

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, January 26, 2025, | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

\* \* \* ORDER OF WORSHIP \* \* \*

**WE GATHER**

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES  
PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

ONE: Children of God, we gather to worship, sing, and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**ALL: We gather to worship with joy.**

ONE: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**ALL: We gather to worship in prayer.**

ONE: We gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**ALL: We gather to worship to encounter God.**

ONE: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**ALL: We gather ready to worship and serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Alcuin of York, England, 8<sup>th</sup> Century)*

\*OPENING HYMN "Maker, in Whom We Live" #88 UMH  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1:13-16 pg.1846

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived it ~ A Longing for Holiness

**WE RESPOND**

HYMN "Take Time to Be Holy" #395 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer  
*(trespasses)*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO FORTH**

\*CLOSING HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #419 UMH

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG RESPONSE "Bind Us Together" insert

\*POSTLUDE

---

(\*)= Please stand if able  
(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only  
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

*The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.*

**Flowers:**

The flowers today are for Darlene Eckert.

**Greeters:**

Bowman Family

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Tues.	Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 AM Ebenezer Rm
Sunday	Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Communion/Food Bank	
Saturday	Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Soup/Book Sale	9-11:30 AM
Sunday	Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Souper Bowl Sunday	11:30 AM

**Souper Bowl Luncheon:**

Please bring a donation, a can of soup or both to donate to our local food bank. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer if you would like to make a soup or dessert.

**College Connection:**

Please let the office know if your family includes students attending college/university. MGUMC would like to send them care packages at those particularly stressful times like midterms and finals.

**Snow Watch:** It is that time of year to watch the weather. We are registered on ABC 27 snow watch. In the event of inclement weather, please check for any service or event cancelations.

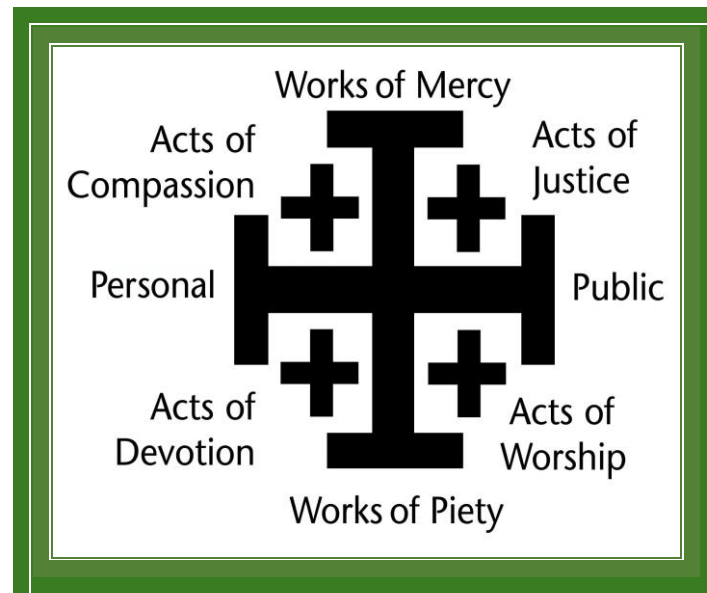
**A Journey of Healing: From Lamentation to Praise:**

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi has issued a call for us all to engage in healing the divisions in our congregations, our conference and our communities. This five-month, conference-wide campaign will culminate in May at district conferences and Annual Conference. January's theme is "Naming the Woundedness," and Bishop Koikoi invited us to share prayer requests through a Google form at <https://www.epagnjhealing.com/prayer> "Praying Over the Wounds" is the call for February. In March, Lenten Gatherings with Communion & Healing Services will be held throughout Eastern Pennsylvania. More information on the journey can be found at <https://www.epagnjhealing.com> or from Pastor Andrea.

# Mount Gretna

## United Methodist Church

*"A church for all seasons and all people"*



### Our Mission is ...

- 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.

Ministers: All Members                      Fourth & Boehm Avenues, PO Box 427  
 Pastor: Andrea Haldeman                      Mt. Gretna, PA 17064  
 Pastor in Prison Ministry: Marilyn Nolte                      mgumc@verizon.net  
 Lay Leader: Dave Garver                      www.mtgretnachurch.org

Office: 717-964-3241

Parsonage: 717-964-2122