

April 21, 2024

*The Good  
Shepherd*

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father— and I lay down my life for the sheep”.

John 10: 14-15

**10:00 am Worship Service  
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**OPENING TIME OF WORSHIP**

**WELCOME– OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING SONG** “Open Up the Heavens”

**CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Leader: Easter People, how are we called to live when we have more than enough?

**Congregation: We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and your Creation.**

L: The Earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender. We see glimpses of your grace and wisdom in all you have created.

**C: As we gather in this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.**

**ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD, THE GROUND OF ALL OUR BEING.**

**TIME OF PRAISE**

“ In Christ Alone” “The More I Seek You”

**SIGNS OF PEACE**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Psalm 23 Carol Lawton

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAISE SONG** “Morning By Morning”

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 10 : 11-18 Linda Eckenrode

**SERMON**

“Abiding In Christ: Caring For All God Loves” Pastor Deb

**MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN**

**HYMN** “He Leadeth Me” UMH #128

**GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

**BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**



**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!**

	<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Preaching</b>	Pr Deb	Seth Lawton
<b>Message Title</b>	How Shall We Live Now: "Abiding In Christ"	How Shall We Love?: "Bearing fruit"
<b>Scripture</b>	John 10: 11-18	John 15:1-8
<b>Acolyte</b>	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse-Beddia
<b>organist/pianist</b>		Linda Kimmel
<b>Praise Band:</b>		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
<b>Tech Team</b>	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh
<b>Sound Team</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>		
<b>Gathering/Downstairs</b>	Earl Smith	Glenn Kimmel
<b>Pastor/Sanctuary</b>	Linda Eckenrode	Jim Otey
<b>Greeters:</b>		
<b>Hospitality Greeter</b>	Darlene Smith	Mary Otey
<b>Bulletin</b>	Barb Simpson	Pam Dunkleberger & Betty Witmer
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Eckenrode	Jolie Rankin

## **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:** Dennis Byerly (Pastor Deb's father), Julie Wagner (Glenn Kimmel's cousin), Cathy Barrick, Gary Dailey, Liz Lehman (Sandi Lehman's DIL)

**LONG TERM ILLNESS:** Todd Eckenrode, 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, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

**GRIEF:** Family of Jeannie Wagner (Mary Jayne)

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS:** Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

**THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:** Jady 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 April 21 - April 27**



Atkinson Mills UMC, McVeytown  
First UMC, Renovo  
Buckhorn UMC, Bloomsburg  
Hoffman UMC, Trout Run  
Faith UMC, Halifax  
Laurel Run UMC, Beech Creek  
Nossville UMC, Blairs Mills  
Emory UMC, Hancock, NY  
First Roxbury UMC, Roxbury  
Otterbein UMC, Duncannon

# Susquehanna prays for General Conference



**8**  
APR

## The Delegates

We pray for all the delegates as they travel and give up time from their lives to help our church continue to be faithful to God in our world.

**15**  
APR

## The GC Team and the Bishops

General conference takes a lot of people to help lead and make this gathering happen. We pray that God will use the gifts they offer up for the good of all.

**22**  
APR

## The Legislation

There are a lot of pieces of legislation to go through. We pray that the legislation would help us be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry with all the world.

**29**  
APR

## The United Methodist Church

General Conference will be wrapping up this week, while much will need to be decided, we take time to lift up the whole of our church and our call to make disciples.



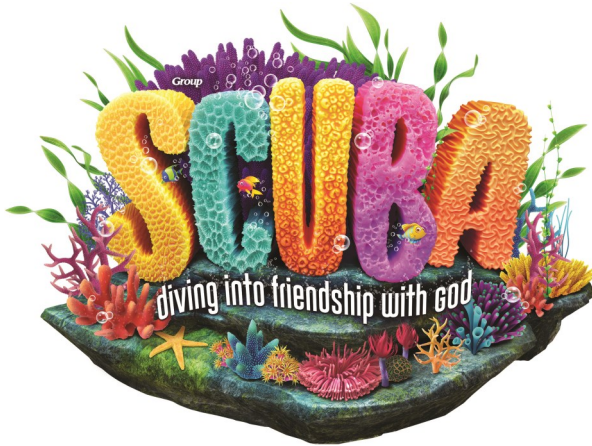
## PRAY FOR OUR DELEGATES

### LAITY

Christina McDermott, Carlisle UMC  
Milton Loyer, Shephardstown UMC  
Toni Oplinger, Bethlehem UMC, Codorus  
Cindy Weaver, Carlisle UMC  
Lisa Bender, Grace UMC, Harrisburg  
John Konieczny, Aldersgate UMC, Mechanicsburg  
Kim Shockley, Carlisle UMC (Alternate)  
Wesley Bealla, Elm Park UMC (Alternate)

### CLERGY

Tom Salsgiver, Fishburn UMC, Hershey  
Kathy Kind, Grace UMC, Hummelstown  
Mark Reisinger, Wesley UMC, Bloomsburg  
Gary Weaver, Conference Superintendent  
Rachel Wong, Linglestown Life  
Jake Waybright, Carlisle UMC  
Lenore Hosier, Extension Ministry (Alternate)  
Paul Amara, Conference Superintendent (Alternate)



## Vacation Bible School

June 23rd- 27th

We are getting ready for VBS and want you to be a part of it! If you are interested in volunteering in this formative event for your kids, Please sign up on your [connection card](#). More information is coming soon! Contact Carol Lawton by email at [kids@middlesexumc.com](mailto:kids@middlesexumc.com) for any questions.



**Honoring Our Graduates**- If you or your child is graduating this year (from high school, college, or graduate school), please mark your [Connection card](#). We want to honor and celebrate our graduates, their accomplishments, and their future plans! We plan to do this on a Sunday during our 10:00am worship service.



## SENIORS DRIVING SAFELY

*And other Safety tips*

*Presented by The PA State Police*



**The Golden Lights Senior Adult Ministry will be hosting Trooper Williams of the PA State Police who will talk about Driving Safely and other additional safety tips for Seniors.**

**Enjoy a great homemade meal, great fellowship and get great answers to some very important questions you may have driving safely & defensively .**

### GOLDEN LIGHTS SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

*Hosted by Middlesex United Methodist Church*

*118 N. Middlesex Road, Carlisle, PA 17013*

*Phone: 717-249-2449*



@12:00 NOON

#### **Planning on attending?**

Please register with our church office, by phoning (717) 249-2449 or sign up on the Connection Card in the Sunday Bulletin. Thank you.

*A \$5 donation is appreciated but is not required.*





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SURELY GOODNESS AND  
MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME  
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE;  
AND I WILL DWELL IN  
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD  
FOREVER.

PSALM 23:6 (NKJV)



## 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!***

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in Memory of Frank Brandt  
by Ann Carney*