

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, February 2, 2025 | 4th Sunday After the Epiphany
* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

+The children are dismissed to Sunday School

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

ALL: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

ONE: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

ALL: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

ONE: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

ALL: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

ONE: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

ALL: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

*OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs.1-4) #154 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING Romans 4:1-5, 5:1-5 Pgs.1712, 1713

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived it ~ A Crisis of Faith

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION: CONFESSION AND PARDON #12-13 UMH

*HYMN "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" #616 UMH
+The children return to worship to receive communion with their families

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer (Using Trespasses)
Giving the Bread and the Cup / Receiving Star Words
Prayer following Communion.

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN "He Lives" #310 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 visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Flowers:

The flowers today are in honor of Pastor Marilyn. Thank you for all you do.

Greeters:

Carolyn Burns

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Tues.	Feb. 4 th	Bible Study	Cancelled
Saturday	Feb. 8 th	Soup/Book Sale	9-11:30 AM

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 the 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.

College Connection:

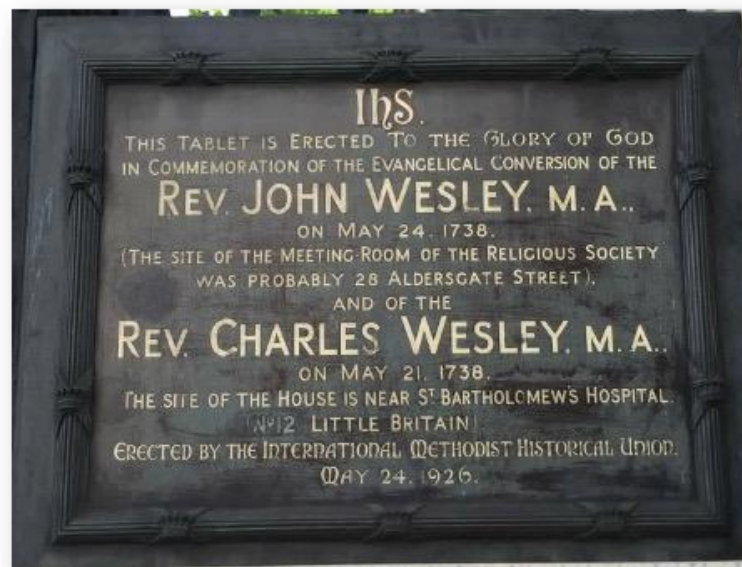
We are beginning to collect items to send to our college youth. Please, if you would like to donate snacks, games, supplies or anything else please drop them in the office. Thank you.

MGUMC Midweek Meditation:

If you are looking for a spiritual touchpoint midweek, you are invited to subscribe to Pastor Andrea's weekly email. This new initiative aims to help us stay connected and be encouraged as we live out our faith daily. To subscribe, please email Pastor Andrea at revandrehaldeman@gmail.com

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.

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