

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 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 SEPTEMBER

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

This month's focus is on the song book—the Psalms—that has sustained and defined the people of God. The witness of the Psalms is that God is prepared to meet us where we are. Pastor Andrea encourages us to read the Psalms throughout the month as we call upon the Lord.

REMINDER: Starting Sunday, September 7, both worship services return to the sanctuary.

MGUMC Charge Conference; Need Nominations Committee Volunteers

Every year, United Methodist congregations hold a Charge Conference, an annual meeting with our district superintendent. This is an opportunity to review the past year, approve committee memberships and plan for the future.

Pastor Andrea is seeking volunteers for the Nominations Committee, a key element in preparing for Charge Conference. This committee is responsible for evaluating congregational leadership needs, developing leaders and preparing committee nominations for approval at Charge Conference. The chair of this committee is the pastor. The Nominations Committee primarily meets in the fall to prepare for Charge Conference. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Pastor Andrea.

MGUMC has four committees requiring membership approval at Charge Conference: **Administrative Council, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, and Finance.** Members on these committees serve a three-year term. Anyone who is currently on these four committees should contact Pastor Andrea to confirm their continued participation. This year's Charge Conference has not yet been scheduled.

Upcoming MGUMC Events

**TUESDAY
SEPT 2**

Acts Bible Study 10 a.m. with Pastor Andrea, Library

**THURSDAY
SEPT 4**

info and to join.

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

**SATURDAY
SEPT 6**

West District Day, 10:30 a.m. at Gretna Glen

**SUNDAY
SEPT 7**

Worship services 8:30 & 10 a.m. return to the sanctuary.

**TUESDAY
SEPT 9**

Acts Bible Study 10 a.m. with Pastor Andrea, Library

**THURSDAY
SEPT 11**

info and to join.

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

**TUESDAY
SEPT 16**

Acts Bible Study 10 a.m. with Pastor Andrea, Library

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT 17**

at noon in Fellowship Hall. This month, we will enjoy a covered dish – so bring your favorite dish to share with your neighbors and friends! Please advise Jay what dish you expect to share by Friday, Sept. 12th via email at j1benja78@gmail.com. Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations.

Gathering Place, noon Members, friends, and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship

**THURSDAY
SEPT 18**

info and to join.

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

**FRIDAY
SEPT 19**

Jubilee Ministries Annual Fundraising Dinner
MGUMC will sponsor a table of eight. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

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**SUNDAY
SEPT 21**

Church Picnic, Gretna Glen 10 a.m.

Susquehanna Service Dogs will bring some four-legged friends for us to learn about the organization. Barbecue, hot dogs and sauerkraut provided. Bring sides and/or desserts. To reduce waste, bring your own place setting (silverware, plates, cups). A \$5 donation will help cover cost of facility rental. Rain location: Dining Hall

**TUESDAY
SEPT 23**

Acts Bible Study 10 a.m. with Pastor Andrea, Library

**THURSDAY
SEPT 25**

Zoom Prayer Group 7 p.m.

Weekly online prayer group. Contact the church office for more info and to join.

**TUESDAY
SEPT 30**

Acts Bible Study 10 a.m. with Pastor Andrea, Library

West District Day at Gretna Glen

On Saturday, September 6, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with worship, followed by lunch and a host of camp activities - games, boating,



EPA WEST DISTRICT DAY
A TIME FOR ALL MEMBERS OF UM CHURCHES TO GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN
Saturday September 6th
10:30-3:00
Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center
87 Old Mine Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042
Register at
<https://www.epaumc.org/west-district/>
before September 1st

music, or time just to sit and visit! There is no cost for this event, but donations are asked for Gretna Glen ministries.

Register online.

This is an event for the whole congregation! Come one, come all!

Workshop with United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania

On October 17-19, attend the Dismantling Racism workshop to learn about the values and practices of diversity, equity, and inclusion with Rev. Noé Gabe Lopez, EPA's Director of Social Impact and Belonging. Explore issues of racism and learn how to apply transformative tools in your church and community. Learn more and register <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/dismantling-racism-i-2/>

Check out what's happening with the United Methodist Church at <https://www.umnews.org/en/>

Dave Harris Will Serve as Chair of MGUMC Administrative Council

We are pleased to announce that Dave Harris will be serving as our new MGUMC Administrative Council Chair.

David P. Harris, PCC, D.Min., MCE, is passionate about creating communities of audacious love and thriving life. Living into that passion he coaches, teaches, speaks, mentors, and serves as a chaplain and is an Elder in the Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. Love is nurtured with his wife, kids and grandkids. Born in these realities is both his faith and his motto "Live Love," Mt. 22:37-40. Being curious about life stories and journeying together with all others in their uniqueness is what energizes Dave.

Would you like to know more about Dave? Ask him: 717-500-1395 or HodosCoaching@gmail.com. He'd love to hear your story too!

THANK YOU . . .

Heartfelt Thanks to Tom Maurer for serving as Interim Chair of the MGUMC Admin. Council. We appreciate all you do!

Thanks to all who helped with **Wet'n Wacky!**

Thanks to Anna McDonald and Luke Baker for painting our renovated **Sunday School rooms**. Check them out on the 2nd floor. Purchase and installation of cabinetry (coming in Sept.) was made possible by a generous gift from the estate of a member's father, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Food Bank Donations

MGUMC's July and August Food Bank donations totaled 175 pounds, a mix of perishables and personal care items. Total year-to-date given is 678 pounds. Thanks to all congregation members who contributed.



WE COULD USE A HAND....

MGUMC Children's Ministry on Sundays during the 10 a.m. service. We are looking for teachers and substitute teachers who would like to join in educating our youth. Please let Pastor Andrea know if you are interested in exploring how you can participate in this ministry.



Support MGUMC's Nursery School

You are invited to support MGUMC's Nursery School as we begin this new school year! A wish list is available, allowing you to purchase supplies and bring them to the church or make a financial donation. Also, if you would like to sponsor a child or contribute to a scholarship fund, we have some students who would benefit from this! Thank you so much!