

Announcements

Welcome to All who have found their way through our doors this morning! If you are visiting for the first time, please make yourself at home! With *open hearts, open minds, and open doors*, Gretna UMC welcomes you!



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St. Mark's Meal Ministry Thanks to all who have volunteered! Our next time to serve will be **Sunday, May 19**. To volunteer, contact **Team Captain, Joe Burke**, call **504-366-6685** or email **umcgretna@gmail.com**

Vacation Bible School, "Wild About God's Love," will be on one special day, **Saturday, June 8, 9-1 pm**, for kids 4 years old and up.

Senior Sunday is **May 19**. All our graduating seniors will be honored.

Purple Bag Sunday is next Sunday! Bring your non-perishable food items to help restock our Food Pantry, serving the needs of our community.

Second Harvest is this week, with Preparation on **Friday, May 3, 7:30 am** and Sharing on **Saturday, May 4, 9 am**.

May Blessing Bucks Next Sunday, our \$1 bills will go to support the **Peace with Justice Fund** of the UMC.

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is underway in Charlotte, NC. Let us keep in our prayers all the delegates attending and the critical decisions which will be made at this historic gathering.

Next Sunday: Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17; "CommUNITY"

RECONNECT
for women
An Afternoon of Fantastic
Food and Fellowship
for Our GUMC Ladies!
TODAY at 3 pm
Debbie Kimbro's Home

"Wild About God's Love!"
Vacation Bible School 2024
Saturday, June 8
9 am-1pm
Kids Age 4 and Up!

IMPACT GROUPS
Sundays, 9-9:45 am

- Kids' Connection (Pre K-Grade 5) E-2
- Youth and Young Adults Youth Room

ADULT CLASSES

- Digging Deeper E-1
- Little Sunday School Education Building, Room 3

COFFEE and CONVERSATION

Tuesdays
10 am, E-1

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United Methodist Church

CommUNITY

EASTERTIDE 2024

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Jo Cooper, Pastor
Melanie Skidmore, Worship Leader



Welcome to Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

April 28, 2024

WELCOME Pastor Jo Cooper

***SONG of PRAISE** Father, Jesus, Spirit Praise Team

CALL to WORSHIP Christopher Robinson
based on Psalm 22:24-30
by Joan Stott

*Praise the Lord, all you who are in awe of God's presence!
We worship our Holy God.*

**For the Lord our God has never turned away from us,
or left us bewildered or alone.**

*Praise the Lord, all you who are descendants of God's people!
Revere our Holy God.*

**For the Lord our God has heard the cries
and the pain of suffering and destitute people.**

*Praise the Lord, all you who have committed yourselves
to God in worship and praise! Come before the Lord our God,
to celebrate the way God has guided and blessed us!*

**For the Lord our God has understood our times of rejection
and self-hatred; and has lifted us up out of our despair;
and taken us by the hand to lead us into a future in God.
Amen.**

***HYMN** Oh, How I Love Jesus UMH #170

THE CHILDREN'S TIME with NANN

A REPORT from the STAFF-PARISH COMMITTEE

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

THE GIVING of GOD'S TITHES and OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC I Just Want to Praise You



***DOXOLOGY**

THE SACRAMENT of BAPTISM
Jessica Michelle Duncan

RESPONSE
We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the Body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Acts 8:26-40, John 15:1-8 NRSV

AFFIRMATION in SONG In Christ Alone WAS, #3105, v. 1

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song.
The Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

SERMON "Geaux in Love"

***SONG** By Our Love

BENEDICTION

***DEPART with JOY** Oh Give Thanks

**Please stand, if you are comfortable doing so.
UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) WAS (Worship and Song)
NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rosalie Allely, the Anderson brothers, Rod Anderson, Albert Aucoin, Rodney Bailey, Gene Beerbohm, Dianne Bennett, Carrie Brown, William Burke, Clyde Butler, Dave and Kathie Callahan, Cathie Chapman-Toohey, Sam Cosby, Effie Denenea, Sharon Denenea, Denise Dewitt, Sophie de Reyna, Linda Eddy, David Gaddis, Brandon Gillette, Arthur Gotjen, Thelma Hebert, Deborah Harold, Lydia Hinyub, Laci Jones, John and Ella Katicich, Alonze Lemone, Erol Linden, Debra Louis, Claudia Melancon, Christine Martin, Beth Palmisano, Johnny Ramos, Emily Rebstock, Virginia Regan, Jessica Scott, Twila and Ernie Stevenson, Betty Territo, Peter Territo, Luisa Toro, Phil Truxillo, Elmer Wall, Sydnie and Joyce Zuniga.