

# MGUMC NEWS

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS, ALL PEOPLE

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**  
(10:00 service includes children's message)



## Welcome

**We invite you** to join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Our mission is three-fold:

- 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.

Pastor Andrea continues the sermon series, "Glory Revealed," through Feb. 15.

**Feb. 1:** What is Good – How are we aligned with God's call to live with justice, mercy and humility? Scripture: Micah 6: 1-8 & Matthew 5: 1-12.

**Feb. 8:** Call to Action – Confession is not a time for shaming one another but for truth-telling that leads us into living justly, mercifully and humbly together. Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12) & Matthew 5: 13-20.

**Feb. 15:** Glory Revealed – The Feast of the Transfiguration is a foretaste of the glory of Resurrection. Scripture: Exodus 24: 12-18 & Matthew 17: 1-9.

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Pastor Andrea will begin a new sermon series—"The Way"—for Lent starting on Feb. 22. The series encourages us to take a virtual pilgrimage and assess the life road we have taken and will take in the future.

**Feb. 22:** The Wandering Way. What can we learn from Jesus' pilgrimage into the wilderness? In 'wandering,' we may find a new path. Scripture: Psalm 1: 1-6 & Luke 4: 1-2.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

MGUMC is again participating in the Community Lenten Services to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. This year's theme is "Renewed in Mercy: A Journey Toward New Life." Weekly offerings will benefit Lebanon County Christian Ministries. See Calendar and Sunday bulletins for details.

## Welcome New Members!



On Dec. 21, we celebrated new members: Kyle and Bethany Zeuch.

Kyle is Co-Chair & Associate Professor Music and Director of Choral Activities, Lebanon Valley College. Bethany is a teacher in the

Donegal School District. They have two children – Harper who is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Hazel who is 1 ½ years old.

## Upcoming MGUMC Events

**TUESDAY  
FEB 3**

### Bible Study

10 a.m. in the Library  
We will study the Book of Acts.

**THURSDAY  
FEB 5**

### Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**SATURDAY  
FEB 7**

### Souper Bowl Soup-to-Go Sale

Sale starts at 9 a.m. in the parking lot in front of the church (weather permitting). Soup will sell for \$8/quart—or \$7 with a donation of a can of soup. All proceeds go to Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Please support the sale by making soup or helping with sale. See "WE COULD USE A HAND" for more info.

**SUNDAY  
FEB 8**

### Souper Bowl Sunday

Please join us for Souper Bowl Sunday after the 10 a.m. service. Sign up in the office to bring soup, bread or fruit/dessert to share. A donation of a can of soup for Lebanon County Christian Ministries is appreciated.

**TUESDAY  
Feb 10**

### Bible Study

10 a.m. in the Library  
We will study the Book of Acts.

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**TUESDAY  
FEB 17**

**Bible Study**  
10 a.m. in the Library  
We will study the Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY  
FEB 18**

**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.

**WEDNESDAY  
FEB 18**

**Ash Wednesday  
Community Lenten Service**  
7 p.m., Cornwall Manor, Zerr Chapel

"A Clean Heart." Scripture: Psalm 51: 1-17, 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10

**TUESDAY  
FEB 24**

**Bible Study**  
10 a.m. in the Library  
We will study the Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY  
FEB 25**

**Community Lenten Service**  
7 p.m., Iona UMC, 1920 S 5th Ave, Lebanon, Pa.  
"Mercy on the Wilderness Road." Scripture:

Psalm 32, Matthew 4: 1-11

## COINS FOR LENT

Please join in **Coins for Lent 2026**, a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and its vital ministry of disaster recovery to impacted areas in the U.S. and around the world. Giving calendars will be available on Sunday mornings and also from the church office. On Easter, bring your collection to worship, so that we can donate all coins to UMCOR.

## UMC Leadership Initiative

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church has launched a historic engagement initiative designed to give every United Methodist a direct voice in shaping the denomination's future through the 2026 Council of Bishops Leadership Gathering, "Emboldened by the Spirit: Imagining a Church Yet to Be."

This initiative includes three participation pathways—a denomination-wide survey, a worldwide webinar series, and a website—each designed to gather the hopes, wisdom, and vision of United Methodists across the world. To access our denomination-wide survey, available in seven languages, use the QR code at the right or visit <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/council-of-bishops-leadership-gathering/survey>.

The Leadership Gathering will convene on Oct. 20–24, 2026, in Alberta, Canada, with nearly 300 participants—bishops, clergy, lay leaders, and worldwide representatives.



## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

We are fortunate to again have an adult choir. More voices are welcome. Additionally, if you have a musical talent, consider sharing that during worship. Solos, duets or small groups are welcome. Contact Mike Chapman to schedule.

## 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.



### Volunteer Soup Cooks Needed

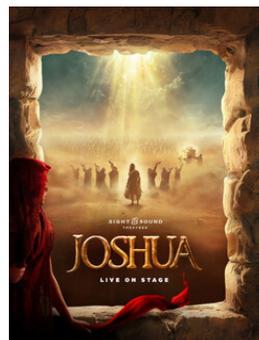
Help is needed to make soup and sell soup for our annual **Super Bowl Soup-to-Go Sale** on Saturday, Feb. 7. Quart containers are provided. Proceeds benefit Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM).

If you can make soup, please let Kristi Donahue at [donahuekristiw@gmail.com](mailto:donahuekristiw@gmail.com) or Margaret Hopkins at [mah242@psu.edu](mailto:mah242@psu.edu) know what kind of soup you will make and how many quarts. Thanks in advance!



## Thank You...

Estimates are that one in seven Americans daily experiences hunger due to cuts in federal food programs. Thanks to all for donations to **Lebanon County Christian Ministries** (LCCM), who provide ongoing food and nourishment to all those who are struggling with hunger. Our MGUMC donations to LCCM in January totaled 127 lbs.



MGUMC has a limited number of tickets available to see *Joshua* at **Sight & Sound** in Lancaster on Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$78.00/adult (ages 13+) and \$44.00/child (ages 2-12).

To reserve tickets, contact Pastor Andrea at [revandrehaldeman@gmail.com](mailto:revandrehaldeman@gmail.com) or the church office at [mgumc@verizon.net](mailto:mgumc@verizon.net).