

MUMC Information and Announcement Folder



November
&
December





Welcome to the MUMC Announcements & Information Folder

Welcome the MUMC Announcements and Information Folder. This folder will be printed Bi-monthly, available on the last Sunday of every other month, to help us be fiscally responsible. If you have news or announcements for next month's edition, please complete and submit the (yellow paper) "Announcement request Form" by the third Sunday of the month.

Forms and folders can be found in the Greeting Area. For more information contact Shari Bellish at office@middlesexumc.com or call the church office at 717-249-2449. Next edition available 12/28/2025 (Jan. & Feb.)

UPCOMING MUMC MEETINGS

2025 Leadership council Meeting

December 15th

2026 Leadership Council Meetings:

all meetings are at 6:30pm on a Monday

January 12th

March 9th

May 11th

August 22nd—Staff/Council Retreat (Saturday)

October 12th

December 14th

** All Leadership council meetings are open to the congregation to attend, with exception when the meeting transitions to Executive session or SPRC (staff parish relations committee) session.*





Church office will be closed:

For Thanksgiving - Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27th & 28th
Christmas—December 24th to January 5th

Share Your Gifts, Serve Our Congregation

We're looking for volunteers to help with *offering counting, scripture reading, preparing and serving communion, greeting and ushering, tech and sound, and acolyte duties.*

No experience needed—just a willing heart! All ages welcome. To sign up, contact or visit the church office.

Be a part of something meaningful. Join our team today!

Bulletin Sponsorships Available

Would you like to honor or remember someone?
Sponsorship forms are now available with Becky Smith
in the Gathering space before/after worship service or
call the Church Office 717-249-2449.

Cost: \$15.00 per sponsorship.

Thank you for your support.





Serve Community CARES breakfast

1st Saturday every month

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, at 8:00am. If you have questions, please email Sue Walsh at sew1251@gmail.com or sign up on your Connection card.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm to 7pm in the nursery on the lower level of the church. Knitting, Crocheting, Card Making, Sewing, Etc. Any craft to serve the community is Welcomed!

Caring and sharing corner

We are delighted to introduce our Caring and Sharing space, located in the corner of our gathering space—a place where generosity blossoms and compassion is at the heart of our community. With collection bins and shelves dedicated to local ministries, this space welcomes anyone in our congregation or visiting to both give and receive. Let's come together to support one another: offer what you can and embrace the gifts you need.



Together, we can make a difference.





Alternative Christmas Gifts Have Returned

For those of you already working on Christmas lists, keep in mind that we have **Alternative Christmas Gift** options available again this year!

Alternative Christmas Gifts are perfect for people who you want to give to, but who don't really need or want any more **"stuff"...** let your friends and family know you are thinking of them by donating to causes that give hope and life to people who really need it.

Starting **11/30/2025 and throughout Advent**, you can order ornaments representing donations to organizations including: Gideon's Gift for Jesus, Heifer International, UMCOR, Community CARES, and many more!

This year, ordering will be available in our Gathering Space before and after the 10:00am service. You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm to order, and pick up can be arranged, if necessary.

Please make checks payable to MUMC and separate from all other giving.

Thank you in advance for your support to these wonderful organizations.



Advent Decorating

Saturday, Nov. 22nd at 9am

we will be preparing the sanctuary for Christmas.

We are inviting anyone who is interested and available to help.





Community Engagement Team

Have a heart for our community? Love the events we host throughout the year? Gifted in organization and team building? This team will work together to coordinate our community events, and will play a pivotal role in coordinating and organizing volunteers for and during Vacation Bible School by working with our Children's Director. It is essential that this team be an active part of the MUMC community. For a full description and more details, email the church office at office@middlesexumc.com.

Meeting Dates for CET:

Wed. 11/19 @ 4pm, rm 101

Wed. 11/26 @ 4pm, rm 101

Week of 11/30th to 12/6 Hayride preparations

Wed. 12/10 @ 4pm, rm 101

Wed. 1/21/26 @ 4pm, rm 101

We need cookies, cookies and more cookies!



Homemade cookies are great but store bought are fine too! Please place 2-3 cookies each in a Ziploc bag. The cookies may be dropped off in the church kitchen beginning

**Sunday, November 30th until Thursday,
December 5th.**

PLEASE NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS!





Hayride To Bethlehem

Saturday, December 6th, 4pm to 8pm

A very special Thank You to the **Cowboy Church** and **Turning Point Pentecostal Church** for joining us with this event. Also, thank you very much to the faithful and dedicated volunteers here at MUMC!!

