

# 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)



## 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.

In October, Pastor Andrea will begin a new sermon series, "Walking with Jesus" from Discipleship Ministries. Pastor Andrea writes:

*"A long season calls for some exercise. As you might suspect, walking with Jesus is not only good for the body, but is also good for the mind as Jesus often asks us to stretch our thinking into new possibilities and new understandings. Our walk with Jesus is also good for our senses, as we are invited to see what we had overlooked before, to hear the cries from those often kept silent, and to feel a connection with those in our community whether they are already a part of our church or not. We're exercising our faith as we walk, faith that allows us to see the Spirit at work in us and around us all the time. So, join us this fall. Walking with Jesus, let's just admit, is good exercise all around."*

## Passings

Arne Reistad passed away unexpectedly last week. Please keep Christi and family in your prayers. More information will be coming.

## An Invitation from Pastor Andrea

Cottage Gatherings have been planned now through early November and I am so looking forward to spending this time getting to know one another and hearing from YOU about what makes Mount Gretna UMC special. I hope to hear from you about who we are as a congregation – our identity and mission in our beautiful Mount Gretna community and in our world. My hope is that this may lead us into a season of visioning who God is calling us to be and to do as we serve together. Anyone who wants to attend a Cottage Gathering but doesn't want to host, please let the Office know.

## Upcoming MGUMC Events

**TUESDAY  
Oct 1**

### Pastor's Bible Study

As we welcome October, you are invited to join me on Tuesday mornings in the Ebenezer Room, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for my Pastor's Bible Study. I'm not exactly sure what this will look like as of yet, but we will discern what we will study together.

**WEDNESDAY  
Oct 2**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Tabernacle.

**THURSDAY  
Oct 3**

### Zoom Prayer Meeting

Weekly online prayer group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday.

Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**WEDNESDAY  
Oct 9**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Tabernacle.

**SATURDAY  
Oct 12**

### Blessing of the Pets

2p.m. at the Tabernacle

**WEDNESDAY  
Oct 16**

### 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.

Volunteers wanted to help with set up, serving and clean up.



**WEDNESDAY  
Oct 16**

### Pastor's Bible Study

Meet at 1 p.m. in the Tabernacle.

**SUNDAY  
Oct 20**

### Retirement Celebration for Joanne Gingrich

Join us for a luncheon to honor Joanne Gingrich for her 30 years as the director of the Nursery School. In Fellowship Hall after the 10 a.m. service.



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## MGUMC Events (continued from page 1)

**THURSDAY  
Oct 31**

### Trick-or-Treat Open House

6 p.m.: Greet this year's ghosts, goblins, and witches and hand out candy bags.

(See We Could Use a Hand)



GET READY! We're coming...

Trick or Treat at the MGUMC on October 31, 6pm.

## WE COULD USE A HAND....

**Trick-or-treat bags** are needed for Halloween as well as individually wrapped candy. Please bring donations to the Office by Monday, Oct. 21.



## Items Needed for 2024 Silent Auction

We aren't trying to rush the holiday season, but we need treasures for November's Silent Auction. Please consider donating new or gently used items that would appeal to all ages. The last day to bring Silent Auction items is Sunday, Oct. 27.

The auction will start on Sunday, Nov. 3 and conclude at the Thanksgiving breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 24. This year, proceeds will benefit MGUMC Disability Ministry and the Mount Gretna Volunteer Fire Company.

Questions? Contact Melissa Warner at [geom1948@comcast.net](mailto:geom1948@comcast.net)

## Thank You Thank You Thank You!

**Thanks to all** for donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)!

Donations in September totaled 58 pounds. Total year-to date given by MGUMC is 763 pounds. Year-to-date cash donations are \$1,721. See the bulletin board for LCCM's wish list of items for our monthly donations.



## LOOKING AHEAD...

It's a puzzle. Decode the invitation. Replace numbered spaces with the corresponding letter.

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(Answer in Nov. newsletter)