

Celebration of Life

2023 - 2024 Roll of the Honored Dead

Name	Relationship	Date of Death
Pastor William R. Bair	Retired Pastor	March 22, 2024
Pastor Earl F. Barrick	Retired Pastor	October 18, 2023
Mrs. Ruth Cruikshank Bedard	Widow of Rev. Archie Cruikshank	January 31, 2024
Mrs. Mayetta C. Black	Widow of Rev. Maurice E.	July 14, 2023
Rev. Carl L. Buterbaugh	Retired Pastor	November 11, 2023
Mrs. Rae L. Clark	Widow of Rev. Larry S.	June 13, 2023
Rev. Roland E. Garvin	Retired Pastor	November 12, 2023
Rev. Carl D. Geary	Retired Pastor	November 25, 2023
Rev. Robert E. George	Retired Pastor	October 20, 2023
Rev. Vaughn C. Glover Jr.	Retired Pastor	November 14, 2023
Mrs. Doris S. Harring	Spouse of Rev. Dr. James L.	June 19, 2023
Rev. Robert W. Harris	Retired Pastor	March 25, 2024
Mr. Ronald G. Harvey	Spouse of Pastor Deborah H.	April 28, 2023
Rev. Dr. Richard A. Hughes	Retired Pastor	March 27, 2024
Mrs. Hazel A. Irwin	Widow of Rev. Thomas H. Jr.	January 6, 2024
Mrs. Jeune E. Jones	Widow of Rev. Thomas R.	April 9, 2024
Rev. William A. Jones, Sr.	Retired Pastor	March 21, 2024
Rev. Vicki A. Jordon	Retired Pastor	May 4, 2023
Rev. Howard A. Kerstetter	Retired Pastor	December 4, 2023
Pastor Donald W. Littleton	Retired Pastor	August 11, 2023
Mrs. Marilyn J. Marsden	Widow of Rev. Paul D.	July 23, 2023
Rev. Donald C. Nolder	Retired Pastor	March 20, 2024
Mrs. Tina M. Rockwell	Retired Diaconal Minister	September 29, 2023
Mrs. Joanne M. Salsgiver	Spouse of Rev. Dr. Thomas L.	September 3, 2023
Mrs. Jeanette R. Schroeder	Widow of Rev. Paul D.	June 12, 2023
Rev. Wayne A. Shamer	Retired Pastor	July 27, 2023
Pastor Richard S. Spering, Sr.	Retired Pastor	August 21, 2023
Rev. Jacqueline F. Starz	Retired Pastor	June 24, 2023
Mr. Joseph A. Starz, Jr.	Spouse of Rev. Jacqueline F.	March 26, 2023
Mrs. Ruth Cruz Valentin	Spouse of Pastor Manuel	April 6, 2023
Mrs. Vickie L. Valentine	Widow of Rev. Dr. James C.	December 5, 2023
Mrs. Anne W. Weaver	Spouse of Rev. George M. Jr.	March 23, 2023
Rev. Thomas C. Webb	Retired Pastor	July 23, 2023
Rev. James A. Wert	Retired Pastor	July 11, 2023
Rev. James A. Yoder	Retired Pastor	January 9, 2024



Celebration of Life and Resurrection

Community Arts Center - Williamsport, Pa.

The Harvest is Plentiful

The 2024 Susquehanna Annual Conference
Celebration of Life and Resurrection

Thursday, May 30, 2024 7:15 p.m.

Note: All hymns and responsive readings will be projected on the screens.

*You are invited to stand.

PRE-SERVICE HARP MUSIC

PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages”

Louis Lynch, Harpist
arr. Regina Ederveen

CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Rebecca L. Holland

Leader: Jesus said, *“A farmer went out to sow his seed. Some fell on the path and the birds came and ate it; some fell on the rocks and sprouted quickly but withered because the soil was shallow; some fell among the thorns and was choked out; but some, oh some fell on the GOOD soil and produced a multiplying crop.”* (Matthew 13)

People: Lord thank you for the leaders who spread your good news to all who could hear, and how they cultivated it in those who would listen.

Leader: Jesus said, *“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain. Ah! But, if it does die it bears much fruit.”* (John 12:24)

People: Lord, thank you for those who multiplied what you gave them as they continually gave their lives to you and your church. May the seeds they sowed grow.

Leader: Jesus said, *“The harvest is ready but the workers are few.”* (Matthew 9:38)

People: Thank you for your diligent workers, who cultivated their life in you, and planted the seeds of faith in so many.

Leader: Jesus said, *“I am the true vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them, will produce much fruit...When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples.”* (John 15)

People: Thank you, Lord for the branches that went through pruning and kept the faith to produce more of your love in this world, a fruit that will last. Let us continue in their legacy and your promise to share your love even further.

*OPENING HYMN

“For all the Saints”

stanzas 1, 2, 5 and 6
(#711 - United Methodist Hymn)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Mindi E. Gochnaur

REMEMBERING our SAINTS

Pastor Elizabeth G. Jackson

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

“Waters of Rest”

Louis Lynch, Harpist
Jamie Owens-Collins

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1 - 6

Hebrews 12:1 - 3

John 8:29 - 32

Pastor Barbara A. Servello & Rev. Kristopher R. Sledge

SERMON

“God’s Gleaners”

Rev. Dr. Charles W. Salisbury

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Victory in Jesus”

verses 2 and 3

CALL for OFFERING

Pastor Bobby Jones Jr.

Offering will benefit **“Africa University” - Advance #8025**

Africa University, guided by its visionary commitment, aspires to position itself as a Student-centered University dedicated to leadership transformation across the African continent. With a mission firmly rooted in providing high-quality, pan-African-centered higher education infused with Christian values, the institution seeks to cultivate transformative leadership competencies in its students that align with the developmental needs of Africa. The vision is to position the University as a Student centered University for leadership transformation in Africa through their values of academic excellence, God-fearing integrity professionalism, diversity and ubuntu. Give to our Africa University fund through the baskets that are passed or online at <https://susumc.org/donations/africa/>

*HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River”

(#723 - United Methodist Hymn)

REMEMBERING our SAINTS

Dennis Helsel

CHI RHO SINGERS

“In Christ Alone”

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
Arranged by David Angerman

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larry L. Leland Jr.

*CLOSING HYMN

“When We All Get to Heaven”

(#701 - United Methodist Hymn)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Felicita”

Louis Lynch, Harpist