

# Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



## May 21 Special Membership Meeting - Charter & Bylaws Vote

A Special Meeting of the Members of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association will be held on May 21, 2024, for the purpose of voting on the proposed revisions to the Charter & Bylaws.

- The Board conducted the first reading of the proposed changes to the MGCA Charter & Bylaws at its regular March meeting. A link to the first reading document is below.
- A second reading of the revised Charter & Bylaws is scheduled for the regular April Board Meeting, to be held on April 16.

In accordance with the current “Charter & By-Laws” of the Mount Gretna Campmeeting Association, a vote of the Membership to accept the proposed changes will be held at a Special Meeting:

1. Date and Time: May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The Special Meeting will be held before the regular monthly Board Meeting.
2. Quorum: A quorum, or 10% of the Membership households, must be present.
3. Passing Vote: Two-thirds of the Members present at the Special Meeting must vote in favor of the changes to the Charter & Bylaws for the motion to pass. (Reminder: One vote per household, or where multiple properties are owned by the same group of owners there is one vote per household group.)
4. Place of Meeting: The Special Meeting will be held via Zoom only.
5. Zoom Registration Deadline: All Members wishing to attend the Special Meeting must register for the meeting by May 21 at 6 a.m. The link to register for the Special Meeting is below.
6. Method of Vote. Voting procedures will be shared with Members in the coming weeks.

A reminder of this Special Meeting will be sent to the Membership on a biweekly basis through May.

[Link to the first reading document](#)

[Link to register for the Special meeting](#)

## Annual Porch Sale

The annual Campmeeting Porch Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 25, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Campmeeting cottage owners who would like their address to be included on the porch sale map should email or call the MGCA office by May 13. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the MGCA Community Activities Committee. MGCA Members will receive a copy of the porch sale map via a Camp Connect communication a few days before the sale. The porch sale map will be posted on the MGCA website for easy access. A map will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Library and at the Tabernacle. Please do not remove the map from the boards.



**April 13, 2024**

## Earth Day Community Garden Clean-Up in Campmeeting 9 a.m. to Noon



Join your neighbors for a morning of camaraderie and fun by participating in the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day (a little early). We need your help to revitalize the Community Garden after the winter season. Bring your energy, shovels, rakes and garden gloves – meet at the Garden at 9:00 a.m.

## A Message from MGCA Superintendent Nate Godfrey



*Submitted by Joyce Rubl*

MGCA Superintendent, Nate Godfrey, has created another video in the Super Series. In this short video, Nate gives some words of advice (and humor) as we welcome spring in Campmeeting.

Please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1fqYH87Zi0>

While you are watching the video, consider subscribing to the MGCA channel. It is FREE! Just click the red "Subscribe" button.

Thank you



# Springtime and the Evolution of Our Community Garden

By Vincie McMullen on behalf of the Tree Committee

You know it's springtime in Gretna when you are greeted at dawn with birdsong. Soon to follow will be the sights and sounds of bees and butterflies. All of these spring arrivals pollinate our flowers, and they are also a vital part of the slow but sure process of creating a woodland Community Garden.

Our Garden, like everything in nature, is a work in progress. Right now, we've got taller plants which, frankly, don't exactly look like the cover of *Better Homes and Gardens*. These varieties are there for the benefit of those pollinators, who will work their magic to encourage the growth of shrubs and immature trees. Leaving the plant stalks up in winter provides homes for all life stages of these insects, from egg to pupa to larvae to adult. As the trees grow taller (we've noticed wonderful progress in our saplings and young trees!), their shade will cause those taller plants to die off, and our Garden will literally become a walk in the woods. Check out this link for more on pollinator plants: <https://positivelypa.com/planting-for-pollinators/>.



*Submitted by Mary Dougherty*

As our trees bud and blossom, birds also become of great importance for pollination and seed dispersal. Thanks to the generosity of our Bird Watchers Club, there are lovely bird feeders in the Garden, so you can view their fascinating activity.

