

August 24, 2025



Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman On the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity. "Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Luke 13:12-13

GATHERING/WELCOME

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

OPENING HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* *UMH #103*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS *"In the Garden"* *UMH #314*
 "Unashamed Love"

SIGNS OF PEACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE SONG *"Way Maker"*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 13:10-17* Marian Smyser

SERMON *"UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS!"* Pastor Deb

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

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

PRAISE SONG *"Lord of the Dance"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Closing Prayer"*



Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS:

LeeAnn Grove, Jo Ella Lawton, Mike Kelly, Stacy Miller (Kimmel's niece), Maddie O'Mara (friend of the Walsh's), Keith Hershey, Amanda Kammer (Linda Eckenrode's niece), 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 Mike Kelly, The family of Tom Swartz, The family of Jack Camey,

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.

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

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

Prayer requests cards are now in each pew as well as in the worship folder Prayer requests can be placed in the offering plate or in the black offering box in the back of the sanctuary.

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*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

Susquehanna Conference of the UMC

August 24-30, 2025

Church Hill UMC, Reedsville

Mines UMC, Williamsburg

Reward UMC, Millerstown

Aline UMC, Mt. Pleasant Mills

South Auburn UMC, South Auburn

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	24	31
Preaching	Pr Deb	Pr John
Acolyte	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
Greeters:		
Hospitality Greeter	Linda Kimmel	Carolyn Bloom
Bulletin	Barb Simpson	Kim Coler
Ushers:		
Gathering/Downstairs	Linda Eckenrode	Phil Coler
Pastor/Sanctuary	need	need
Lector	Marian Smyser	Seth Lawton





MIDDLESEX FALL FESTIVAL

will be held on

Saturday, September 20th
from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm.

There are many ways for you to take part:

- ♦ **Bake something for the bake sale** (please label, individually wrapped package, (nothing that needs to be chilled please) and deliver to the church no later than **Friday, September 19th**)
- ♦ **Monetary** donations are also acceptable to cover the cost of food items.
- ♦ **Volunteer in the MUMC tent** to facilitate yard games, or chat with folks
- ♦ **Help with transporting items** to the park, set up, tear down, and/or clean up
- ♦ **Serve food in the concessions**

**If you would like to volunteer, please
sign up on your [Connection card](#).**

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.

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***

- 22- * Ed & Eva Hair**
- 23- Abby Clouse**
- 23- Mary Groshans**
- 23- Kristen Lohr**
- 24- Merle Zinn**
- 25- * Glenn & Linda Kimmel**
- 28- Joshua Peters**
- 29- Tanner Orner**
- 30- Kaitlyn McKillip**
- 30- Anne Marie McKillip**

***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
&
ANNIVERSARIES***

- 4- Shelby Hockenberry**
- 5- Gary Whistler**
- 6- Alyssa Henson**
- 6- Bob Wade**
- 8- Kaylee Andrews**
- 11- Katie Healey**
- 17- John Campbell**
- 17- Frank Rankin**
- 18- Landon McKillip**
- 20- Mike Sunday**
- 21- Dorna Thorpe**
- 22- Joyce Boykin**
- 22- Sandi Lehman**
- 25- * Michael & Elizabeth
Peters**
- 29- Ed Beleck**

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 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

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

September 8—Golden Lights Luncheon 12pm—2pm

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

October 5th— World Wide Communion

October 12th— Laity Sunday

November 15th— Church Conference 6:30pm at Carlisle UMC



Middlesex United Methodist Church
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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