

Serving Christ and His Church – 04/23/17

Acolyte
Selena Morrow
Lector
Rob Sunday

Greeters:
Awakening – Volunteers Needed
Celebration – Jason & Sharon Stambaugh

Projection:
Awakening – Tim Walsh
Celebration – Ed Beleck

Nursery:
Kim Harris, Becky Smith

Children’s Church:
Amanda Shope, Carol Lawton
Youth:
Erin Rose

Ushers:
Greg Crouse, Jonathan Dagen,
Brad Ocker (parking), Mike Shope, Jim Stevens

Sunday – Apr 23, 2017

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
9:00am Adult “Friends & Followers” Class – Rm 101
9:00am Life Group – Rm B05 – Gospel of John Study
9:00am Awakening Service
10:30am Celebration Service
3:00pm Sparks

Monday – Apr 24, 2017

Conference Vital Signs Due
6:30pm Trustees Meeting
7:00pm Staff & Ushers Fire Drill Practice

Tuesday – Apr. 25, 2017

6:30pm Knights 21 Meeting – Room 101

Wednesday – Apr. 26, 2017

9:00am Women’s Bible Study – Room B05
10:30am Zumba Gold
6:00pm Zumba
6:00pm Choir
7:00pm Worship Band

Thursday – Apr. 27, 2017

6:00pm Ballet

Saturday – Apr. 29, 2017

12:00pm Spring Tea

Sunday – Apr. 30, 2017

BABY NEEDS COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

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9:00am Life Group – Rm B05 – Gospel of John Study
9:00am Awakening Service
10:30am Celebration Service
10:30am Life Group – Room 101
12:00 pm Ignite

Serving Christ and His Church – 04/30/17

Acolyte
Cheryl Brady
Lector
Bev Doorly

Greeters:
Awakening – Volunteers Needed
Celebration – Betty Witmer and Pam Dunkleberger

Projection:
Awakening – Nick Shank
Celebration – Aaron Hasenbein

Nursery:
Deb Kraft, Wendy Crouse, Hailey Conrad

Children’s Church:
Erin Rose, Carol Lawton
Youth:
Kayla Lingle

Ushers:
Jim Arnold (parking), Ed Beleck, Kerry Harbst
Matt Novak, Doug Preston

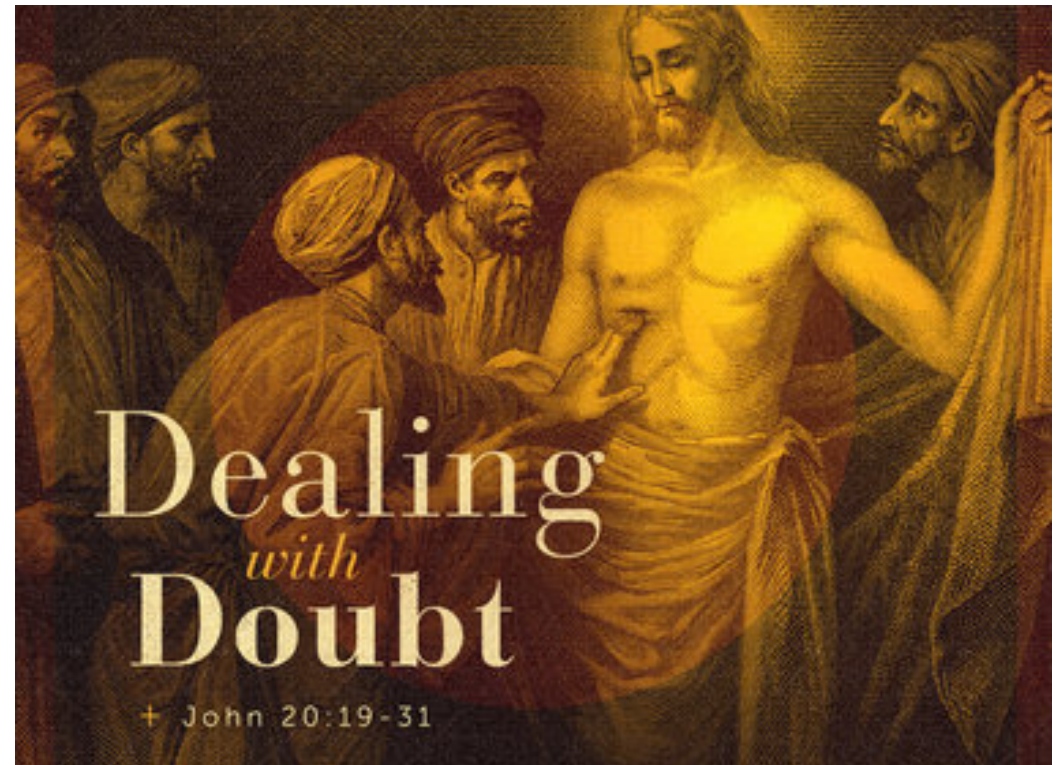
Attendance – April 16, 2017

Number of Life Groups	14
Life Group Attendance	722
<i>(includes Sunday School)</i>	
Maundy Thursday Service	124
Sunrise Service	57
Awakening Service	98
Celebration Service	164
Total Worship Attendance	386

