



Courage to Grow

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GATHERING/WELCOME

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH *Revelation 1:4-8*

PRAISE SONG *"Praise"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Live!

HYMNS *"Up From the Grave He Arose"* UMH #322

"Because He Lives" UMH #364

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE SONG *"Ashes"*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 20:19-31* *Elizabeth Peters*

SERMON *"The Courage to Grow"* *Pastor Deb*

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

HYMN---Giving Ourselves and Our Gifts *"Freely Freely"*

WE ARE SENT FORTH *"For Such a Time As This"*

BENEDICTION *"A Closing Prayer"*

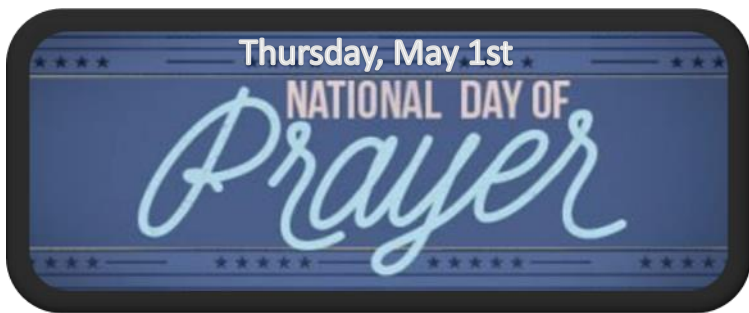
POSTLUDE



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!

	APRIL	MAY	
ROLE	27	4	11
Preaching	Pr Deb	Pr Deb	Pr Deb
Acolyte	Ella Lawton	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse- Beddia
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	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
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Carolyn Bloom	Mary Groshans	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Barb Simpson	Ed & Evie Hair	Barbara Preston
Ushers:			
Gathering/ Downstairs	Phil Coler	Andy Groshans	Glenn Kimmel
Pastor/Sanctuary	Glenn Kimmel	Need	Need
Lector	Elizabeth Peters	George Bellish	Jolie Rankin
Communion:			
bread maker		Barb Simpson	
serving		Marian Smyser/ Becky Smith	



PRAYER CONCERNS:

Randy Wells (Shari Bellish's BIL), Kirk Weary, Heather Hertzler, Ginger Gines, Amy Hershey, Grace Wetzel, Brenda Webb Lester, Mary Groshans, Liz Rusnik,

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Chris Fine, Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellish' son), 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 Jay F Clouse (Travis Clouse's grandfather)
Family of Liz Lehman (Sandi Lehman's DIL)

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

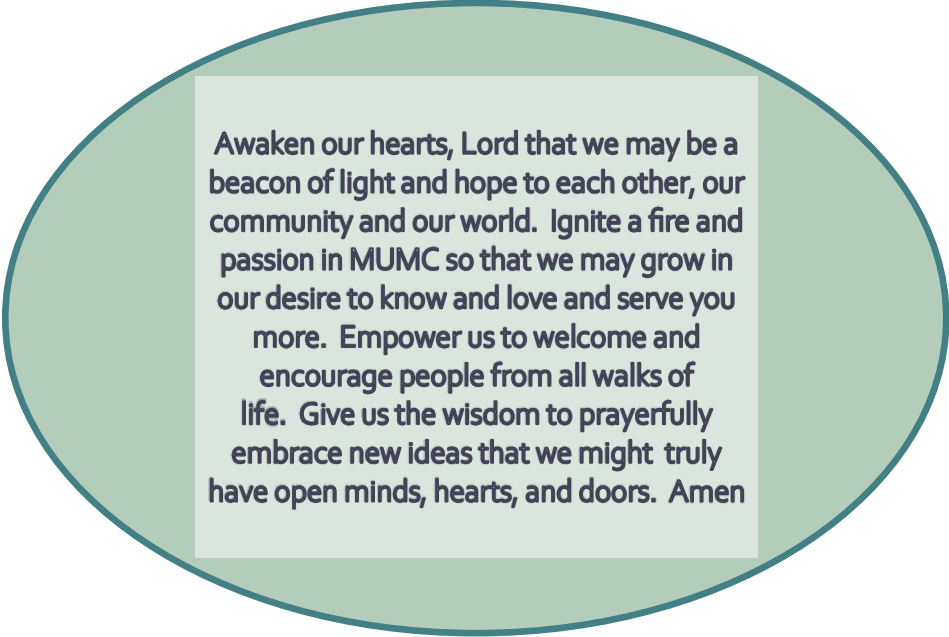
Allen's Cove: 25 Cove Rd., Dunacannon, PA 17020

