

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Since, then, you have been
raised with Christ...

SET YOUR HEARTS on THINGS ABOVE

not on earthly things.



COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

August 3, 2025

GATHERING/WELCOME

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH *Colossians 3:1-4*

OPENING PRAISE *"In the Sweet By and By"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2025.

SONGS OF PRAISE *"Are You Washed in the Blood"*

"Victory in Jesus"

SIGNS OF PEACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 12:13-21*

Linda Eckenrode

SERMON *"The Rich Fool"*

Pastor Deb

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed #881*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS *"I have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

PRAISE SONG *"Circle Medley"*

BENEDICTION *Colossians 3:5-11*

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!



	AUGUST		
ROLE	3	10	17
Preaching	Pr Deb	Pr Deb	Pr Deb
Acolyte	Holden Clouse- Beddia	Ella Lawton	Zac Peters
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:			
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Groshans	Linda Kimmel	Mary Otey
Bulletin	Fred & Ruth Hair	Ed & Evie Hair	Becky Smith
Ushers:			
Gathering/ Downstairs	Andy Groshans	Glenn Kimmel	Jim Otey
Pastor/Sanctuary	need	need	need
Lector	Linda Eckenrode	Laurie Barrick	Linda Eckenrode
Communion:			
bread maker	Barb Simpson		
serving	Marian Smyser/ Becky Smith		

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



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:

Amanda Kammer (Linda Eckenrode's niece), Sheila Garman, Darlene Smith, Grace Wetzel (Linda Kimmel's sister), Dave Leeka (Aimee Peele's father), Wanda McDermond

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Chris Fine, Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellish's son), Todd Eckenrode, 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 **Michelle Kovecky (Linda Eckenrode's cousin)**, The Family of Teresa Bellish (George Bellish's step mother)

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.

Church Of God Home: 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Jane Sunday

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

Susquehanna Conference of the UMC

August 3-9, 2025

Tompkinsville UMC, Scott Township

The Beacon, Hughesville

Knobsville UMC, McConnellsburg

*Fishing Creek Salem UMC, Etters

*J. Hal Smith UMC, Jaiama - Sierra Leone

Watts Memorial Belleville UMC, Belleville

Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

*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 Leadership Council**, wrote a prayer and want to share it with the whole congregation in hopes that everyone will use this prayer as part of their daily prayer life.*



Nurturing and Loving Creator, We thank you for the blessing of being your church in this world. Help us to live and love fully and deeply in Your Light that we might be a beacon of hope and faith for this broken world. Guide us to be a haven of hope, love and acceptance that we will share your grace that is compelling, contagious and compassionate.

Inspire us with fresh ideas and renewed energy that we might be bold in our witness and steadfast in our mission. Empower us to meet people where they are as you grant us courage to step beyond our comfort zones. Open our eyes and our hearts that we might see you in others and see others through your eyes.

Let our worship be vibrant, our teaching be sound, our fellowship be genuine and kind. Equip us as Your church in this world to grow both spiritually and numerically. We ask all of these things that we might bring honor and glory to you as you help us strive and thrive in 2025.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3- Mary Jo Churlick | 15- Chris Fine |
| 5- Ed Shipley | 16- Mike Ohler |
| 7- * Frank & Jolie Rankin | 22- Ed & Eva Hair |
| 8- Linda Preston | 23- Abby Clouse |
| 9- Krissy Barrick | 23- Mary Groshans |
| 9- Mel Matrese | 23- Kristen Lohr |
| 10- Michael Peters | 24- Merle Zinn |
| 11- Barb Elting | 25- * Glenn & Linda Kimmel |
| 11- Fred Hair | 28- Joshua Peters |
| 13- Patricia Lynch | 29- Tanner Orner |
| 14- * George & Shari
Bellish | 30- Kaitlyn McKillip |
| 14- * Steve & Mel Matrese | 30- Anne Marie McKillip |



Supporting and Encouraging Our College Students



Calling All College Students and Their Families!

We are excited to share an ongoing ministry dedicated to supporting our college students as they continue their educational journeys away from home. Our College Student Care Package Ministry sends thoughtful care packages and uplifting notes throughout the school year to remind our students that their church family is thinking of them and cheering them on.

How You Can Participate

To include your college student in this ministry, Please provide the following information by **9/1/25** to the church office or to the ministry coordinator Christine Cohick:

Student's full name

College or university they are attending

Current mailing address

Year in school (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior)

Want to help? We also welcome volunteers who would like to write encouraging notes or help assemble care packages!

Let's Show Our Students We Care!

Let's come together as a congregation to lift up our college students, keeping them connected to their faith community and reminding them of God's love and our support. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact the church office for more details.

SAVE THE DATE
CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025
MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP PARK
50 BEAGLE CLUB ROAD



CHURCH SERVICE IS AT 10:00 AM AT THE PARK.

PICNIC WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE SERVICE.

GAMES AND WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO WILL FOLLOW.

- * BRING A WRAPPED WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT.
- * BRING A HOT OR COLD DISH TO SHARE.
- * BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS FOR CHURCH SERVICE

CHURCH WILL BE PROVIDING THE PAPER GOODS, PLASTICWARE & THE DRINKS. THERE WILL BE A SIGNUP PAPER IN THE GATHERING SPACE FOR WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING. **SIGN UP BY AUGUST 17TH. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP ON THE CONNECTION CARD.** THE SPLASH PAD WILL OPEN AT NOON.

COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN GAMES



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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.*

Our Discipleship Pathway/Action Statement:

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

MUMC Capital Campaign



**We Did
It!!**



**Our Goal
was met**

GOAL \$7,000

DONATED 7,500

REMAINING \$0