MUMC Ministry Leaders

Congregational Care	<i>Dilip & Sharon Abayasekara</i>
Connections	<i>Barb Elting</i>
Director of Children & Youth	<i>Erin Rose</i>
Director of Missions & Outreach	<i>Danielle Dagen</i>
Director of Worship	<i>Sarah Pugh</i>
Facilities	<i>Kirk Weary</i>
Finance Administrator	<i>Ann Carney</i>
Life Groups	<i>Amanda Shope</i>
Office Administrator	<i>Angie Fowler</i>
Preschool Director	<i>Aimee Peele</i>

April 23, 2017



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SERMON SERIES: HAPPY EASTER AFTER!

Bulletin Sponsor

In memory and thankfulness for the twenty-four charter members who through faith, formed this church 146 years ago.

*Our Mission:
"To honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for
the transformation of the world"*

SENIOR PASTOR: REV. JAN HUGHES

ORGANIST: JULIA COLER

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: DR. DILIP ABAYASEKARA

Awakening Service 9:00 am

WELCOME/ GREETING

PRAISE SONGS *"Better is One Day", "Death Was Arrested"* Worship Band

PRAYER SHAWLS AND DISCIPLE CERTIFICATES

GIDEON MINISTRY WORD John Gordon

GOD'S WORD John 20: 19-31(pg. 1053) Choral Reading

LIFE TALK *"Courageous Thomas!"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG *"Here's My Heart"* Worship Band

OUR CHALLENGE TO LOVE AND SERVE

Celebration Service 10:30 am

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *"Prelude "* Colin Curtis

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Gracious Lord, Easter was such a high point. We walked through the weeks of Lent and then boldly marched with Jesus into Jerusalem. Our steps hesitated and faltered during Holy Week when we ate with our Lord and then ran from his crucifixion. It was so hard for us to really believe in the miraculous event of Easter when our beloved Lord was raised from the dead. We, like Thomas, wonder if it was real or something made up from desperate longing. Help us to listen to your words with our hearts and our ears. Remind us that the Lord brings his peace to us all. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *"Here's My Heart "* Worship Band

* SHARING SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(All children 5th grade and under are invited to Children's Church following Children's message)

Jan Hughes

BAPTISM OF JAX DAGEN

COMMISSIONING OF OUR BASEBALL MINISTRY

PRESENTATION OF DISCIPLESHIP CERTIFICATES

PRAYER SHAWLS Sondra Arnold

PRAYER HYMN *"Something Beautiful "* # 394

LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors) # 894

LISTENING AND RESPONDING TO THE LORD

GIDEON MINISTRY WORD

John Gordon

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE John 20: 19-31(pg. 1053)

Rob Sunday

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *"Courageous Thomas! "*

OUR OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE *"Just as I Am Without One Plea"*

*"Once you make a lot of money, it's incredibly enjoyable to give it away. It's a way to satisfy the soul."
— Stanley Druckenmiller, U.S. hedge fund manager*

***PRESENTING OUR GIFTS** *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT FORTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS EMPOWERING OUR SERVICE TO CHRIST

***CLOSING PRAISE** *" He Lives"* # 310

*BENEDICTION (in unison)

It's time to go from this place into our everyday worlds. Lord, make us a blessing to all whom we meet. Give us courage, love and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE *"Postlude in F Major"* Bach

(* *Standing as able*)

REMINDERS

- **Placing Altar Flowers** – Call the church office to reserve. (Cost: \$30.00)
- **FIRE DRILL** - We will have a fire drill during our **April 30th** Celebration Service. All **Ushers and Staff** are asked to attend a Fire Drill Practice on **April 24th @ 7pm**.
- **Spring Clean Day: May 6th from 9am to 1pm — Volunteers Needed.** There is a job for everyone! Please sign up on your connection card.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: May 4, 2017 from 12:15 — 12:45pm

Meet at the Old Courthouse — Hanover and High Street in Carlisle .
Please come and join in prayer for our Nation!



PLEASE JOIN US -
Sat. May 6th - 8:00am

Every month we meet at **Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.** to serve breakfast to the Residents. Please sign up on your connection card if you can attend or supply food items.



Attention Graduates

If you have a MUMC member who is graduating from High School or College this year, please contact the church office. We will be celebrating them on **May 21st!**

~ Special Note ~

If you enjoy having your children worship with you, we have coloring bags; a crying room; changing table; and restroom available in the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience.

