

WELCOME

We are so happy you could join us today!

Visitors are invited to pick up a visitor's bag in the entryway. You are also invited to be our special guest during the fellowship time following service. Are you a non-member who attends the Gretna United Methodist regularly; or are you a first time visitor? Do you have questions about the church; or would you like information about becoming a member? Pastor Main would love to get better acquainted with you, and get any questions you might have answered. Following the worship service, after he has greeted the worshippers, he will be in the church library (across the hall from the sanctuary and adjacent to the fellowship hall.) Feel free to grab refreshments from the fellowship hall as you wait for him.

Sunday Mornings

Staffed Childcare: Our childcare is for infants and young children during service and Sunday school

August—May:

Children: Pre-School at 10:45—parents accompany child(ren) to the Education Hallway for check-in

Kindergarten-5th Grade, at 10:45—all kindergarten- 5th grade students arrive with parents to the Education Hallway for check-in

Middle School: At 10:45am for Middle school youth

Senior High: At 10:45am for High school youth

Adult Sunday School: Sunday mornings 8:30am and 10:45am

Happening this week:

Today—December 30

10:30am Fellowship Time
10:45am Seekers Adult Sunday School (in Library) and Illumination Bible Study Class (education wing)
No Children or Youth Sunday School

Monday – December 31

Year-end Donations Due to the Office by 10:00am

Tuesday – January 1

New Year's Day
Office Closed

Wednesday – January 2

No Children or Youth activities

(Children and Youth activities will begin again on January 9th at 6:00pm and 6:30pm respectively)

Thursday – January 3

Calendar Open

Friday – January 4

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Saturday – January 5

SWAT at One Event in Salina

Sunday – January 6

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8:30am Life Change Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship Time
10:45am Seekers Adult Sunday School (in Library)
10:45am Illumination Bible Study Class
10:45am Team 4:12
10:45am Confirmation Class
10:45am SWAT
2:00pm Health Series– Diet

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Scripture.....Luke 1:78-79

Time of Silent Reflection and Opening Prayer

**Joy to the World.....UMH pg. 246*

Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the People

Pastoral Prayer/Our Lord's Prayer

*A Time of Caring/ Welcoming One Another

This Is Where Children Belong.....TFWS pg. 2233

(Children come forward during singing)

Children's Message

Children's Offering

Sing We Now of Christmas.....UMH pg. 237

Luke 2:25-38(The Message)

Overlooked people around Jesus:

Simeon and Anna

**Lord, I lift Your Name on High.....TFWS pg. 2088*

Giving Back to God– Our Offerings

**The Doxology.....UMH pg. 95*

***Light of the World by Lauren Daigle.....On Screens**

*Benediction

**He's Got the Whole World In His Hands*

***Carrying of the Light of Christ into the World**

**Please stand, as you are able*

CENTERING SCRIPTURE

...because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from
heaven
to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

For our record keeping, please sign in on the attendance folders the ushers hand out and return them to the center aisle.

Prayer Requests:

If you have a prayer request you would like shared with the prayer chain, please fill out the card in the pew and place in the offering plate. Also, feel free to share your prayer request when given the opportunity during worship. If you wish to join the prayer warriors of the GUMC prayer chain, please put your contact information on one of the prayer request forms and place it in the offering plate.

The worship service is streamed live in the Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary should you need to leave during the service.

*Everyone is invited to an informal fellowship time
In the Fellowship Hall following service.*

Gretna United Methodist Church Guest WiFi password: christlike

Other Opportunities

During the School year on Wednesday Nights:
Mission Possible Kids:
1st-5th grade 6:00pm-7:30pm

Team 4:12:
Middle school youth 6:30pm-8:00pm

SWAT:
High school youth 6:30pm-8:00pm

United Methodist Men
2nd & 4th Sundays at 7:00am

Men's Coffee Group
Tuesdays at 6:30am

Women's Bible Study:
Tuesday Evenings at 6:00pm
Wednesday Mornings at 9:15am

Boomers Plus Social Group:
Meets monthly

Women Meet:
Meets monthly on Thursdays

Meaningful Service

GUMC has a heart for mission. We commit our time and talents to organizations in the area and all over the world.

We are committed to help organizations like:

Youth Emergency Services (YES)
Gretna Neighbors
Heartland Hope
Living Hope Food Pantry
Heartland Family Services
United Methodist Committee
On Relief

*(for information
on these opportunities*

Upcoming Events

January

Handbell Practice Begins
Jan 7 at 7:00pm

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Choir Practice New Start time
Jan 8 at 7:15pm

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Women's Bible Study Starts
Jan 9 at 9:00am

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Blood Drive
Jan 12 at 9:00am

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Handbells Playing
Jan 13

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Finance committee meeting
Jan 14 at 6:30pm

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Women's Bible Study Starts
Jan 15 at 6:00pm

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Pastor out of the office
Jan 16-17

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Worship Committee meeting
Jan 18 at 6:30pm

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Choir Sings
Jan 20

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Boomers Potluck & watch Mannheim
Steamrollers
Jan 20 at 5:00pm

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Office Closed in observance of
holiday Jan 21

Notes:



December 30, 2018
First Sunday after Christmas
9:30am



Overlooked People around Jesus: Simeon and Anna

GREटना UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is a community of Christian faith *where God's family grows together* through:
*genuine CONNECTION
*inspiring WORSHIP
*meaningful SERVICE
*Christ-Centered EDUCATION and ACTIVITIES.

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