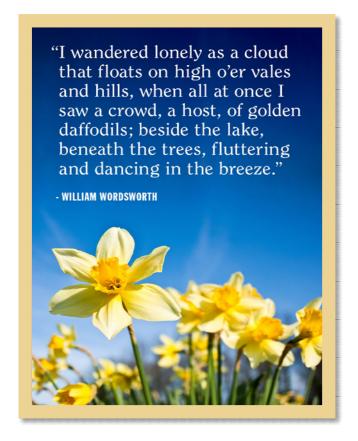
Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



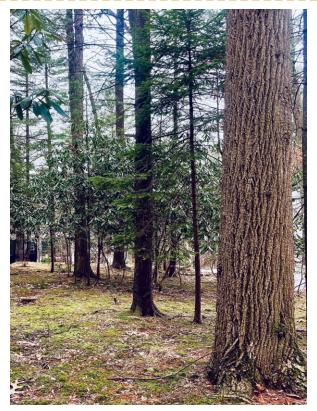
Revised Tree Rule

On March 27, the Board of Managers approved a change to MGCA's Rules and Regulations. Rule 16, the "Tree Rule", was revised and Part B of the Procedures for Violations, Penalties, Variances and Appeals was updated. The changes were effective immediately.

MGCA Members must submit and receive approval for a Tree Removal Permit before removing any tree. Taking down or removing trees, dead or alive, from personal and/or Campmeeting property without an approved permit from the Board of Managers is a significant violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Campmeeting and warrants a fine. Removal of a tree with a diameter of less than five inches and taller than three feet will incur a fine of \$5,000 per tree. Removal of a tree with a diameter larger than five inches will incur a fine of \$10,000 per tree. In addition, any legal fees incurred to collect this fine will be the financial responsibility of the Member.

Members are encouraged to contact the MGCA Office if they notice a dying or "sick" tree on their property, or Campmeeting's property.

The complete text of Rule 16 may be found on the MGCA website under <u>By-Laws</u>, <u>Rules & Policies</u>. Members may download the <u>Tree Removal Permit</u> from the MGCA website or contact the MGCA Office (Office@MtGretnaCampmeeting.org) to obtain a Tree Removal Permit.





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Friendly Reminder-Building Permits

Spring is a popular time for Campmeeting property owners to make improvements and do work around their cottages. If you're considering doing any type of work on or around your cottage, you should first review the MGCA Rules and Regulations and Building Permit information under the By-Laws, Rules, and Policies tab on the MGCA website. MGCA rules require that Members have an approved MGCA building permit before starting work.

If you're still unsure if you need a permit or have questions, contact the Building & Grounds Committee by email through the MGCA Office at Office@MtGretnaCampmeeting.org. And please remember, simply submitting a Campmeeting Building Permit application does not constitute approval to perform work; permit applications must first be approved by the Board of Managers before work commences.

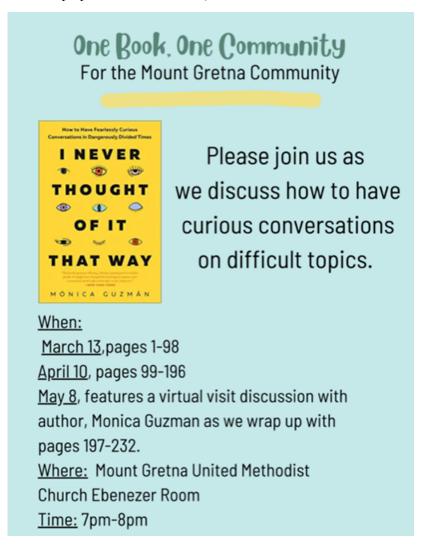
MGCA Members also must obtain all required building permits and comply with all applicable building codes as mandated by West Cornwall Township. If you're not sure whether you need a West Cornwall Township building permit, ask your contractor or the Lebanon County Planning Department at 717-228-4444 or West Cornwall's Zoning Officer, Jeff Steckbeck, at 717-269-1530.

One Book, One Community

We had a great turnout for the first discussion. Thank you to those who attended. If you missed the first session, please join us for the next one.

The Community Activities & Recreation Committee is excited to continue our "One Book, One Community" book discussion on April 10. We'll be discussing the next portion of <u>I Never Thought of It That Way</u> by Mónica Guzmán.

The discussion will continue in May and will be in person and/or via Zoom (you can choose which attendance format works best for you). Anyone from Mt. Gretna is welcome and we hope that our neighbors will help spread the word and join the discussion.



As noted above, each month we'll be discussing a different part of the book. We're thrilled that author Mónica Guzmán will join the discussion on May 8.

