

MOUNT GRETN A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today the journey begins. Are you ready?

THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO. WHERE SOULD WE BEGIN?

Let go of those things that chain you to sin and despair.

**LORD, ABIDE WITH US UPON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AND
HELP US TO RESIST THE TEMPTER'S POWER.**

Come, let us celebrate our freedom over sin, which is made possible
through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**OPEN OUR HEARTS TODAY O LORD, TO RECEIVE YOUR
FREEING LOVE AND WISE COUNCIL FOR OUR JOURNEY
AHEAD.**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN* #269 UMH
"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE+
(children are dismissed to Sunday School)

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY* #95 UMH
*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* #881 UMH
"The Apostles' Creed"

THE GLORIA PATRI*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11
Pg. 1471

HYMN* INSERT
"Living for Jesus"

SERMON *Domain of Demons*

PASTORAL PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer (Using Trespasses) pg.895 UMH

CLOSING HYMN* # 361 UMH
"Rock of Ages..."

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

SONG RESPONSE* #473 UMH
"Lead Me Lord"

POSTLUDE*

(*)= Please stand if able
(+)= 10 AM Service
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher as the offering is received and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Average Needed	\$5,495.27 Per Week
Average Received	\$4,199.08 Per Week
Last Sunday	\$3,983.38 Last Week

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

“A church for all seasons and all people”

+++++ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** +++++

Feb. 26	Sunday	New Members Make Up Session 1	11:15 Sanctuary
March 1	Monday	Lenten Book Study	5:00 pm
March 1	Wednesday	Lenten Service Quentin UCC	7:00 PM
March 13	Monday	Admin Council	7:00 pm
March 15	Wednesday	Gathering Place	Noon
March 29	Wednesday	Lenten Service	7:00 pm

Flowers

This week the altar flowers are from Donna Kaplan in honor of her daughter, Ellen Hunt’s Birthday.

Snow Watch: It is that time of year to watch the weather. We are registered on ABC 27 Snow Watch. In the event of inclement weather, please check for any possible service or event cancelations.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 1. This year we are looking for volunteers and donations of candy. Please contact Carolyn or Jay in the office if able. Right now we do not need plastic eggs.

Camp Donations

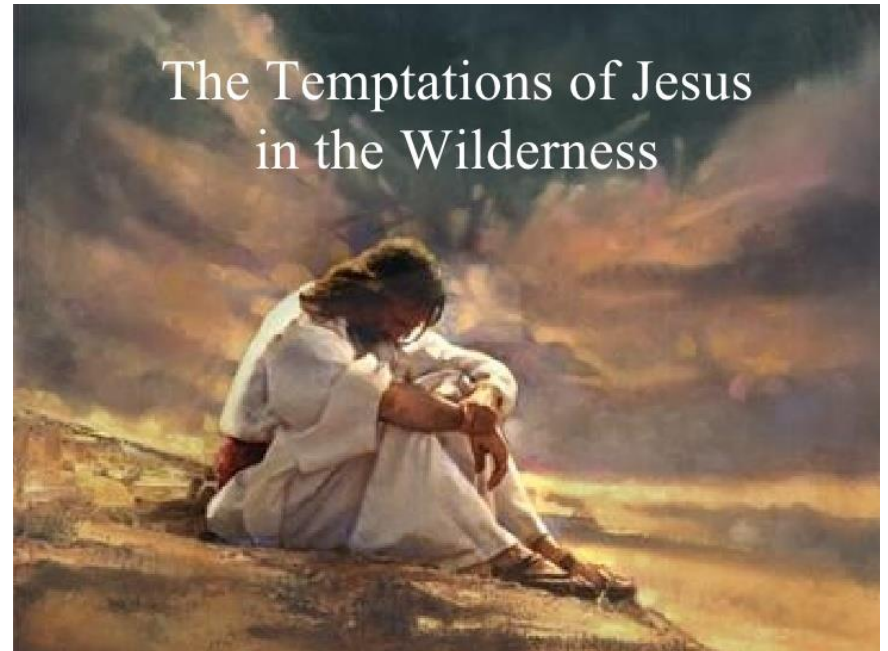
We will once again start collecting for camp scholarships. Please mark your donations Camp Fund. There is a basket in the back for cash donations.

Food Bank

Next Sunday is Food Bank

Thank You for Your Food Bank Contributions

Through their February Food Bank donations, members of our church’s congregation contributed 104 pounds of food and several knitted clothing items to Lebanon County Christian Ministries’ Food and Clothing Banks. Added to this were financial donations made by a number of our church’s members. Thank you for helping to support needy families and individuals in Lebanon County.



Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members’ ministries.

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