

The Dance of Worship series

August 11, 2024



Rejoicing In Worship:

The Prayers of God's People

The Invitation

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

~ Ephesians 4:32-5:2~

*Bulletins are sponsored this week in Honor of
George & Shari Bellish' 25th Wedding Anniversary*

**10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, August 11, 2024**

WELCOME– OPENING PRAYER

PRAISE SONG “I Will Rise Up”

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

C: Our work of peace begins with prayer.

L: We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

C: Our work of love begins with prayer.

L: We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

C: Our work of hope begins with prayer.

L: We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

ALL: May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter.

Amen.

HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” **UMH #496**

PRAISE SONG “The More I Seek You”

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN “In The Garden” **UMH #314**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:25—5:2 **Seth Lawton**

MESSAGE “Rejoicing In Worship : The Prayers of God’s People”

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAISE SONG “King Of My Heart”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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:

Pam Dunkleberger, Unborn baby to Heather & Mike Hertzler (Andy/Mary Groshans) Jane Wagner (Linda Preston's friend), Sherry Shu (Jim/Mary Otey) Chris Perdikoylis (Jim/Mary Otey), Betty Witmer, Dick and Esther Ocker, Donna Hockensmith, Norma Sherman, Austin Selby, Ann Carney, Deb Shipley,

LONG TERM ILLNESS: Judy Waggoner, Dennis Byerly (Pastor Deb's father), Liz Lehman, 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, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

GRIEF: Family of William Mack (Linda Preston's friend), Family of Tim Barrick

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 Forrest Park: Judy Waggoner

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC
Circle of Prayer Churches August 11 - 17**

Pine Street Williamsport UMC, Williamsport
Gettysburg UMC, Gettysburg
St Johns Hegins UMC, Hegins
Martha UMC, Port Matilda
Lawvers UMC, McClure
Dalton UMC, Dalton
McKee UMC, East Freedom
Wrightsville Hope UMC, Wrightsville
Franklin Forks UMC, Montrose
Yarnell UMC, Bellefonte



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 this week!



	AUGUST		
ROLE	11	18	25
Acolyte	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:			
		Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet
Tech Team	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh	Jim O'Donnell
Sound Team			
Ushers:			
Gathering/Downstairs	Andy Groshans	Glenn Kimmel	Phil Coler
Pastor/Sanctuary	Jim Stevens	Rick Orner	Jim Otey
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Groshans	Linda Kimmel	Mary Otey
Bulletin	Ed & Evie Hair	Shelby Hockenberry	Kim Coler & Sue Lamma
Lector	Seth Lawton	Laurie Barrick	Linda Eckenrode



ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6- Rick & Jackie Orner | 22- Ed & Eva Hair |
| 7- Frank & Jolie Rankin | 25- Glenn & Linda Kimmel |
| 14- George & Shari Bellish | 31- Bob & Vera Egolf |
| 14- Steve & Mel Matrese | |

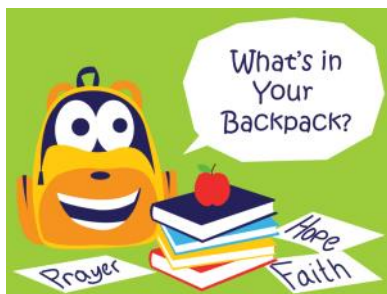
BIRTHDAYS

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| 3- Mary Jo Churlick | 23- Mary Groshans |
| 5- Ed Shipley | 23- Kristen Lohr |
| 8- Linda Preston | 24- Merle Zinn |
| 9- Krissy Barrick | 27- Donald Jayne |
| 9- Mel Matrese | 28- Joshua Peters |
| 10- Michael Peters | 29- Doris Aleman |
| 11- Barb Elting | 29- Tanner Orner |
| 11- Fred Hair | 30- Kaitlyn McKillip |
| 13- Patricia Lynch | 30- Anne Marie McKillip |
| 15- Chris Fine | |
| 15- Jan Sheaffer | |
| 16- Mike Ohler | |
| 23- Abby Clouse | |

Blessing of the Backpacks

Attention ALL Students

Our annual blessing of the backpacks will be Sunday, **August 18th**. Bring your backpacks to have them blessed for the coming school year.



Ways you can help through Food Donations?

Our Outdoor Concerts: (Last Fridays of the month)

Baked goods
(individually wrapped, **NO NUTS** please)
Hot dogs
Hot dog buns
Individual serving size snacks
(chips, pretzels, etc.)
Ice
Bottled water

Country Meadows Food Pantry: (year round)

Non-perishable food

Community CARES Breakfast:

(1st Saturday of each month.)
Breakfast items hot or cold.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

August

- 12-18:** Pastor Deb on Vacation
- 13:** Chair Yoga at 11:30am
- 14:** Women's Bible Study 9am
Zumba at 6pm in the Gym
Worship Band Practice at 7pm
- 15:** Spread the Love Club at 6pm
- 19:** Nominations Committee meeting
- 20:** Community Engagement Team mtg at 6:30 pm Rm 101
Chair Yoga at 11:30am
- 21:** Women's Bible Study 9am
Zumba at 6pm in the Gym
Worship Band Practice at 7pm
- 24:** Council/Staff Retreat 9am—3pm
- 25:** Choir Rehearsal after Church
- 26:** Stewardship committee at 5:30pm
- 27:** Chair Yoga at 11:30am
- 28:** Women's Bible Study 9am
Zumba at 6pm in the Gym
Worship Band Practice at 7pm

MUMC Choir Announcement

Choir rehearsals will start up again beginning Sunday, August 25 immediately following worship. There will not be rehearsal on Sunday, September 1 due to the church picnic, but will resume on September 8.

If you are interested in singing in the choir, and did not receive an email from Dave Billman, please email him at bubbabillman@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

August:

- * 30th 6pm–8pm Outdoor Concert and Chicken BBQ

September:

- * 1st Church Picnic after church services
@ Middlesex Twp Park
- * 21st 12pm—4pm Fall Festival
@ Middlesex Twp Park
- * 26th Indoor Concert featuring “Chi Rho”

October:

- * 4th & 5th (tentative) Happy Feet

December:

- * 6th & 7th Hayride To Bethlehem



Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!

The MUMC Annual Church Picnic
will be held on

Sunday, September 1st
at Middlesex Township Park,
50 Beagle Club Road.

Please plan to attend after the 10:30am service. The Splash Pad will be available after noon. Fried Chicken will be provided. Please bring a casserole, a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert. Please let us know if you will be attending and indicate what type of dish you will be bringing on your [Connection card](#). Lawn games will also be provided. If you would like to bring lawn games or other games, you are welcome to do so. We will form teams depending on the game.

We look forward to seeing you there for

Food, Fellowship and Fun!!



Middlesex United Methodist Church

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

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Church Council Nominations

The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development will be meeting soon to prayerfully discern leaders for the coming year. In our simplified alternative structure, the Church Council serves as the governing body of the church, working with and holding the pastor and staff accountable to the mission and vision of the church. A member of Church Council typically serves a three-year term, must be an active member of Middlesex UMC, and cannot be an immediate family member of staff. An ideal candidate is committed to Christ and the church, is able to work well in a group setting, practices active listening, has an open mind, and desires to make an impact. If God is calling you to participate for a leadership position on the church council, please contact the church office. The team will be meeting on **Monday, August 26th.**

Lay Leadership and Development (Nominations) Committee

Class of 2024

Marian Smyser
Tim Walsh

Class of 2025

Bety McCorkel
Ruth Hair

Class of 2026

Ed Belleck
Jim Stevens