To attend the <u>May</u> discussion virtually, please email the MGCA Office (<u>office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org</u>) by May 2 to request a Zoom link.

Readers Rejoice!

The Mt. Gretna Community Library will be open seven days a week this summer! You can peruse the collection every day this summer with the exception of Memorial Day (May 29), July 4th, Art Show Weekend (August 19 and 20), and Labor Day (September 4) when the Library will be closed.

The Library will open for the 2023 season on Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a "by donation" book sale to kick off the season. Be sure to stop by and stock up for the summer!

The Library will be open:

Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Book reviews will be held on select Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Check the Library for book titles and moderators for the reviews scheduled for:

June 5 and 19

July 3, 17, 31

August 7

In addition, on Wednesdays in July, the Library will host Children's Activities from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Be sure to stop by and join the fun!



Get out your green thumbs

It is very hard to find native rhododendrons. Those in Campmeeting are fighting a serious fungus. The Board of Managers has authorized our arborist to apply treatments that should destroy or reduce the fungus.

In the meantime, as our existing plants regain their health, if you'd like to increase the rhododendrons around your cottage, you might want to consider propagating them. Azaleas are another beautiful native shrub that grows well in Campmeeting. Like rhododendrons, they are evergreens — both have beautiful flowers that would look wonderful next to your cottage. So, courtesy of Penn State University, here are the steps on how to propagate them.

Step-by-step propagation of rhododendrons and azaleas from cuttings

If you have a choice between varieties to propagate, the ones with smaller leaves tend to root more easily, but any varieties will root if you take enough care with them⁵.

Step 1. Get your tools and materials together. You'll need:

- A growing medium, roughly half peat moss and half perlite⁵. Commercial potting soil usually won't have enough perlite in it for the soil to drain properly, and your cuttings could rot before they have a chance to grow. If you use the bagged stuff, you're going to have to add more perlite anyway, so why not just mix your own?
- A container, or some containers, depending on how many cuttings you're working with. Any kind of box or flower pot-type thing will work, just make sure it's very clean.
- A very sharp blade. You can use a kitchen knife, shears, a utility knife, a razor blade—it doesn't matter as long as it's really sharp. And clean⁵.
- Some kind of rooting hormone. If you haven't used hormones before, the Dip 'N Grow liquid is widely available and has a 1% concentration of the rooting hormone, which is just about right for your rhododendron or azalea cuttings.

Step 2. Choose a young upright branch, one that's light-colored and pliable. Look for one without a bud, if you get a bud on your cutting, no problem, you can remove it later. Cut straight across the branch with your blade, about 3 to 6 inches from the tip. Remove the lowest leaves, and the bud, if it has one. Your cuttings should look something like this:



STEP 2: Azalea Cuttings. Photo by Donald W. Hyatt

Step 3. Use your blade to strip about an inch of bark from the base of your cuttings. If your cuttings have large leaves (this will be the case with some rhododendrons), trim off the ends of the leaves. What you end up with should look something like this:



STEP 3: Rhododendron Cuttings. Photo by Donald W. Hyatt



STEP 4: Rhododendron cuttings in potting mix. Photo by Tijs Huisman.

Step 4. Dip the tips of your cuttings into the rooting hormone, and stick the cuttings into your potting mix. You can put them pretty close to each other, because when their roots begin to grow you'll be moving them out of this container anyway.

Step 5. Find a place for your cuttings to live for a while—this could be up to a few months. They'll need to stay warm and have continual moisture. If you have a greenhouse with a misting system, you're in luck. Otherwise, you can use a sunny window, but be careful, because window sills can get cold at times. If you're not in a situation where you can mist them all the time, you may want to keep the cuttings covered with plastic—even a clear plastic bag over the container will work⁵.

If you follow all of these steps, your cuttings should grow roots within a couple of months. Then you can plant them and watch them go!

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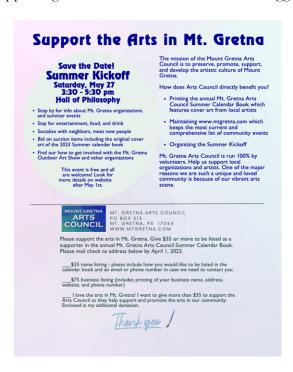
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In Case You're New To Gretna

On the other side of town, *aka Chautauqua*, both Gretna Music and Gretna Theatre have scheduled a robust season of summer events. Subscription tickets are still available as well as tickets for individual performances. Contact Gretna Music at 717-361-1508 or https://gretnamusic.org/. You can reach Gretna Theatre at 717-964-3627 or https://www.gretnatheatre.org/.

