Sunday, December 10, 2017.