

# 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)



## Welcome

**We invite you** 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.

Worship in November starts with All Saints Day (Nov. 3). In the Nov. 10 services, Pastor Andrea will recognize military veterans for their service.

## Passings

We note the passing of Arne Reistad, Jr., husband to Christie. A Celebration-of-Life service was held at Fort Indiantown Gap on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Please keep the family in prayer as they grieve this loss.

## Upcoming Charge Conference

Every year, all congregations in the United Methodist Church are 'charged' to consider the goals that were adopted at the previous charge conference and to set goals for the new year. The charge conference is also when pastors' compensations are approved, and building programs are approved.

Most years, MGUMC joins other congregations for this conference. Because MGUMC is in a transition year with a new pastor, we are holding our own charge conference, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at MGUMC. It will be led by Deanna Geiter, pastor, Cornwall UMC. All members are invited to attend to hear the report celebrating our church's highlights of the past year.

Join us for  
Thanksgiving  
Pancake Breakfast  
on Nov. 24 in the  
Fellowship Hall.



## Upcoming MGUMC Events

**TUESDAY  
Nov 5**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet in the Ebenezer Room at 9 a.m.  
We are studying the Apostle Paul.

**WEDNESDAY  
Nov 6**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**THURSDAY  
Nov 7**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday.  
Contact the office for more info. and to join.

**TUESDAY  
Nov 12**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet in the Ebenezer Room at 9 a.m.  
We are studying the Apostle Paul.

**WEDNESDAY  
Nov 13**

### 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. Volunteers wanted to help with set up, serving and clean up.



**WEDNESDAY  
Nov 13**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**THURSDAY  
Nov 14**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday.  
Contact the office for more info. and to join.

**TUESDAY  
Nov 19**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet in the Ebenezer Room at 9 a.m.  
We are studying the Apostle Paul.

**WEDNESDAY  
Nov 20**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**THURSDAY  
Nov 21**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday.  
Contact the office for more info. and to join.

**SUNDAY  
Nov 24**

### Thanksgiving Breakfast

Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for worship and breakfast.  
Please let the office know if you plan to attend and what you would be willing to contribute to the breakfast. Note: There are no services in the sanctuary.

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## MGUMC is Beneficiary of Gift

Our church has recently been blessed with a gift from the estate of the father of one of our members. The church member has donated \$50,000 to the church, with the following restrictions:

- The money is NOT to be used for on-going operating expenses of the church;
- The funds should be spent on ministries, projects and items that will promote the mission of our church;
- The donor would like funds used and not sit in a money market investment fund;
- The donor and family wish to remain anonymous.

Donations such as this typically are the responsibility of the Trustees. But because of the nature of the gift, an adhoc committee of members will be formed to consider how to be good stewards of this blessing and how best to allocate these funds. The committee's recommendations will be presented to Trustees who will review them and forward them to Administrative Council.

## WE COULD USE A HAND....

MGUMC depends upon members to serve on various committees that support our programs and ministries. Committees that are mandated by our conference include Administrative Council, Board of Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Nominations Committee and Finance Committee.

We have some additional committees that are unique to our congregation: Endowment Committee, Worship Committee, Nurture Work Area Committee and Prison Ministry Work Team. If you are interested in learning about the committees or considering serving a committee, please contact the office.



## Thank You...Thank You...Thank You

**Thanks to all** for donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM). Our donations in October totaled 76 pounds. Total year-to-date given by MGUMC is 839 pounds.

See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list of items for our monthly donations.



## MGUMC Events (continued from page 1)

**SUNDAY  
Nov 24**

### Silent Auction Ends

**TUESDAY  
Nov 26**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet in the Ebenezer Room at 9 a.m. We are studying the Apostle Paul.

**SATURDAY  
Nov 30**

### Decoration of Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

Families are invited to come at 10 a.m. to help with decorating the foyer and sanctuary for the holiday season. Lunch will be served. RSVP, Church Office.

## LOOKING AHEAD — Mark Your Calendar

**SUNDAYS  
DEC 1-22**

### Advent Book Study

Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22

Join Pastor Andrea in a study of Susan Robb's

*The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*. Each week will focus on the different angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus. More information on the study will be available in the December newsletter or bulletin insert. Cost of the book is \$10.

**SATURDAY  
DEC 7**

### Cookie Baking!

Calling all youths to bake cookies to serve after tree lighting and caroling! Baking will start at 10 a.m. Please let the office know if you are planning to attend.

**SATURDAY  
DEC 7**

### Tree lighting and caroling

Join us in the parking lot at 6:30 p.m. for the annual tree lighting

followed by carol singing in the sanctuary. Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**WEDNESDAY  
DEC 11**

**Gathering Place**  
at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



**Our Blessing of the Pets** was held on October 12 at the tabernacle. Thanks to all who participated.

