

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, January 4, 2026 | Epiphany of the Lord | Communion
* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

+The children are dismissed to Sunday School

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

ALL: God, help us find your glory.

ONE: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

ALL: God, help us notice your glory.

ONE: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

ALL: God, help us encounter your glory.

ONE: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

ALL: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

***OPENING HYMN** *"We Three Kings"* #254 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

OPENING PRAYER

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place. In Jesus' Name, **AMEN.**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING *(See insert)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 pg.1120
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 pg.1469

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

2025 STAR WORD PONDERINGS & PROCLAMATION

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE *(See insert)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE RESPOND

HYMN *"And Can It Be"* #363 UMH
+The children return to worship to receive communion with their families

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #13-14 UMH
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer (Using Trespasses)
Giving the Bread and the Cup / Receiving 2026 Star Words
Prayer following Communion

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* #251 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** *"He Is Born" (refrain only)* #228 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able. (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist 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:

Are presented in honor of Pastor Marilyn.

Greeters:

Carolyn Burns

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

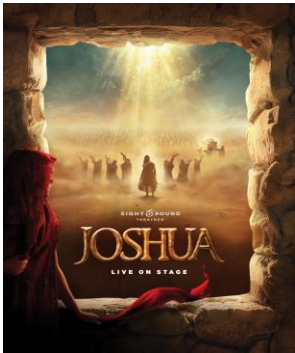
Tuesday	Jan. 6 th	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
Tuesday	Jan. 6 th	SPRC	6:00 PM Ebenezer Room
Thursday	Jan. 8 th	Prayer Zoom	7:00 PM
Saturday	Jan. 10 th	Un-Decorating	9:00 AM
Sunday	Jan. 11 th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Ebenezer Room

Un-Decorating:

On Saturday January 10, 2026, please join Pastor Andrea to un-decorate the Sanctuary.

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study:

Interested in exploring the Old Testament? Consider joining Pastor Andrea and others for Bible study through the well-known Disciple curriculum. Participants will explore the Bible through daily readings, watching commentaries and group discussions. The group will meet on **Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Jan.11. Books are \$20, available today!** There is still room—contact Pastor Andrea for information or any questions.



Joshua at Sight & Sound

MGUMC has a limited number of tickets available to see Joshua at Sight & Sound in Lancaster on **Sat. April 18th at 3:00 p.m.** tickets are \$78.00/adult (ages 13+) and \$44.00/child (ages 2-12). If you would like to reserve tickets, contact Pastor Andrea.
(<https://www.sight-sound.com/>)

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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