

# *The Transfiguration*

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ~Luke 9:28-30

## MUMC Worship Service on March 2nd, 2025

### WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

### PSALM 99:1-9

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

**Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!** *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock*

**SONGS OF PRAISE** *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord" "Be Thou My Vision"*

### SIGNS OF PEACE

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

Carol Lawton

### PASTORAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION/OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**PRAISE SONG** *"Waiting Here for You"*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 9:28-36*

Linda Eckenrode

### HOMILY

The Moments That Change Us

Pastor Deb

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostle's Creed #881*

### WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

#### INVITATION

#### CONFESSION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

### GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*"Worthy You Are Worthy"*

### WE OFFER PRAISE

*"Shine Jesus Shine"*

### BENEDICTION AND 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:**

**Owen Engle (Mary Groshan's nephew), Liz Rusnik, Alesha Hollinger, Mike Ohler, Chris Fine, Betsy Herron (Mary Jo Churlick's sister)**

**LONG TERM ILLNESS:**

Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellish' son), Liz Lehman, Todd Eckenrode, Teresa Bellish, 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 Conner Martinez (CV student), The Family of Robert Waggoner, The family Helen Adams (Donna Hockensmith's mother & Shari Bellish' grandmother)**

**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.**

Thorwald Home: 442 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013

***Pauline Hollenbaugh***

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

***Jane Sunday***

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

***Liz Rusnik***

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC  
Circle of Prayer Churches for the week of February 23– March 1**

North Bend UMC, North Bend  
Shiloh UMC, Woodland  
Mehoopany UMC, Mehoopany  
St Johns Grantville UMC, Grantville  
Lakemont UMC, Altoona  
Osceola UMC, Osceola  
Summerhill UMC, Berwick  
Reedsville UMC, Reedsville  
CrossPoint UMC, Harrisburg  
St Thomas-Edenville UMC, St Thomas



## *Anniversary and Birthday Celebrations*

### **MARCH**

- 5 Amber Earhart**
- 5 Keith Hershey**
- 9 \*Gary & Cinda Whistler**
- 14 Holden Beddia**
- 14 Earl Smith**
- 19 Ruth Smith**
- 20 Jim Cohick**
- 22 Jackie Weary**
- 23 Jack Coulson**
- 28 Jo Gelbaugh**
- 30 George Bellish**
- 30 Jennifer Lopiano**



**It's Easter Flower Ordering time again!!**

**Order forms are inserted in this bulletin for your convenience and envelopes with order forms are also available in the gathering area.**

**Starting This Sunday, March 2nd. Order forms are due by Sunday, March 23rd.**



**Service  
Wednesday,  
March 5th at  
6:30 pm**

March Madness is about to begin!

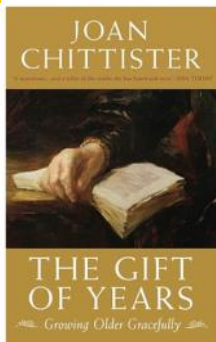
We have scheduled our **Spring Cleaning** for MUMC for **March 8th and 22nd**.

Many hands make light work, please consider joining us for this project. Thank you to Kim Coler and Mary Groshans who agreed to be the leads for this project. If

you are interested in helping you can contact the church office or sign up on the **connection card** provided in the worship bulletin.



## Book Study with Pastor John



It's been a couple of months now since I retired. Note the word "re-tire", as in "put on new treads," because there is more life to travel, to experience, to give and receive. And there are those who are further down the road who can help us prepare for our ongoing journey. A person who can steer us well is Joan Chittister. In her book, **The Gift of Years**, she does just that, helping us reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and how we can prepare for our later years so that they may become some of the most fulfilling years of our life. So, I invite you to join me in reading, reflecting, and discussing Joan's book about "Growing Older Gracefully". Doing so will help us re-tire/re-tread our lives with ongoing meaning, purpose, gratitude, and friendship. We will meet on **Wednesdays, beginning March 5th, at 2:30 at the church**. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me (Pastor John), Pastor Deb, or the church office. If you are interested in this study, please sign up on the connection card. I am looking forward to our study and especially to getting to know each other better.

## Family Sunday School

**March 9 - April 20**

Join us at 9:30 am in the Nursery as we rediscover the Easter story, enjoy yummy treats and play fun games. The whole family is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you all there!



---

## Save the Date

### True North VBS

**June 15 - 19**





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!

	MARCH		
ROLE	2	9	16
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
<b>organist/pianist</b>	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
<b>Praise Band:</b>			
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
<b>Tech Team</b>	Todd Eckenrode	Joe O'Donnell	Todd Eckenrode
<b>Greeters:</b>			
<b>Hospitality Greeter</b>	Linda Kimmel	Mary Groshans	Linda Kimmel
<b>Bulletin</b>	Barbara Preston	Darlene Smith	Shelby Hockenberry
<b>Ushers:</b>			
<b>Gathering/Downstairs</b>	Glenn Kimmel	Andy Groshans	Glenn Kimmel
<b>Pastor/Sanctuary</b>	Jim Stevens	Earl Smith	Becky Smith
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Eckenrode	Laurie Barrick	Marian Smyser
<b>Communion:</b>			
<b>bread maker</b>	Marian Smyser		
<b>servicing</b>	Marian Smyser/Becky Smith		

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 women of the Wednesday morning bible study, wrote a prayer to get us started and want to share it with the whole congregation in hopes that everyone will use this prayer as part of their daily prayer life.

Awaken our hearts, Lord that we may be a beacon of light and hope to each other, our community and our world. Ignite a fire and passion in MUMC so that we may grow in our desire to know and love and serve you more. Empower us to welcome and encourage people from all walks of life. Give us the wisdom to prayerfully embrace new ideas that we might truly have open minds, hearts, and doors. Amen



## March 9th is Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead, we don't want you to miss church!



### *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!***

118 North Middlesex Road, Carlisle, PA 17013  
717.249.2449 [www.middlesexumc.com](http://www.middlesexumc.com)  
[office@middlesexumc.com](mailto:office@middlesexumc.com)  
[www.facebook.com/middlesexumchurch](http://www.facebook.com/middlesexumchurch)