

**Gretna United Methodist Church**

**Rally Sunday**

**9:30 AM**

**August 22, 2010**

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Gretna UMC is a Christian fellowship whose mission is:

To Know Christ - *as Savior and Lord;*

To Be Christ - *by our words and actions;*

To Share Christ – *at home and throughout the world.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting** (Please Sign Ritual of Friendship)

**\*Worship Songs**

**\*Call to Worship**

Behold! God is doing a new thing!

**Here! Now! In the midst of our routines!**

The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

**Let our spirits rise to greet our Creator. Praise the Lord!**

**\*Worship Songs**

**Recognition of Acolytes**

**Presentation of Bibles**

Jack Bailey; Patrick Enfield; Carissa Hunter; Abby Husing; Justin Nicholas; Patrick Osborn;

**Offering**

**Scripture** – 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Message** – Why Study God’s Word?

**Presentation of Fall Sunday School Program**

Marcy Miles

**Installation of Teachers and Helpers**

**Blessing of the Back Packs**

**\*Worship Songs**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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\*Please stand as you are able.

**Helping in the Service Today:**

Ushers: 8:30 Tom & Carol Doolittle

10:45

Greeters: 8:30 Dick & Una Miller

10:45

Acolytes: Carter Hunter & Laura Lowry

Childcare: 8:30

10:45

Pastor: Mark Holland

Worship Leader: Jen Hill

Organist: Paul Parker

Sound Tech: 9:30

Computer Presentation: 9:30

Fellowship Hosts: August – U,V,W,X,Y,Z and Worship

Hospitality Set-up:



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E-mail your announcements or news items to our church-wide announcement email list:  
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### **Sunday School Information**

- Welcome to Rally Sunday and our celebration of the upcoming school year! Please join us after the service at the All-Church picnic in Peterson Park at 11:30 am. (No youth Sunday school until next Sunday)

- Regular Sunday School classes will resume for Preschool through 12th grade on August 29th at 9:45 am. Please contact Marcy Miles with questions or to volunteer to help. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and necessary for a successful Sunday School program!

- September 5th - Labor Day weekend - No Youth Sunday School Classes.

- September 12th - Youth Sunday School Classes resume at 9:45 am.

Adult Classes – Please join us. All are welcome!

- The Seekers Sunday School class meets in the Education Hall. Our doors are always open - Please join us.

- The Life Change Bible class meets in the Library for a study of the Books of Numbers & Deuteronomy. Please join us!

### **Your Giving Report**

For the week of Aug. 15, 2010

General Fund..... \$4,298.85

Building Fund..... \$

Total..... \$ 4,298.85

Amount Budgeted.... \$5,706.00

Thank You & God Bless you!

## **Gretna United Methodist Church**

We welcome everyone to the worship service and extend a warm welcome to all visitors. If you are visiting, we thank you for being our guest! Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall directly across from the sanctuary. We want to get to know you. Please complete a Yellow Attendance Card to let us know of your presence with us this morning. The ushers will collect the cards during the Children's Time at the 8:30 am service, and they may be placed in the offering plate at the 10:45 am service. Member or visitor, we're glad you're here!

### **Flowers on the Altar:**

In Honor of John Allbery's birthday by Dixie Allbery.

### **Joys and Concerns:**

Alice Rantz

Margaret Staley

### **Calendar of Events – August 22, 2010**

Mon.	7 pm	Joyful Noise handbells
Tues.	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
Wed.	6:30 pm	SWAT Kickoff

† **THE WALK TO EMMAUS.** The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."



The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

If you would like more information regarding The Walk to Emmaus, please ask Pastor Mark, Michael or Julie Ray, David or Regina Hannigan, or Doug or Amy Purinton. Applications are now being accepted for the fall walk which happens September 23 - 26 for the men, and September 30 - October 3 for the ladies. You can also check out the website at <http://www.heartlandfaithful.org> This "walk" will change your life!

† **PRAYER IS POWERFUL.** You are invited to be included in the prayer chain of the Gretna United Methodist Church. We all have witnessed the power of prayer. If you would like to be a part of this ongoing prayer chain, call Jan Spurgeon at 332-3088. We also have an email only part of the prayer group. You can be on both the phone and email lists or just one. If you want to be a part of the email group, send your email address to Jan Spurgeon at [djspurg@cox.net](mailto:djspurg@cox.net). Also if you have a concern or joy or know of someone who does, please share this with the prayer chain. Just call Jan Spurgeon at 332-3088, the church office at 332-3213, Ardis Enstrom 332-3854 or you can email Jan at the above address. We are looking forward to adding you to our prayer chain.

† **HANDBELL PRACTICES BEGIN: Attention all handbell ringers - current, past and potential - men or women!** The Joyful Noise Handbell Choir will have their first practice of the season on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm. We meet in the sanctuary to ring. Our practices throughout the year are open to anyone at anytime. *A special invitation is being extended to anyone who is interested in our handbell choir. Please come - take a look at the music, come feel a handbell, come learn who we are and what we are about.* If you have any questions, please contact Julie Ray at [juliejayneray@hotmail.com](mailto:juliejayneray@hotmail.com) or by phone at 916-9179.

† **HELLO CHRISTIAN SISTERS.** Summer is winding down, and it is time to start looking at our fall schedules. What do you have plans to do? Would you be interested in joining together for a bible study? I'm hoping that you might. Here are the details:

**Beginning on September 8th** (that's the Wednesday right after Labor Day) each Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Gretna United Methodist Church there will be a group of us getting together to do a bible study together. The study is an eleven week study, and we will conclude on November 17th (the week before Thanksgiving).

Which study? **Beth Moore's "Breaking Free"**. Beth has updated this study from it's first release. The study is based on Isaiah 61:1-4, and draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today's believers. Beth uses Scripture to point out the benefits of our relationship with God and shows us how to remove obstacles that hinder that relationship.

Galatians 5:1 states "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

The cost? The workbook cost is \$20. This payment is due at the first session when you receive your book. Your workbook will have five daily homework assignments for each of the eleven weeks. The daily homework will take anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes roughly.

Will there be childcare? Ashley Nickelson will be caring for our little ones during the study. The cost for childcare is \$3 per mom for each session, thus a total of \$33. The childcare cost is collected based on the entire study, not on a "as used" basis.

If you have more questions, please email me, or call me at 3322624.

I will be ordering workbooks on August 23rd. Please let me know if you would like your name added to the list. It would be delightful to have you join us!