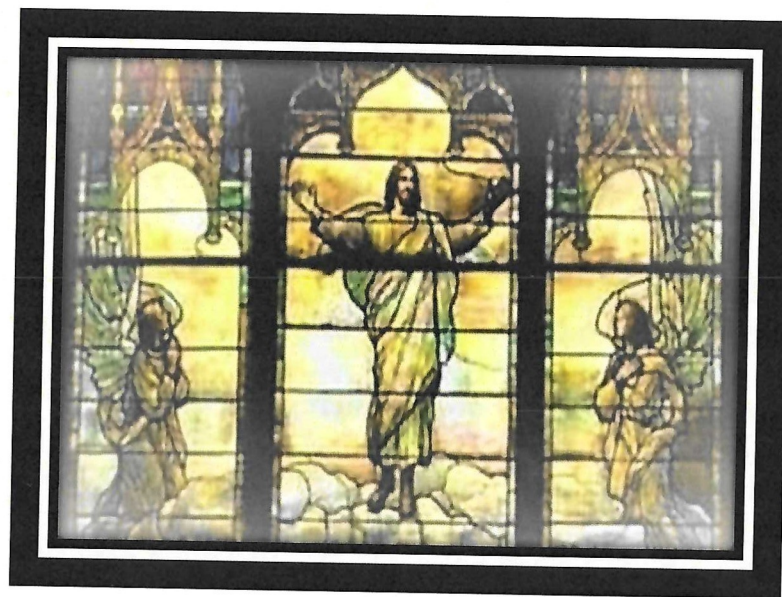


Offertory Prayer

Passing the Peace

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" (sing x2) UMH 393

*Benediction



GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 18, 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

"Blessed Assurance"

***Call to Worship**

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

L: Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Opening Prayer

Thank You, Father, that in Your wisdom You do not renew and restore the old fallen sin-nature in Adam, but You give us a new nature, a new, born-again life, received through faith in Christ. Thank You for the lessons we can learn from biblical saints like David, who was cleansed of his sin when he confessed his faults and cried out to You. Thank You for the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit and we pray that You would point out all the areas in our lives that grieve You or quench Your ongoing work within. Create in each of us a clean heart I pray and renew a steadfast spirit; may Christ be seen in us as we submit to Your Spirit's leading

and do only those things we hear from Him. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Children's Chat

Becky Jones

Hymn

"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" v 1,4,5
UMH 500

Scripture Reading

Acts 15: 8-10

8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us.

9 He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.

10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?

Sermon Scripture

Psalms 51: 10-12

10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

Sermon

"God Knows the Heart"

Rev. Nici Master

Hymn

"There's a Spirit in the Air" v 1,4,6 UMH 191

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Doxology

arr. Johnson

"Abide With Me"

Resounding Joy

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 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 - 68

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??

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bag

Items for January – coffee-tea-cocoa

Items for February – canned meat

Gateway United Methodist Church
Financial Activity Summary
For the Period Ended December 31, 2025

	Current Year		Prior Year		Difference		
	Current Period	Y-T-D	Current Period	Y-T-D	Current Period	Y-T-D	
Operation Receipts	11,190.92	152,246.29	20,878.29	159,278.25	(9,687.37)	(7,031.96)	-4.41%
Operation Expenditures	<u>(13,769.54)</u>	<u>(160,412.22)</u>	<u>(10,708.63)</u>	<u>(150,008.94)</u>	<u>(3,060.91)</u>	<u>(10,403.28)</u>	
Operation Profit	<u><u>(2,578.62)</u></u>	<u><u>(8,165.93)</u></u>	<u><u>10,169.66</u></u>	<u><u>9,269.31</u></u>	<u><u>(12,748.28)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,435.24)</u></u>	
Apportionment Payments		15,000.00		15,000.00	-	-	
Percent of Total Apportionment	0.00%	43.14%	0.00%	37.78%			
Bank Balance End of Period	12,499.49		20,665.42		(8,165.93)		

Organist increase \$5,314
Parsonage Utilities increase \$3,390