

For God **so loved** the world that  
he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
shall not perish but have

*eternal life.*

J O H N 3 : 1 6

## MUMC Worship Service on March 30th, 2025

### WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**JOHN 3:16,17**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

**God, your steadfast love surrounds us.**

When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

**God, your steadfast love surrounds us.**

When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

**God, your steadfast love surrounds us.**

When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

**God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

### SONGS OF PRAISE

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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*"Waiting Here for You"*

### SIGNS OF PEACE

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

### PASTORAL PRAYER /OUR LORD'S PRAYER

### SONG OF PRAISE

*"Who You Say I Am"*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 4:24-30*

Becky Smith

### HOMILY

*For God So loves The World*

*Pastor John Zimmerman*

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostle's Creed #881*

### MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

### GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*"Worthy You Are Worthy"*

### WE OFFER PRAISE

*"God So Loved"*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*"A Closing Prayer"*

**Bulletins are sponsored this week in Memory of  
Paul & Sara Hair by Ruth & Fred Hair**

	MARCH	APRIL
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Preaching</b>	Pastor John	Pastor John
<b>Acolyte</b>	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
<b>organist/pianist</b>	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
<b>Praise Band:</b>		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
<b>Tech Team</b>	Todd Eckenrode	Joe O'Donnell
<b>Greeters:</b>		
<b>Hospitality Greeter</b>	Linda Kimmel	Mary Groshans
<b>Bulletin</b>	Kim Coler	Marian Smyser & Gwynn Sorrentino
<b>Ushers:</b>		
<b>Gathering/ Downstairs</b>	Glenn Kimmel	Andy Groshans
<b>Pastor/ Sanctuary</b>	Jim Cohick	Rick Orner
<b>Lector</b>	Becky Smith	Sue Billman
<b>Communion:</b>		
<b>bread maker</b>		Linda Eckenrode
<b>serving</b>		Sue Billman & Becky Smith



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!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Amy Hershey, Grace Wetzel, Brenda Webb Lester, 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 Lam-  
ma, 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)

**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 Cal-  
aman (Air Force), Dylan Kupp (Navy), Justyn Padua, Brandon Padua, Dustin  
Jeardoe (Marine), Erin Driver (Army), John Durmin 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***

**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.**



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

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC  
Circle of Prayer Churches for the week of March 23-29**

Centre Grove Clearfield UMC, Clearfield  
Ebenezer Middletown UMC, Middletown  
Firwood UMC, Wilkes Barre  
Faith Sunbury UMC, Sunbury  
Hollenback UMC, Sugar Run  
New Buffalo UMC, New Buffalo  
Park Avenue Chambersburg UMC, Chambersburg  
Fairview Altoona UMC, Altoona  
Pine Grove Mifflintown UMC, Mifflintown  
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

## Considering 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

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

**Wednesday afternoon book study** meets at 2:30pm in Room 101

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### 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**



# ATTENTION WOMEN

## Upcoming Women's Retreat

Save the dates **April 25th and 26th** for our annual Women's Retreat!

This year, the retreat will be led by Pastor Deb Dailey and Pastor Sue Zimmerman. We are excited to announce that Pastor Sue's church will be joining us as well. The event will be held at **Camp Joy El in Greencastle, PA.**

Please note, there are only 25 available spaces for this retreat, so be sure to sign up on the connection card as soon as you can.

More information about this retreat will be coming soon. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth!

## April

### Anniversary & Birthday

### Celebrations



- 1 Cathy Barrick
- 1 \* Jack & Delores Coulson
- 3 Ruth Hair
- 7 Jessica Clouse
- 10 John Cable
- 18 Becky Cohick
- 24 \* Todd & Linda Eckenrode
- 24 \* Pat & Barb Simpson
- 27 Ed Hair
- 27 Jim Stevens
- 28 \* Andy & Mary Groshans



## **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

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### **Our Mission:**

*To honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

### **Our Vision:**

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

### **Our Discipleship Pathway/Action Statement:**

*We show our LOVE of God by how we LIVE and SHARE with our community*

### **MUMC Vital Signs– Week of 3/16–3/22**

Worship Attendance– 46

Online Worship Attendance– 86

Number of Life Groups-12

Total Persons in Life Groups-125

Sunday School-15