



To Testify to the Truth

TRUTH TELLING WORSHIP SERIES

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." **John 18: 37**



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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10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, November 24, 2024

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "Come Ye Thankful People Come" UMH #694

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, whom do you follow?

All: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.

Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.

Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

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

HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name " UMH #154

SONG "King of Glory"

SIGNS OF PEACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SONG "King of Kings"

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 18:33-37* Becky Smith

HOMILY Testify to the Truth: Christ Reigns! Elizabeth Peters

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS "Give thanks"

WE OFFER PRAISE "Crown him with Many Crowns (w/ Holy Holy Holy)"

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE—A CLOSING PRAYER

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:

J Glen Vandermark (Pastor Deb's son), Chris Fine, Stacey Miller (Linda Kimmel's Niece) Linda Eckenrode, Warren Garman (Kimmel's family friend), Pam Dunkleberger, Heather/Mike and Baby Emily Hertzler (Andy/Mary Groshans)

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellishes son), Betty Witmer, 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).

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

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC
Circle of Prayer Churches November 24—30**

First Mercersburg UMC, Mercersburg
Klinesgrove UMC, Sunbury
Everett UMC, Everett
Matamoras UMC, Port Royal
Bucks UMC, Newport
Bethel Montoursville UMC, Montoursville
Claysburg UMC, Claysburg
Countryside Community UMC, Clarks Summit
Christ Selinsgrove UMC, Selinsgrove
Calvary Wiconisco UMC, Wiconisco

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November

- ◆ **Sundays- Choir practice**
- ◆ 17th– At 9:30am in sanctuary & following church service in rm 101
- ◆ 24th– following church service rm 101
- ◆ **Wednesdays – Women’s Bible study “Experiencing Christmas” at 9am– Barb Simpson’s home**
- ◆ -Zumba at 6pm in church gym
- ◆ - Praise Band practice 7pm
- ◆ **Thursdays– Little Lights 10am to 11am**
- ◆ **24th– Hayride Costume Fitting & Nativity Set-Up**
- ◆ 28th & 29th —Thanksgiving —Office Closed

December

- ◆ **Sundays- Choir practice**
- ◆ 1st –rm 101 following church service
- ◆ 8th– following church service in rm 101
- ◆ 15th– 9:30 in sanctuary & following church service in the sanctuary
- ◆ 22nd– In Sanctuary following church service
- ◆ **Wednesdays – Women’s Bible study “Experiencing Christmas” at 9am– Barb Simpson’s home**
- ◆ - Zumba at 6pm in church gym
- ◆ - Praise Band practice 7pm
- ◆ **Thursdays– Little Lights 10am to 11am**
- ◆ 1st—Church Decorating following church service
- ◆ 3rd—Advent Bible study 7pm in rm 101
- ◆ **7th– HAYRIDE TO BETHLEHEM**
- ◆ 9th—Leadership Council Meeting at 6:30 in rm 101
- ◆ 10th—Advent Bible study at 7pm in rm 101
- ◆ 16th—Community Engagement Team mtg 4:30pm in rm 101
- ◆ 17th—Advent Bible study 7pm in rm 101
- ◆ 24th to Jan. 2nd - Christmas– Church office closed



Today, November 24th

Following church service, **outdoor scene set-up and costume fitting** will occur.

We will once again be in the field across the street from MUMC for Hayride this year. If you're able to help with set-up, bring your **drills and hammers**, if you have them.

November Celebrations



ANNIVERSARIES

23 Rick & Ginger Gines

28 Charles & Linda Lynch

BIRTHDAYS

1 Elise Gutshall

18 Pat Ohler

8 Linda Eckenrode

19 Judy Oatman-Weiss

9 Dave Billman

21 Pam Dunkleberger

12 Andy Groshans

23 Gaylea Kelly

14 Jim Otey

24 Linda Clouse

16 Bob Waggoner

24 Mackenzie Lohr

17 Sue Billman

25 Elizabeth Peters



Discover how everything changed when God was born.

Join us on Tuesday nights starting Nov. 19th to Dec. 16th 7pm in room 101.

Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences

are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

“This will be a sign to you,” the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and

Christmas season that point you to the divine?



We will also need cookies, cookies and more cookies!

Homemade cookies are great but store bought are fine too! Please place 2-3 cookies each in

a Ziploc bag. The cookies may be dropped off in the church kitchen beginning **Sunday, December 1st until Thursday, December 5th. PLEASE NO NUTS OR**

Advent



Decorating

Sunday, Dec. 1st following church service we will be preparing the sanctuary for Christmas. We are inviting anyone who is interested and available to help. Pizza will be provided for lunch prior to decorating.

Alternative Christmas Gifts Have Returned

For those of you already working on Christmas lists, keep in mind that we have **Alternative Christmas Gift** options available again this year!

Alternative Christmas Gifts are perfect for people who you want to give to, but who don't really need or want any more **"stuff"...** let your friends and family know you are thinking of them by donating to causes that give hope and life to people who really need it.

Starting **12/1/2024 and throughout Advent**, you can order ornaments representing donations to organizations including: Gideon's Gift for Jesus, Heifer International, UMCOR, Community CARES, and many more!

This year, ordering will be available in our Gathering Space before and after the 10:00am service. You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm to order, and pick up can be arranged, if necessary.



Please make checks payable to MUMC and separate from all other giving.

Thank you in advance for your support to these wonderful organizations.

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!



GENEROSITY

"true giving, is to those who can never repay you."

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
ROLE	24	1	8
Acolyte	0	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-Beddia
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:			
	Dave Billman	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	Tim Walsh	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh
Ushers:			
Gathering/Downstairs	Glenn Kimmel	Andy Groshans	Glenn Kimmel
Pastor/Sanctuary	Ann Carney	Linda Eckenrode	Jim Stevens
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Linda Kimmel	Mary Groshans	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Barb Simpson	Barbara Preston	Ed & Evie Hair
Lector	Becky Smith	Christine Cohick	Seth Lawton
Communion:			
bread maker			
serving		Marian Smyser, Becky Smith	



*Bulletins are sponsored this week in Memory of
Ernest & Marea Preston by Their Family*