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.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

A Life Entrusted: Time, Talent, Treasure & Thanks

Everything we have is a gift from God—our time, our abilities, our resources, and the countless blessings that fill our lives. But what does it mean to live faithfully with all that God has entrusted to us?

Throughout November, we invite you to join us for **A Life Entrusted: Time, Talent, Treasure & Thanks**, a four-week worship series exploring stewardship as more than simply what we give. It is about how we live, how we love, and how we respond to God's abundant grace.

Stewardship isn't simply about giving more—it's about recognizing that our whole lives are gifts from God and discovering how we might offer them back with joy, generosity, and gratitude.

Join us as we celebrate the gifts we've received and explore what it means to live faithfully with a life entrusted to us! Each week, we'll explore a different dimension of living a life entrusted to God's care and purposes:

November 1
TIME: Making the Most of Every Moment
Ephesians 5:15–17
How might we use the gift of time to live more intentionally, faithfully, and fully?

November 8
TALENT: Gifts Given to Be Shared
1 Peter 4:8–11
God has gifted each of us in unique ways. How might we use those gifts to love and serve others?

November 15
TREASURE: Where Your Heart Is
Matthew 6:19–21
What do our priorities and the ways we use our resources reveal about what we treasure most?



November 22 –
THANKS: A Shared Life of Gratitude
Luke 17:11–19
Join us on Thanksgiving Sunday for our annual Thanksgiving breakfast as we conclude our series with a special all-ages, interactive worship experience gathered around tables.

Rather than our usual worship format, children, youth, and adults will worship together through Scripture, music, shared stories, simple hands-on activities, and conversation as we celebrate God's goodness. We'll share a meal together, with fellowship, laughter, and gratitude across generations. Everyone has something to contribute, and everyone belongs at the table!

Upcoming MGUMC Events

SUNDAY NOV 1 — **SILENT AUCTION BEGINS** All money raised goes toward supporting families in need in our community. Auction items are displayed in the foyer.

SUNDAY NOV 1 — **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY,** 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY NOV 3 — **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY,** 10 a.m. in the Library. We are studying the Book of Acts.

SUNDAY NOV 8 — **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY,** 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY NOV 15 — **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY,** 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY NOV 17 — **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY,** 10 a.m. in the Library. We are studying the Book of Acts.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18 — **GATHERING PLACE**. Members, friends and neighbors are invited for lunch and fellowship at noon in Fellowship Hall. Gathering Place is supported by freewill donations. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving and clean up.

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WEDNESDAY NOV 18 — **CHARGE CONFERENCE**, 7 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary. All are welcome. (See article at right, "A Primer on Charge Conference.")

SUNDAY NOV 22 — **THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST**
Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for worship and breakfast. This is a covered dish only breakfast. Please let the office know if you plan to attend and what you will be contributing to the breakfast.
Note: There are no services in the sanctuary.



SUNDAY NOV 22 — **SILENT AUCTION ENDS**
All money raised goes toward supporting families in need in our community.

SUNDAY NOV 22 — **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**, 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY NOV 24 — **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**, 10 a.m. in the Library. We are studying the Book of Acts.

SATURDAY NOV 28 — **DECORATION OF THE SANCTUARY**
for Advent and Christmas. All are invited to join in decorating for the holiday season.

SUNDAY NOV 29 — **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY**, 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD...

SATURDAY DEC 5 — **COOKIE BAKING!**
Calling all youths to bake cookies to serve after our tree lighting and caroling! Baking will start at 10 a.m. Please let the office know if you are planning to attend.

SATURDAY DEC 5 — **TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING**
Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot for the annual MGUMC Christmas tree lighting followed by carol singing in the sanctuary. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



WE COULD USE A HAND....

in decorating the foyer and sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. All help is welcome and appreciated on Saturday, November 28, at 9 a.m. Thank you for taking time out of your week for this!

Thank You . . .

Thanks to all for donations to **Lebanon County Christian Ministries** (LCCM)! October donations totaled 84 pounds. See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list of items.

Thank you so much to all those who donated candy and were present for our annual **community Trick or Treat**! It's wonderful to be a part of such a generous community.

MGUMC 2027 Budget

Administrative Council is working on MGUMC's 2027 budget that projects a deficit by year end. This is based on current giving levels and anticipated increases in both the Campmeeting assessment and required contribution to Eastern Penna. (EPA) Conference's Connectional Ministry Fund that supports disaster response, youth/young adult ministries and World Service Fund.

A Primer on Charge Conference

by David Harris, Administrative Council Chairman

Charge Conference is the annual meeting of the congregation involving five purposes:

- Presentation about the ongoing work of the congregation with ministry stories and statistics;
- Consideration of major decisions such as purchasing land or new construction;
- Election of leadership for the next year;
- Statement of the budget for the coming year;
- Consideration of other business as put forward by the Church Administrative Council in collaboration with the Pastor.

Charge Conference is convened by the Dist. Superintendent (or their delegee) and is the ultimate decision-making body of the congregation. Typically, the church's Admin. Council serves as Charge Conference's executive agency, offering management and leadership throughout the year.

Reasons people come include:

1) Hearing firsthand the "Big Picture" of an annual review, goals, budget, and elected officers,
2) Curiosity about how the church works,
3) Letting our elected leaders know that you care about what your church is doing,
4) Perhaps personal motivations.

This year's Charge Conference will be held at **7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 18**, in the sanctuary. This meeting is open to all. Annual reports, updates, goals and other content are available.



Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 10, in the tabernacle.