

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

## Passings

A funeral service was held for Richard Long on January 23. Please hold the family in prayer.

## Pastor Mike's Next Chapter

With mixed feelings, we share that after 15 years, Pastor Mike is leaving MGUMC in July to assume the pastor's position at Cedarville United Methodist Church near Pottstown. We at MGUMC along with the entire Gretna community will miss Pastor Mike, but we rejoice in this new opportunity for him and the move closer to his son Shawn who lives in Nazareth.

Under Pastor Mike's leadership, MGUMC has experienced significant growth in membership, outreach and community engagement. Those are now hallmarks of our congregation that will guide us as we grow and develop new ministries for the future.

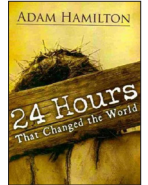
Please keep an eye out for information about a celebration of Pastor Mike and his many contributions to the Gretna community-at-large.

## Upcoming MGUMC Events

**SUNDAY  
Mar 3**

### Lenten Book Study

We are reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.



**WEDNESDAY  
Mar 6**

### Community Lenten Service, Quentin UMC

*"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.



**THURSDAY  
Mar 7**

### Zoom Prayer Group

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

**SATURDAY  
Mar 9**

### Women's Retreat NEW DATE

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, scholarships available.

**SUNDAY  
Mar 10**

### Lenten Book Study

We are reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.

**WEDNESDAY  
Mar 13**

### Community Lenten Service, Iona UMC

*"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.



**SUNDAY  
Mar 17**

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**WEDNESDAY**  
**Mar 20**

### 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.



**THURSDAY**  
**Mar 21**

### Community Egg Dyeing

We'll be dyeing hardboiled eggs at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Children and adults welcome!

**SATURDAY**  
**Mar 23**

### Community Egg Hunt

Join us at the Chautauqua Playground (near the Jigger Shop and Hall of Philosophy) at 11 a.m. for our traditional egg hunt for the children of the Gretna community.



**SUNDAY**  
**Mar 24**

### Lenten Book Study

We are reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.

**MONDAY**  
**Mar 25**

### Easter Flowers

Easter flower orders due in the office. Please check the bulletin for more information.

**FRIDAY**  
**Mar 29**

### Good Friday Service Zerr Chapel, Cornwall Manor

*"Through the World, on the Way to the Cross—"* addressing issues we all face with a fully engaged faith." Worship begins at 1p.m.



**SUNDAY**  
**Mar 31**

### Easter Services

Join us in the Tabernacle at 7 a.m. for a "Son-Rise" service; 8:30 and 10 a.m. for services in the Sanctuary.

## Our New Pastor is... Andrea M. Haldeman

Pastor Andrea received her call to ministry as a youth in her home church at Covenant UMC (Lebanon) and was ordained in 2017. She graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary with an MDiv, concentrating in Marriage and Family Counseling. Her pastoral appointments have included Bethany UMC and Salem-Berne UMC in Hamburg, West Lawn UMC and Long Memorial UMC in Neffsville. Most recently, she also served as chaplain at Lebanon Valley College.

She is blessed in journeying with people to know Christ better and to share that knowledge with those around them through their words, but more importantly through their loving and compassionate actions. Andrea treasures spending time with her husband Dave and their children, Gray and Rachel, especially enjoying God's beautiful creation.

## 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.

Nearby Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center had its start in 1949 in the Mount Gretna Campmeeting. When Camp Mount Gretna outgrew facilities here, it moved to its current location on Mine Road. Today Gretna Glen offers day camps and overnight experiences for ages 5-18.



MGUMC members not only volunteer as counselors at Gretna Glen but also fund scholarships for children in our congregation and community to help cover costs of attending. Please give generously to provide camp experiences for our youth and others.

## Thank You

**Thanks for a record-setting** Soup-to-Go sale on Saturday, Feb. 10. Within an hour, we were sold out of **149 quarts**, raising almost **\$1,300** for Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM). Forty cans of soup also were donated. Kudos to our 18 'souper' cooks and the volunteers who helped with the sale.



**Thanks to all for donations** to Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)! Donations in February totaled 81 pounds. Added to January's contributions, we have given **157 pounds**. See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list of item for our next collection on Sunday, March 3.



## WE COULD USE A HAND....

**Help** is needed for the Community Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday, **March 23**; Rain date **March 30**).

We need 30 dozen hardboiled eggs for the Community Dye-In at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, **March 21**.

We also need plastic eggs and candy to fill the plastic eggs. Volunteers needed to help hide eggs by 8:30 a.m.

Contact Greg Pappariella (gmpapp@hotmail.com; 717-304-6468) if you can help with the egg hunt.