Right now, our Community Garden is like a seventh-grader with braces: Beauty is on the horizon. The evolution of a forest is a slow process, but like every big, beautiful tree in our precious canopy, it's well worth the wait.

## What You Need to Know About Spring Leaf and Stick Collection

Regular leaf collection will resume this month, continue through the end of May, then start again in the fall. Spring collection will be similar to collection procedures executed in the fall; and more detailed information can be found on the MGCA website under the Local Services tab, and then under MGCA Services.

Collection of sticks (sticks and branches only) will continue periodically throughout the year.

- Leaf piles may contain leaves, pine cones and pine needles ONLY! (See the latest Superintendent's video, "Super Series #4" for an explanation.)
- Sticks MUST be placed in a separate pile.
- Both piles must be free of pet waste, stones, and foreign objects.
- Piles that do not meet these requirements will NOT be collected.
- Please contact the Superintendent if you have any questions regarding what may or may not be collected as part of MGCA provided services.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Right at Your Doorstep!

As you are embarking on “Spring Cleaning” in your cottage, you may be wondering how to get rid of all those partially-full paint cans, old fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, etc. that you *know* should not be put out with your weekly trash. We’ve got the answer!

For a reasonable \$15 fee, Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority will come to your home and pick up your hazardous household waste and dispose of it properly. There is a limit of 10 cans of paint per household (so combine your leftovers into as few cans as possible). Just call 1-800-742-5542 Extension 123, or schedule a pick up online at [MXI Environmental Services Lebanon County Program](https://www.goglra.org/2170/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Program).

More details about the program and the full list (it’s long!) of items GLRA will be pick-up can be found on the GLRA website at: <https://www.goglra.org/2170/Household-Hazardous-Waste>.

In case you wondered, empty, fully-dried paint cans can be included in weekly trash.

## Member Spotlight: Campmeeting Cottage Owner Embraces Carmel Charm

By Kevin C. Wells



During the winter months, some Campmeeting residents migrate to warmer climates, seeking refuge from the chill. Among these travelers is John Barton, a member of our community who resides at times in Carmel, California, yet remains deeply connected to the spirit of Campmeeting.

During a recent conversation, John shared insights into his winter retreat and the allure of Carmel. While Campmeeting serves as his primary residence, John's cottage, like many others, was never intended as a year-round residence. From November through April, he finds solace in the serene coastal beauty of Carmel.

Nestled on the Central Coast, Carmel has a population of 3,722 and is located 89 miles south of San Francisco. Despite its small size, Carmel captivates visitors with its mild climate, characterized by daily highs ranging from 60°F in January to 70°F in August. Even in the coldest month, January, lows rarely dip below 43°F, offering comfortable conditions year-round.

Described as a "quaint coastal town" and a "village in a forest overlooking a white sand beach," Carmel exudes a fairytale-like charm. The town's allure extends beyond its picturesque scenery, as it

has also been home to notable figures such as Clint Eastwood, who served as mayor, and actress Doris Day. More recently, Carmel welcomed Brad Pitt and even played host to Barack and Michelle Obama for their 30th anniversary celebration.

Downtown Carmel has an eclectic array of shops, including art galleries, wine tasting rooms, and renowned restaurants. Meandering through alleyways and courtyards, visitors discover the town's unique character and vibrant atmosphere.

John's home in Carmel offers breathtaking views of Point Lobos and the Pacific Ocean, a 15 to 20-minute walk from downtown. Celebrated for its natural splendor, Carmel has been recognized by Condé Nast Traveler as one of the 50 most beautiful small towns in the world and hailed by Travel and Leisure as the third most romantic city globally.

Yet, amidst Carmel's allure, John fondly reminisces about the warm embrace of the Campmeeting community in Mount Gretna. While Carmel may offer stunning vistas and a tranquil escape, nothing compares to the bonds forged among the residents of Campmeeting.

