

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 the service. There is a table designated and marked especially for you in the Fellowship Hall (directly behind the sanctuary.) This will allow members of Gretna UMC and Pastor Main a chance to greet you and get to know you. We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

Sunday Mornings

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

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 6 & 7th grade youth

Senior High: At 10:45am for 9-12 grade youth

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

Happening this week:

Today—December 1

10:30am Fellowship Time
 10:45am **NO** Children Sunday School
 10:45am **NO** Confirmation
 10:45am **NO** 6th & 7th grade
 10:45am **NO** Senior High
 10:45am Illumination Adult Bible Study (in library)
 10:45am Trustee meeting

Monday – December 2

7:00pm Handbell practice

Tuesday – December 3

6:30am Men's Bible Study at Billy's
 6:00pm Women's Bible study

Wednesday – December 4

9:00am Women's Bible Study
 5:30pm Advent Meal
 6:30pm Mission Possible Kids
 6:30pm Team 4:12
 6:30pm SWAT
 7:00pm Advent Service
 7:30pm Hanging of the Greens

Thursday – December 5

Calendar Open

Friday – December 6

Calendar Open

Saturday – December 7

Calendar Open

Sunday – December 8

8:30am Life Change Sunday School
 9:30am Worship
 10:30am Fellowship Time
 10:45am Children Sunday School
 10:45am Confirmation
 10:45am 6th & 7th grade
 10:45am Senior High
 10:45am Illumination Adult Bible Study (in library)
 12:00pm Team 4:12 Angel Tree shopping

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1, Bob and Kristie Mitchell

Unison Prayer

**Come ,Thou Long Expected Jesus.....UMH pg. 196*

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

For the Healing of the Nations.....UMH pg. 428

Isaiah 2:1-5

Waiting for Peace

**Let There Be Peace on Earth.....UMH pg. 431*

Giving Back to God– Our Offerings

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH pg. 620 — One Bread, One Body

UMH pg. 400— Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH pg. 402 — Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH pg. 413—A Charge to Keep I Have

Greater by Mercy Me.....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*

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion –

Christ offers an invitation to join in the sharing of the communion elements, and our communion is open to all persons. *“Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.”* If you would like to receive communion, please come forward when the ushers indicate. You may come either to the stations in the aisle where a piece of bread will be given to you to dip in the cup, or at the altar railing where you will also be served. Gluten-free wafers are provided for those who need them in either of the center aisles, and the wine is non-alcoholic. Communion servers will be served first. While you are waiting to be served, you are invited to join in the singing of hymns.

**Altar Flowers
 In Memory of Sarah Burgeson
 by Ellen Burgeson**

**Memorial Candle In Honor of Abe Heisner
 by The Boyers**

Poinsettias In Memory of Lyle Allbery by Dixie Allbery

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

Gretna United Methodist Church Guest WiFi password: christlike

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

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 7:30am

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's Fellowship:
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
please contact the church office)*

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

Church Council meeting

Dec 9 at 6:30pm

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Advent Meal

Dec 11 at 5:30pm

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Advent Service

Dec 11 at 7:00pm

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W.A.C. Ornament Exchange &

Brunch at the Boyers

Dec 12 at 10:00am

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Outreach committee mtg

Dec 12 at 6:30pm

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Team 412 Breakfast

Dec 15 at 8:30am

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Children Christmas Program

Dec 15 at 11:00am

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Amy Out of the Office

Dec 16-Dec 27

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Advent Meal

Dec 18 at 5:30pm

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Advent Service

Dec 18 at 7:00pm

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Handbells Playing

Dec 22

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Christmas Eve Services

Dec 24 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm

NOTES



December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent
9:30am



Waiting for Peace

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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