

A full-page illustration of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing white robes and a white head covering. He is kneeling on a path of light-colored stones. His hands are clasped together in front of him, forming a heart shape. The background features a clear blue sky and the soft, out-of-focus branches of a flowering tree with light pink blossoms.

# The Depths of Love

*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.  
For God did not send his  
Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but to  
save the world through him.*

*John 3: 16-17*

**10:00 am Worship Service**  
**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**\*OPENING TIME OF WORSHIP** "My Lighthouse"

Worship Band

**CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Leader: Lenten Travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

**CONGREGATION: ONLY IN GOD DO WE FIND OUR REST.**

L: Lenten Travelers, sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

**C: OTHER TIMES THE ROAD IS HARD, AND WE HIDE FROM THE LIGHT, AFRAID FOR OUR ACTIONS TO BE MADE KNOWN IN PUBLIC.**

L: Some days we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

**C: OTHER DAYS WE STRUGGLE WITH THE TEMPTATION TO JUDGE AND CONDEMN ONE ANOTHER AS WE TRAVEL THIS PATH.**

L: Lenten Travelers, today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

**ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER! AMEN**

**TIME OF PRAISE**

"Here I Am To Worship "

"How Great Is Our God"

**SIGNS OF PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pastor Deb

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

*"The Gift Of Love"*

UMH 408

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 3:14-21*

Marian Smyser

**SERMON**

*Elizabeth Peters*

**A STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*The Apostle's Creed*

UMH #881

**MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN**

**GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**\*HYMN**

"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

UMH #206

**BENEDICTION**

**\* Stand as you are able**

## **LET US REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS AND CARDS**

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

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Gary Dailey, Todd Eckenrode, Randy Clouse (Travis Clouse),

Liz Lehman (Sandi Lehman's DIL)

### **LONG TERM ILLNESS:**

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, Dick Lindsey, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Jeannie Wagner (Mary Jayne), Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

### **GRIEF:**

Family of Rhea Sheffler (Linda Kimmel's mother), Family of Jenny Sunderwirth (Mary Groshan's sister),

### **OUR WORLD MISSIONS:**

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

### **THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

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:**

Thorwald Home: Pauline Hollenbaugh COG: Jane Sunday

**Susquehanna**

**Conference of the UMC**

**Circle of Prayer Churches**

**For the week of**

**March 10– 16**

Farrandsville UMC, Farrandsville  
Wesley Nescopeck UMC, Nescopeck  
Wallis Run UMC, Trout Run  
Daleville UMC, Covington Township  
Hope in the Valley UMC, Cassville  
Salem UMC, West Decatur  
West Hill UMC, Carlisle  
Christ Waynesboro UMC, Waynesboro  
East Lemon UMC, Factoryville  
Bethany Marysville UMC, Marysville



*MARCH*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**9 Gary & Cinda Whistler**

**15 Bob & Judy Waggoner**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**1 Dick Lindsey**

**25 Olga Baron-Lamma**

**5 Keith Hershey**

**25 Kyle Dagan**

**14 Holden Beddia**

**28 Jo Gelbaugh**

**14 Earl Smith**

**29 Robert Egolf**

**19 Ruth Smith**

**30 George Bellish**

**20 Jim Cohick**

**30 Jennifer Lopiano**

**22 Jackie Weary**

**23 Jack Coulson**

**23 Deb Kraft**

**Easter Flowers-** Order forms are inserted in this bulletin and envelopes with order forms are also available in the gathering area.

**Are due TODAY March 10th**



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



**"Ignite" - MUMC Youth**

**6th through 12th Grade**

Join us 1st & 3rd Sundays  
at 6 pm–8pm (Sept. thru June)

Email [office@middlesex.com](mailto:office@middlesex.com) for information.

