

A full-page background image of Jesus kneeling on a rocky path. He is wearing a white robe and a white head covering, with his eyes closed and hands clasped in front of him to form a heart shape. The background features a blue sky with soft, white, cloud-like or cherry blossom-like patterns.

The Depths of Love

Whoever serves me
must follow me; and
where I am, my servant
also will be. My Father
will honor the one
who serves me.

John 12: 20-33

**10:00 am Worship Service
Sunday, March 17, 2024**

***OPENING TIME OF WORSHIP** "Heart Wont Stop" Worship Band

CALL TO WORSHIP-

Leader: Lenten Travelers, how long have you traveled this road gazing down at the dust, gravel and pavement, walking or limping down the path?

Congregation: Sometimes it's easier to look down at the road than at the people who share this journey with us.

L: Lift your heads up! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

C: We lift our heads and look to the Savior who journeys with us helping us to notice our neighbors all around us.

L: This is the Lenten journey- to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

C: Our journey teaches us to surrender to Jesus and lose our lives as we find and follow Christ in serving others.

L: Come, let us worship God who is known to us as the Jesus who journeys with us and the Spirit who empowers us on this road to the cross.

ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER! AMEN

TIME OF PRAISE

"The River" "God So Loved"

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jeremiah 31:31-34 Carol Lawton

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** "Revelation Song"

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-33 Becky Smith

SERMON "A Bigger Vision" Pastor Deb

A STATEMENT OF FAITH UMH #883

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

***HYMN** "10,000 Reasons"

BENEDICTION

*** Stand as you are able**



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

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:

Helen Adams (Donna Hockensmith's mother), 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 Glenn Linn (Amy Hershey's uncle), Family of Carolyn Jumper (Delores Coulson's sister), Family of Rhea Sheffler (Linda Kimmel's mother),

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

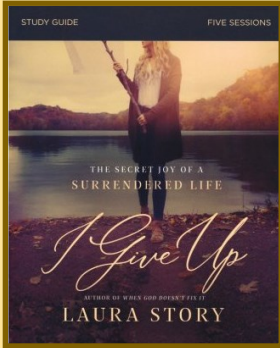
March 17– 23

Christ Northumberland UMC,
Northumberland
Dunnstown UMC, Lock Haven
Maple Lake UMC, Spring Brook Township Hill
UMC, Duncannon
Mardorf UMC, Altoona
St James Coburn UMC, Coburn
Kedron UMC, Hughesville
St Paul Chambersburg UMC,
Chambersburg
Weyant UMC, Imbler
Windfall UMC, Granville Summit

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
- **Pastor Carol Folk** from Loyalville Extended, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Center Moreland, 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
- **Pastor John A. Hocker** from Farrandsville, Lock Haven Parish, State College Supervisory Area to Lock Haven Parish, State College 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
- **Pastor Ethan T. Shearer** to St. Pauls Lewisburg, Williamsport Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Dr. Lillian Smith** from Cheverly, Baltimore-Washington Conference to Conference Superintendent, Altoona Supervisory Area
- **Rev. Mark R. Terwilliger** from Asbury York, Harrisburg Supervisory Area to Chambersburg First, Altoona Supervisory Area
- **Richard A. Wallace** from Lock Haven Parish, State College Supervisory Area to Clearfield Parish, State College Supervisory Area
- **Pastor Nathan E. Weaver** from Noxen and Kunkle, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Area to Jerseytown Charge, Scranton Wilkes-Barre 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
- **Jenny J. Woods** to Manor Hill Charge, Altoona Supervisory Area



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!

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 connection card



The grass will be growing soon, and our Facilities Team is looking for more volunteers to help with cutting the grass. Many hands make light work so the saying goes! Currently there are 4 people sharing in this necessary task. Thank you Earl Smith, Jim Otey, Cliff Jones and Chris Fine!! If 4-8 more people would sign up to help, it's possible that each volunteer may only have to cut the grass 1 or 2 times total for the season. If you are interested in helping keep our church property beautiful through the season, or want more information please contact Earl Smith or sign up on your connection card.

MARCH Celebrations

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

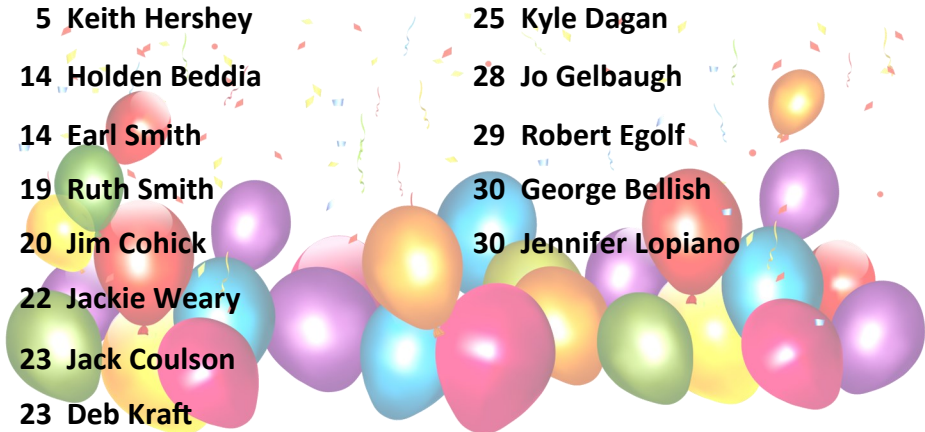
20 Jim Cohick

30 Jennifer Lopiano

22 Jackie Weary

23 Jack Coulson

23 Deb Kraft



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.

If Dancing is more your style...Join Lisa Lynch on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the gym here at MUMC!



COMMUNITY CARES BREAKFAST

Join us as we serve breakfast to residents of the Resource Center!

You are invited to join us inside or drop items off at **50 West Penn Street, Carlisle,**

on the first **Saturday of each month at 8:00am**; **May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, December, 7th.** If you have questions, please email **Sue Walsh** at sew1251@gmail.com or sign up on your [Connection card](#).



"Ignite" - MUMC Youth

6th through 12th Grade

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

Email 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.



Little Hearts & Souls
PRESCHOOL

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)

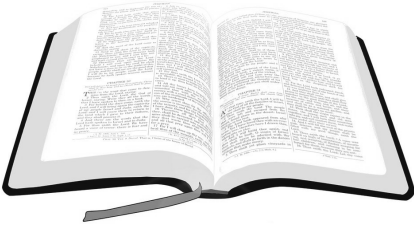
\$35 Registration Fee

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

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

Email the director Aimee Peele for more information at

preschool@middlesexumc.com



My Sermon Notes

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*Our Vision: Alive in Christ in the Community
so that the Community is Alive in Christ.*

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