

Middlesex United Methodist Church

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December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent



Peace

December 7, 2025

(Please be sure to be seated by 9:55am , so as not to disrupt our special advent service elements)

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF 2nd ADVENT CANDLE

Andy & Mary Groshans

CALL TO WORSHIP "He's Going to What?"

HYMN "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

UMH #218

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-25

Seth Lawton

SERMON "Shalom, Shalom — A Perfect Peace"

GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

"Emmanuel"

COMMUNION

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN "Prayer For Our Church"

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

UMH #240

BENEDICTION "What Child Is This?"



"ANNOUNCEMENT"

Our Church Conference has been rescheduled:

Sunday, December 14th immediately following worship service
In the Sanctuary. All MUMC members of the congregations are
welcome to attend.

Bulletins are sponsored this week in memory of

Raymond Smyser by Gwynn Sorrentino

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS:

Mary Groshans, Brother in law of Cinda Whistler, Chris Fine, Helen Lehner, Clint Healy, Sherry Healy, Warren Garmon, Sue Billman, Rachel (LeeAnn Grove's friend) Kaylee & Joel Laison (Carolyn Bloom's granddaughter & Husband) , Bob Midgett, Mike Ohler, Sandi Lehman, Amanda Kammer (Linda Eckenrode's niece),

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Gaylea Kelly, Dick & Esther Ocker, Todd Eckenrode, Harry Schulz, John McAllen (Asonia Wolf's son), Alesha Holsinger (Linda Kimmel's friend) , John Edwards (Andy & Mary Groshans), Asonia Wolf, Jackie Weary, Ed Hair, Stewart Lamma, Anne Stanford, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft), Wanda McDermond, Chris Fine.

Grief:

The Family of Barbara Elting, Family of Jim Jackson (friend of Linda & Doug Preston), Family of Rachel Shaw (friends of the Groshans)

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., Duncannon, PA 17020

Susquehanna Conference of the UMC

December 7-13, 2025

First UMC, Blossburg

Centre Grove UMC, Clearfield

*First UMC, Hershey

*Moyiba UMC, Kissy Brook - Sierra Leone

Charlestown UMC, Mercersburg

Jenningsville UMC, Jenningsville



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!

Ministry Leaders / 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
Worship Leader -Dave Billman

SERVING THIS WEEK

organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:	Dave Billman Seth Lawton Elizabeth Peters
Tech Team	Joe O' Donnel
Hospitality Greeter	Carolyn Bloom
Bulletin greeter	Marian Smyser & Gwynn Sorrentino
Ushers:	
Gathering/Downstairs	Linda Eckenrode



A Special Christmas Collection

As we remember the birth of the Christ child this Advent season, let us also take time to reflect on God's many blessings at MUMC and in our own lives. We have been blessed to have Pastor Deb, and our devoted church staff to minister to all of our congregational needs.

The Church Council will be collecting a free will Christmas gift for Pastor Deb and the church staff, to show our appreciation for all that they do.

There are three ways to give this year:

- 1) you may drop your gift in the special offering basket before or after the 10:00am service
- 2) you may send us your gift in the mail or
- 3) you may drop your gift off at the church office Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Gifts may be made using cash or check. **If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to MUMC and write "Staff Christmas Gift" in the memo line. Please do not put these gifts in with your offering envelope. Please place all gifts in a plain white envelope marked "Staff Gift" on the outside.**

Collection Sundays will be **December 7th and 14th** and all gifts must be received (either in the mail or in person) no later than **December 18th**, so that they can be presented to Pastor Deb, and the church staff during Christmas week.