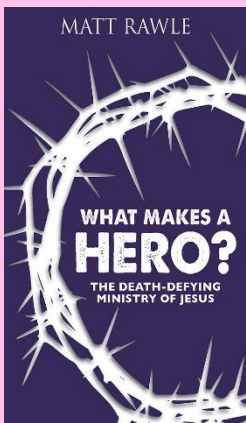




# Mount Gretna UMC

## Happenings

February 2022



### What Makes a Hero

The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus

By [Matt Rawle](#)

How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?

*What Makes a Hero?* offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. In keeping with his theme, “Pop in Culture,” the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what’s right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives.

Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?

Chapter titles:

1. Good, Evil, and God
2. Right, Wrong, and Holy
3. Us, Them, and the Body of Christ
4. Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God
5. Old, New, and Covenant
6. Life, Death, and Resurrection

**This Lenten Bible Study will be offered from March 6 – April 10 from 7:00-8:00 PM Once again, we will be offering it in a hybrid format. Books will be available by February 18<sup>th</sup>. The books are free but is you would liker to make a \$10 donation toward the coast of the study that would be greatly appreciated.**

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This year the pastors of the Southern Lebanon County Council of Churches will each be preparing a mid-week video devotionals to be shared every Wednesday during Lent. The theme for the devotional series is Lenten Hymns The first devotional will be posted to the church’s website on March 9<sup>th</sup> and then a new one will be added each week.

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### **FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

The first Sunday of each month we collect money, non-perishable food items and paper products for the Lebanon County Christian Ministry Food Bank.

We thank those who have participated in the past and encourage everyone to use the list of suggested items that can be picked up in the church lobby each month to help with purchasing items that are needed.

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### **MGUMC Year-end Summary**

Category	2021	2020	Dollar Change
Offerings	\$160,189	\$135,785	\$24,404
Contribution from Endowment	\$38,004	\$38,004	\$0
Other Income	\$66,602	\$64,283	\$2,319
Total Operating Income	\$264,795	\$238,072	\$26,723
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$250,597	\$240,777	\$9,820
Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	\$14,198	(\$2,705)	\$16,903
Endowment Annual Grants	\$62,553	\$59,676	\$2,877

The above table is a comparison of the financial results of the church for 2021 compared to 2020.

Explanation of categories

**Offering:** Envelopes, Plate, Church School, Beacon and Building funds

**Contribution from Endowment:** The grant amount received from the endowment for operational expenditures of the MGUMC.

**Other income:** Miscellaneous, Flowers, Bible study, funds from the Endowment for nonoperational grants.

**Total Disbursements:** Budgeted expenses for operation of the church, including the nonoperational grants distributed.

**Surplus/(Deficit):** This line states how well the receipts of MGUMC is offsetting the budgeted disbursements.

**Endowment Annual Grants:** Grants other than the "Contribution from Endowment."