

The Path To Peace



The Blessing.....

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

**Bulletins are sponsored this week in Memory of
Arthur & Mary Wise by The Preston Family**



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:

Alesha Hollinger, Donna Hockensmith, Mike Ohler, Chris Fine, 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' 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 Helen Adams (Donna Hockensmith's mother & Shari Bellish' grandmother), The family of Betty Witmer

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

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

Liz Rusnik

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC
Circle of Prayer Churches for the week of February 16– 22**

LaAnna UMC, Cresco
Milan UMC, Milan
Bendersville UMC, Bendersville
Summerdale UMC, Summerdale
Sprucetown UMC, Sping Mills
Broad Avenue Altoona UMC, Altoona
Bethel Avoca UMC, Avoca
Stairville UMC, Wapwallopen
Hebron Millersburg UMC, Millersburg
Salladasburg UMC, Salladasburg



Anniversary and Birthday Celebrations

FEBRUARY

- 2 Delores Coulson**
- 6 Harry Priest**
- 10 Lonnie McKillip II**
- 10 Jane Palmer**
- 17 Lily Lawton**
- 19 Jim Weiss**
- 23 Julia Coler**
- 26 Bev Doorly**
- 27 Zachary Haney**
- 27 Seth Lawton**
- 28 * Tim & Kristen Lohr**

*** Anniversaries**

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

March Madness is about to begin!

We have scheduled our **Spring Cleaning** for MUMC for **March 8th and 15th.**

Many hands make light work, please consider joining us for this project. Thank you to Kim Coler and Mary Groshans who agreed to be the leads for this project. If

you are interested in helping you can contact the church office or sign up on the **connection card** provided in the worship bulletin.

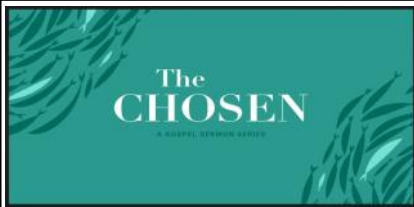


Come join the **BREW CREW...**

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.



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:

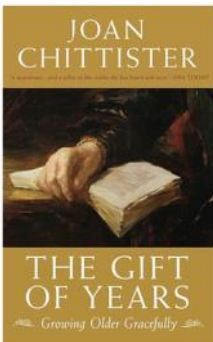
- A deeper look at Isaiah 43 and its fulfillment in Jesus and the lives of His followers (including us!)
- Script excerpts, quotes, and illustrations from the show
- Guiding questions for groups or individuals

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.

Book Study with Pastor John



It's been a couple of months now since I retired. Note the word "re-tire", as in "put on new treads," because there is more life to travel, to experience, to give and receive. And there are those who are further down the road who can help us prepare for our ongoing journey. A person who can steer us well is Joan Chittister. In her book, **The Gift of Years**, she does just that, helping us reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and how we can prepare for our later years so that they may become some of the most fulfilling years of our life. So, I invite you to join me in reading, reflecting, and discussing Joan's book about "Growing Older Gracefully". Doing so will help us re-tire/

re-tread our lives with ongoing meaning, purpose, gratitude, and friendship. We will meet on **Wednesdays, beginning March 5th, at 2:30 at the church.** If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me (Pastor John), Pastor Deb, or the church office. If you are interested in this study, please sign up on the connection card. I am looking forward to our study and especially to getting to know each other better.



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!

	FEBRUARY	
ROLE	16	23
Acolyte	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
Tech Team	Todd Eckenrode	Joe O'Donnell
Greeters:		
Hospitality Greeter	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Shelby Hockenberry	Kim Coler
Ushers:		
Gathering/Downstairs	Glenn Kimmel	Phil Coler
Pastor/Sanctuary	Linda Eckenrode	Becky Smith
Lector	Elizabeth Peters	Ed Beleck

In response to the truth that it is important for all of God's people to pray for Christ's church in this world. The Leadership Council would like you to pray for MUMC each day. The women of the Wednesday morning bible study, wrote a prayer to get us started and want to share it with the whole congregation in hopes that everyone will use this prayer as part of their daily prayer life.

Awaken our hearts, Lord that we may be a beacon of light and hope to each other, our community and our world. Ignite a fire and passion in MUMC so that we may grow in our desire to know and love and serve you more. Empower us to welcome and encourage people from all walks of life. Give us the wisdom to prayerfully embrace new ideas that we might truly have open minds, hearts, and doors. Amen



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so that the Community is Alive in Christ.
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