For those curious about Carmel's charm, a simple internet search unveils a treasure trove of information, painting a more detailed picture of this captivating town. However, for John, true beauty lies not in the sights of Carmel but in the enduring friendships and camaraderie found within the heart of Campmeeting.



*Photo submitted by David Tyndall*



*Photo submitted by Leeshaun Musick*

## **Limited Edition 50th Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show Commemorative Banner**



In celebration of the 50th Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show and the “Year of the Arts”, the Art Show organizers are selling commemorative banners. This decorative double-sided pole banner measures 23.75” x 51” with double pockets.

Order your banner at: <https://mtgretnaarts.com/shop/50th-annual-mt-gretna-art-show-banner/>

Banners can be picked up in the Borough Office or at the Memorial Day Summer Kickoff (Path Party) on Saturday, May 25th, from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., at the Hall of Philosophy.

### **A New Assignment for Pastor Mike!**

On July 1, Pastor Mike Remel will assume the pastor’s position at Cedarville United Methodist Church near Pottstown.



The Mount Gretna United Methodist Church (MGUMC) and the community-at-large have been fortunate to have Pastor Mike for the past 15 years before the Conference assigned him to a new congregation.

Under Pastor Mike's leadership, MGUMC has experienced significant growth in membership, outreach programs and facilities—we now have an elevator which provides accessibility throughout the church building!

Because of his leadership and ministry, MGUMC also has expanded its engagement with the community-at-large. He developed Wet 'n Wacky summer games for the entire community and made MGUMC a must-visit stop for children and parents on Halloween.

He put Mount Gretna on the map for the Hershey Chocolate Tour and offered the church as a meeting place for AA groups when they lost their homes during COVID.

He's overseen the community-wide Easter egg dyeing and hunt.

And he has rekindled the annual community Christmas celebration with tree lighting and carol sing and brought Walter McAnney, Jr.'s organ to the church. For the past two years, the church has hosted Chautauqua Summer Programs' organ concerts.

In addition, Pastor Mike has extended friendship and acceptance to all—both those in the church and those in the community. He has reached out with care, compassion and concern to those in need. He has given generously and broadly of his time and talents.

MGUMC is planning a celebration of Pastor Mike and his many contributions to the Gretna community-at-large on Sunday, June 2, at the Timbers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming!



**Support the Arts in Mt. Gretna**

The mission of the Mount Gretna Arts Council is to preserve, promote, support, and develop the artistic culture of the unique Mount Gretna community.

How does Arts Council directly benefit you?

- Printing of the annual Mt. Gretna Calendar book which features works from local artists each year on the cover
- Maintaining [www.mtgretna.org](http://www.mtgretna.org) which keeps the most up to date and comprehensive list of community events
- Organizing the Summer Kickoff

Mt. Gretna Arts Council is run 100% by volunteers.

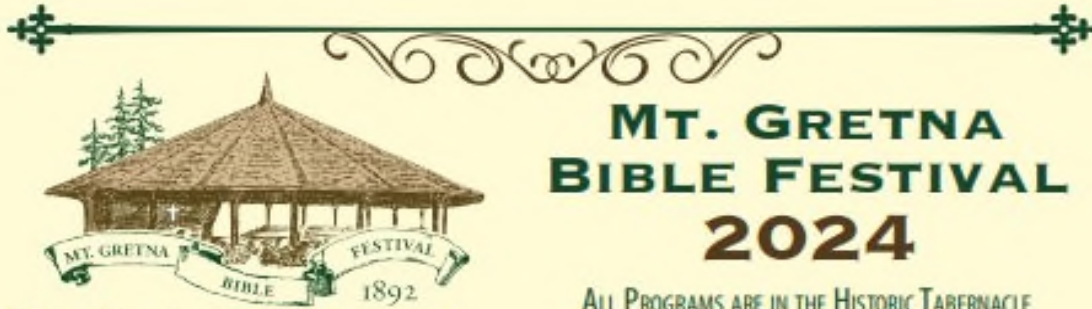
Help us support local organizations and artists which helps strengthen the cultural life of Mt. Gretna! One of the major reasons we are such a unique and loved community is because of our vibrant arts scene. Please support us!

