

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 5th Sunday of Easter

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: In the beginning was the Word.

ALL: And the Word was with God and spoke for peace.

ONE: In the beginning was the Word.

ALL: And the Word was with God and spoke for justice.

ONE: In the beginning was the Word.

ALL: And the Word was with God and longed for love.

**We come to worship the God of the Word in a spirit of
peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise
of a holy dwelling place for all creation.**

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

***OPENING HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King"** #62 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

CELEBRATING HERITAGE SUNDAY

EPISTLE READING Revelation 21:1-6 Pg.1891

GOSPEL READING John 13:31-35 Pg. 1641

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Believing Into Christ: A New World*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* #881 UMH

WE RESPOND

HYMN "For the Healing of the Nations" #428 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer
(trespasses)

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

*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. Amen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** "Marching to Zion" #733 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "He Is Lord"(x2) #177 UMH

***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 during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:

Penny & Dave Harris

Flowers:

Today's flowers are to celebrate Larry Bowman's granddaughter's birthday.
Happy birthday Hannah.

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

Tues.	May 20 th	NO Bible Study	
Saturday	May 24 th	Porch Sale	
Tues.	May 27 th	SPRC	7 PM Ebenezer Rm
Sunday	June 1 st	Move to Tabernacle	10 AM
Wed.	June 4 th	Organ Recital Shawn Gingrich	7 PM
Friday	June 13 th	"Discipleship Dilemmas" Bishop Cynthia Moore- Koikoi	7:00 PM Tabernacle

Porch Sale: The next event coming up is the porch sale. There will be tables set up in the fellowship hall for you to place them on. In the Foyer there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers and baked goods. We need small boxes. All monetary donations will be sent to Jubilee for camp scholarships.

Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference

Tues, May 20 – Thurs, May 22, 2025 Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the UMC at the Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ. For more information, visit : <https://www.epaumc.org/ac2025>

Graduates:

On June 8th we would like to honor all graduates from any program. Please email us the name and school that they graduated from and their next steps.

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Pastor Andrea's Sabbath & Office Hours –Week of May 19th

Monday, May 19th – Sabbath (Out of Office)

Tuesday, May 20th – Attending EPA Annual Conference

Wednesday, May 21st - Attending EPA Annual Conference

Thursday, May 22nd – Attending EPA Annual Conference

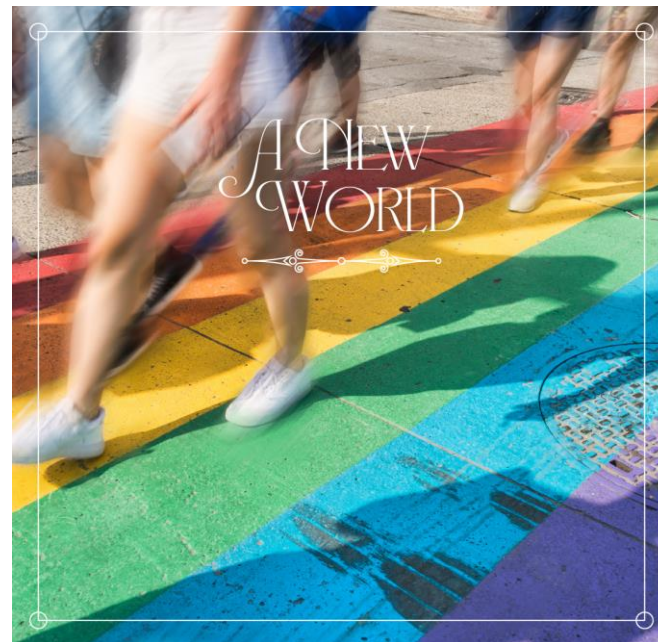
Friday, May 23rd – In Office – 9:15 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 24th -PORCH SALE and Mount Gretna Kick-Off

Pastor Andrea is available to meet during her office hours or at other times by appointment. Her Sabbath is Saturdays and Mondays. She is always available for pastoral emergencies and hospitalizations, so please contact her for a health emergency or a death in the family. Beginning on Tuesday, she will return your call or email for non-emergent issues. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Andrea or call the office.

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.

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