The Pennsylvania Chautauqua, the Mt. Gretna Historical Society, the Cicada Festival, and the Mt. Gretna School of Art also host summer programs that can be found in the Mt. Gretna Arts Council Summer Calendar Book or on https://mtgretna.com/. See the information below on supporting the Arts Council and one of the biggest events of the summer, the Art Show!





Spring Leaf and Stick Collection

Regular leaf collection will resume later this month, continue until early June, then start again in the fall. Spring collection will be similar to collection procedures executed in the fall, and more details will be communicated soon.

Collection of sticks and other "green waste," (sticks, branches, pinecones, root balls from potted plants, etc.) will also resume later in April but will continue periodically throughout the summer months.

- Leaf piles may contain leaves, pine cones and pine needles ONLY! *Pine cones can be in either the leaf pile or the sticks and green waste pile.
- Sticks and green waste MUST be placed in a separate pile!
- Both piles must be free of pet waste and foreign objects.
- Piles that do not meet these requirements will NOT be collected.

Water Tower Replacement Project Update

In March, a good portion of the supporting structure was built on the foundation. This involved setting forms for concrete and reinforcing steel, and pouring concrete. This process will continue into next month. Meanwhile, both electrical and mechanical work is being done in the pumphouse. The tank is being fabricated at the tank manufacturer's facility.

As mentioned previously, the mild winter weather remains in our favor and the project remains on target. We thank you for your water conservation efforts during this time when we are purchasing water from the Mt. Gretna Authority.

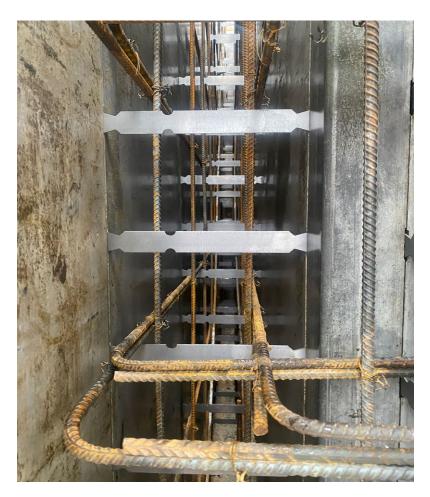


Pouring the walls.
Submitted by Joe Lamont

Securing the support column. The support column helps hold up the concrete deck and the water tank above it, which will be placed on top of the concrete walls.

Submitted by Ben Slotznick





Rebar inside the wall forms, before pouring.

Submitted by Ben Slotznick

Finished walls, stripped of the forms.

Submitted by Joe Lamont



Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale



Saturday, May 27 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Watch for details in the May Newsletter!



Winston is patiently awaiting the return of our neat neighbors.

Submitted by Kevin C. Wells

Recycling Takes a Little Effort on Your Part, But Makes a Big Difference to the World

Do you need a recycling bin? If so, please call the West Cornwall Township Municipal Building at 717-272-9841. If you are unable to go pick up your own recycling bin, please notify the Campmeeting Office at 717-964-3040 or email Office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org.

REMINDER: Campmeeting recycling is picked up from cottage curbs every other Monday – April 3, April 17, and May 1.





April 22, 2023

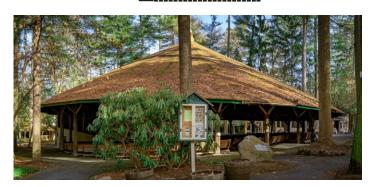
Earth Day in Campmeeting

9:00 a.m. Planting; 11:30 a.m. Potluck; 1:00 p.m. Open Forum



Join your neighbors for a morning of camaraderie and fun by participating in the 53rd annual Earth Day. We need your help to revitalize the Campmeeting after the winter season. We'll be planting trees around the Campmeeting and working in the community garden. Muscle will be needed as we'll be planting potted trees in three to five gallon tubs. Bring your energy, shovels, rakes and garden gloves – meet in the Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

After the planting is done, it will be time for eating! Join us at the Heritage Park Pavilion for a Community Potluck "Picnic". Bring a dish to share with neighbors along with your own reusable utensils, plates, napkins, etc. The Potluck will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Finally, everyone is welcome to the Tabernacle at 1 p.m. for the quarterly Open Forum. This is not an official Board Meeting. Instead, it is an opportunity to have a conversation among Board Members, Committee Chairs, and community members. This event is voluntary for all Members, including Board Members and Committee Chairs, but please consider joining us.

