

# 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 threefold:

- 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.

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Pastor Andrea continues the sermon series "The Way" through Lent.

### March 1: "The Wandering Way."

The spiritual practice of pilgrimage invites us to dig deep into the humanity of our soul. While wandering sometimes is confused with being lost, it can also be the way to our inner selves. Scripture: Psalm 37:23-34; Isaiah 55:1-9

### March 8: "The High Way."

We are taught that everything has a cost, but our ways are not God's ways. We are all invited without price to the abundance of God's grace. Scripture: Psalm 32:1-11; Luke 13:31-34

### March 15: "The Way Around."

Sometimes who we were is not who we are today or who we are becoming. We are called to claim who we are, taking the way around what others think we ought to do and be. Scripture: Psalm 25:4-10; Luke 15:11b-32

### March 22: "The Way Home."

We yearn for a spiritual home that offers serenity, acceptance and belonging without question. No matter what we have done, who we are, how far we are from what we want to become, we are welcomed home by the Loving Parent. Scripture: Psalm 18:1-33; Isaiah 43:16-19; Philippians 3:12-14

### March 29: "The Free Way."

New paths are possible if we have eyes to see, and new horizons are ours through our relationship with God and with each other. Scripture: Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 19:28-40

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

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

## 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. In 2025, UMCOR responded to 115 humanitarian crises around the world.

Giving calendars are available on Sunday mornings and also from the office. On Easter, bring your collection bank to worship, so that we can donate all coins to UMCOR.

## UMCOR'S RESPONSES IN 2025



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## Upcoming MGUMC Events

SUNDAY  
MAR 1

### Disciple Bible Study

6-7:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room. This is a 12-week study. Books are available for \$20. Contact the church office for more info. and to join.

TUESDAY  
MAR 3

### Acts Bible Study

10 a.m. in the Library.

WEDNESDAY  
MAR 4

### Lenten Service

7 p.m., St. Mark's UCC. Sermon title: Guided by the Promise. Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17. Pastor: Ruthann Seibert

THURSDAY  
MAR 5

### Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays.

SUNDAY  
MAR 8

### Disciple Bible Study

6-7:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.

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**TUESDAY  
MAR 10**

**Acts Bible Study,**  
10 a.m. in the Library.

**WEDNESDAY  
MAR 11**

**Lenten Service**  
7 p.m., Cornwall UMC. Sermon title: Companion  
for the Journey. Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11.  
Pastor: Andrea Haldeman

**THURSDAY  
MAR 12**

**Zoom Prayer Group**  
Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m.  
Thursdays.

**SUNDAY  
MAR 15**

**Disciple Bible Study**  
6-7:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.

**TUESDAY  
MAR 17**

**Acts Bible Study,**  
10 a.m. in the Library.

**WEDNESDAY  
MAR 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  
MAR 18**

**Lenten Service**  
7 p.m., Grace UCC. Sermon title: Journeying  
in Grace. Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14.  
Pastor: Deanna Geiter.

**THURSDAY  
MAR 19**

**Zoom Prayer Group**  
Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m.  
Thursdays.

**SUNDAY  
MAR 22**

**Disciple Bible Study**  
6-7:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.

**TUESDAY  
MAR 24**

**Acts Bible Study,**  
10 a.m. in the Library.

**WEDNESDAY  
MAR 25**

**Lenten Service**  
7 p.m., Mount Greta UMC  
Sermon title: Redemption Road. Ezekiel 37:1-14,  
Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45. Pastor: Lisa Flory.

**THURSDAY  
MAR 26**

**Zoom Prayer Group**  
Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m.  
Thursdays.

**SATURDAY  
MAR 28**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
Join us at the Chutauqua Playground at 11 a.m.  
for our egg hunt for the children of Mt. Greta.

**SUNDAY  
MAR 29**

**Disciple Bible Study,**  
6-7:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room.

## 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.

## Your Administrative Council...

is working, retreating, and meeting to learn, to identify our unique values, attend to Church business, and lead by listening for God's voice. One value rising to the top is that **ALL** belong.

We're just getting started and will be involving you. The work takes time and care, so watch for next steps with patience as we all listen for where God is leading MGUMC.

*What do you think makes us unique from other area churches?*  
Let us know!

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

MGUMC is hosting the community Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., March 28 (rain date: Sat., April 4).

We could use help collecting goodies to fill plastic Easter eggs. (Empty eggs will be bagged for pickup at church). We need filled eggs/goodies by Sun., March 22 or before.



## Thank You . . .

MGUMC's February Food Bank donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries totaled 72 pounds. Thanks to all congregation members who contributed.



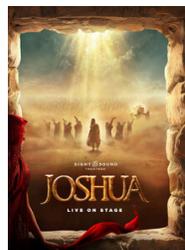
## Souper Bowl Soup Sale

Thank you to all who helped with the Soup-to-Go sale on Saturday, Feb. 7. We sold 127 qts. of soup and raised more than \$1,000 for Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

Many people commented on the extensive variety of soups and bought soup to freeze.



Thanks for all the 'souper soup makers' and helpers: Pat Allwein, Janice Balmer, Bev Andrews, Don Bowman, Gary Bowman, Mike Chapman, Claire DeBoer, Kristi Donahue, Karen Fenstermaker, Shannon Fretz, Ryan Fretz, Eddie Garver, Kathy Galli, Dave Harris, Marcie Lloyd, Bob Rader, Christi Reistad, Louise Rynd, Andrea Swope and Greg Warhola.



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).