**Follow Ignite MUMC Youth on Facebook & Instagram**

### **Little Lights**

**When:** Thursdays at 10am (NOTICE this is a day change)

**Who:** Ages Birth to Preschool

**Location:** Church Gym

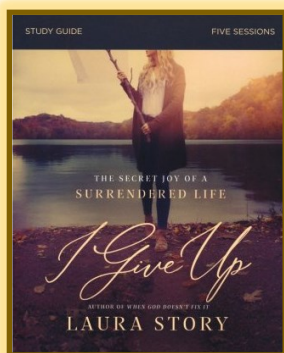
**What:** Enjoy an hour of indoor fun with your child! We will supply the toys, a craft and circle time. This is an on-going event: no registration required.



MUMC Event "A Butterfly Celebration"

**Saturday, March 16th 10 am to 12 pm**

Come experience the amazing transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly. There will be a photo booth, games, crafts, and science fun. This event is free and no registration needed. **Looking for volunteers to help with new event.**



## *Lent Study*

Beginning on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm.  
Join us for a 5 week study leading up to Easter.

*A study by Laura Story "I Give Up"*

Living in total surrender to God is the only pathway to true joy and an abundant life, no matter what challenges you face. In this 5-session video study, walk alongside Laura Story in her continuing journey of accepting God's plan for her life and living it out in total surrender.

## *Women's Bible Study*

**Weekly on Wednesday Morning at 9:00am**

This study is led by a rotation of facilitators and meets at the home of Barb Simpson.

Please contact the office at

office@middlesexumc.com, 717-249-2449,

or sign up on your [Connection card](#) if you will be attending.



## **Men's Ministry**

Come Join Us the First Saturday of each month. Our next meetings will be **April 6th at 9:00am at Sunnyside Diner**. Please

contact the office at

office@middlesexumc.com, 717-249-2449,

or sign up on your [Connection card](#) if you will be attending.



## **Mondays with Golden Lights** **(Seniors)**

Join us Monthly from Noon to 2:00pm for lunch with presentations or entertainment. RSVP by phoning Shari, the Office Administrator at 717-249-2449. A \$5 donation is appreciated. **2024 schedule; April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8th, August 5th, September 9th, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd.**





**Chair Yoga will restart on  
Tues, March 26th at 11:30 am**



These sessions are for both men and women and will be gentle using chairs and standing poses. The classes are suitable for all ages and participants will feel results after their first session. Please wear clothing that is comfortable and suitable for exercising.

If you are interested, please contact our church office by phoning **(717) 249-2449** and indicating the number of people in your party. Bring your friends because all are welcome.

Payment may be made for all 5 sessions at the first class or individually if you are unable to make all the sessions.



### **Shoe collection**

Friends we would like to collect shoes for Mission Central. All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations.

Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow business in countries such as

Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school. By donating shoes to Mission Central, you are giving someone a second chance and making a difference!

There will be a collection area in the gathering for these shoes. Thank you!

## **COMMUNITY CARES BREAKFAST**

**We will NOT be serving breakfast In April.**

Please join us again on

**Saturday of each month at 8:00am; May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, Decem-**

**ber, 7th.** If you have questions, please email **Sue Walsh** at **[sew1251@gmail.com](mailto:sew1251@gmail.com)** or sign up on your

**Connection card.**



## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST**

***It's that time of year when appointment changes are beginning, here is a current list of those who will be making these transitions. Please be in prayer for these congregations, the pastors and their families, as they all transition with new appointments***

