

# *Middlesex United Methodist Church*

*Serving Christ for over 150 years!*

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***December 28, 2025***



# THE GIFT

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WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

The Ocker & Barrick Family

CALL TO WORSHIP      "After the Shepherds"

HYMN      *"What Gift Can We bring "*      UMH #87

*"The Little Drummer Boy"*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN      *"Miscellaneous Christmas Songs"*

SCRIPTURE      *John 3:14-21*      Marian Smyser

MESSAGE 1      *"The Truce of 1914"*      Dave Billman

MESSAGE 2      Pastor Deb

A FARWELL TO THE PASTOR

GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS      *"Emmanuel"*

HYMN      *"Joy to the World"*      UMH #246

BENEDICTION      *"What Child Is This?"*

*Bulletins are sponsored this week in memory of*

*Our Parents by Jim & Mary Otey*

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS:**

Mary Groshans, Brother in law of Cinda Whistler, Chris Fine, Helen Lehner, Clint Healy, Sherry Healy, Kaylee & Joel Laison (Carolyn Bloom's granddaughter & Husband) , Bob Midgette, Mike Ohler, Sandi Lehman

**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.

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS:**

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

**THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Samantha Orner (Air Force), Jadyn 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., Duncannon, PA 17020

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC  
December 28—January 3, 2026**

Ebenezer UMC, Middletown

Granville UMC, Granville

Center UMC, Three Springs

Lake Ariel UMC, Lake Ariel

Grace UMC, Millersburg



## **TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

**Volunteers Needed:** Church Undecorating

We are looking for volunteers to help remove and store our Christmas decorations on Sunday, **January 4th, immediately following the worship service**. Many hands make light work! If you are able to stay and lend a hand, your help would be greatly appreciated as we transition our sanctuary for the new season.

**Thank you for serving our church!**

**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  
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**

<b>Worship Band:</b>	Dave Billman Seth Lawton Elizabeth Peters Linda Kimmel
<b>Tech Team</b>	Joe O' Donnel
<b>Hospitality Greeter</b>	Linda Kimmel
<b>Bulletin greeter</b>	Pam Dunkleberger
<b>Ushers:</b>	Glenn Kimmel
<b>Lector:</b>	Marian Smyser