

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 31, 2023
1st Sunday After Christmas

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy to the world the Lord has come!

LET US RECEIVE OUR KING.

Let every heart prepare Him room.

**WE REJOICE BECAUSE GOD HAS COME INTO OUR WORLD
AND INTO OUR HEARTS. MAY OUR FAITH BE EVIDENT IN
OUR ACTS OF LOVE.**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN* #246 UMH
"Joy to the World"

CHILDREN'S SERMON+
(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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46
Pg. 1513

SERMON

Intentional Acts of Love

HYMN* #389 UMH
"Freely, Freely"

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN* INSERT
"They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

SONG RESPONSE* #204 UMH
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

POSTLUDE

(*)= Please stand if able
(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
(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.

Greeter & Usher 10:00 AM

Bowman/Fiorentino Families

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

Jan 7 th	Sunday	Communion Food Bank	8:30 AM 10:00 AM
Jan. 10 th	Wed.	Endowment Committee Finance Committee Admin Council	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM

Flowers

This week the flowers are presented in Tom and Louise's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

THANK-YOU

We continue to say thank you for the generosity of all who contributed to the reduction of the elevator indebtedness. On December 10th, Pastor Mike announced that we needed \$3,500 to clear the debt. Since we have received \$3,930.50!!! **THANK YOU!!**

Pastor Mike will be on vacation until – January 8th.

Contacts

Pastor Mike will be on Vacation from 12/25/2023–1/8/2024.

Please contact one of the following for any needs.

Pastor Marilyn Nolte – 717-269-8613

Lay Leader - Dave Garver – 717-274-5810

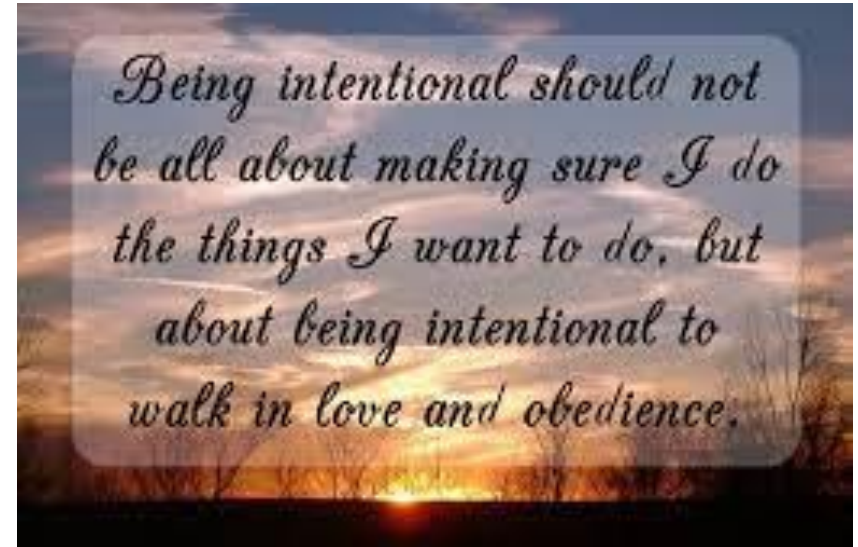
Office – Carolyn Burns – 717-964-3241 (Office will be closed 1/1/2024)

Pastor David Madara will cover both services on Jan. 7th.

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 service or event cancelations.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

“A church for all seasons and all people”



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.

Ministers: All Members

Pastor: Michael Remel

Pastor in Prison Ministry: Marilyn Nolte

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