

MGUMC NEWS

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OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER

"Choosing Faith"

On Sunday, Oct. 12, Pastor Andrea will begin a new sermon series, "Choosing Faith." Is faith a gift or a choice? Is it something God does in us or something we do for God?

Throughout the series, Pastor Andrea will invite us to examine what it means to be people of faith, to live by our faith, to be shaped by our faith, and to submit all of our actions and relationships to the measure of faith.

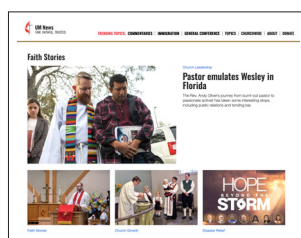
NOTE: Rev. Jenny Frymoyer, our district superintendent, will lead worship at both services on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Opportunity with the 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 at <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/>



Upcoming MGUMC Events

**TUESDAY
OCT 7**

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

**THURSDAY
OCT 9**

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

**SATURDAY
OCT 11**

Pet Blessing 2 p.m., Tabernacle Mount Gretna Campmeeting

**TUESDAY
OCT 14**

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

**TUESDAY
OCT 14**

Coming out of incarceration: a hands-on event 6-8:30 p.m., Hopewell UMC,

Downingtown

Hopewell UMC will host a Prison Re-Entry Simulation offering participants a hands-on look at the challenges faced after incarceration, followed by a community discussion. Open to adults and students (9th grade+), co-hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of PA. Let the office know if you might be interested in attending for possible carpooling by Monday, Oct. 6.

**WEDNESDAY
OCT 15**

Gathering Place

Noon in the Fellowship Hall Members, friends and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship. Check the bulletin for the menu! Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations.

**THURSDAY
OCT 16**

Zoom Prayer Group 7 p.m. Weekly online prayer group.

Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**SUNDAY
OCT 19**

Fall Fun Day

12-4 p.m., Gretna Glen Family and community event with boating, fall crafts, campfires, fun play spaces and more. Free.

**TUESDAY
OCT 21**

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

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THURSDAY
OCT 23

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

TUESDAY
OCT 28

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

THURSDAY
OCT 30

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

FRIDAY
OCT 31

Trick-or-Treat Open House 6-8 p.m.
MGUMC Narthex
Greet this year's ghosts, goblins and witches and hand out candy bags. (See We Could Use a Hand)



GET READY!
Friday, October 31

WE COULD USE A HAND....

Trick-or-treat bags are needed for Halloween as well as **individually wrapped candy**. Please bring donations to the Office by Monday, October 20.

Please consider helping with **MGUMC's 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.



Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

The focus of the SPRC is on building strong relationships between MGUMC staff and the congregation and between the MGUMC congregation and the district superintendent. Members serve three-year terms.

Ideally, SPRC members should represent or relate to various constituencies in the church so as to have a diversity of leadership qualities and skills.

SPRC members are elected at the annual charge conference. If you are interested in serving on this vital committee, please contact Pastor Andrea.

THANK YOU . . .

MGUMC Nursery School Thanks You

From Shannon Fretz, Nursery School Director:
Thank you, thank you, thank you! The donations of supplies and scholarship money to the Nursery School have been truly incredible. The generosity of Mount Gretna UMC never ceases to amaze me. *Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."*

Food Bank Donations

MGUMC's September Food Bank donations totaled 80 pounds and 82 pounds in fresh produce (tomatoes and peppers). Our total year to date given is 840 pounds. Thanks to all congregation members who contributed.



Church Picnic

Thanks to all those who made the annual church picnic at Gretna Glen an enjoyable day!

Roger Brock from Susquehanna Service Dogs brought retired service dog Goldenrod to the church picnic.



2025 Silent Auction

We aren't trying to rush the holiday season, but we need treasures for November's Silent Auction. Please consider donating new or gently used items that would appeal to all ages. The last day to bring Silent Auction items is Sunday, Oct. 26.

The auction will start on Sunday, Nov. 2 and conclude at the Thanksgiving breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 23.

Questions? Contact Melissa Warner at geom1948@comcast.net Thank you!!