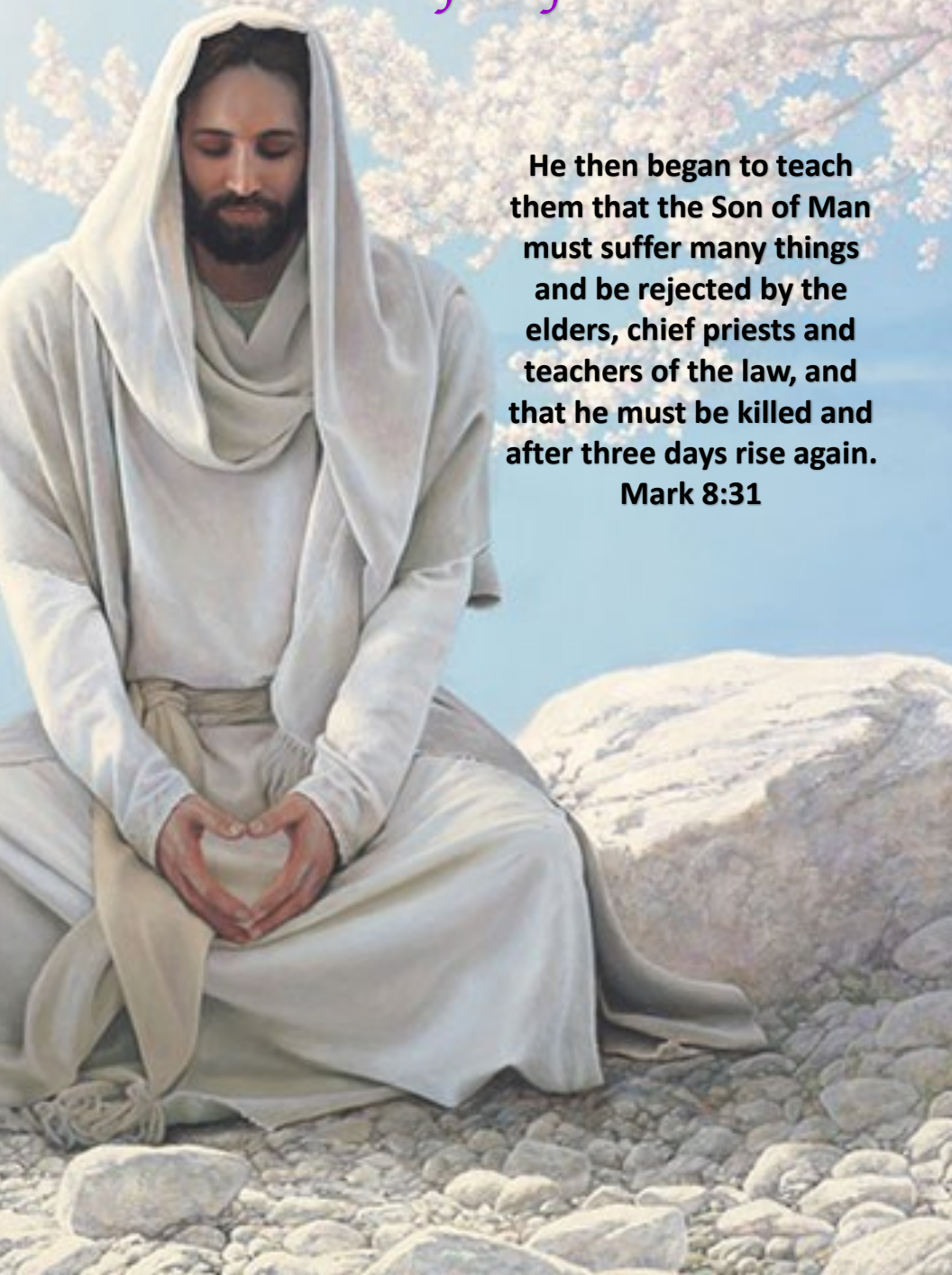


February 25, 2024

The Depths of Love

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:31



**10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, February 25, 2024**

***OPENING TIME OF WORSHIP** "God My Rock"

Worship Band

CALL TO WORSHIP-

Leader: Lenten Travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

Congregation: He is the Messiah.

L: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

C: Jesus is the kind of Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives to save our lives.

L: How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

C: Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.