Native Plants Bring a Mt. Gretna Landscape to Life

From Sarah Stuart-MGCA Tree Committee

In 1883, plans began to construct a railway from Lebanon to Cornwall, through the hills of Conewago to Elizabethtown. Robert Coleman formed a committee to plan stops along this railway. As they traveled west from Cornwall they discovered an area Robert Coleman described as, "a particularly lovely area of huge pines and hardwoods, springs and a profusion of wild flowers". This beauty is what led this committee to plan one of many stops along the railway, now known as Mount Gretna.

As we enter the month of April and celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd, help Mount Gretna maintain the beauty that brought this community together. This can be accomplished by adding native plantings to your landscape. Natives are low maintenance, are less likely to require pesticides and they provide food and shelter for wildlife and beneficial insects.

Beneficial insects such as bees are in decline. Adding native plantings to your garden will help to support these important pollinators, as well as supporting the declining population of Monarch Butterflies. Check out the links below and begin planning your native garden today!

Supporting Pollinators

Why Use Native Plants?

Home Gardening

Lebanon Tree and Plant Sale

Lebanon County Master Gardener Plant Sale



Trumpet Honeysuckle



Golden Alexander



Butterfly Milkweed



Common Milkweed

UPCOMING PLANT SALES

ARCADIA NATIVES EARTH DAY SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, April 22-23 from 9am-5pm Organization: Pennsylvania Native Plant Society

Description: There will be a small number of shrubs available as well as a limited assortment of perennials, sedges, ferns, vines, etc for this early bird event.

Location: 2273 South Main Street Extension Washington, PA

ALLEGHENY CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10 am to 2 pm Organization: Penn State Master Gardeners of Allegheny Co Description: All plants are grown in our North Park Greenhouse. They will have a variety of native, and deer resistant plants, new and used gardening books and gardening tools and gadgets to enhance your gardening this

Location: 2050 Buffalo Dr, South Park Township, PA

SHAVER'S CREEK NATIVE PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10 am Organization: Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

Description: The plants have been picked up from Tait Farm and are being kept at the Student Farm greenhouses where they will continue to grow before being brought to Shaver's Creek.

Location: 3400 Discovery Rd, Petersburg, PA

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE'S FREE PLANT EXCHANGE

Date and Time: Saturday, April 29 at 10 Am

Organization: Sponsored by Wild One South Central PA Chapter and Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse

Description: Bring up to 5 labeled perennial plants (spring is a great time to divide!) between 9:30-10. At 10 AM we'll exchange them.

Location: 318 E Old York Road, Carlisle, PA

PHILADELPHIA CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Sunday, April 30, 2023 AT 10 AM - 2 PM Organization: Penn State Master Gardeners of Philadelphia Co Description: Will be selling a variety of affordable seedlings and native plants with beautiful blooms. Choose from 100s of varieties of unique veggies, herbs, native plants, and pollinators for all kinds of light and moisture conditions. Location: 5070 Lansdowne Dr, Philadelphia, PA

23RD ANNUAL MANADA NATIVE PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 6, 2023 AT 10 AM - 2 PM

Organization: Manada Conservancy

Description: Shop for plants not available through the online store. Pick up your online orders. Browse art vendors. Participate in activities for kids. Savor treats from food vendors. Meander the trail during a guided nature walk. Learn more about the Conservancy's mission.

Location: East Hanover Township Nature Park at 328 N. Crawford Road, Grantville, PA

LANCASTER CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Organization: PennState Extension

Description: Get a jump start on your garden by shopping at our online plant sale. We have put together plant combinations for a colorful container, ingredients for tomato sauce, shade, sun, butterflies, and fall food for pollinators. Location: Farm & Home Center 1383 Arcadia Rd. Lancaster, PA

LEBANON CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 6 at 8am to Noon

Organization: Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Lebanon County

Description: There will be a great selection of annuals, perennials, natives. herbs, hanging baskets and more, so bring your wagon!

Location: Brightbill Barn at the Lebanon Valley Expo 80 Rochetty Road, Lebanon, PA

WILD ONES NATIVE PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 6 at 8am to Noon

Organization: Sponsored by Wild One South Central PA Chapter and Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse

Description: Come to the sale and let us help you find the right plants for your garden!

Location: 571 Mountain Rd., Boiling Springs, PA

11TH ANNUAL HORN FARM PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 6 at 9am to 3pm

Organization: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education Description: The sale will offer plants from the Horn Farm Center and our renting farmers: the Kilgore Family Farm, Riverbend Farm and Calyx Native Nursery. The sale will also feature offerings from local vendors.

