

MGUMC NEWS

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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 NOVEMBER

Worship in November starts with All Saints Day (Nov. 2), an opportunity to celebrate beloved members of our church who have walked as part of the community of faith and have now entered into God's eternity in the past year. Sermon title and text: "A Glorious Inheritance," Ephesians 1:11-23.

As part of the **Nov. 9** services, Pastor Andrea will recognize military veterans for their service. On **Nov. 9 and Nov. 16**, Pastor Andrea will ask us, "What Are You Waiting For?" As we prepare for the beginning of the Advent season, we ponder what we are waiting for—Healing? Transformation? A sign Jesus is with you?

Nov. 9: Sermon title and text: "What Are You Waiting For? Hold Fast," Luke 21: 5-19.

Nov. 16: Sermon title and text: "What Are You Waiting For? For What Will Be," Jeremiah 23:1-6.

On **Nov. 23**, We gather to praise God and give witness to our faith as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the bounty God continues to provide. Sermon title and text: "Joyfully Giving Thanks to God," Colossians 1:11-20.

Join us for Thanksgiving Breakfast on Nov. 23 in the Fellowship Hall.



Upcoming MGUMC Events

**SUNDAY
NOV 2**

Silent auction begins. All money raised goes toward improvements for the Nursery School.

**TUESDAY
NOV 4**

Pastor's Bible Study CANCELLED for Nov. 4th

**TUESDAY
NOV 4**

Charge Conference
6:45 p.m. District Supt. Jenny Freymoyer will lead. We will review and celebrate the past year, approve committee memberships and plan for the future. All are welcome.

**THURSDAY
NOV 6**

Zoom Prayer Meeting
Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Contact the church office for more info. and to join.

**TUESDAY
NOV 11**

Pastor's Bible Study
Meet in the library at 10 a.m. We are studying the Book of Acts.

**THURSDAY
NOV 13**

Zoom Prayer Meeting
Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Contact the church office for more info. and to join.

**TUESDAY
NOV 18**

Pastor's Bible Study
Meet in the library at 10 a.m. We are studying the Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY
NOV 19**

Gathering Place
Members, friends and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship at noon in Fellowship Hall. Menu to be determined! Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations.

**THURSDAY
NOV 20**

Zoom Prayer Meeting
Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Contact the church office for more info. and to join.

**SUNDAY
NOV 23**

Thanksgiving Breakfast
Join us at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for worship and breakfast. Please let the office know if you plan to attend and what you would be willing to contribute to the breakfast. Note: There are no services in the sanctuary.

This is the **Last Day of MGUMC Silent Auction.**

Decoration of Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Please stay after the Thanksgiving breakfast to join in decorating the foyer and sanctuary for the holiday season after the Thanksgiving breakfast.

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**TUESDAY
NOV 25**

Pastor's Bible Study

Meet in the library at 10 a.m. We are studying the Book of Acts.

LOOKING AHEAD....

**SATURDAY
DEC 6**

Tree lighting and caroling at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the parking lot for the annual tree lighting followed by carol singing in the sanctuary.

Refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Advent-ure in Narnia: Reflections for the Season

With its enchanting themes of light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope—and even an appearance by Father Christmas—C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* naturally enhances the Advent season of reflection. As we anticipate with hope, peace, joy and love the coming of our glorious Savior, we invite you to join us throughout our Advent-ure in Narnia in worship and in Bible Study.

Advent Book Study: Sunday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21

Join Pastor Andrea at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room. Heidi Haverkamp's *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season* will be our guide to the wardrobe (Nov. 30), witch (Dec. 7), Father Christmas (Dec. 14), the lion (Dec. 21).

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Andrea in a 24-week survey of the entire Bible starting in January and based on the well-known Disciple curriculum. The first 12 weeks will focus on the Old Testament; the next 12 weeks cover the New Testament. By study's end, you will have read about 60 percent of the Bible.

Participants will explore the Bible through daily readings, watching commentaries by noted Biblical scholars and group discussions. Weekly sessions will run about 75-minutes and will be offered in a hybrid format – both in person and on Zoom.

You are invited to prayerfully consider committing to the next step in your faith journey by joining Disciple. Contact Pastor Andrea with questions about this opportunity or to learn more.

WE COULD USE A HAND....

Consider Joining Our MGUMC Care Team

We frequently have members who are hospitalized or home-bound because of medical issues and would appreciate a visit, cards, or a meal. Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to be part of a **Care Team** that would be available to reach out to our members who might welcome a visit, a card or a meal.

Volunteers Are Wanted for help with setup, serving, and cleanup for **Gathering Place**.



Solar Panel Update *by Chris Sides*



Since connecting to the grid on May 5th, our solar panels have produced 6.6 megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity through the middle of October. This is the equivalent to 4.7 tons of CO₂ reduced from the atmosphere, or charging 568,400 cell phones, or planting 79 trees.

We have received our first rebate check in the amount of \$698.48 from the state through Act 129, a one-time rebate for investing in renewable energy. After some paperwork issues we were able to get connected to begin receiving Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECS) and have received payment for three so far at a market price of \$26. Polluters must purchase these to offset their emissions from clean-energy producing organizations. Additionally, we have been saving around \$200 per month on our electric bill and are expecting a federal tax credit in the new year of around \$9,300.

If you have any questions on the project, or want to learn about solar, contact the Solar Project Manager Chris Sides by email at psualum4life@hotmail.com or by phone at 717-304-8627.

THANK YOU . . .

For Food Bank Donations

Thanks to all for donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)!

Donations in October totaled 78 pounds and 16 pounds of fresh produce. See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list of items for our monthly donations.



For Trick-or-Treat Open House

Thank you to all of the ghosts, goblins, witches, and more, who attended our Trick-or-Treat Open House, and to their parents/caregivers. Also, a heartfelt thank you to all who donated halloween candy and treat bags to help make this possible.

For 2025 Silent Auction Donations

Heartfelt thanks for all of the donations to our 2025 Silent Auction. The auction begins on Sunday, November 2 and will conclude at the Thanksgiving breakfast on Sunday, November 23. Proceeds from the auction will be used for improvements to our Nursery School.

For Our Pet Blessing

Thanks to all who participated in our October pet blessing service at the Tabernacle. All creatures near and dear to us were blessed by pastors Andrea and Marilyn — dogs, cats, and even one newborn infant (4 days old).

