

Benediction

WORSHIP WITH REJOICING



August 18, 2024

**10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, August 18, 2024**

WELCOME– OPENING PRAYER

PRAISE SONG “Be Glorified”

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

C: Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.

L: God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

C: Yes! We come to dream of God’s blessings we will carry with us into the world.

L: God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

C: Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God’s grace.

L: Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

L: Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.

HYMN “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

HYMN “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee” UMH #89

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Blessing of the Backpacks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

PRAISE SONG “It Is You”

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Laurie Barrick

MESSAGE “Living A Life Of Joy!” Elizabeth Peters

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAISE SONG “My Jesus”

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:

Warren Garman (Kimmel's family friend), Michael Alexander (Bellishes son), 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 / Esther Ocker, Donna Hockensmith, Norma Sherman, Austin Selby, Ann Carney, Deb Shipley,

LONG TERM ILLNESS: 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, Loreta 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 Judy Waggoner, Family of William Mack (Linda Preston's friend)

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
Jane Sunday

COG:

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC
Circle of Prayer Churches August 18 - 24**

Lake Ariel UMC, Lake Ariel
Crever Memorial Petersburg UMC, Petersburg
Grace UMC, Centre Hall
Calvary Fayetteville UMC, Fayetteville
Barry Salem UMC, Ashland
Cito UMC, McConnellsburg
Benton UMC, Benton
Noxen UMC, Noxen
Ebenezer Berwick UMC, Berwick
Balls Mills UMC, Cogan Station





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	18	25
Acolyte	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet
Tech Team	Tim Walsh	Jim O'Donnell
Ushers:		
Gathering/Downstairs	Glenn Kimmel	Phil Coler
Pastor/Sanctuary	Rick Orner	Jim Otey
Greeters:		
Hospitality Greeter	Linda Kimmel	Mary Otey
Bulletin	Shelby Hockenberry	Kim Coler
Lector	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 | |

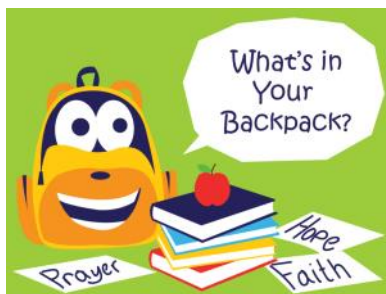
BIRTHDAYS

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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 This Sunday, August 18th. Bring your backpacks to have them blessed for the coming school year.



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.

**Church Services will be held at Middlesex Township park
September 1st at 10:00 am, 50 Beagle Club Road.**

**Our Annual Church Picnic will begin
right after the Church service at the park.**

Fried Chicken and Baked Chicken (for those with food allergies) will be provided. Please bring a casserole, or main dish, or side dish, or dessert or a combination of dishes, we are after all Methodist people! There will be a table designated for allergen free foods (please remember no foods with Nuts) Please let us know if you will be attending and indicate what type of dish(s) you will be bringing on your [Connection card](#) no later than **Aug. 25th**. The Splash Pad will be available after noon.



Back by popular demand, we will play BINGO once again this year. If you plan to participate in the Bingo games, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs.

**We look forward to seeing you there
for Food, Fellowship and Fun!!**



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

Upcoming Meeting Dates

August

- 12-18:** Pastor Deb on Vacation
- 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
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***Our Vision: Alive in Christ in the Community
so that the Community is Alive in Christ.***

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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



*Bulletins are sponsored this week in Memory of
Don Chilson by his Family*