

MGUMC NEWS

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS, ALL PEOPLE

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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



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.

We send you best wishes for the new year, and welcome you into 2025 with a hope that you might be blessed with a faith to guide your steps, illuminate your path, and fill your heart with hope and strength.

MGUMC Charge Conference



The Mount Gretna UMC Charge Conference was held on November 26, 2024 in the Church's sanctuary. The session was directed by Rev. Deanna Geiter of Cornwall United Methodist Church, who is pictured above with MGUMC's Pastor Andrea Haldeman.

During the Charge Conference, Rev. Geiter asked MGUMC leaders their views on our church's role in the community, as well as challenges facing our church. Pastor Haldeman followed with a requested report on MGUMC's programs, ministries and efforts during 2024. The Charge Conference concluded after a vote on and approval of the slate of MGUMC officers, committee chairs and members and various ministry representatives and coordinators.

Upcoming MGUMC Events

**THURSDAY
JAN 2**

Zoom Prayer Group

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

**SUNDAY
JAN 5**

Food Bank Sunday

Collection of food and personal care items to support Lebanon County Christian Ministries' Food Bank, which assists Lebanon County families and individuals dealing with food shortages.



**THURSDAY
JAN 9**

Zoom Prayer Group

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

**THURSDAY
JAN 16**

Zoom Prayer Group

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

**THURSDAY
JAN 23**

Zoom Prayer Group

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

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MGUMC Finance Committee

— by *Bud Green, Chair, Finance Committee*

Our Finance Committee is charged with oversight of the operating budget of the church, along with the monitoring of financial accounts. The Committee, which prepares the annual budget, meets quarterly or more frequently if needed. It consists of committee chairs of the standing committees of the church, as well as at-large members and the pastoral team.

The Finance Committee reviews the monthly financial reports on at least a quarterly basis (all committee members receive reports monthly for their review), review credit card purchases on the church's credit cards along with reviewing the

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**THURSDAY
JAN 30**

Zoom Prayer Group

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

**SATURDAY
FEB 8**

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” for more info. Proceeds benefit Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

**SUNDAY
FEB 9**

Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon

Souper Bowl

Please join us for our Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon after the 10 a.m. service. Sign up in the office to bring soup, bread or fruit/dessert to share. A donation of a can of soup for Lebanon County Christian Ministries is appreciated. This event is organized by the MGUMC Nurture Committee.

**WEDNESDAY
FEB 19**

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.



MGUMC Finance Committee

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investment portfolio and bank accounts of the church. At least quarterly, the Committee meets with the Investment manager of the William Drendall Endowment (SevenBridge Financial Group, LLC) and reviews performance, asset allocation and current market conditions.

In addition, the Finance Committee works with and provides financial support to other committees on various church projects. A good example is the church’s elevator project, which was undertaken in 2023. Members of the Finance Committee collaborated with members of the MGUMC Trustees by keeping track of the funds coming into the project and the disbursements going out.

The Church’s monthly financial reports are prepared by members of the Committee (Treasurer and Financial Secretary) and reviewed by the Finance Committee, as well as MGUMC’s Administrative Council.

On an annual basis, there is an audit of various financial practices and procedures of the church. This is not an audit by the Finance Committee, but by a team of auditors (members of the church). This team reports any recommendations and/or findings to the Finance Committee, which then reports to the Administrative Council.

— Bud Green
Chair, Finance Committee

WE COULD USE A HAND....

Volunteer Soup Cooks & Helpers Needed!

Mount Gretna UMC is in need of cooks to make soup and volunteers to help sell soup at our **2025 Souper Bowl Soup-To-Go Sale** scheduled for **Saturday, February 8**. Quart containers are available in the church Fellowship Hall.

For planning and marketing purposes, please let the church office (mgumc@verizon.net or (717) 964-3241) know:

- **What kind of soup you will make**
- **How many quarts you’ll be making**

In our 2024 Souper Bowl Soup-To-Go Sale, **149 quarts** of soup were made and sold, resulting in a contribution of nearly **\$1,300** in proceeds for Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Thank you to all of our 2024 cooks and helpers for making last year’s sale such a success!



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you to all MGUMC congregation members who contributed items to Lebanon County Christian Ministries’ Food Bank in 2024. In November, our donations totaled 68 pounds, bringing our **total for the year to 907 pounds.**



Mount Gretna UMC’s Food Bank collections are the first Sunday of each month, and our next Food Bank Sunday will be **January 5**. Items on LCCM’s Food Bank current wish list include such items as pasta products and sauces, cereals, ground coffee, low-sodium soups, and canned tuna, chicken and salmon.

Please consider making a contribution to assist our Lebanon County neighbors who may be dealing with food and nutrition shortages.