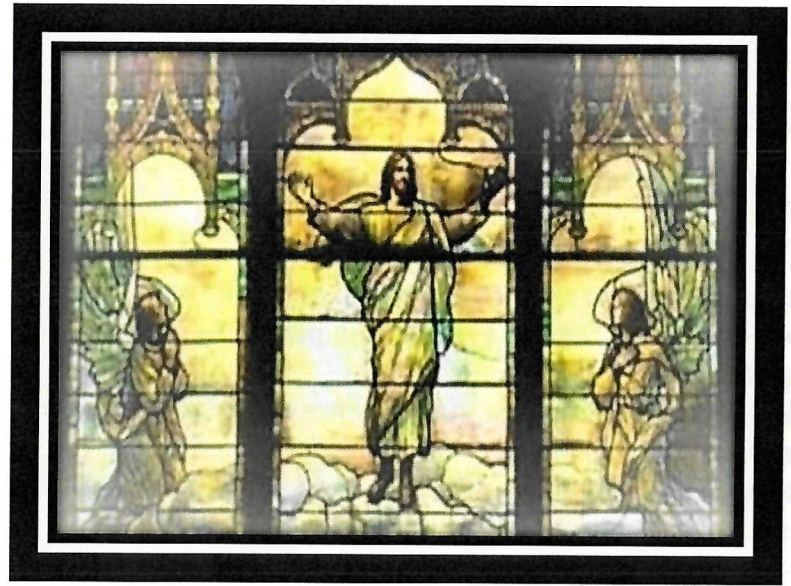




GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman

September Head Usher – David Nuzum

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

September 6, 2026

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude "My Life Is in You Lord" #4

***Call to Worship**

L: Come, all who seek to run the race of faith!

All: We gather to fix our eyes on the prize, laying aside every weight.

L: The Lord has set us free, not to serve ourselves, but to become servants to all.

All: May we gladly surrender our rights for the sake of the Gospel.

L: Let us not run aimlessly or beat the air, but train our hearts to worship in spirit and truth.

All: We worship the One who gives us strength, running together for a crown that will last forever!

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, the heavens declare your glory and the skies proclaim the work of your hands. Your law is perfect, reviving our souls and your words are sweeter than honey. We gather today in awe of your majesty and grateful for the truth that guides our steps.

Lord, as we look to your Word today, we confess that the race of faith requires our all. Forgive us for the times we have run aimlessly or lived only for ourselves. By your Holy Spirit, train our hearts for true discipleship. Grant us the humility of Christ to surrender our rights, the flexibility to serve our neighbors, and the discipline to press on toward the eternal prize. May the words of our mouths and the

meditations of all our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Children's Chat

Sally Morgan

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" v1,2,4 UMH 618

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:4-12

Sermon Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Sermon "Training, not Trying" Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn "Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast" v1,3,5
UMH 616

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering "Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"
arr. Havergal Resounding Joy

Doxology

UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

Service of Word and Table

UMH 13

Passing the Peace

Hymn "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" UMH 613

Benediction

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8 – Trustees – 10am – Lounge
September 13 – Church Picnic
September 14 – Mary Priscillas – 4pm – Lounge
September 15 – Finance Committee – 10am
September 18 – Baked Steak Dinner – 3:30pm – 6:30pm
September 21 – Yoga – Asbury – 10am
September 22 – Charge Conference – 6pm
September 26 – GUMM Breakfast – 8:30am – Moms
September 27 – Prayer Team after Worship

ATTENDANCE

August 2 - 68
August 9 - 91
August 16 – 70
August 23 – 85
August 30 – 78

THANK YOU!

Thank you to my new and old friends for the birthday cards
and to those who visit me.

Madalee Wilson

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

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

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags

Items for September – Baby Food