*Thank you for your passion for prayer!*

- **Rev. Dr. Paul C. Amara** from Conference Superintendent, Williamsport Supervisory Area to Trucksville, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
- **Pastor Kymberly A. Eichelberger** from Manor Hill Charge, Altoona Supervisory Area to Catawissa Parish, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Susan L. Hardman-Zimmerman** from Poultney Charge and Rutland UMC, Green Mountain District, Vermont to Trinity, Walnut Bottom, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Dr. Karl R. Herman** from Neidig Memorial Extended, Harrisburg Supervisory Area to Waynesboro Christ, Altoona Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Mira A. Hewlett** from Carlisle, Harrisburg Supervisory Area to First, Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Lenore C. Hosier** from Extension Ministry to Christ Community/Llyswen, Altoona Supervisory Area
- **Pastor Laura M. Kincaid** from First, New Milford/South Montrose Community, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Messiah, Shippensburg, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
- **Pastor William M. Klebe** from Berwick First Extended, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Woolrich/Caldwell, State College Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Brian L. Lucas** from Christ, Waynesboro, Altoona Supervisory Area to St. Andrew's Milton, Williamsport Supervisory Area
- **Rev. John F. Mackey** from Clarks Summit, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Shepherdstown, Harrisburg Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Adam W. Miller** from Catawissa Parish, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Clarks Green/Clarks Summit, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
- **Pastor Martin L. Parr** from Jerseytown Charge, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Pine Creek Charge, Williamsport Supervisory Area
- **Pastor George Price III** from Mehoopany Charge, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Berwick First Extended, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
- **Pastor Julie A. Rosensteel** from Greater Broad Top/New Hope Parish, Altoona Supervisory Area to South Montrose Community/First, New Milford, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Dr. Lillian Smith** from Cheverly, Baltimore-Washington Conference to Conference Superintendent, Altoona Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Dr. Joleen A. Willis** from Conference Superintendent, Altoona Supervisory Area to First, Hollidaysburg, Altoona Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Daniel L. Wilt** from Lewisburg St. Paul's, Williamsport Supervisory Area to Conference Superintendent, Williamsport Supervisory Area





**Little Hearts and Souls  
is enrolling Beginning March 1st!**

If you have a child who is ready for preschool or know of someone that does, please check out our wonderful Preschool.

Pre K—Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00—11:30am, \$150 Monthly (Child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2023)

3 year olds—Tuesday, Thursday 9-11:30am, \$125 Monthly (child must be 3 years old by August 31, 2023)

\$35 Registration Fee

Contact LH & S (717) 249-1311 September -May

Contact Church office (717)-249-2449 June- August

Email the director Aimee Peele

for more info [preschool@middlesexumc.com](mailto:preschool@middlesexumc.com)



**March 10th is Daylight  
Savings Time**

Don't forget to set  
your clocks  
ahead, we don't

want you to miss church!

**Saturday, June 22nd at 9am**



Mark your calendars!

In appreciation to the Men of our congregation, the women of MUMC will be hosting a breakfast buffet for them. Watch for the sign-up on the



## **2024 Bulletin Sponsorships**

Bulletin Sponsorship is a unique way to honor or remember a special day or person. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin in 2023, **please see Betty Witmer in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings**, or contact the church office with a Sunday that interests you.

The cost is \$15.00 per sponsorship and information will be printed in the bulletin.

### **Available dates:**

March— 17, 24, 31

April— 7, 14, 28

May— 5

June— 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July— 14, 21, 28

August— 4, 25

September— 1, 15

October— 6, 13, 20, 27

November— 3, 10, 17

December— 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



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 next week!

	MARCH			EASTER
ROLE	10	17	24	31
Preaching	Elizabeth Peters	Pr Deb	Pr Deb	Pr Deb
Acolyte	Ella Lawton	Olivia Jones	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-Beddia
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel			
Praise Band:				
	Brian Moore	Brian Moore	Brian Moore	Brian Moore
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
Tech Team	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh
Sound Team	Needed			
Ushers:				
Gathering/Downstairs	Rick Orner	Glenn Kimmel	Gary Nygard	Rick Orner
Pastor/Sanctuary	Ann Carney	Cliff Jones	Jim Cohick	Ed Shipley
Greeters:				
Hospitality Greeter	Carolyn Bloom	Linda Kimmel	Nancy Nygard	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Fred & Ruth Hair	Sandi Lehman & Olivia Jones	Marian Smyser & Gwynn Sorrentino	Deb Shipley
Lector	Marian Smyser	Becky Smith	Beth Peters	George Bellish

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so that the Community is Alive in Christ.*

*Serving Christ for over 150 years!*

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in Honor of Gary & Cinda Whistler's 61st Wedding Anniversary  
by Gary and Cinda Whistler*