L: Lenten Travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel alone.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD THAT WE SHARE THIS JOURNEY WITH JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER AS WE LOSE OUR LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL. WE DO THIS TO SAVE OUR LIVES THROUGH JESUS, OUR MESSIAH. AMEN

TIME OF PRAISE

"Good Good Father" "My Soul Longs For Jesus"

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Genesis 9:18-17

Pastor Deb

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** "How Great Thou Art"

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:31-38

Linda Eckenrode

SERMON "Aren't You Curious"

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation*

UMH #883

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

***HYMN** "Amazing Grace"

BENEDICTION

*** Stand as you are able**

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

LET US REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS AND CARDS

Please use the Connection card to convey your prayer concerns. Prayer concerns are included with permission and by request only, to protect the privacy of individuals. Requests remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested otherwise. Thank you for your passion for prayer!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rhea Sheffler (Linda Kimmel's mother), Haley Stevens (Jim Stevens daughter) Tim Hansen, Todd Eckenrode, Michael Ohler, Randy Clouse (Travis Clouse), Cheryl Lauks, Liz Lehman (Sandi Lehman's DIL)

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Teresa Bellish, Harry Schulz, John McAllen (Asonia Wolf's son), Alesha Holsinger (Linda Kimmel's friend), Barb Elting, Gaylea Kelly, Loretta Calaman, John Edwards (Andy & Mary Groshans), Asonia Wolf, Vera Egolf, Jackie Weary, Ed Hair, Stewart Lamma, Anne Stanford, Dick Lindsey, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Jeannie Wagner (Mary Jayne), Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

GRIEF:

Family of Jenny Sunderwirth (Mary Groshan's sister),

Family of Ricky Stitt (Donna Hockensmith's grandsons father)

OUR WORLD MISSIONS: Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Jadyn 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:

Thorwald Home: Pauline Hollenbaugh COG: Jane Sunday

Susquehanna

Conference of the UMC

Circle of Prayer Churches

For the week of

February 25 - March 2

Bethany Felton UMC, Felton
Millerton UMC, Millerton
Town Hill UMC, Shickshinny
Rehobeth UMC, Mercersburg
Central Wilkes-Barre UMC, Wilkes-Barre
Mt Rock Newville UMC, Newville
Lemasters UMC, Lemasters
Calvary West Decatur UMC, West Decatur
Knobsville UMC, McConnellsburg
Fairfield UMC, Montoursville



MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES

9 Gary & Cinda Whistler

15 Bob & Judy Waggoner

BIRTHDAYS

1 Dick Lindsey

25 Olga Baron-Lamma

5 Keith Hershey

25 Kyle Dagan

14 Holden Beddia

28 Jo Gelbaugh

14 Earl Smith

29 Robert Egolf

19 Ruth Smith

30 George Bellish

20 Jim Cohick

30 Jennifer Lopiano

22 Jackie Weary

23 Jack Coulson

23 Deb Kraft

Easter Flowers- Order forms are inserted in this bulletin and envelopes with order forms are also available in the gathering area.

Starting THIS Sunday, Feb.25th until Sunday, March 10th



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



"Ignite" - MUMC Youth

6th through 12th Grade

Join us 1st & 3rd Sundays
at 6 pm–8pm (Sept. thru June)

Email office@middlesex.com for information.

Follow Ignite MUMC Youth on Facebook & Instagram

Little Lights

When: Thursdays at 10am (NOTICE this is a day change)

Who: Ages Birth to Preschool

Location: Church Gym

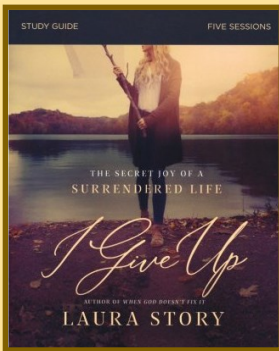
What: Enjoy an hour of indoor fun with your child! We will supply the toys, a craft and circle time. This is an on-going event: no registration required.



MUMC Event "A Butterfly Celebration"

Saturday, March 16th 10 am to 12 pm

Come experience the amazing transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly. There will be a photo booth, games, crafts, and science fun. This event is free and no registration needed. **Looking for volunteers to help with new event.**



Lent Study

Beginning on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm. Join us for a 5 week study leading up to Easter.

A study by Laura Story "I Give Up"

Living in total surrender to God is the only pathway to true joy and an abundant life, no matter what challenges you face. In this 5-session video study, walk alongside Laura Story in her continuing journey of accepting God's plan for her life and living it out in total surrender.

Women's Bible Study

Weekly on Wednesday Morning at 9:00am

This study is led by a rotation of facilitators and meets at the home of Barb Simpson.

Please contact the office at office@middlesexumc.com, 717-249-2449, or sign up on your [Connection card](#) if you will be attending.



Men's Ministry

Come Join Us the First Saturday of each month. Our next meetings will be **March 2nd at 9:00am at Sunnyside Diner.**

Please contact the office at office@middlesexumc.com, 717-249-2449, or sign up on your [Connection card](#) if you



Mondays with Golden Lights **(Seniors)**

Join us Monthly from Noon to 2:00pm for lunch with presentations or entertainment. RSVP by phoning Shari, the Office Administrator at 717-249-2449. A \$5 donation is appreciated. **2024 schedule; April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8th, August 5th, September 9th, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd.**



Shoe collection

Friends we would like to collect shoes for Mission Central. All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations.

Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow business in countries such as

Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school. By donating shoes to Mission Central, you are giving someone a second chance and making a difference!

