

# *Middlesex United Methodist Church*

*Serving Christ for over 150 years!*

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***December 14, 2025    3rd Sunday of Advent***



# JOY

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*(Please be sure to be seated by 9:55am , so as not to disrupt our special advent service elements)*

## WELCOME

## LIGHTING OF 3rd ADVENT CANDLE

Carolyn Bloom & Barb Simpson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*"Gabe Brings a Message"*

## HYMN

*"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"*

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

UMH #230

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN

*"There's a Song in the Air"*

UMH #249

## SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1:26-56*

Linda Eckenrode

## SERMON

*"Son of Mary: The Joy of Resilience"*

## GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*"Emmanuel"*

## COMMUNION

## MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

*"Prayer For Our Church"*

## HYMN

*"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"*

## BENEDICTION

*"What Child Is This?"*



### ***"ANNOUNCEMENT"***

**Our Church Conference has been rescheduled:**

Sunday, December 14th immediately following worship service In the Sanctuary. All MUMC members of the congregations are welcome to attend.

*Bulletins are sponsored this week in memory of*

*Keith Hockenberry by Shelby Hockenberry*

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS:**

Mary Groshans, Brother in law of Cinda Whistler, Chris Fine, Helen Lehner, Clint Healy, Sherry Healy, Warren Garmon, Sue Billman, Rachel (LeeAnn Grove's friend) Kaylee & Joel Laison (Carolyn Bloom's granddaughter & Husband) , Bob Midgett, Mike Ohler, Sandi Lehman, Amanda Kammer (Linda Eckenrode's niece),

**LONG TERM ILLNESS:**

Gaylea Kelly, Dick & Esther Ocker, Todd Eckenrode, Harry Schulz, John McAllen (Asonia Wolf's son), Alesha Holsinger (Linda Kimmel's friend) , John Edwards (Andy & Mary Groshans), Asonia Wolf, Jackie Weary, Ed Hair, Stewart Lamma, Anne Stanford, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft), Wanda McDermond, Chris Fine.

**Grief:**

The Family of Barbara Elting, Family of Jim Jackson (friend of Linda & Doug Preston),

**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.**

**Jane Sunday-** Church Of God Home: 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Liz Rusnak—**Allen's Cove: 25 Cove Rd., Duncannon, PA 17020

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC  
December 14—20**

Druck Valley UMC, Hellam

Eagles Mere Community UMC, Eagles Mere

Hope UMC, Alexandria

Pleasant Grove Church, York Haven

Stairville UMC, Wapwallopen

Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY



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!

### Ministry Leaders / 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  
Worship Leader -Dave Billman

### SERVING THIS WEEK

<b>Worship Band:</b>	Dave Billman Seth Lawton Elizabeth Peters Linda Kimmel
<b>Tech Team</b>	Joe O' Donnel
<b>Hospitality Greeter</b>	Mary Groshans
<b>Bulletin greeter</b>	Barbara Preston
<b>Ushers:</b>	Andy Groshans
<b>Lector:</b>	Linda Eckenrode



## A Special Christmas Collection

As we remember the birth of the Christ child this Advent season, let us also take time to reflect on God's many blessings at MUMC and in our own lives. We have been blessed to have Pastor Deb, and our devoted church staff to minister to all of our congregational needs.

The Church Council will be collecting a free will Christmas gift for Pastor Deb and the church staff, to show our appreciation for all that they do.

### **There are three ways to give this year:**

- 1) you may drop your gift in the special offering basket before or after the 10:00am service
- 2) you may send us your gift in the mail or
- 3) you may drop your gift off at the church office Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Gifts may be made using cash or check. **If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to MUMC and write "Staff Christmas Gift" in the memo line. Please do not put these gifts in with your offering envelope. Please place all gifts in a plain white envelope marked "Staff Gift" on the outside.**

Collection Sundays will be **December 7th and 14th** and all gifts must be received (either in the mail or in person) no later than **December 18th**, so that they can be presented to Pastor Deb, and the church staff during Christmas week.