Important dates:

11/22—Nativity Setup, time TBD

11/30— 1:30pm costume fitting, 2:00pm to 4:00pm **Dress rehearsal**

12/5—Setup Gym tables and cookie tables, setup Registration tables

12/5 & 6—Final preparations at the scenes

Items needed:

Live animals, outdoor heaters, soup (to feed volunteers prior), cookies, generators, hand warmers, hot chocolate.

Help Needed:

Parking lot & traffic Control volunteers

Actors- Speaking— Prophet #2, Josheph, Shepherd #2

Non speaking— Mary, Joseph, Wiseman #3

Scene setups

Set up luminaries 12/5

Light luminaries 12/6

Please sign up soon and let us know how you'd like to help! Indicate on the connection card in your worship bulletin or Contact Shari Bellish with your interest.



Bible Studies

* Tuesday Night - starting January 13th Season 4 of "The Chosen" led By Becky Smith.

* Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Group @ 9am **Season 5** of the "The **Chosen**" Series by Pastor Deb at Barb Simpson's Home.



Men's Ministry

Come Join Us the

First Saturday of each month

@ Sunnyside Diner at 9:00am.

Please contact Church office at office@middlesexumc.com or 717-249-2449, or sign up on your [Connection card](#) if you will be attending.

Coffee/Tea with LH&S Parents & Reading to kids

Join us while hosting the Preschool parents Monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month for coffee/tea and muffins. Beginning on 11/24th at 9AM

Or join us by Reading to the 4 yr olds, held monthly on any Wednesday. Aimee Peele will meet with those interested in participating **following church service in room 101 This Sunday, 11/16.**





HEALTHY LIVING

WORKSHOPS

Join Us for Monthly Mind-Body-Soul Living Workshops! Nourish Every Part of Your Wellbeing!

Are you ready to embark on a journey toward healthy, balanced living? We warmly invite you—and encourage you to bring a friend!—to our enriching monthly workshops focused on mind, body, and soul wellbeing at : **Middlesex United Methodist Church, 118 N. Middlesex Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013.**

Why Attend?

Connect and Grow: Explore a rich tapestry of topics that weave physical and mental health with spirituality in a welcoming setting.

Holistic Approach: Each session integrates nutrition, practical activities, and inspiring Discussions for whole-person wellness.

Community Spirit: Enjoy fellowship and fresh perspectives culminating each meeting with a heartwarming potluck meal.

Workshop Schedule & Topics

Body: January 11, 2026

Mind/Soul: February 8, 2026

Relationships: March 8, 2026

Serving: April 12, 2026

What to Expect

When: Second Sunday of each month, 3 pm – 5 pm (workshop), followed by a potluck meal from 5 pm – 6 pm.

Where: Middlesex UMC
118 N. Middlesex Rd.,
Carlisle, PA 17013

Food & Fellowship: Please bring a dish to share—each dish should include an ingredient or recipe card to add a delicious educational twist!

Nutrition: Every gathering will spotlight nutrition, blending it with the monthly topic for practical, tasty learning.





***MUMC's Youth Group
for 6th 12th graders***

Meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 6-8 pm

Schedule of Events

November—11/20 Family Fun Night

11/23 Escape Room

December— 12/5-6 Hayride to Bethlehem

12/12 Family Fun Night—Trivia

12/21 Holiday Party

Middlesex United Methodist Church's

Family FUN Night!

Join us for a **FREE** night of family fun!

Game Night

November 20th 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Families will enjoy playing games with other families

Family Trivia Night

December 12th 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Families will compete to win the holiday trivia game

Event takes place in the church gym. Light refreshments will be available.

Please email kids@middlesexumc.com to let us know you can make it.

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WHITE ELEPHANT

gift exchange party



The Golden Lights team hopes that you will join us for a delicious homemade holiday meal prepared on site, then following we will have some fun with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. We do ask that you RSVP by calling the church office, **717-249-2449**, or sign up on the church connection card in the Sunday bulletin, so we may have an accurate count for food at the event. Thank you.

\$5 donation appreciated but not expected to attend event





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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.*

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Linda Eckenrode
- 9 Dave Billman
- 12 Andy Groshans
- 14 Jim Otey
- 17 Sue Billman
- 18 Pat Ohler
- 19 Judy Oatman-Weiss
- 21 Pam Dunkleberger
- 23 Gaylea Kelly
- 23 * Rick & Ginger Gines
- 24 Mackenzie Lohr
- 25 Elizabeth Peters

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Tim Walsh
- 6 Carol Lawton
- 6 Margaret Scroggin
- 13 Ann Carney
- 13 Richard Ocker
- 16 Debbie Shipley
- 18 Kelly Fine
- 18 Sue Walsh
- 20 * Mike & Patricia Ohler
- 21 Ava Earhart
- 25 Richard Smith
- 26 Fred & Ruth Hair
- 30 Cinda Whistler
- 31 Mona Huston