

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT  
AND MY SALVATION—  
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?



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STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE—  
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?

PSALM 27:1



*Middlesex United Methodist Church*

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## MUMC Worship Service on March 16th, 2025

### WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

### PSALM 27

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.*

### SONGS OF PRAISE

*"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"*

UMH #139

*"Who Am I"*

### SIGNS OF PEACE

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

### PASTORAL PRAYER /OUR LORD'S PRAYER

### MUMC CHOIR

*"Spiritual Medley"*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Marian Smyser

### HOMILY

Fear and the Way of the World

Pastor Deb

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostle's Creed #881*

### MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

### GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*"Worthy You Are Worthy"*

### WE OFFER PRAISE

*"Waiting Here for You"*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*"A Closing Prayer"*



**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:**

**Mary Groshans**, Owen Engle (Mary Groshan's nephew), Liz Rusnik, Alesha Hollinger, Mike Ohler

**LONG TERM ILLNESS:**

Chris Fine, 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 of Conner Martinez (CV student), The Family of Robert Waggoner

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS:**

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

**THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Samantha Orner (Air Force), 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:**

**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 March 16-22**

Otterbein Newburg UMC, Newburg  
Walnut Street UMC, Burnham  
Otterbein Sunbury UMC, Sunbury  
Rome UMC, Rome  
South Auburn UMC, South Auburn  
Trough Creek UMC, Todd  
Orange UMC, Dallas  
Bethel Brogue UMC, Brogue  
First Houtzdale UMC, Houtzdale  
Gethsemane Allport UMC, Morrisdale

**MUMC Vital Signs– Week of 3/2–3/8**

Worship Attendance– 54  
Online Worship Attendance– 127  
Number of Life Groups-10  
Total Persons in Life Groups-123  
Sunday School-11

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

*March*  
*Anniversary and*  
*Birthday Celebrations*

- 19 Ruth Smith
- 20 Jim Cohick
- 22 Jackie Weary
- 23 Jack Coulson
- 28 Jo Gelbaugh
- 30 George Bellish
- 30 Jennifer Lopiano

**It's Easter Flower Ordering time again!!**

Order forms are inserted in this bulletin for your convenience and envelopes with order forms are also available in the gathering area.

Order forms are due by Sunday, March 23rd.

March Madness is about to begin!

We have scheduled our **Spring Cleaning** for MUMC for again on **March 22nd** at 9am.

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.



## ATTENTION

If you have lost something recently, please check the lost and found box located in the gathering space on the bench.

Items in this box will be removed at the end of each month.



### **Family Sunday School**

**March 9 - April 20**

Join us at 9:30 am in the Nursery as we rediscover the Easter story, enjoy yummy treats and play fun games. The whole family is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you all there!

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## **Save the Date**

**True North VBS**

**June 15 - 19**







**April 7th, 2025**  
**12:00 to 2:00**

Come join us for a home cooked  
meal followed by Christian music  
provided by **Refiner's Fire**



RSVP on the Sunday Bulletin Connection Card

Or contact the church office by phoning

(717) 249-2449

**Golden Lights Senior Adult  
Ministry**

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**\$5 donation appreciated but not required to attend this event.**

# Thank You!

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!

## Ministry Leaders and Support Staff

Acting Facilities Director	George Bellish
Assisting Pastor	John Zimmerman
Custodian	Jenn Lopiano
Director of Children's Ministries	Carol Lawton
Director of Connections	Linda Kimmel
Finance Administrator	Amy Hershey
Office Administrator	Shari Bellish
Pastor	Deb Dailey
Preschool Director	Aimee Peele
Preschool Teacher's Aide	Amanda Otto
Social Media Coordinator	Amber Earhart
Worship Leader	Dave Billman

## Serving Christ and His Church

**March**

**16**

**23**

**30**

Acolyte  
organist/pianist

Ella Lawton

Zac Peters

Holden Clouse-Beddia  
Linda Kimmel

### Praise Band:

Dave Billman

Dave Billman

Dave Billman

Seth Lawton

Seth Lawton

Seth Lawton

Elizabeth Peters

Elizabeth  
Peters

Elizabeth Peters

Travis Clouse

Travis Clouse

Travis Clouse

Tech Team

Todd Eckenrode

Joe O'Donnell

Todd Eckenrode

### Greeters:

Hospitality Greeter

Linda Kimmel

Mary Otey

Linda Kimmel

Bulletin

Shelby  
Hockenberry

Fred & Ruth Hair

Kim Coler

### Ushers:

Gathering/Downstairs

Glenn Kimmel

Jim Otey

Glenn Kimmel

Pastor/Sanctuary

Becky Smith

Linda Eckenrode

Jim Cohick

Lector

Marian Smyser

Sue Billman

Becky Smith