

MGUMC NEWS

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS, ALL PEOPLE

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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 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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Robert McCullough

Please join us for a celebration of life for Robert "Bobby Mac" McCullough, who passed on Dec. 24. The service will be held at MGUMC at 11 a.m., **Saturday, March 15.**

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Pastor Andrea will begin a new sermon series for Lent: "Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes."

The series will invite us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention and openness to being transformed. Themes are Intention & Action, Stranger & Neighbor, Faith & Works, Rest & Growth, Righteousness & Mercy, Shouting & Silence, Power & Humility, Acceptance & Resistance, and Grief & Hope. Daily devotionals are also available.

LENTEN STUDY

Please join us after the 10 a.m. service to continue exploration of how we can navigate together our polarized world. Each week, we will focus on one of the above themes and consider what it means, how it resonates in our lives and where it leads us. If you are interested in gathering to learn, study and forge connections, let the office know, so we can plan a light lunch.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

MGUMC is again participating in the Community Lenten Services to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings. This year's theme is "Are We There Yet?" Do you ever feel that when you make it over the next hurdle or reach your next goal, then you will have finally arrived in life?

This Lent, let us learn to savor our uniquely human journey without the pressure of arrival, as we reconnect with the God of Jesus Christ

who leads us in the way, providing sustenance, meaning, and hope through all our ups and downs. See Calendar and Sunday bulletins for details.

MGUMC MIDWEEK MEDITATION (M3)

If you are looking for a spiritual touchpoint midweek, you are invited to subscribe to the M3 weekly email. This new initiative aims to foster connection, share encouragement and provide spiritual soul food as we live out our faith daily. The offerings will be brief and include a variety of content, but hopefully something that meets you where you are. I am trusting the Holy Spirit to guide us in this endeavor. To subscribe, please email me at revandrehaldeman@gmail.com.

COINS FOR LENT

Please join in Coins for Lent 2025, a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and its vital ministry of disaster recovery for those impacted in the south by Hurricane Helene and in California by devastating wildfires. Giving calendars will be available from the office. On Easter, bring your collection bank to worship, so that we can donate all coins to UMCOR.

Upcoming MGUMC Events

**TUESDAY
MAR 4**

Bible Study, 10 a.m., MGUMC Library. The Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY
MAR 5**

Lenten Service
7 p.m., Cornwall UMC. Sermon: The Classic Overreach. Matthew 4:1 -11. Pastor: Dave Harris



**THURSDAY
MAR 6**

Zoom Prayer Group
Weekly online prayer group, 7 p.m. Thursdays. Contact the church office for more information and to join.

**SUNDAY
MAR 9**

Lenten Study
11:15 a.m., Ebenezer Rm.



**TUESDAY
MAR 11**

Bible Study, 10 a.m., MGUMC Library. The Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY
MAR 12**

Lenten Service
7 p.m., Zerr Chapel at Cornwall Manor.



Sermon: Getting Free and Staying Free. Exodus 15: 22-27. Pastor: Andrea Haldeman

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**THURSDAY
MAR 13** **Zoom Prayer Group**
Weekly online prayer group, 7 p.m. Thursdays.
Contact the church office for more information
and to join.

**SUNDAY
MAR 16** **Lenten Study**
11:15 a.m., Ebenezer Room



**TUESDAY
MAR 18** **Bible Study**, 10 a.m., MGUMC Library.
The Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY
MAR 19** **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.



**WEDNESDAY
MAR 19** **Lenten Service**
7 p.m., St Mark's UCC.
Sermon: It's Not the Destination.
It's the Journey. Deuteronomy 32: 1-10, 44-52.
Pastor: Dwight Hein.



**THURSDAY
MAR 20** **Zoom Prayer Group**
Weekly online prayer group, 7 p.m. Thursdays.
Contact the church office for more information
and to join.

**SUNDAY
MAR 23** **Lenten Study**
11:15 a.m., Ebenezer Room



**TUESDAY
MAR 25** **Bible Study**, 10 a.m., MGUMC Library.
The Book of Acts.

**WEDNESDAY
MAR 26** **Lenten Service**
7 p.m., Quentin UCC.
Sermon: Who's Your Hope.
1 Samuel 8. Pastor: Deanna Geiter.



**THURSDAY
MAR 27** **Zoom Prayer Group**
Weekly online prayer group, 7 p.m. Thursdays.
Contact the church office for more information
and to join.

**SUNDAY
MAR 30** **Lenten Study**
11:15 a.m., Ebenezer Room

Looking Ahead . . .

MGUMC will host the community Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 12 (rain date, Saturday, April 19).

With the high price of eggs, we will only be hunting for
plastic eggs this year. We will provide the eggs and
we ask that you fill them with goodies. Bring filled
eggs to church on **Sunday, April 6**, or before.



Solar Panel Update

Contracts have been signed for the installation of solar
panels on the sanctuary roof. We anticipate installation will
occur in late May. This project was made possible by the
generous gift of \$50,000 from the estate of the father of one
of our members who has chosen to remain anonymous.

Because donations like this are the responsibility of Trustees,
they established an Ad Hoc Committee to discern how best
to allocate these funds. That committee voted in December
to proceed with the solar project, and MGUMC Administrative
Council approved the recommendation at its Jan. 15 meeting.

THANK YOU . . .

MGUMC's Food Bank Donations
this month totaled 95 pounds. Total
year-to-date given is 198 pounds.
Thanks to all who contributed.



A Hearty and Warm Thank You

to all who helped with the Soup-to-Go soup sale on
Saturday, Feb. 8. We sold 134 quarts of soup and raised
more than \$1,200 for Lebanon County Christian Ministries.
Thanks to all 'souper soup makers': Pat Allwein, Jay
Benjamin, Gary Bowman, Kassie and Mike Chapman, Dan
Deitzel, Kristi Donahue, Karen Fenstermaker, Shannon
Fretz, Eddie Garver, Dave Harris, Sandy Hall, Marcie Lloyd,
Christi Reistad, Michelle Shuff, Andrea Swope, Greg
Warhola. Apologies for anyone inadvertently omitted!

And thanks to those who helped with the sale on
Saturday: Don Bowman, Kristi Donahue, Shannon Fretz,
Marcie Lloyd, Greg Pappariella, Bob Rader, Greg Warhola,
and Melissa Warner.

We also raised \$170 through the sale of the books of
long-time member Mary Ellen McCarty. Proceeds will be
donated to the Mount Gretna Community Library.

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.

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](https://www.epagnjhealing.com) or from Pastor Andrea.