

# Sunday, August 17, 2025



<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 11:39-12:2**

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## GATHERING/WELCOME

**PROCLAMATION OF FAITH** *Psalm 80:1, 18A-19*

**OPENING PRAISE** *"Lead On Good Shepherd"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

**We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

**God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

## HYMNS

*"For All the Saints"*

UMH #711

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

UMH #710

## SIGNS OF PEACE

## TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

Linda Eckenrode

**PRAISE SONG** *"Waiting Here for You"*

**SERMON** *"JOY in this Journey!"*

Pastor Deb

## MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

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

**PRAISE SONG** *"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"*

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *"Closing Prayer"*

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	17	24	31
<b>Preaching</b>	Pr Deb	Pr Deb	Pr John
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-	Ella Lawton
<b>organist/pianist</b>	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
<b>Praise Band:</b>			
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
<b>Greeters:</b>			
<b>Hospitality Greet-</b>	Mary Otey	Linda Kimmel	Carolyn Bloom
<b>Bulletin</b>	Becky Smith	Barb Simpson	Kim Coler
<b>Ushers:</b>			
<b>Gathering/</b>	Jim Otey	Glenn Kimmel	Phil Coler
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Eckenrode	Marian Smyser	Seth Lawton



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:**

**Maddie O'Mara (friend of the Walsh's)**, Keith Hershey, 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 Jack Carney, The family of Michelle Kovecky (Linda Eckenrode's cousin)

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS:**

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

**THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Samantha Orner (Air Force), Jady Barrett (Navy), Alex Myers (Army), Gerard 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.**

**Jane Sunday**- Church Of God Home: 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013

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

## **Susquehanna Conference of the UMC**

**August 17-23, 2025**

Millerton UMC, Millerton

Shirleysburg UMC, Shirleysburg

Loyalville UMC, Harveys Lake

Fairbrook UMC, PA Furnace

\*Shepherdstown UMC, Mechanicsburg

\*Grace UMC, Freetown - Sierra Leone



## ***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.



# *AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES*

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

**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 SIGN-UP PAPER IN THE GATHERING SPACE FOR WHAT YOU

ARE BRINGING. **SIGN UP BY AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>. 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**

## UPCOMING MUMC MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Leadership Council Meetings:

August 23rd 9am to 3pm (staff/council annual retreat)

October 13th 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

November 10th 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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August 20—Community Engagement Team meeting 4:00 pm

September 8—Golden Lights Luncheon 12pm—2pm

September 20—Middlesex Township Fall Festival 12pm –4pm





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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.*

**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