

**Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Mary Kepple. Daffodils symbolize rebirth, new beginnings, hope, joy, and good luck. Daffodils emerge each spring to light up barren landscapes with their cheerful yellow, orange, and white flowers.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

- TODAY**, C.R.E.W. taking a trip to Top Golf in Columbus after 10:45am service. Leaving by 12:30pm and hoping to be back around 3:30pm-4pm. Cost will be \$25 per person which includes lunch.
- April 4th, Care Team at 11:30am.
- April 6th, OSU Men’s Glee Club Chorale Concert here at Gay Street in the Sanctuary at 2:30pm; open to the public and free of charge!
- April 7th, Piece Corps at 10am.
- April 13th, we will be welcoming our New Member’s in the Sanctuary service at 10:45am.
- April 14th, UWF at 1pm.
- April 15th, Trustee meeting at 5:30pm & Finance at 6:45pm.
- April 17th, Maundy Thursday service at 7pm in the Sanctuary.**

**Joe and Marty Bell will be collecting items for our College Students in the parlor after the 10:45am service through April 13th. Let’s load the boxes with snacks, gift cards, and notes. We will also collect money to cover the shipping.**

**\*White, Wright, Ritter College Scholarship is available on our website; deadline is April 15th\***

**The Hospitality team are in need of new/more volunteers. If you’re interested, please call LeNan Hager at 614-274-8996.**

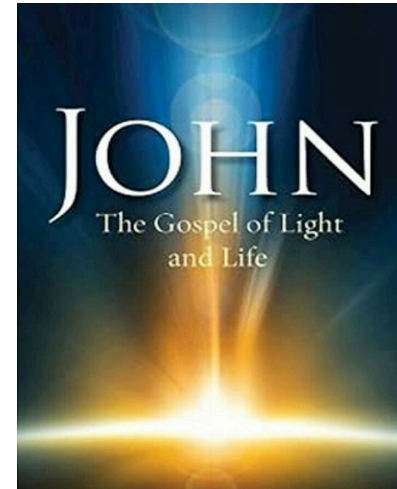
- **Bible Study:** Led by Pastor Christopher on the Gospel of John, March 12th – April 16th, 6:15pm-7:30pm in the Varsity room.
- **Kingdom Kids Activities:** Choir from 9:30am-9:45am and Sunday School from 9:45am-10:30am every Sunday in the blue room.
- **Wednesday Fellowship:** Join us for food and fellowship at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **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, March 30, 2025**

***The Blessing and The Promise***

*God’s blessing makes life rich;  
nothing we do can improve on God.*

**-Proverbs 10:22**

**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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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dale Sutton

**PREPARATION**

Prelude *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*, by Paul Manz Janet Guetle

**Opening Prayer–All Uniting** Liturgist: Logan Hines  
**God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UM Hymnal 384

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

L: Come to the vineyard of God.  
**C: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**  
L: Drink from the waters of life.  
**C: We live in the light of God’s grace.**  
L: Come to the vineyard of God.  
**C: All are welcome here.**

**INTO THE WORD**

Psalm 22:25–28 Lay Reader: Logan Hines

\*John 15:8–10 & John 14: 16–17

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

Message The Blessing and The Promise Pastor Dale Sutton

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn *Trust and Obey* UM Hymnal 467

Morning Prayer  
Lord’s 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.*

Introduction to offering–Susie Fish

\***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 95**  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING FORTH**

Blessing “Cover with Love” Blankets for Midwest Mission

\*Hymn of Parting *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UM Hymnal 453  
\*Benediction

Postlude *Praise to the Lord*, arr. by Johann Gottfried Walther Janet Guetle



The *Cover Them with Love* Quilts you see before you have been created by our Piece Corps Group. We do not know where Midwest Missions will send them, but we hope they will offer comfort to those who receive them