

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, August 24, 2025 | 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

\* \* \* ORDER OF WORSHIP \* \* \*

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

**ALL: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.**

ONE: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

**ALL: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

ONE: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

**ALL: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *"How Firm A Foundation"*    #529 UMH/#408 TB  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**OPENING PRAYER** Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' Name, we pray.  
**AMEN.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**EPISTLE READING**    Hebrews 12:18-29    pg. 1836

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**    Dear Beloved Children of God: Cannot Be Shaken

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN**    *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*    #400 UMH/#11 TB  
**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**    #206 UMH/INSERT  
*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE**    *"I Love You, Lord"*  
*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take, joy, my King, in what You hear.  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

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(\*)= Please stand if able    |    (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only  
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal    |    TB = Tabernacle 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.*

**Flowers:**

Today's flowers are given by Greg Pappariella in memory of his mother, Phyllis, for her birthday

### Greeters:

### ++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS++++++

Sunday	Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup>	QuintEssentially Brass	7 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery School Open House	6 PM – 7 PM Nursery School
Wednesday	Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	SPRC	6:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Thursday	Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Endowment	7 PM Ebenezer Room

### Sunday School:

We need teachers for the older class. All material is provided. If you are interested in helping out please contact Kassie Chapman at: 717-673-7464 or koditoo@comcast.net

### Stuff MGUMC's Nursery School

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You are invited to support MGUMC's Nursery School as we begin this new school year! If you scan the QR code, you will find an Amazon wish list, allowing you to purchase supplies and bring them to the church or make a financial donation. In addition, there are opportunities to sponsor a student or contribute to scholarships. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Nursery School Director - Shannon Fretz at [rsfretz@verizon.net](mailto:rsfretz@verizon.net) Thank you so much!



### Pastor Andrea's Office Hours - Week of Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> - In Office - 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

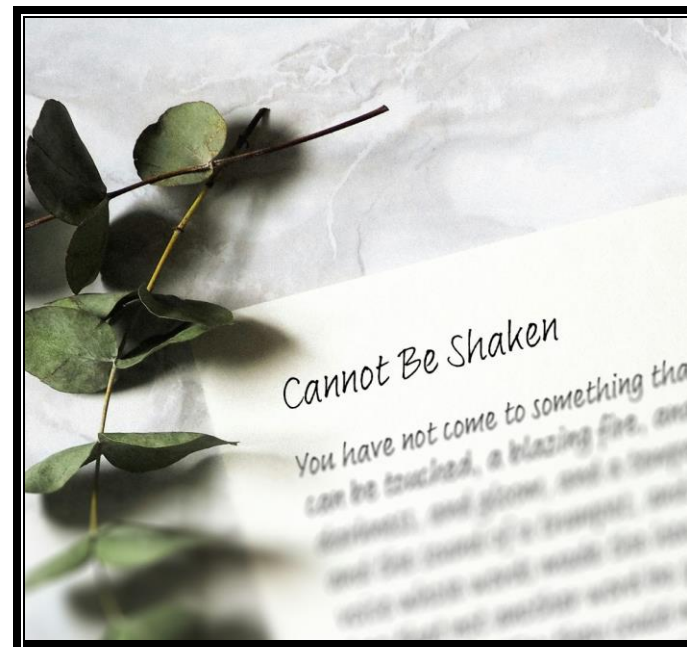
Wednesday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> - In Office - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> - In Office - 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Pastor Andrea is available to meet during her above office hours or at other times by appointment. She is always available for pastoral emergencies and hospitalizations, so please contact her for a health emergency or a death in the family. You will find all the contact information on the front of the bulletin. 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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