**Save the Date!**  
**Summer Kickoff**  
**Saturday, May 25**  
**3:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Hall of Philosophy**

- Stop by for info about Mt. Gretna organizations and their summer plans
- Stay for entertainment, food, and drink
- Socialize with neighbors, meet new people
- Pick up a 2024 calendar of events book
- Bid on the 2024 original cover art on calendar book and other auction items
- Find out how to get involved with the Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show and other organizations

Look for more details on website after May 1st.





# MT. GRETTNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2024

**Mt. Gretna Tabernacle**  
LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE  
THIRD ST. & GLOSSBRENNER AVE.

Parking at Mt. Gretna Fire Co. and Mt. Gretna Roller Rink

**CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL  
IN A UNIQUE VICTORIAN SETTING**

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

*Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page*

**NEW! CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

- Sunday, July 7 – 3 pm **Phredd Ukulele One Man Band** (Fred McNaughton) Ukulele Flailing, Harmonica Wailing, Suitcase Drumming, Kazoo Hum-Humming, Ukulele Bundle of Joy! **Come early for a "Community Arts Party"** and help paint the entrance for this year's Mt. Gretna Art Show and play instruments provided by Gretna Music. *Sponsored by Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show*
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- Friday, June 7 – 7 pm Ecumenical Service **"Not What We Used to Be, But ..."** Rev. Dr. Lewis Parks & Rev. Dr. Jennifer Parks-Snyder, First UMC Church Hershey. Special Music led by Dr. Shawn Gingrich.
- Sunday, June 9 – 7 pm **Principally Harps** America's finest harpists, Mindy Cutcher and Janet Witman. Their duo playing has been described as "artistry in tandem."
- Friday, June 14 – 7 pm Ecumenical Service **"God Wants ... We Want ... Humility Is the Key ..."** Rev. Dr. David A. Zwifka, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, Pa. Special Music provided.
- Sunday, June 16 – 7 pm **Andy Roberts w/Four Piece Quartet & Guests** Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. *Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.*
- Friday, June 21 – 7 pm Ecumenical Service **"God Wants ... We Want ..."** Pastors Brandy and Paul Liepelt, Annville Church of the Brethren, Annville, Pa. Special Music by Tim Brown.
- Sunday, June 23 – 7 pm **New Holland Band** Formed in 1829 and the second oldest municipal band in the nation, the New Holland Band will play patriotic and spiritual music. Fred Hughes Jr. Music Director. *Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.*
- Friday, June 28 – 7 pm Ecumenical Service **"God Wants ... We Want ..."** "SEVEN," Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, Pa. A group of college-aged musicians share Jesus through musical worship, directed by Dr. Doug Curry. *Sponsored by Esther Mefferd, in memory of Pastor Ted Mefferd, Class of '66 from Messiah University.*
- Sunday, June 30 – 7 pm **Wheatland Chorale** Under the direction of David J. Fitzpatrick, new Artistic Director, Wheatland Chorale is one of the area's premier choral ensembles performing for the first time at the Bible Festival. They are sure to leave you feeling inspired. *Sponsored by Bob & Lib Kettering in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.*