Liz Rusnik

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 April 27– May 3

Rock UMC, West Decatur
The Pathway UMC, Towanda
Middlesex UMC, Carlisle
Clarks Green UMC, Clarks Green
Newton Hamilton UMC, Mt. Union
Otterbein Boiling Springs UMC, Carlisle
Mooresburg UMC, Mooresburg
Faith Hallam UMC, Hallam
Hopewell UMC, Hopewell
Evans Falls UMC, Monroe Township



May

Anniversary & Birthday Celebrations

- 2 Pat Lindsey
- 2 * Jim & Christine Cohick
- 7 Esther Ocker
- 9 Joyce Gochenauer
- 11 Ella Lawton
- 14 Donna Hockensmith
- 14 * Doug & Linda Preston
- 18 * Jim & Mary Otey
- 23 Jeanne Sunday
- 23 * John & Mary Jo Churlick
- 25 Linda Lynch
- 28 Gayle Foltz
- 30 Connie Lebo
- 30 * Lonnie & Anne Marie McKillip

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

As we approach May– We invite you the congregation to take part in a meaningful way to bring faith and mental wellness together. The American Mental Wellness Association has provided bulletin inserts that can be used each week in May to encourage reflection, conversation, and care surrounding mental health in our churches and communities, and self. Mental health is a vital part of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. As followers of Christ, we are called to bear one another’s burdens and extend compassion to those who are hurting, even when those wounds are unseen.

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

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



Save the Date

True North VBS

June 15 - 19



Little Hearts & Souls
PRESCHOOL

Little Hearts and Souls

is now enrolling for 2025/2026

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 information at
preschool@middlesexumc.com



Spread the Love Prayer Shawl Club

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m.

Calling all knitters and crocheters no matter your skill level, and crafters too! Meeting will be in the nursery on the lower level of the church. Please sign up on the connection card.

Hope to see you! Darlene Smith & Carolyn Bloom.

If Dancing is more your style...Join Lisa Lynch on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the gym here at MUMC!



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.**

If you have questions, please email **Sue Walsh** at **sew1251@gmail.com** or sign up on your **Connection card.**

"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

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.



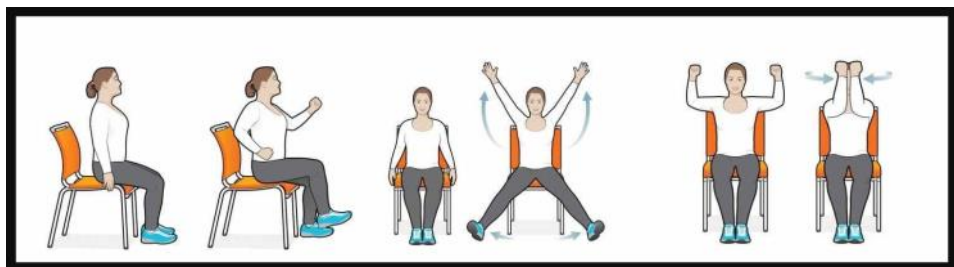
Join us on the **first Monday** of each month (April thru December) from **Noon to 2:00pm** for lunch with presentations or entertainment. RSVP by phoning Shari, the Office Administrator at 717-249-2449 or sign up on the connection card.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.

CHAIR YOGA FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Join us every **Tuesday** at **11:30 am** in **Room 101**.

If you have wanted to try yoga but had reservations about getting down on the floor to do the movements and motions, you might be excited to learn about chair yoga. Chair Yoga, as it's name implies, involves breathing, stretches, twists and balance exercises done while seated in a chair. It is a gentle activity that allows people with mobility issues or disabilities that make it challenging to take part in traditional yoga. Sign up on your connection card or just come. Suggested donation of \$5



Bulletin sponsorship

Do you have someone you want to honor/memory of or a special occasion? We still have a few open spots for the remainder of the year. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin week contact the church office for available weeks.



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.

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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