

# 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.

## SERMON SERIES

Pastor Andrea continues the sermon series, "Journey to Our Center of Faith." Throughout this series, we are examining the foundational beliefs established by our denomination and exploring what those beliefs mean for both our congregation and each of us. The journey we are taking is labyrinthine, so we may encounter detours and dead ends. We also may discover our own path to the center of our faith as members of MGUMC and as individuals.

We began in April considering the United Methodist Church's mission statement, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Then we focused on the UMC's vision statement, *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

**Sunday, May 3: Serve joyfully.** As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called upon to 'serve joyfully.' What does it mean to 'serve' God? Who are we asked to 'serve'?  
Scripture: Psalm 100:1; Nehemiah 8:10; John 13:14-15; 1 Peter 4:10.

**Sunday, May 10:** we are challenged to **lead courageously**—to strive for peace and justice, confront injustice and oppression, resist evil. How each of us chooses to lead courageously likely will differ. How does MGUMC demonstrate a commitment to leading courageously?  
Scripture: Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10.

**Sunday May 17:** Celebration of Ministries. 9:30, Fellowship Hall. Note: There will be no 8:30 service. See article on page 2.

**Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost):** We turn now to MGUMC's mission statement: **To know Christ and make him known. To help people become—and grow—as followers of Christ.**

We can express our faith through what we say, what we wear, how we act and behave. How do you express your faith? What is your comfort level in expressing your faith to others?

**Sunday May 31 (Trinity Sunday): To relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.** How do we continue to engage in our community and the world as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus? His invitation continues for us to feed the hungry, give the thirsty a drink, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting those in prison.  
Scripture: Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:31-46

## Upcoming MGUMC Events

SUNDAY  
MAY 3

**West District Conference.**  
3–5 p.m., First UMC, Lancaster.  
Open to all regardless of whether attending Annual Conference.

TUESDAY  
MAY 5

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

THURSDAY  
MAY 7

**Zoom Prayer Group**  
7 p.m. This weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call the office for more information or to join.

TUESDAY  
MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 13

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

THURSDAY  
MAY 14

**Zoom Prayer Group**  
7 p.m. This weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call the office for more information or to join.

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## MGUMC Events *(continued from page 1)*

TUES - THURS  
MAY 19-21

**EPA Annual Conference,**  
Wildwood Convention  
Center, Wildwood, N.J. Let

Pastor Andrea know if you are interested in attending. She can provide details.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

THURSDAY  
MAY 21

### Zoom Prayer Group

This weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call the office for info. or to join.

SATURDAY  
MAY 23

### Annual Porch Sale and Hot Dog Sale

See "We Could Use a Hand" at right.

MONDAY  
MAY 25

### Memorial Day Observance and Patriotic Sing-Along.

10:30-11 a.m.,  
Tabernacle. Honoring those who have served in the military with music provided by area musicians.

TUESDAY  
MAY 26

### Acts Bible Study

10 a.m., Library

THURSDAY  
MAY 28

### Zoom Prayer Group

This weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call the office for info. or to join.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



On **Sunday, June 7**, the 10 a.m. worship service moves to the Tabernacle.

## Celebration of Ministries Sunday, May 17, Fellowship Hall

We have invited our 2026 Drendall Endowment grant recipients to celebrate their ministries with us so that everyone can have an opportunity to learn about these organizations and their contributions to our local community and beyond.

This is an opportunity for us to also learn how we—as both a congregation and as individuals—can further support them. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation (along with baked goodies). Pastor Andrea will lead us in worship, and the Children's Choir will sing. We are creating a special 'get-to-know-you' activity (with prizes!) for all.

Feel free to reach out to Margaret Hopkins, Endowment chair, with questions at [mah242@psu.edu](mailto:mah242@psu.edu).

## Thank You . . .

MGUMC's April Food Bank donations totaled **126 pounds**. Thanks to all congregation members who contributed and to those who transport donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministry each month.



## Pastor Marilyn Leads Care Team Ministry

On March 29th, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chairperson Marcie Lloyd announced Pastor Marilyn Nolte's new appointment as our Assoc. Pastor of Visitation (effective through June 30, 2026). In this role, Pastor Marilyn will focus on the spiritual care and support of our congregation, providing compassionate outreach to church members who are homebound, hospitalized, or experiencing life transitions. This ensures that our members remain connected to the life and ministry of the church.

To assist with this effort, Pastor Marilyn will be recruiting and training a Care Team. If you would like to learn more about joining this Team, please contact Pastor Marilyn at [revonolte@gmail.com](mailto:revonolte@gmail.com) or by phone at 717.269.8613.

## Camp Scholarships

We have begun to collect funds for Camp Scholarships for our children. Please mark your offering as "camp scholarships." We have a generous offer to match up to \$1,500. Thank you.



## WE COULD USE A HAND....

**CAMPMEETING ANNUAL PORCH SALE  
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026**

**PORCH SALE** is quickly approaching! We welcome your donation items. Reminder: We do not take furniture, clothing, electronics, and gas-powered lawn equipment.

If you are donating items for the Porch Sale, you can drop them off in the church fellowship hall. We also need your help prior to, during and after the Porch Sale. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex (or email the office). As always, we appreciate your willingness to help.

**May 23:** Help with Porch Sale in Fellowship Hall in shifts of 8-10 a.m.; 10 a.m.-noon; noon-2 p.m.

**May 24:** Following the 10 o'clock service, we need help (6 people) to pack up the unsold items and take them to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Thrift shop (3141 Mt. Joy Rd., Mount Joy, PA 17552).

**May 24:** Wash the floor in Fellowship Hall.

Proceeds from Porch Sale and the hotdog sale will support camp scholarships.

## HOT DOG SALE

We are also looking for a "Hot Dog" committee. This committee will oversee the making and selling of the hot dogs in the church parking lot during the Community Porch Sale on May 23. This includes getting all of the supplies.

If you would like to serve on this committee, please let the office know by May 10. Thank you so much!