MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

- ALL: Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?
- ONE: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
- ALL: So may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.
- ONE: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.
- *OPENING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #577 UMH Pink Insert Collected

CONFESSION & PARDON

INSERT

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

GOSPEL READINGLuke 10: 25-37Pgs.1581LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Everything In Between: Stranger & Neighbor

WE RESPOND

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #430 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**

| *CLOSING HYMN | "Pass It On" | #572 UMH | |
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| *BENEDICTION | | | |
| *SONG RESPONSE | "Jesus Remember Me" | #488 UMH | |
| *POSTLUDE | | | |

WE GO FORTH

(*)= 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.

> Greeters: Tommy Bowman Family

Flowers:

Today's flowers are in celebration of Bobby Mac's life.

Also, the flowers are given today by Bud & Sue Green in memory of the anonymous liver donor 9 years ago and in honor of the donor's family who made it possible.

| Sunday | March 16 th | Lenten Bible Study | 11:15 AM Fellowship Hall |
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| Tues. | March 18 th | Acts Bible Study | 10 AM Library |
| Wed. | March 19 th | Gathering Place | Noon |
| Wed. | March 19 th | Lenten Service | 7:00 PM St. Mark's UCC |

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS++++++

LENT 2025

EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN

MGUMC begins 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. Daily devotionals will also be available.

COINS FOR LENT

You are invited to join MGUMC's *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 the devastating wildfires. Giving calendars are available this morning! On Easter, bring your collection bank to worship, so that we can donate all coins to UMCOR.

Camp Scholarships:

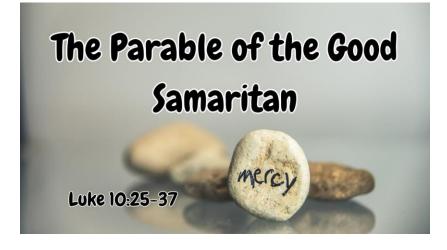
During the season of Lent, we will be collecting Camp Scholarships. We have a member that has generously offered to meet any donations up to \$1,000.

Easter Eggs:

Next Sunday there will be available bags with empty plastic eggs. We are asking for volunteers to take a bag or two or three to fill the eggs with individually wrapped candy and return them. The egg hunt is April 12th at 11:00 a.m. in the Chautauqua playground. We also welcome volunteers to staff the egg hunt from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. If you are interested, please sign your name on the volunteer sheet. Rain date is the following Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

"A church for all seasons and <u>ALL</u> 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 & Boe Pastor: Andrea Haldeman Pastor in Prison Ministry: Marilyn Nolte Lay Leader: Dave Garver Office: 717-964-3241

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