

MGUMC NEWS

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS, ALL PEOPLE

JULY/AUGUST 2025

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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 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 JULY / AUGUST

Pastor Andrea's July sermon series, "Heal Our Land," is based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. In this passage, God lays out a four-step process for healing our land: Humbling ourselves, praying, seeing God's presence and turning our back on immoral and unholy ways. We will consider each of these steps throughout the month.

"Do Unto Others" is the topic for August. Our world seems to be consumed with division which is often typified in the colors 'red' and 'blue.' But the Golden Rule in scripture challenges us to create a 'purple space' where we cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter our political or ideological differences. Those themes will be explored separately each Sunday.

Talk without Tension

Interested in learning how we can relate better to those whose views differ from ours within our families, congregation and community? Join Dave Harris for a six-week series aimed at helping us learn how to have hard conversations.



Each week, we will learn and practice skills that lead to conversations across differences. All viewpoints needed.

RSVP Dave Harris at HodosCoaching@gmail.com to claim a seat and to begin having connecting conversations. Thank You.

Upcoming MGUMC Events

Note: This newsletter covers July and August. Monthly newsletters will resume in September.

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 9**

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual
with Pastor Andrea,



1 p.m., Tabernacle

**THURSDAY
JULY 10**

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m.,
Weekly online prayer group.
Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**THURSDAY
JULY 10**

Talk without Tension,
7 p.m., Ebenezer Room.
Learn and practice skills to engage in hard conversations across our differences. Leader: Dave Harris.



**WEDNESDAY
JULY 16**

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual
with Pastor Andrea



1 p.m., Tabernacle

**THURSDAY
JULY 17**

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m.,
Weekly online prayer group.
Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**THURSDAY
JULY 17**

Talk without Tension,
7 p.m., Ebenezer Room.
Learn and practice skills to engage in hard conversations across our differences. Leader: Dave Harris.



**WEDNESDAY
JULY 23**

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual
with Pastor Andrea,



1 p.m., Tabernacle

**THURSDAY
JULY 24**

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m.,
Weekly online prayer group.
Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**THURSDAY
JULY 24**

Talk without Tension,
7 p.m., Ebenezer Room.
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WEDNESDAY
JULY 30

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual with Pastor Andrea, 1 p.m., Tabernacle



WEDNESDAY
JULY 30

Wet'n Wacky, 6:30-8 p.m., Children will hear Bible stories, play outdoor (non-water) games, make a craft and enjoy a snack.

THURSDAY
JULY 31

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m., Weekly online prayer group. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

THURSDAY
JULY 31

Talk without Tension, 7 p.m., Ebenezer Room. Learn and practice skills to engage in hard



conversations across our differences. Leader: Dave Harris.

WEDNESDAY
AUG 6

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual with Pastor Andrea, 1 p.m., Tabernacle



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THURSDAY
AUG 7

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m., Weekly online prayer group. Contact the church office for more information and to join

THURSDAY
AUG 7

Talk without Tension, 7 p.m., Ebenezer Room. Learn and practice skills to engage in hard



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SUNDAY
AUG 10

Community Service, 10 a.m., Tabernacle



WEDNESDAY
AUG 13

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual with Pastor Andrea, 1 p.m., Tabernacle



THURSDAY
AUG 14

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m., Weekly online prayer group. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

WEDNESDAY
AUG 20

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual with Pastor Andrea, 1 p.m., Tabernacle



THURSDAY
AUG 21

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m., Weekly online prayer group. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

WEDNESDAY
AUG 27

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual with Pastor Andrea, 1 p.m., Tabernacle



THURSDAY
AUG 28

Zoom Prayer Group, 7 p.m., Weekly online prayer group. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

Looking ahead...

Healing Communities training in September

Healing Communities training, which enables clergy and congregations to offer restoration and healing for persons affected by the criminal justice system, returns in September 2025, offered by the EPA&GNJ Leadership Academy. This nationally endorsed training offers information and insights about the criminal justice system and the holistic impact of crime on victims, survivors, offenders and families. Two hour classes will meet Sept. 8, 10, 15 and 17, from 7 to 9 p.m., online via Zoom. Learn more and register now.

THANK YOU . . .

Gretna Glen Scholarships

Thanks to all who gave to send youth to summer camp. MGUMC raised \$2,355 for scholarships to Gretna Glen and \$2,063.50 for scholarships for Jubilee Camp from the Porch Sale.



Food Bank Donations

MGUMC's June Food Bank donations totaled 73 pounds, a mix of perishables and personal care items. Total year-to-date given is 503 pounds. Thanks to all congregation members who contributed.