Location: 4945 Horn Rd, Hallam, PA

YORK CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 at 8:30am to 2:00pm Organization: Master Gardeners of York County Description: Plant growers from around the region will offer a large selection of native plants for sale including trees, shrubs and flowering perennials suited for our area. Location: John Rudy Park, 400 Mundis Race Road, York PA

AUDUBON NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

Date and Time: Saturday, May 13 at 9am to 5pm Organization: Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania Description: Get discounts on native plants that attract birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects to your backyard. Location: 614 Dorseyville Rd, Fox Chapel, PA

CUMBERLAND CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, May 20 at 8am to 1pm Organization: Master Gardeners of Cumberland County Description: Penn State Master Gardeners will be offering great prices on native plants.

Location: 310 Allen Road, Carlisle, PA

FAYETTE CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, June 3 at 9am to Noon Organization: Fayette County Master Gardeners Description: Don't miss out on quality, Master Gardener grown plants.

Location: 4-H building at the Fayette County Fairgrounds

WASHINGTON CO MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE

Date and Time: Saturday, June 3 at 9am to Noon Organization: Master Gardeners of Washington County Description: We are growing 2000 plants from 106 straight species. Plants are priced at \$5 each. Come early for best

Location: Hill Henderson Civic center 399 Georgetown Rd Lawrence, PA

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On the Horizon – Happening In Our Community – Mark Your Calendars

Due to space limitations, event listings for June, July and August will be limited to those occurring in Campmeeting. For a complete listing of events in the Mt. Gretna community, see the calendar on the Home/Events tab of https://mtgretna.com/

April 5 – Passover begins at sunset

April 9 – Easter

April 10 – One Book, One Community Discussion (Second of three sessions)

• 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mount Gretna United Methodist Church Ebenezer Room

April 16 – Bingo at the MTG Fire Hall

• 11:00 a.m. – Doors open; 1:00 p.m. – Games start

April 18 – MGCA Board Meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Virtual/In-Person at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

April 22 – Earth Day in Campmeeting

- Earth Day Activities from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Potluck Picnic at the Heritage Park Pavilion from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- MGCA Open Forum in the Tabernacle beginning at 1 p.m.

May 8 – One Book, One Community Discussion (Final discussion)

- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mount Gretna United Methodist Church Ebenezer Room
- Author Mónica Guzmán will join the May 8th discussion via Zoom

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 16 – MGCA Board Meeting

• 6:30 p.m., Virtual/In-Person at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

May 26 and May 27 at 7:30 p.m., May 28 at 2:00 p.m. – *Strictly Platonic*, a romantic musical comedy – proceeds benefit the Tabernacle restoration

- Performances at the Tabernacle
- Tickets and information at: https://www.larrymckenna.com/strictly-platonic.html

May 27 – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the MTG Fire Hall

• 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

May 27 – Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale

• 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 27 – Opening Day and Book Sale at the Mt. Gretna Community Library

• 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

May 29 – Memorial Day

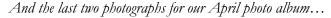
June 2 – Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Bishop Charles Brown Jr.

• 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

- June 4 Bible Festival Summer Program, Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 5 Book Review at the Mt. Gretna Community Library
 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 9 Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Rev. John Frye
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 9 Heritage Festival, Olivia Perrin, jazz singer
 - 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 11 Bingo at the MTG Fire Hall
 - 11:00 a.m. Doors open; 1:00 p.m. Games start
- June 11 Bible Festival Summer Program, Jazz Ministers Big Band
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 14 Organ Recital, Emily Amos
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church
- June 16 Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Rev. Dr. Nathan Minnich
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 17 Heritage Festival, Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band, 5-piece bluegrass band
 - Traditional bluegrass and other musical genres string-band style
 - 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 18 Bible Festival Summer Program, Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 19 Book Review at the Mt. Gretna Community Library
 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 21 Organ Recital, Aaron Patterson
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church
- June 23 Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Rev. Carrie Call, PhD
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 24 Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, Music of Earth Wind & Fire
 - 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 25 Bible Festival Summer Program, New Holland Band
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle
- June 28 Organ Recital, Daniel Ficarri
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church
- June 30 Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, "SEVEN", Messiah University musicians
 - 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

Campmeeting Rental Opportunities

Heritage Park pavilion is available for rental on a first-come, first-served basis. The pavilion is available from April through October. The rental fee is \$50, and there is a \$25 security deposit. Please be advised, rental is for the pavilion only. The surrounding park area, playground and restrooms remain available to the public. Additional rental opportunities that exist for Members include Tabernacle rental, garage/shed rental (1st Street), parking space rental (Boehm Avenue), and large parking space rental (1st Street behind the garages). At this time, the raised planting beds on Bell Avenue are not available for rent. Contact the MCGA Office at office@campmeeting.org for additional details or to request a rental application.





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