



Mount Gretna UMC

Happenings

Dear Mount Gretna UMC Family,

Lenten greetings to you in Christ our Lord! I hope that this Lenten season has been meaningful for you on your faith journey. Just as our Lord prepared for ministry through prayer and fasting for 40 days we as his disciples are invited each year to further open ourselves to God's presence, God's work, and God's vision for us and our world.

This week we enter into the final stages of the Lenten season, the Holy Week, with our sights set on the one whose kindness leads us to repentance, by whose power we have hope in the midst of the wilderness. My friends, let us follow Jesus as he completes his ministry on earth by walking into Jerusalem, as he shares his final meal with his disciples, and as he faces his final hour for our sake, for the sake of love.

There is no true Easter celebration without the agony and sacrifice at the cross. Let us not just continue on as if nothing were different this week. Instead, let us be joined with Christ and each other in this final week of our Lord's life. Lead by the Holy Spirit, let us bring our tears of sorrow to the one who loved us so much, cherished us so greatly, as to humble himself to suffer and die, embracing completely our fragility.

As we become intentional about living into the Gospel story this coming Holy Week and beyond, may God instill in us the true meaning of the cross and the true and amazing joy of what God did and continues to do through it. Such inspiration occurs in worship, which are as follows: *Blessings,*

Pastor Mike Remel



Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service

Our Easter Sunrise service will be held at 7:00am in the Campmeeting Tabernacle. Yes, dogs are still welcomed to attend with their owners!

Traditional Worship Services

Will be held in the church sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

**Please note that COVID-19 precautions will be followed in all services. Those precautions can be found on our church website: www.mtgretnachurch.org

Worship Video

The link will be shared on Saturday, April 6, 2021 and be available for viewing by 5:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR WEEKLY ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS THURSDAYS AT 7PM

You are invited to join Pastor Marilyn and members of our congregation as they come together on Zoom to pray for the joys and concerns of friends and family, our nation and the world. The group was formed during the Covid lockdown and continues to be a time of fellowship and taking our cares to God.

ZOOM can be done on a laptop, tablet or smart phone. If you have email: the church will send you an email every week with the link. BUT PLEASE NOTE--ZOOM calls can also be made from any cell phone by dialing in to the phone number that is in the weekly email.

Don't forget: We still have an email Prayer Chain that is coordinated by member Sarah Ellis. You may call the office with prayer requests at 717.964.3241 or email them directly to Sarah at stellis999@gmail.com .

If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Marilyn at 717.269.8613