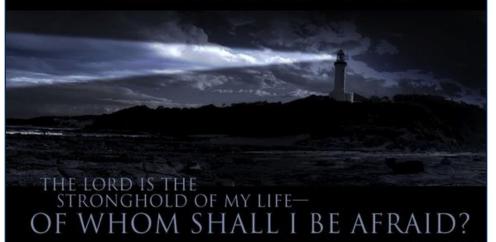
THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION— WHOM SHALL I FEAR?



PSALM 27:1



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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 Wolfs 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 convienance and envelopes with order forms are also available in the gathering area.

Order forms are due by Sunday, March 23rd.



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.

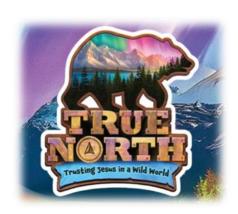




Family Sunday School March 9 - April 20

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!

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

Middlesex United Methodist Church

218 N. Middlesex Road Carlisle, PA 17013



\$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 Dailev 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	Ella Lawton	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-Beddia
organist/pianist			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