

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi¹ from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,



"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

Matthew 2:1-2

MUMC Worship Service on January 12th, 2025

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Seth Lawton

SONG OF PRAISE *"We Three Kings"* Hymn #254

CALL TO WORSHIP Seth Lawton

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

C: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

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L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

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L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

All: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE *"What Child Is This"* Hymn #219

"Mighty To Save"

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Carol Lawton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor John

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 2* George/Shari Bellish

HOMILY Jesus, Savior of the World Pastor John

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN Seth Lawton

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS *"Step by Step"*

SONG OF PRAISE *"Your Grace is Enough"*

BENEDICTION Pastor John



Prayer requests cards are now in each pew. Prayer requests can be placed in the offering plate or in the black offering box in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Donna Hockensmith, Mike Ohler, Chris Fine, Betty Witmer, Mike Ohler, Betsy Herron (Mary Jo Churlick's sister), Kelly Fine's stepfather, J Glen Vandermark (Pastor Deb's son)

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellish's son), Liz Lehman, Todd Eckenrode, Teresa Bellish, Harry Schulz, John McAllen (Asonia Wolf's son), Alesha Holsinger (Linda Kimmel's friend), Barb Elting, Gaylea Kelly, John Edwards (Andy & Mary Groshans), Asonia Wolf, Vera Egolf, Jackie Weary, Ed Hair, Stewart Lamma, Anne Stanford, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

GRIEF:

The family of Loretta Calaman

OUR WORLD MISSIONS:

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Samantha Orner (Air Force), Jady Barrett (Navy), Alex Myers (Army), Gerad Calaman (Air Force), Dylan Kupp (Navy), Justyn Padua, Brandon Padua, Dustin Jeardoe (Marine), Erin Driver (Army), John Durnin II (Marine).

NURSING HOMES:

Let's remember our shut-in MUMC family this year by sending them notes, letters or visiting them. Addresses are provided below.

Thorwald Home: 442 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

Pauline Hollenbaugh

Church Of God Home: 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Jane Sunday

Sarah Todd Memorial Home: 1000 W. South St., Carlisle, PA 17013

Betty Witmer

Allen's Cove: 25 Cove Rd., Dunacannon, PA 17020

Liz Rusnik



Anniversary and Birthday Celebrations

JANUARY

1	Zachary Peters	17	Becky Smith
1	Ed Valentine	18	Clint Healey
5	Barb Simpson	18	Pam Lebo
12	Evie Hair	19	Todd Eckenrode
13	Nathaniel Stevens	20	Elijah Jumper
14	Malene Chilson	23	Donna Wade
15	John Cable	25	Delilah Matrese
15	Sherry Healey	26	* Richard & Ruth Smith
16	Shari Bellish	29	Glenn Kimmel
16	Bety McCorkel	29	Jane Sunday

* Anniversaries

Come join the **BREW CREW...**

feeling lonely with those long winter days....

want to share a cup of coffee with some friends....

need some cheering up... want to play games.... reminisce.....

Join us every Tuesday starting January 7th 9am-11am at Middlesex United Methodist Church in our Gathering Area for a time of fellowship. Loneliness is a challenge for many of our seniors especially during the winter months.

Looking forward to sharing some java with you.

Taking Down Our Christmas Décor TODAY

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations around the church after worship **Today January 12th.**
Please join us as you have time;
many hands make light work!
Thank you.



ATTENTION

The "Share The Love Ministry" will pause their gatherings for the winter months and will begin again in the spring.



**THANK
YOU!!!!**

*"MUMC Family, we are blown away by your **love!** Thank you for your amazing generosity in our Christmas gift this year. Your kindness means so much to us. It is such a great privilege to be in ministry together with you."*

**With gratitude,
Pastor Deb, and the entire
MUMC Staff!**



MUMC's 3rd Annual

Women's appreciation dinner

The MUMC men will be holding an appreciation dinner for the women in our church. More information will be coming soon. For anyone interested in helping with the dinner or to attend the dinner, please sign up on the [connection card](#). Any questions please call the office at 717-249-2449 or email at office@middlesexumc.com.

Saturday, February 15th At 5:00pm



BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Tuesday evenings at 7pm
starting January 28th.

Discover what it means to **Belong** to and be **Blessed** by God!

What Does It Mean to Be Chosen? This study parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand-new way. It includes:

- A deeper look at Isaiah 43 and its fulfillment in Jesus and the lives of His followers (including us!)
- Script excerpts, quotes, and illustrations from the show
- Guiding questions for groups or individuals

Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than the chooses. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because He is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen people.

What does it actually mean to be Chosen? To answer that question, we're going Old school—Testament that is—which leads us back to the New. Which always leads us directly to Jesus.

If you are interested in Participating in this very rewarding study, please sign up on the connection card or contact the church office.

Welcome Fall by Joining a Life Group!

**Life Groups at MUMC help us grow
in our faith and grow closer to one another.**

You're invited to plug in with the one of our groups:

Sunday School meets at 9:00am in Room 101

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am in a local home and connects relevant news topics to our faith and the Bible today.

Tuesday Night Bible Study meets at 7:00pm in Room 101

Spread the Love Prayer Shawl Club is a group of knitters, crocheters, and crafters who meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in room B05 to make prayer shawls, blankets, and more for people in the community.



To our faithful and humble servants. It takes many hands to prepare and lead worship services each week, and we are so very grateful for each one of you!

	JANUARY		
ROLE	12	19	26
Acolyte	Ella Lawton	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:			
			Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
Tech Team	Joe O'Donnell	Joe O'Donnell	Joe O'Donnell
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Groshans	Linda Kimmel	Carolyn Bloom
Bulletin	Fred & Ruth Hair	Barb Simpson	Deb Shipley
Ushers:			
Gathering/ Downstairs	Andy Groshans	Glenn Kimmel	Jim Cohick
Pastor/ Sanctuary	Jim Stevens	Ann Carney	Ed Shipley
Lector	George/Shari Bellish	Becky Smith	Carolyn Bloom



Middlesex United Methodist Church

*Our Vision: Alive in Christ in the Community
so that the Community is Alive in Christ.
Serving Christ for over 150 years!*

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Susquehanna Conference of the UMC Circle of Prayer Churches for the week of January 12-18

First Three Springs UMC, Three Springs
Fort Loudon UMC, Fort Loudon
Camp Hill UMC, Camp Hill
First Lewistown UMC, Lewistown
Bowmans Chapel UMC, Mapleton Depot
Pine Mill UMC, Equinunk
Daggett UMC, Millerton
Hawley UMC, Hawley

**Bulletins are sponsored this week in Memory of
Mary Brandt by *Ann Carney***