

# MGUMC NEWS

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS, ALL PEOPLE

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## MOUNT GREтна UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday** 8:30 & 10:00 am  
(10:00 service includes children's message)

Weekly service online at  
www.mtgretnachurch.org



## Welcome

**We invite you** to join us for worship each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Our mission is three-fold: To know Christ and make him known; To help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ; and To relieve suffering in our community and beyond through our members' ministries.

Pastor Andrea will continue the Fruit of the Spirit sermon series through September. A Hymn Sing is also planned for September.

## Seeking Hosts

**The Transition Team** is seeking hosts for cottage gatherings and porch visits as part of our welcoming of Pastor Andrea and her family. We will be scheduling these in September or early October depending upon both the host and Pastor Andrea's calendar.

Hosts will set the time and day of the gathering and determine whether to offer coffee and donuts, appetizers, sit-down meals or desserts. Hosts also will invite participants. The office can help with contact information for participants.

These are informal gatherings to help Pastor Andrea get to know the congregation and community. She is particularly interested in learning what people love about Mount Gretna UMC and what challenges and opportunities we see for the next season of ministry.

Please contact the office if you can host a gathering.

If you are not comfortable in a group setting and would like to get to know our new pastor, please reach out to her directly.

*Fruit of the Spirit bricks along the church entrance were painted by children who participated in Wet'n Wacky with help from Gray Haldeman.*



## Upcoming MGUMC Events

**SUNDAY  
SEPT 8**

### Children's Choir Party

11:15 a.m. Pizza Party for Children's Choir, Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY  
SEPT 10**

### Spiritual Disciplines

Meet at 9 a.m. in the Tabernacle to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines. Every Tuesday through September.

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPT 11**

### Spiritual Disciplines

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Tabernacle to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines. Every Wednesday through September.

**THURSDAY  
SEPT 12**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**SUNDAY  
SEPT 15**

### Church Picnic at Gretna Glen

10 a.m. Worship at the Lake with lunch, games and fellowship to follow! Please bring:

- A covered dish or dessert to share.
- \$5 to cover costs of facility rental for those 12 years and older.
- A place setting (silverware, plates, cups). Help us reduce what goes into the landfill.

Rain location: Dining Hall



**TUESDAY  
SEPT 17**

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Meet at 9 a.m. in the Tabernacle to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines. Every Tuesday through September.

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPT 18**

### Spiritual Disciplines

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**WEDNESDAY  
SEPT 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.



**THURSDAY  
SEPT 19**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**SUNDAY  
SEPT 22**

**Worship Service** returns to the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**TUESDAY  
SEPT 24**

### Spiritual Disciplines

Meet at 9 a.m. in the Tabernacle to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines. Every Tue. through Sept.

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPT 25**

### Spiritual Disciplines

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Tabernacle to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines. Every Wed. through Sept.

**THURSDAY  
SEPT 26**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**THURSDAY  
SEPT 26**

### Jubilee Ministry's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner

MGUMC is sponsoring a table of 8. Contact the office if you are interested in attending and for more information.

**SATURDAY  
SEPT 28**

### Blessing of the Pets

2 p.m. at the Tabernacle

**SUNDAY  
SEPT 29**

### Prison Ministry Update

Pastor Marilyn will lead worship and provide an update on Prison Ministry at 8:30 & 10 a.m. services.

## Thank You Thank You Thank You!

**Thanks to all** for donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)! Donations in May totaled 49 pounds; in June, 97 pounds; in July, 82 pounds; and in August, 75 pounds. Total year-to-date given by MGUMC is 705 pounds. Year-to-date cash donations are \$1,571. See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list for next month.

**Thanks to all** for Stuff the Bus donations (backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, calculators, markers, folders, paper, binders and more) given to Making A Difference of Lebanon. Making a Difference builds lasting relationships throughout Lebanon County by providing services to youth, veterans, and those in need. (<https://www.makingadifferenceoflebanonpa.org>)

**Thanks to all** for help with this year's Wet'n Wacky held on Wed., July 31, and Wed., August 7. Almost 40 community youth attended an evening of water balloon games, crafts and Bible lessons.

## Drendall 2024 Endowment Grants

**Every Year** MGUMC awards grants from the William Drendall Endowment. The Drendall Endowment Committee and the MGUMC Finance Committee oversee the endowment. Including 2024 grants, the total amount distributed since the program's inception is \$749,704. Receiving grants this year are:

- MGUMC Chaplain's Discretionary Fund, \$10,000;
- MGUMC Disabilities Ministry, \$5,000;
- Kids Art Show, \$5,000;
- Gretna Music, \$500;
- Gretna Glen Camp, \$8,000;
- Race Track Chaplaincy of America, \$5,500;
- Mount Gretna Arts Council, Water Tower Art, \$5,000;
- Community Health Council, \$1,700;
- Mount Gretna Area Historical Society, \$2,000;
- Summertime Art LVCA, \$1,500;
- RiverWind, Inc., Peru, \$3,700;
- Spiritual-ation Foundation, \$5,000;
- St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, \$5,000;
- Interseeding Foundation, \$4,000;
- Isaac Foundation, \$2,717;
- The Lebanon Valley Conservancy, \$3,000.

## Mount Gretna Nursery School Opens 2024-2025 Year

Our Nursery School program for 3-, 4-, 5-year-old children runs from 9-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from September through May.

After 30 years, Joanne Gingrich has retired from the position of director. She will be honored for her service on Sunday, Oct. 20, with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall after the 10 a.m. service. Mark your calendars and join us and the generations of young people she taught in this celebration.

We welcome Shannon Fretz as the new program director. Shannon has been assisting in the nursery school for the past 10 years.



Joanne Gingrich



Shannon Fretz

## WE COULD USE A HAND....

**As we move both worship services** back into the sanctuary, we could use a hand in wiping down pews, cleaning any marks off benches, etc. Check with Carolyn in the church office to arrange dates and times to help.

