

MGUMC NEWS

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS, ALL PEOPLE

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MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am
(10:00 service includes children's message)

Weekly service online at
www.mtgretnachurch.org



Welcome

We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Our mission is three-fold: To know Christ and make him known; To help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ; and To relieve suffering in our community and beyond through our members' ministries.

Founded in 1952, MGUMC has deep roots in the 19th century outdoor religious camp meetings held in Mount Gretna and dedicated to spiritual renewal and commitment. Today we worship year-round and hold summer services in the Tabernacle built in 1899 for the annual camp meetings.

Our youth programming includes a Children's Choir, weekly Sunday School classes (dismissal after Children's Message at 10 a.m. service) and Junior Youth Group.

Weekly worship videos are posted at
www.mtgretnachurch.org

New Members

We welcome Jayme Oberholtzer and Dan Owens who joined MGUMC on Dec. 17, 2023. Their children are Jonas, Sidney and Scarlet. Jonas was baptized on Dec. 17.

Thanks for the lift...



Heartfelt thanks to all who donated funds and time for our new elevator. Pictured (l to r): Lay Leader Dave Garver, Rev. Michael Remel, Rev. Jenny Freymoyer, West District Supt., at the Jan. 21, 2024 dedication.

Upcoming MGUMC Events

**THURSDAY
FEB 1**

Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**SATURDAY
FEB 10**

Souper Bowl Soup-to-Go Sale

Sale will start at 10 a.m.

outside (weather permitting). Soup will sell for \$8/quart—or \$7 with a donation of a can of soup. Please support the sale by making soup or helping with sale. See "WE COULD USE A HAND" (p. 2) for more info. Proceeds benefit Lebanon County Christian Ministries.



**SUNDAY
FEB 11**

Souper Bowl Sunday

Please join us for Souper Bowl Sunday after the 10 a.m. service.

Sign up in the office to bring soup, bread or fruit/dessert to share.

Souper Bowl

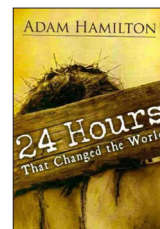
A donation of a can of soup for Lebanon County Christian Ministries is appreciated. This event is organized by the MGUMC Nurture Committee.

**SUNDAY
FEB 11**

Lenten Book Study

We will be reading and discussing

Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Copies available for \$10 in the office. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room. Check the bulletin and March newsletter for the dates in March.



**WEDNESDAY
FEB 14**

Community Ash Wednesday

Join us and other local congregations at 7 p.m. at MGUMC for Ash

Wednesday worship. Communion will be served.

**SUNDAY
FEB 18**

Lenten Book Study

We will continue discussion of Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That*

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**WEDNESDAY
FEB 21**

Gathering Place

Members, friends and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship at noon in Fellowship Hall. Menu to be determined! Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations.



**WEDNESDAY
FEB 21**

Community Lenten Service Rocherty UMC

The theme of this year's Community Lenten Services is "Through the World, on the Way to the Cross—addressing issues we all face with a fully engaged faith." Worship begins at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY
FEB 24**

Women's Retreat

Join us in our Fellowship Hall for refreshment and community! Light brunch at 11 a.m., followed by a time of prayer and conversation. Our own Kerry Royer will instruct us in the meditative drawing practice, Zentangle—no artistic ability required! Contact Pastor Marilyn (Marilynn@jub.org; 717 269-8613) to sign up or for more info. Cost is \$20, with scholarships available.

**SUNDAY
FEB 25**

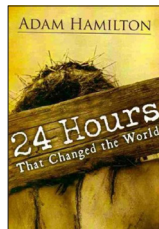
Junior Youth Group

Youth in grades 3 and up are invited to stay after the 10 a.m. service for lunch and activities, ending around 12:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY
FEB 25**

Lenten Book Study

We will continue discussion of Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Copies available for \$10 in the office. Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room. Check the bulletin and March newsletter for the dates in March.



**WEDNESDAY
FEB 28**

Community Lenten Service Cornwall UMC

Worship begins at 7 p.m.

WE COULD USE A HAND....

Help is needed to make soup and sell soup for our **Souper Bowl Soup-to-Go Sale** (Saturday, Feb. 10). Quart containers are available in the Fellowship Hall. For planning and advertising purposes, please let the office and/or Margaret Hopkins (mah242@psu.edu; 814-777-7463) know the following:

- what kind of soup you will make, and
- how many quarts you are making.



MGUMC Ministries

As part of our ministry and outreach, MGUMC supports the following organizations: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), Gretna Glen, Disability Ministry, Mount Gretna Nursery School, Prison Ministry. Each upcoming newsletter will provide information about one of these ministries.

Mount Gretna Nursery School program for 3-, 4-, 5-year-old children is held at our church from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from September through May.

Activities include science and nature experiments, art projects, music, finger play, cognitive games and book reading. The program strives to provide an enjoyable group experience for each child to better fulfill the potential God has given him/her.

The nursery school is currently accepting registrations for the 2024-25 school year. Tuition is \$195.00 a month.

Drendall Endowment

Each year since 2017, MGUMC has supported area non-profit organizations with grants from the William Drendall Endowment. These grants have ranged from \$1,000-\$10,000 and totaled between \$68,000 and \$70,000 each year—and were made possible by Bill's bequeathing his entire estate to MGUMC.

Bill was a long-time resident of Mount Gretna and active member of MGUMC who sang in the choir, served on the prison ministry team and helped with whatever needed to be done. He taught himself bass guitar so he could join "A Wing and a Prayer, a contemporary Christian band started by MGUMC members. He also was a community volunteer.

A graduate of Drexel University, Bill worked in the nuclear industry. He passed away in 2016.

Thank You

Thanks to all for donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)! In December, our food and clothing donations totaled 102 pounds. This included three shopping bags full of scarves, hats, gloves and mittens.

In January, our church's donations to the Food Bank totaled **76 pounds**. See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list of item for our next collection on Sunday, Feb. 4.