School age children are invited to attend a class after hearing a sermon just for them early in the service and they can be picked up on the lower level after the service.

*Nursery care is also provided on the lower level for children up to age 5 starting at **10:15am**.*

Have any questions? Please ask an usher or stop by the connections table in the entrance.

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MISSED A SUNDAY?

Check out our website at www.middlesexumc.com and find videos of our sermons, bulletins, prayer lists, and announcements.

Just go to the “**Sunday Mornings**” drop down list on our home page and click on the link to “**Sunday Sermon's.**”

ANNOUNCEMENTS - WEEK OF APR 16, 2017

Upcoming Dates:

- ◆ **PHOTO DIRECTORY PICTURES — April 30th between 9-12:30.** We want everyone to be included—no appointment necessary!
- ◆ Spring Cleaning @ MUMC. **May 6th 9-1pm.** This is a time when we gather to do the deep clean and small projects that need attention. Many hands make light work. Come when you can and leave when you must. We appreciate all the help to make our facility ready for summer ministries.
- ◆ Barefoot Sunday: **May 21st.** Bring your gently used shoes to church to donate for Mission Central distribution.
- ◆ Pentecost: **June 4th.** Let's wear red to celebrate the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Reach Youth Mission trip: **June 25th — July 1st**
- ◆ Vacation Bible School: **July 9 — July 14**



THANK YOU:

A big thank you to those who made our Holy Week services so very special. The Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, the Easter Sunday services.... from the music, drama, to the dancers... were just beautiful and very meaningful!

Thank you to Barb and the Connections team for offering hospitality to our many guests. Thank you to the choir and the Praise Band, the organists, those who set up, tore down, vacuumed and lent a helping hand and so many more. It takes a huge team to bring the services to life. I believe that Christ was honored in every act of worship that we lifted up to the cross. Thank you so very much!

Pastor Jan

Little Hearts & Souls Preschool

Little Hearts and Souls preschool is now enrolling for the 2017/2018 school year. Applications are available in the gathering area. To schedule a tour or ask any questions please contact director Aimee Peele at 249-1311 or at preschool@middlesexumc.com

PLUG IN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Sparks (3rd, 4th & 5th graders) join us **TODAY from 3-5pm**. We will be headed to the Claremont nursing home to play bingo with the residents. Have fun, win prizes, and put a smile on someone's face!

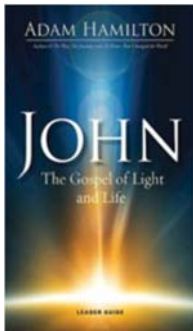
Ignite (6th-12th graders) will be meeting after church next week, **April 30th**, to hike pole steeple. We will eat lunch together at MUMC and then head down to Laurel lake to hike. This event is weather permitting. Next youth night is **May 7th, 6:00-8:30pm** for a road rally. Don't know what a road rally is? You don't want to miss this!

VBS planning is underway! This year MUMC will rock with 'Kingdom Rocks VBS' on **July 9th-13th**. Big events coordinator Danielle Dagen will be assisting VBS Director Carol Lawton with placing volunteers in the perfect job for them. Not sure you know what volunteering for VBS is all about? Talk to Danielle, Carol or Erin Rose about the opportunities for service and fun. You just might find this week of service does more for your soul than you can imagine.

Youth and children's ministry volunteers - we appreciate you EVERYday but want to take a moment to recognize your service to MUMC on **May 21st** during the 10:30am service and with a lunch immediately following. After lunch Safe Sanctuaries training will be offered. If you want to know more about Safe Sanctuaries or have ever considered volunteering please stay and join us for lunch and this brief informative training! If you are up to date with your training we hope you will still enjoy a home cooked lunch with us. **Mark your connection card to RSVP.**

CHARGE UP

NEW ADULT STUDY BEGINNING TODAY at 9am in Room B05



The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "*And the Word became flesh.*" "*For God so loved the world.*" "*You who are without sin cast the first stone.*" "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life.*" The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "*may have life in his name.*" **Beginning today at 9 am**, join us in **room B05** as we explore the major themes of John while reading the entire Gospel of John. This is 5 week study.

SHARE AND SHINE

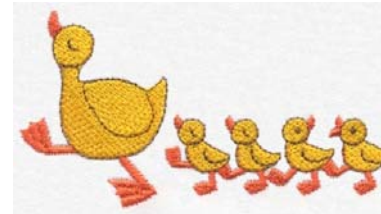
Special thanks to Danielle Dagen, Erin Rose and the incredible team of volunteers who made our Extravaganza a huge success. We have precious stories of folks telling their stories and receiving prayer shawls for their loved one! God is so good!



Spring Tea Party Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 12:00pm LAST CALL

Attention Ladies – We invite Moms, Grandmas, Daughters and Sisters in the Lord to join us for an afternoon Spring Tea Party that will include soup, tea sandwiches, delectable tiny desserts, “tea”, and fellowship!