There will be a collection area in the gathering for these shoes. Thank you!



COMMUNITY CARES BREAKFAST

Join us as we serve breakfast to residents of the Resource Center!

You are invited to join us inside or drop items off at **50 West Penn Street, Carlisle,**

on the first **Saturday of each month at 8:00am;** **March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, December, 7th.** If you have questions, please email **Sue Walsh** at sew1251@gmail.com or sign up on your [Connection card](#).

“Attention” we have an urgent need for more contributions of food on these mornings. Lately there haven't been enough food for everyone at the Center.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

It's that time of year when appointment changes are beginning, here is a current list of those who will be making these transitions. Please be in prayer for these congregations, the pastors and their families, as they all transition with new appointments

Thank you for your passion for prayer!

- **Rev. Dr. Paul C. Amara** from Conference Superintendent, Williamsport Supervisory Area to Trucksville, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
 - **Pastor Kymberly A. Eichelberger** from Manor Hill Charge, Altoona Supervisory Area to Catawissa Parish, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Dr. Karl R. Herman** from Neidig Memorial Extended, Harrisburg Supervisory Area to Waynesboro Christ, Altoona Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Mira A. Hewlett** from Carlisle, Harrisburg Supervisory Area to First, Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Lenore C. Hosier** from Extension Ministry to Christ Community/Llyswen, Altoona Supervisory Area
 - **Pastor Laura M. Kincaid** from First, New Milford/South Montrose Community, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Messiah, Shippensburg, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
 - **Pastor William M. Klebe** from Berwick First Extended, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Woolrich/Caldwell, State College Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Brian L. Lucas** from Christ, Waynesboro, Altoona Supervisory Area to St. Andrew's Milton, Williamsport Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. John F. Mackey** from Clarks Summit, Scranton Wilkes Barre Supervisory Area to Shepherdstown, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Adam W. Miller** from Catawissa Parish, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Clarks Green/Clarks Summit, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
 - **Pastor Martin L. Parr** from Jerseytown Charge, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Pine Creek Charge, Williamsport Supervisory Area
 - **Pastor Julie A. Rosensteel** from Greater Broad Top/New Hope Parish, Altoona Supervisory Area to South Montrose Community/First, New Milford, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Dr. Lillian Smith** from Cheverly, Baltimore-Washington Conference to Conference Superintendent, Altoona Supervisory Area
 - **Rev. Dr. Joleen A. Willis** from Conference Superintendent, Altoona Supervisory Area to First, Hollidaysburg, Altoona Supervisory Area
- Rev. Daniel L. Wilt** from Lewisburg St. Paul's, Williamsport Supervisory Area to Conference Superintendent, Williamsport Supervisory Area



**Little Hearts and Souls
is enrolling Beginning March 1st!**

If you have a child who is ready for preschool or know of someone that does, please check out our wonderful Preschool.

Pre K—Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00—11:30am, \$150 Monthly (Child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2023)

3 year olds—Tuesday, Thursday 9-11:30am, \$125 Monthly (child must be 3 years old by August 31, 2023)

\$35 Registration Fee

Contact LH & S (717) 249-1311 September -May

Contact Church office (717)-249-2449 June- August

Email the director Aimee Peele

for more info preschool@middlesexumc.com



**March 10th is Daylight
Savings Time**

Don't forget to set
your clocks
ahead, we don't

want you to miss church!

Saturday, June 22nd at 9am



Mark your calendars!

In appreciation to the Men of our congregation, the women of MUMC will be hosting a breakfast buffet for them. Watch for the sign-up on the



2024 Bulletin Sponsorships

Bulletin Sponsorship is a unique way to honor or remember a special day or person. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin in 2023, **please see Betty Witmer in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings**, or contact the church office with a Sunday that interests you.

The cost is \$15.00 per sponsorship and information will be printed in the bulletin.

Available dates:

March– 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April– 7, 14, 28

May– 5

June– 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July– 14, 21, 28

August– 4, 11, 18, 25

September– 1, 15, 22

October– 6, 13, 20, 27

November– 3, 10, 17

December– 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Each Week it takes many hands to prepare for worship.
 Thank you to our Worship team who are serving this
 Month and to those scheduled to serve next week!

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	
ROLE	25	3	10
Acolyte	Needed	Needed	Needed
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	
Praise Band:			
	Brian Moore	Brian Moore	Brian Moore
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
Tech Team	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh	Joe O'Donnell
Sound Team	Needed	Needed	Needed
Ushers:			
Gathering/Downstairs	Rick Orner	Glenn Kimmel	Rick Orner
Pastor/Sanctuary	Linda Eckenrode	Jim Stevens	Ann Carney
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Carolyn Bloom
Bulletin	Barbara Preston	Ed & Evie Hair	Fred & Ruth Hair
Lector	Linda Eckenrode	Seth Lawton	Marian Smyser
Communion:			
bread maker		Linda Eckenrode	
serving		Marian Smyser, Becky Smith	

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When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty, walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."