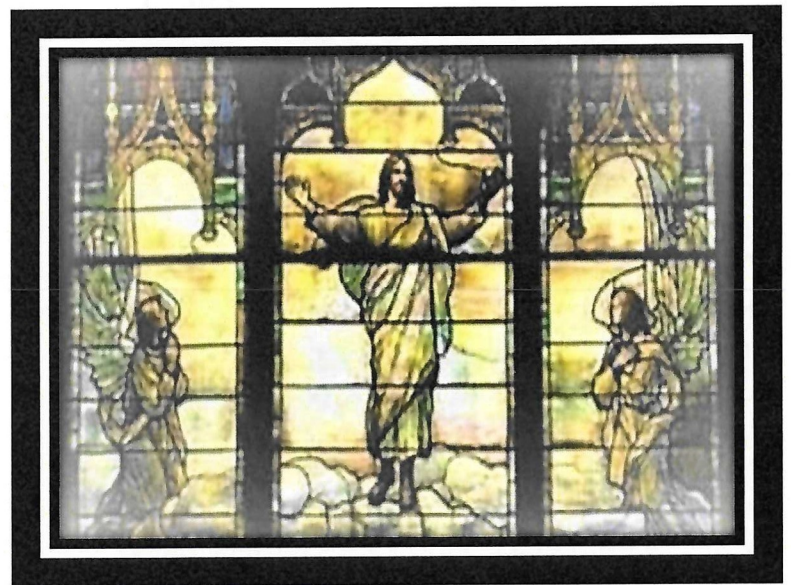




GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor
Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle
Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman
August Head Usher – Jeff Erdie

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen
Haeden and Kenslie Futton
Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

August 2, 2026

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

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***Call to Worship**

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

All: Each day God brings to us new opportunities to learn and grow.

L: God is near to all of us.

All: We will not fear to call upon the Lord.

L: Come, let us praise God who walks with us daily.

All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God who loves and lives with us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Redeeming God, come and heal our lives this day. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of yours in this world which you have loaned to us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Children's Chat

Donna Yearsley

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH 707

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 46:8-10

8 "Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. 9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

Sermon Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loves us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Sermon

"Anchored in Grace"

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin" v 1,3,5 UMH 365

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

Service of Word and Table

UMH 13

Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

Benediction

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags

Items for July – shampoo/deodorant

Mary Priscilla Women's Group & Gateway United Methodist Men

Baked Steak Dinner

Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert

Friday, September 18, 2026

3:30 – 6:30 PM

Dine-In or Take-Out

Gateway UMC – 301 Diamond St – Fairmont, WV

\$17.00 per dinner

Checks Payable to

Mary Priscilla Women's Group

PRAYER REQUESTS

Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Linda Lomicka
Charlotte Merriman, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson, Kay Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3 – Mary Priscilla meeting – Asbury – 4pm
August 4 – Trustee meeting – 11am
August 6 – NOW meeting – 6:30
August 9 – Prayer Team meeting
August 12 – Dinner/Church on the Green – 5pm
August 22 – GUMM – Moms

JULY ATTENDANCE

July 5 – 57
July 12 – 69
July 19 – 74
July 26 – 88

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

Anyone who would like to sing for the cantata is invited to attend
rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6pm.

Faye Dodd is remembering her brother Wayne. His birthday was August 5.

Madalee Wilson's 99th birthday is being celebrated on August 2nd. There's no big party for her
but she likes to receive cards. Her address is: Mrs. Madalee Wilson-Room 20
134 St. Barbara's Road
Monongah WV 26554

United Methodist Foundation Webinar Event

August 24, 2026

The second webinar in The United Methodist Foundation's Online Academy of Faith and Generosity is happening Monday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. Are you wondering how to start or enhance a legacy giving and endowment program for your church or ministry?

Join Jeff Taylor and Kim Matthews for this webinar. Learn what an endowment is and how it can support ministry, who should be involved in creating one, and why a Gift Acceptance Policy is important. Learn how to market legacy giving opportunities and why impact stories are important. Join us for the A to Z of building an endowment program!