

"I am the true vine,
and my Father is the
gardener. He cuts off
every branch in me
that bears no fruit,
while every branch
that does bear fruit he
prunes so that it will
be even more
fruitful."

John 15: 1-3

April 28, 2024

**10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, April 28, 2024**

WELCOME– OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Have Thine Own Way Lord” UMH #382

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter People, As members of Christ’s tree of life,

Congregation: We are connected, in love, to God.

L: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

C: We are connected, in love, to one another.

L: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

ALL: LET US STRENGTHEN OUR CONNECTION THROUGH WORSHIP.

HYMN “Here I Am Lord” UMH #593

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE 1 John 4: 7-21

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

PRAISE SONGS “We Are” “Unbroken Praise”

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15 : 1-8 Jolie Rankin

SERMON “How Shall We Love: We Bear Fruit” Seth Lawton

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

PRAISE SONG “Send Me Out”

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE



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!

	APRIL	MAY	
ROLE	28	5	12
Preaching	Seth Lawton	Pr Deb	Pr Deb
Message Title	How Shall We Love? : "Bearing fruit"	"Remain in My Love"	"To Be and To Believe: Together Sharing Christ"
Scripture	John 15:1-8	John 15: 9-17	John 17: 6-19
Acolyte	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton	Olivia Jones
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:			
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
Tech Team	Tim Walsh	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh
Ushers:			
Gathering/Downstairs	Glenn Kimmel	Phil Coler	Glenn Kimmel
Pastor/Sanctuary	Jim Otey	Jim Stevens	Earl Smith
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Otey	Carolyn Bloom	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Pam Dunkleberger & Betty Witmer	Kim Coler & Sue Lamma	Darlene Smith
Lector	Jolie Rankin	Marian Smyser	Seth Lawton

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: Dennis Byerly (Pastor Deb's father), Julie Wagner (Glenn Kimmel's cousin), Cathy Barrick, Liz Lehman (Sandi Lehman's DIL)

LONG TERM ILLNESS: Todd Eckenrode, 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, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

GRIEF: Our beloved **Pastor Deb Dailey & Family of Gary Dailey**, Family of Jeannie Wagner (Mary Jayne)

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

THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE: Jady 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 April 28 - May 4



Mt Olivet Delta UMC, Fawn Grove
Mill Hall UMC, Mill Hall
Little Cove UMC, Mercersburg
Holy Trinity UMC, Troy
Beaver Memorial UMC, Lewisburg
Alderson UMC, Harveys Lake
Roseglen UMC, Duncannon
Woodycrest UMC, State College
Grace UMC, Mechanicsburg
Pleasant Mount UMC, Pleasant Mount
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

Susquehanna prays for General Conference



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APR

The Delegates

We pray for all the delegates as they travel and give up time from their lives to help our church continue to be faithful to God in our world.

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APR

The GC Team and the Bishops

General conference takes a lot of people to help lead and make this gathering happen. We pray that God will use the gifts they offer up for the good of all.

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APR

The Legislation

There are a lot of pieces of legislation to go through. We pray that the legislation would help us be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry with all the world.

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APR

The United Methodist Church

General Conference will be wrapping up this week, while much will need to be decided, we take time to lift up the whole of our church and our call to make disciples.



Susquehanna
Conference



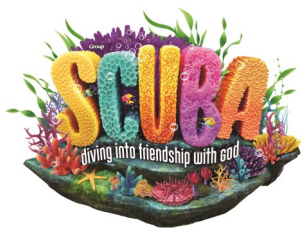
PRAY FOR OUR DELEGATES

LAITY

Christina McDermott, Carlisle UMC
Milton Loyer, Shephardstown UMC
Toni Oplinger, Bethlehem UMC, Codorus
Cindy Weaver, Carlisle UMC
Lisa Bender, Grace UMC, Harrisburg
John Konieczny, Aldersgate UMC, Mechanicsburg
Kim Shockley, Carlisle UMC (Alternate)
Wesley Bealla, Elm Park UMC (Alternate)

CLERGY

Tom Salsgiver, Fishburn UMC, Hershey
Kathy Kind, Grace UMC, Hummelstown
Mark Reisinger, Wesley UMC, Bloomsburg
Gary Weaver, Conference Superintendent
Rachel Wong, Linglestown Life
Jake Waybright, Carlisle UMC
Lenore Hosier, Extension Ministry (Alternate)
Paul Amara, Conference Superintendent (Alternate)



Vacation Bible School

June 23rd- 27th

We are getting ready for VBS and want you to be a part of it! If you are interested in volunteering in this formative event for your kids, Please sign up on your [connection card](#). More information is coming soon! Contact Carol Lawton by email at kids@middlesexumc.com for any questions.

Honoring Our Graduates

If you or your child is graduating this year (from high school, college, or graduate school), please mark your Connection card. We want to honor and celebrate our graduates, their accomplishments, and their future plans! We plan to do this on a Sunday during our 10:00am worship service.



New Member Orientation



Worshipping with MUMC for a while?
Ready to take the next step and become a member? **Join us for a new member orientation in May. Date to be determined based on interest.**

This will be a relaxed and informative gathering to learn more about Middlesex's history and values and what it means to commit to MUMC as a member. Please sign up on your [Connection card](#) if you will attend.

Confirmation Class: Starting this Spring



All Youth in **7th grade and older** are invited to join **MUMC's 2024 Confirmation Class** which will begin in June. We'll meet 2-3 times and study the scriptures, learn about the history and theology of the United Methodist Church, and discuss our own faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. It will be an exciting

adventure together! Those in the class will be confirmed and welcomed as members into the church (date to be determined), 2024. For more information, sign up on your [Connection card](#).

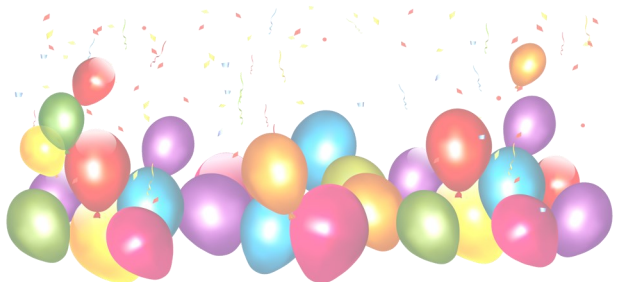
May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Pat Lindsey
- 2 Grace Stambaugh
- 7 Esther Ocker
- 9 Joyce Gochenauer
- 9 Mary Jayne
- 11 Ben Carney
- 11 Ella Lawton
- 13 Brian Moore
- 14 Donna Hockensmith
- 16 Jacob Haney
- 23 Stewart Lamma
- 23 Jeanne Sunday
- 25 Linda Lynch
- 28 Gayle Foltz
- 30 Connie Lebo

Anniversaries

- 2 Jim & Christine Cohick
- 14 Doug & Linda Preston
- 18 Jim & Mary Otey
- 23 John & Mary Jo Churlick
- 30 Stewart & Sue Lamma
- 30 Lonnie & Anne Marie McKillip



God Is Love

1 John 4:16



Middlesex United Methodist Church

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so that the Community is Alive in Christ.***

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