



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: Natalie Gunderson, Maria Walter
Children's Worship: Rev. Lauren Miller, Carolyn Cutler
Children's Message: Suzy Springer
Liturgist: 8:30 Rev. Lauren Miller 10:45 Mary Kepple
Lay Reader: 8:30 Keith Norris 10:45 Ava Burson, Emily Springer
Sound/Video: Heather Stewart
Ambassadors: Marshall & Marjorie Winkle, Shirley Workman, Randy & Sharon Bowers
Head Usher: Todd Burson *Ushers:* Paul & Becky Glass, Marshall & Marjorie Winkle

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

Kaden, Chris, John, Gwen, Linda, Jean, Cathy, Rev. George, Greg, Wayne & Carol, Judith, Betty Jo and unspoken requests.

Our heartfelt sympathy & prayers to: Margaret, Patrick, Jo-Ann and Philomena Odonkor in the unexpected death of Margaret's mother on September 7; Drew and Colby Emerson in the death of their father on September 7; Carol & Alden Coe in the September 13 death of Carol's sister, Avanelle Spearman.

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*

Today "Our Way Forward" as the UMC, A Conversation on critical issues. Fellowship Hall, 9:30—10:30. One of 3 monthly opportunities led by Rev. Karen Oehl.

Church Calendar

Today, Sunday, September 16

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

Monday, September 17

6:00 p.m. SPR meetings host church with Dr. Call
 8:00 p.m. SPR committee meets with Dr. Call

Wednesday, September 19

1:00 p.m. Women's Class meeting room 102
 4:00 p.m. Rainbow Singers
 4:30 p.m. Kitchen trng. moved to September 27, 6 pm
 4:45 p.m. Sunbeam Choir
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

Thursday, September 20

10:00 a.m. Covenant Study group
 6:30 p.m. Wesley Ringers
 7:00 p.m. Bipolar/Depression Support Group
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 21

10:15 a.m. Class Meeting 2
 4:30 p.m. Project Read
 4:30 p.m. The Closet
 5:30 p.m. Community Meal

Saturday, September 22

UMW District meeting at Roscoe UMC

Sunday, September 23

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
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Church Office Hours

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



Youth Bells The first practice will be held TODAY, September 16, 5:30 p.m. with Heather Stewart leading.

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 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 # 901670*.

Be a Volunteer in Mission.

Each year districts send out teams to assist with the rebuilding process so be in prayer about opportunities in the future. Watch for trainings and registrations as they become available. Do not self-deploy. Contact the TR disaster relief coordinator, Jason Frazer, with questions.

The Three Rivers VIM team departing for Charleston, West Virginia.

John Hill, TR Volunteer in Mission Team Coordinator and seven others will work next week with C.R.O.S.S. Ministries helping disadvantaged families and veterans. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.



Thank you to Gayle Keller and Heather Stewart for helping out in the office while I was off. Thank you to Rev. Karen for her visit and prayers for David. Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards and calls. All were deeply appreciated. - Jan Talbott

Thank you to all for your old greeting cards. - Carol Vasbinder

Clergy Retirees!

The [fall edition of TOAT is now on the conference website](#) and is in the process of being mailed. The East Ohio Conference Retirees Association is in need of reorganizing our Association Officers and Executive Committee. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 2, at 1:30 p.m. to begin this reorganization. The meeting will be held at the East Ohio Area Center, 8800 Cleveland Ave. NW, North Canton. Any retiree willing to help with this reorganization is invited to attend. If you cannot attend this meeting but wish to assist in the future please notify John Wolfe at wjohn3614@gmail.com.



Peace with Justice Trip Scheduled for July 2019

Peace with Justice Trip to Washington DC: July 20-23, 2019 for those ages 14 to 35 years old. Those younger than 18 who are traveling must be accompanied by a parent or youth leader. Youth groups are invited as well as individuals. We will visit all of the memorials; get a tour of the African American History Museum and the Capitol building; have conversations around immigration with Barbara Ferris, founder of Int'l Women's Democracy Center; discuss human trafficking at the General Board of Church and Society; and worship at the National Cathedral. Cost is \$280 per person, which includes, bus, lodging, meals, t-shirt and all entry fees. For more information contact Katie Woods at happykatee@hotmail.com or 440-225-1013 or click on <http://www.eocumc.com/youngpeople/index.html>



Our Life in the Church

Gay Street United Methodist Church

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Sanctuary Altar Quilt: Caroline (Fry) Kirch, great grandmother of Art Mizer made this quilt with tiny stitches prior to her marriage in 1884 to Lewis Kirch. Caroline

pieced and quilted this star pattern and placed her initials in one corner.

Chapel Altar Quilt: The uniquely shaped double wedding ring was pieced by Sophie Mizer sometime between 1900-1930. The fabrics are feed sacks and other leftover fabrics used in homemade items. It was found in a laundry basket and finished and hand quilted by Ann Mizer as her first quilt many years ago.



Teachers and Assistants for Children’s Rotation Stations If you would like to join the team of awesome teachers and assistants, we're using SignUp.com (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our teaching schedule. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/login/entry/63699888282682808>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!



Sunday School Has Begun Classes for: Preschool, Grades 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12.

2 Adult classes

- 1)Wired Word
Discusses current topics.
- 2)We Are All Family

We will explore “Boundaries with Teens” by Dr. John Townsend, and “Reclaiming Conversation” by Sherry Turkle. This class is relaxed, non-pressure and welcoming to anybody interested. Come to share, listen, observe, or simply to “belong”. We would love to have you. Classes meet in the John Kurella Room, first floor. Questions? Contact Joe Bell.



Sign up for the Red Cross Blood Drive - September 25

1 p.m.—6 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall

Carillon Update: To date \$4,100.00 has been given toward the new Carillon.

A New Carillon *Would you like to honor a special veteran?*

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.”)



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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 church on Sundays Sept. 30 or Oct. 7 and 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.



Fall Festival at Camp Wanake

Our Methodist Camp in Beach City, Ohio is hosting their annual Fall Festival, September 29 and October 6, 2:00 -5:00 pm. This FREE family event will have lots of fun activities such as pony and wagon rides, hay maze, face & pumpkin painting, and pumpkin launching, cowboy games and a camp fire, plus loads more... Go to www.campwanake.org for all the details.

Just

September JOY Outing

Older

Let's Remember Wash Day

-Roger Marra

Youth

The September 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 Wednesday, September 26. We will plan to leave Mount Vernon by 12 noon and arrive timely for a 2:00 p.m. 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/early dinner, dining out at the Old Dutch Restaurant in Logan.

Reservations for the van may be made with Roger at 740-398-0916 or RogerMarra1954@gmail.com Deadline to RSVP will be Sunday, September 23, by 3:00 p.m.

Hopes and Dreams for the Future - Rev. Lauren Miller

You are invited to a time of praying, dreaming, and planning, Saturday, September 29, 6:30 pm in the Varsity Room, rm. 103 on the first floor. To seek to join God in what He is already doing and how the Holy Spirit may be waiting to guide us to move forward in God’s plans. The meeting will consist of fellowship, singing, a short Bible study, prayer, and brain storming. It will last no longer than 90 minutes. Please join John Capper, Wayne Dunlop, Mary Mills, and Lauren Miller, as together we pray, ponder, and dream about the future. See the back of the Caring & Connected card to let us know if you would like to join us.



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