## SERVICES & CONCERTS CONTINUED

- Sunday, July 7 – 7 pm **Amy Yovanovich & Brenten Megee.** These locally renowned vocalists will present a program of spirituals and music by American composers plus an audience sing-along. Accompanied by Dr. Ross Ellison and Sue Fry-Wickard
- Sunday, July 14 – 7 pm **Dr. Chris Walker** Dr. Walker is the Sr. Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa. and the preacher on the weekly radio broadcast 'The Westminster Pulpit' on WDAC radio. Musicians from Westminster Church will provide music.
- Sunday, July 21 – 7 pm **Knotwork Band** A trio performing Celtic folk music from Ireland, Scotland, England, and Brittany, as well as American and World music with ties to Celtic folk music, either musically or historically.
- Sunday, July 28 – 7 pm **Choir Festival** Composer Craig Courtney will direct 100 voices in a joyous Sunday concert. Accompanist Dan Dorty, joined by flute and brass. *Sponsored by Loser's Music. Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.*
- Wed., July 31 – 7 pm **Hymn Sing** Led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal.
- Saturday, Aug. 3 – 7 pm **Handbell Festival** Under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Hershey, Pa., ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God. *Sponsored by Home Instead.*
- Sunday, Aug. 4 – 7 pm **Daniel Dorty** Pianist and Organist for the Susquehanna Chorale, and Director of Music and Organist at Derry Presbyterian Church, Dan is joined by musicians from the church, their Sanctuary Choir, and Derry Ringers for a sacred music celebration.
- Wed., Aug. 7 – 7 p.m. **Summit Hill Bluegrass Band** From southeastern Pa., Summit Hill Bluegrass Band plays bluegrass, gospel and a wide variety of other music. *Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.*
- Sunday, Aug. 11 – 7 pm **Dr. Peter W. Teague** Pres. Emeritus & Ambassador, Lancaster Bible College. Dr. Teague and his wife Paulette founded Jessica and Friends Community, a non-profit organization offering residential services, training in daily living skills, and social services to adults with developmental disabilities.
- Sunday, Aug. 18 – 7 pm **The Susquehanna Chorale** One of the premier choral groups in the nation makes its traditional late summer appearance. Directed by Linda Tedford.
- Sunday, Aug. 25 – 7 pm **QuintEssentially Brass** A quintet with their engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances end another season. *Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.*

**A freewill offering will be received at each program**

### **SUMMER ORGAN PROGRAM** at the Mt. Gretna UMC

- Wed., June 12 – 7 pm Alexander Leonardi, Student at Curtis Institute of Music  
Wed., June 19 – 7 pm Abigail Wood, Student at Syracuse University  
Wed., June 26 – 7 pm Jacob Gruss, Student at Juilliard School

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**MT. GRETNNA + A FRESH AND SAFE DESTINATION**

*We're looking forward to our 2025 Season. See our website for updates.*



# Fresh New Season at Mt. Gretna Community Library

By Sally Marisic

The Library will open for the 2024 season on Saturday, May 25. The Library has several events that can be found on the community calendar at [mtgretna.org](http://mtgretna.org).

The Library will be hosting book reviews on Monday nights, special children's programs on Wednesday mornings in July and August, and a chance to meet authors with Mt. Gretna connections. The Library will be open daily with the exception of Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Art Show weekend. The Library's last official day is Sunday, September 1. There will be limited weekend fall hours with the final 2024 date being Sunday, September 29. Please check the [mtgretna.org](http://mtgretna.org) calendar and the Library Facebook page for further details.

## Happening in our Community

Members are reminded that a new comprehensive community calendar has been created by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council. The calendar can be accessed at <https://www.mtgretna.org/home>.

Members can choose to "subscribe" to the Community Calendar and events will be copied to their personal computer, iPhone, Google, Outlook or other electronic calendar. Subscribers can also choose to have the events updated on their personal calendars as changes and additions are made to the Community Calendar.

*And the final photograph for our April photo album...*



Winston is ready to welcome everyone back from winter adventures.  
*Submitted by Kevin C. Wells*

## Are You Connected to News & Info in Campmeeting?

 On Facebook	 Mount Gretna Campmeeting – Click on Subscribe
<b>Community Calendar</b> <a href="https://www.mtgretna.org/home">https://www.mtgretna.org/home</a>	
 Send your email address updates to: Office@Mt GretnaCampmeeting.org	 Please visit and bookmark: <a href="http://mtgretnacampmeeting.com">mtgretnacampmeeting.com</a>