

May 25, 2025
“Tree of Life”



The angel showed me a river that was crystal clear, and its waters gave life. The river came from the throne where God and the Lamb were seated. Then it flowed down the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river are trees that grow a different kind of fruit each month of the year. The fruit gives life, and the leaves are used as medicine to heal the nations. ~Revelations 22:1-3

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GATHERING/WELCOME

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH *Revelations 21:1-6*

HYMN *"America the Beautiful"* UMH #696

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and longed for love.

**We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love,
longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.**

Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

HYMNS *"The Church's One Foundation" (vs 1,2,4,5)* UMH #545

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME *Peace Like a River* Pastor Deb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE SONG *"Down to the River to Pray"*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Revelation 22:1-5* Linda Eckenrode

SERMON *"Traveling Home: The Tree of Life"* Pastor Deb

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

HYMN---Giving Ourselves and Our Gifts *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

WE ARE SENT FORTH *"Always Only Jesus"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"A Closing Prayer"*

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!



	MAY	JUNE	
ROLE	25	1	8
Preaching	Pr Deb	Pr Deb	Pr Deb
Acolyte	Zac Peters	Holden Clouse- Beddia	Ella Lawton
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:			
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Pe- ters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
Greeters:			
Hospitality Greeter	Linda Kimmel	Mary Otey	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Becky Smith	Fred & Ruth Hair	Pam Dunkleberger
Ushers:			
Gathering/Downstairs	Glenn Kimmel	Jim Otey	Glenn Kimmel
Pastor/Sanctuary	Need	Need	Need
Lector	Linda Eckenrode	Marian Smyser	Seth Lawton
Communion:			
bread maker		Marian Smyser	
serving			
		George/Shari Bellish/ Ed Beleck	

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 for their accomplishments, and their future plans!

We plan to do this on **Sunday, June 15th** during our 10:00am
worship service.



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:

Doug & Linda Preston, Gretchen Deel, Don & Mary Jayne, Wanda McDermond, Doug & Linda **Preston**, Ambar, Michael, Coralina & Azpen Kiner, Elizabeth Peters, Kirk Weary, Heather Hertzler, Ginger Gines, Grace Wetzel, Liz Rusnik

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Chris Fine, Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellish' son), 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).

OUR WORLD MISSIONS:

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Samantha Orner (Air Force), 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:

Let's remember our shut-in MUMC family this year by sending them notes, letters or visiting them. Addresses are provided below.

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
For the weeks of May 18 - 24 and May 25 - 31**

There are no specific "Circle of Prayer Churches" for these weeks.

Instead for these weeks pray for:

***All of our churches in our Conference ... Our Conference Camp Centers ... All of our Sierra Leone Partner Churches ... Our Bishop ...
All of our United Methodist Brothers & Sisters around the World.***

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 Leadership Council**, wrote a prayer and want to share it with the whole congregation in hopes that everyone will use this prayer as part of their daily prayer life.

Nurturing and Loving Creator, We thank you for the blessing of being your church in this world. Help us to live and love fully and deeply in Your Light that we might be a beacon of hope and faith for this broken world. Guide us to be a haven of hope, love and acceptance that we will share your grace that is compelling, contagious and compassionate.

Inspire us with fresh ideas and renewed energy that we might be bold in our witness and steadfast in our mission. Empower us to meet people where they are as you grant us courage to step beyond our comfort zones. Open our eyes and our hearts that we might see you in others and see others through your eyes.

Let our worship be vibrant, our teaching be sound, our fellowship be genuine and kind. Equip us as Your church in this world to grow both spiritually and numerically. We ask all of these things that we might bring honor and glory to you as you help us strive and thrive in 2025.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

We invite you the congregation to take part in a meaningful way to bring faith and mental wellness together. The American Mental Wellness Association has provided bulletin inserts that can be used each week in May to encourage reflection, conversation, and care surrounding mental health in our churches and communities, and self. Mental health is a vital part of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. As followers of Christ, we are called to bear one another's burdens and extend compassion to those who are hurting, even when those wounds are unseen.

June
Anniversary & Birthday
Celebrations



- 1 * Clint & Sherry Healey
- 1 * Earl & Darlene Smith
- 2 Marian Smyser
- 4 Logan Clouse
- 4 Ryan Garner
- 7 * Robert & Gayle Foltz
- 10 Isaiah Jumper
- 13 Claire Cohick
- 15 Phil Coler
- 15 Tim Lohr
- 18 * Seth & Carol Lawton
- 21 Asonia Wolf
- 22 Tonya Clouse
- 30 * Michael & Gaylea Kelly



Save the Date

True North VBS

June 16 - 19

Volunteers needed to help make this the best week ever for our kids! Sign up on connection card or see Carol Lawton.

CAPC BABY BOTTLE BLAST AND WALK FOR LIFE

Capital Area Pregnancy Center
Donations accepted now through
Father's Day (6/15)



Capital Area Pregnancy Center (CAPC) provides services for those in need and saving lives!

When you fill a bottle with currency or coins, you are helping many men, women and teens in the greater Harrisburg area with free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothes, furniture and diapers, as well as post-abortion counseling.

During this event, as you feel led, donations can be made through checks and online. ***If you are able to give above and beyond your regular weekly offering during this time, please consider supporting this important mission.***

To donate by check: please make your check payable to “MUMC” with Baby Bottle Blast noted in the memo line.

To donate online: please click the donate tab on our website and select a one-time gift for Capital Area Pregnancy Center.

Donations may be made anytime through Sunday, June 15th.

Thank you so much and if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact **Pam Dunkleberger at 717.249.2497 or 717.422.8756.**

Wanted

MUMC is seeking a donation of a sturdy, 3' or 4' wide by 5' tall shelving unit. This shelving unit will be used for a “sharing shelf” in the gathering space. The sharing shelf will be filled with non perishable food to share with those who enter our worship place and may have a need for something on that shelf. Please contact the church office if you would like to donate a shelving unit.

Ministry Leaders and Support Staff

Acting Facilities Director	George Bellish
Assisting Pastor	John Zimmerman
Custodian	Jenn Lopiano
Director of Children's Ministries	Carol Lawton
Director of Connections	Linda Kimmel
Finance Administrator	Amy Hershey
Office Administrator	Shari Bellish
Pastor	Deb Dailey
Preschool Director	Aimee Peele
Preschool Teacher's Aide	Amanda Otto
Social Media Coordinator	Amber Earhart
Worship Leader	Dave Billman

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Our Mission:

To honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision:

***Alive in Christ in the Community
so that the Community is Alive in Christ.***

Our Discipleship Pathway/Action Statement:

We show our LOVE of God by how we LIVE and SHARE with our community