

MGUMC NEWS

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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.

The Liturgy of the Ordinary

Many of us experience daily life as routine, ordinary, and disconnected from the sacred. In *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, Tish Harrison Warren reminds us that God is often most present in the overlooked moments of our everyday routines. This summer worship series explores how ordinary activities—making the bed, brushing teeth, losing keys, and more—can become sacred practices that draw us closer to God.

Using Warren's reflections and experiences as a pastor, wife, mother, and friend, the series connects everyday habits with spiritual formation and Sunday worship. Together, we will discover how God meets us in the midst of ordinary life and how simple practices can shape a deeper faith.

The series will run from mid-June through the end of August. In addition, Pastor Andrea invites everyone to join a Wednesday gathering in the Tabernacle at 1:00 p.m., beginning June 24, for deeper conversation, reflection, and spiritual practice.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE

We look forward to receiving new members in June. If you are interested in learning more about joining Mount Gretna United Methodist Church, contact Pastor Andrea.

Upcoming MGUMC Events

WEDNESDAY
JUN 3

Organ Recital

featuring Abigail Wood, doctoral student at Peabody Conservatory.

MGUMC partners with the Pennsylvania Chautauqua on three June organ concerts. 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Suggested donation: \$5.

THURSDAY
JUN 4

Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Call the office for more information or to join.

SUNDAY
JUN 7

Tabernacle Services Begin

Our 10 a.m. worship service moves to the Tabernacle every

Sunday through August.

WEDNESDAY
JUN 10

Organ Recital

featuring Carolyn Hoff, sacred music intern, St. Paul's, Cleveland

Heights, and student, Cleveland Institution of Music. MGUMC partners with the Pennsylvania Chautauqua on three June organ concerts. 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Suggested donation: \$5.

THURSDAY
JUN 11

Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Call the office for more information or to join.

WEDNESDAY
JUN 17

Organ Recital

featuring Daniel Brownell, First Presbyterian Church, York, and adjunct music instructor, Messiah University.

MGUMC partners with the Pennsylvania Chautauqua on three June organ concerts. 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Suggested donation: \$5.

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**THURSDAY
JUN 18**

Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call the office for more information

or to join.

**FRIDAY
JUN 19**

Fiirefighter's Association Memorial Service

7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Mount Gretna UMC is honored to partner with our local Mount

Gretna Fire Company to host the annual Lebanon County Firefighter's Association Memorial Service. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this event honoring those men and women who have faithfully served their fire company and community and have died during this past year.

**WEDNESDAY
JUN 24**

Liturgy of the Ordinary

1-2 p.m., Tabernacle. Pastor Andrea guides participants through *Practicing the Liturgy*

of the Ordinary, Sacred Practices in Everyday Life. (This series continues through August 25.)

**THURSDAY
JUN 25**

Zoom Prayer Group

Weekly online prayer group meets 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call the office for more information

or to join.

MGUMC EVENTS COMING IN JULY & AUGUST

**WEDNESDAYS
JUL 1-AUG 26**

Liturgy of the Ordinary

Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. and from June 24 through August 26.

Pastor Andrea guides participants through *Practicing the Liturgy of the Ordinary, Sacred Practices in Everyday Life.*

**MON-THURS
AUG 3-6**

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8 p.m. Theme: Celebrating the Psalms. If you are interested in helping, please advise the office! More details to follow.

**WEDNESDAY
AUG 19**

Gathering Place

Members, friends and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship at noon in the Fellowship

Hall. Menu to be determined! Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations.

SAVE THE DATE!



Mount Gretna UMC's annual **Church Picnic** at Gretna Glen will be on **Sunday, September 20th.**



WE COULD USE A HAND....

Nominations Committee Volunteers

Pastor Andrea is seeking volunteers for the MGUMC **Nominations Committee.** This committee is responsible for evaluating congregational leadership needs, for developing congregational leaders and for preparing committee nominations to be approved at Charge Conference. The chair of this committee is the pastor. Please see Pastor Andrea for more information.

Thank You . . .

MGUMC's Food Bank donations

Our May food bank donations totaled **99 pounds.** Thanks to all congregation members who contributed and to those who transport donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministry each month.



Porch Sale, Hot Dogs, and Baked Goods

Thanks to all who weathered challenging conditions—cold and rain—at the Saturday porch sale. Big kudos to those who got soaked setting up, prepping food, grilling hot dogs and cleaning up. We are fortunate to have so many great helpers and supporters. This year we raised \$2,088.92 which will be donated to Jubilee Camp Scholarships for the children of inmates.

May 17 Celebration of Ministries

A big 'thank you' to all who baked, hosted our guests and came to the May 17 Celebration of Ministries that were supported by the Drendall Endowment.

Several organizations mentioned how much they appreciated this opportunity to introduce themselves and their work and to learn about each other. A few organizations also received interest from members about volunteering.

Photos of Celebration of Ministries courtesy of Penny Harris.