You will enjoy a program that will affirm your worth as a child of God! **Please make your reservation on your Connection card or by calling the church office!**



GOLDEN LIGHTS LUNCHEON “GET YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW” Monday, May 1, 2017 – 12:00 noon

What would happen if you or your loved one were to disappear tonight? I mean, literally disappear, forever? Would you or your spouse/executor be able to easily take care of all your affairs, starting tomorrow morning? Would all of your important papers be easy to find? On Monday, May 1st, you will get answers to these questions, and more, if you come to the Golden Lights program. After a delicious, home-cooked meal is served promptly at 12:00 noon, a representative of Hoffman-Roth Funeral Home and Crematory will help you “Get Your Ducks in a Row”.

All are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend. Please contact the church office before the event date or **mark on your connection card** if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. We hope to see you at Golden Lights!

Susquehanna Conference of the UMC – Circle of Prayer Churches

April 23 - April 29

St. Pauls State College
Forksville
Freeburg
Milroy

Zion Red Lion
Spring Hill, Wyalusing
Curtin, Howard
Pleasureville, York

LET US REMEMBER WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rev. Sharonn Halderman (Cumberland Crossing), Bruce Bistline, Danielle Potts (Dorna Thorpe's Granddaughter), Ginger Gines (foot surgery), Sandi Burt, Marian Smyser, Kim Seavers, Pat Brown (upcoming surgery) Kathy Albright, Brad Ocker, Randy Morrow

LONG TERM ILLNESS: Steven Hair, Levi Potteiger, Bray Bates; Gaylea Kelly's great-grandnephew (heart disease/aneurism), John Kelly (home), Phil Luckenbach (ALS), Michael Armour, Lance Line, Jake Stiles (17 yrs. old new heart), John Andrews, Florence Veale, Annette Chaney (cardiac), Jeannie Wagner (stroke), Freddy Rodriguez, Shirley Walsh, Tim Richwine, Crystal Blenderman

THOSE BATTLING CANCER: John Weary, Eva Lloyd (Barb Gleim's Mom), Patti Bucci, Vera Egolf (PTL – good report), Verna Dagan (good report), Trevor Hart, Betty Lundeen, Hansen Lee, Beverly Bishop, William Nesbit (11 yr. old), Marla Wahl, Judy Prosser, Jim Weakley, Barb Thomas (Liver), Cindy Mauer (liver cancer), Leo Dadigan (brain cancer), Vicky Sweger

GRIEF: The Family of Maddie Shura, The Family of Dusty Marple (family member of Donna Hockensmith and Shari Bellish), The Family of Michelle Pryor

OUR WORLD MISSIONS: St. Matthews UMC Magburaka Sierra Leone, Mark & Rebecca Smallwood (missionaries at Red Bird Mission, KY)

THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE: Sarah Freeman (Marine), John Durnin II (Marine)

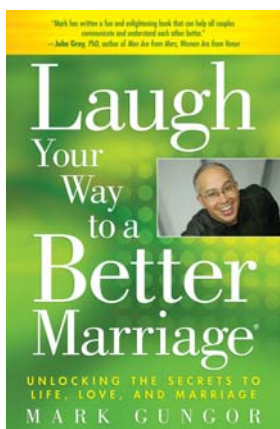
NURSING HOMES: Sarah Todd: Joyce McClure; COG: Grace & John Durnin, Jane Sunday, Evelyn Barrick; Cumberland Crossings: William Kann; Claremont: Betty Miller

HOMEBOUND: Wahneta Wingert, Bernita Bistline

Please use the connection card to convey your Prayer concerns to the body. Prayer concerns are included with permission and by request only to protect the privacy of individuals. Requests remain on prayer list for one month, unless noted or request otherwise. Thank you for your passion for prayer!

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRAGE

Each Saturday in May at 6:30 – 8 PM



You are invited to join us for an evening of discovery, laughter and insight into this thing called marriage. Mark Gungor is one of the top marriage and family speakers in the United States, with thousands of couples attending his seminars every month.

Thanks to his insight and his hilarious, practical and no-holds barred advice, Mark explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, bringing topics to the light such as :

May 6th, The Tale of Two Brains: Laugh until you hurt as Mark explains the law of relational physics.

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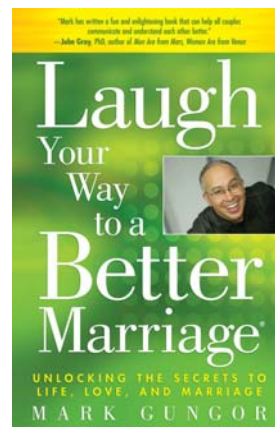
May 27th How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody: How do you reset in your marriage and forgive and move on in a healthy way?

If you need child care, please sign up on the connection card and indicate how many children will be attending.

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