



GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 11, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

January Head Usher – David Nuzum

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

"This is My Father's World"

*Call to Worship

P: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain, knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

All: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

P: We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life, knowing that while friends may turn against us,

All: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

P: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope, knowing that even when life is no picnic,

All: God prepares a feast for us.

Opening Prayer

Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

Children's Chat

Sally Morgan

Opening Hymn

"Precious Lord"

UMH 474

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1: 8-9

8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me, his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the

gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

Sermon Scripture

Psalm 139: 23-24

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Sermon

"Partnership In Suffering"

Rev. Nici Master

Hymn

"Cleanse Me"

Insert

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Doxology

"Praise God"

arr. McAlpine

Resounding Joy

Offertory Prayer

Passing the Peace

Hymn

"He Leadeth Me"

UMH 128

*Benediction

HOLINESS AND PURITY

Cleanse Me 438

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Ps. 139:23

Unison

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart to-day;
2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
3. Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
4. O Holy Ghost, re-viv-al comes from Thee;

Try me, O Sav-ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
Ful-fill Thy Word, and make me pure with-in.
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love di-vine.
Send a re-viv-al, start the work in me.

See if there be some wick-ed way in me;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Take all my will, my pas-sion, self and pride;
Thy Word de-claims Thou wilt sup-ply our need;

Cleanse me from ev-ery sin, and set me free.
Grant my de-sire to mag-ni-fy Thy name.
I now sur-ren-der, Lord—in me a-bide.
For bless-ings now, O Lord, I hum-bly plead.

TEXT: J. Edwin Orr; based on Psalm 139:23

MUSIC: Maori melody; arranged by Robert F. Douglas
Alternate tune: ELLERS at No. 439

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bag

Items for January – coffee-tea-cocoa

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynne Clouston, Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns, Jeff Kerns, Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Dan Ross, Tara Stevens, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12 – Yoga @ 10am
January 13 – Finance Committee Meeting – 10am
January 14 – Class Meeting
January 15 – Special Charge Conference – 6pm@Gateway
January 19 – MLK Day – Office Closed
Yoga @ 10am
January 21 – Class Meeting
January 25 – Everyone's Birthday Party - Asbury
January 26 – Yoga @ 10am
January 28 – Class Meeting
February 7 – Galentine's Day Brunch

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

January 4 – 75
January 11 -
January 18 -
January 25

Galentine's Day Brunch – Saturday, February 7 – 11:00am – Asbury Hall

Souper Bowl Contest – January 25 thru February 8

The Mary Priscilla Women's group is sponsoring a Souper Bowl contest. It's women against the men to see who will bring in the most nonperishable food from January 25th thru February 8th. All donations will go to the Fairmont State student food bank. Last year the women won – let's see if they can keep the title or will the men take it??



Galentine's Day Brunch for All Ladies

Sponsored by Mary Priscilla Women's Group

Did you know that Galentine's Day is a day to celebrate lady friends in our lives that is typically observed on February 13? It is a time for ladies, like us, to remember to support and uplift one another!!!!

We will be celebrating with food & beverages, cookie decorating, flower arranging, crafts, & lots of surprises!!

Please bring an appetizer (finger food) - Dessert and non-alcoholic sparkling juices, coffee, and tea will be provided!!!

What: Galentine's Day Brunch- Bring a relative or friend (all ages)
Where: Gateway United Methodist Church - Asbury Hall
When: Saturday, February 7, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM

RSVP by Sunday, February 1, 2026, to JoAnn Nuzum

by text at 304-657-1236,

by voice message at 304-366-5497,

by email at januzum@yahoo.com, or

by completing the form below & dropping it in the collection plate

Galentine's Day Brunch Registration

Saturday, February 7, 2026, 11:00 AM



Name: _____

Number Attending: _____