

Welcome to St. Matthews

“A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ.”

We are honored to have you worship with us today and we hope that you will receive a warm welcome and experience the presence of our Lord in a significant way.

PRELUDE

WELCOME EVERYONE!

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

(ALL) In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

(L) God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

(ALL) God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.

(L) Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples’ feet in water.

(ALL) Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

(L) Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

(ALL) God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

*OPENING HYMN

Page 466 *The Church’s One Foundation* Verses 1,2,3

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us be bold and confess our sins for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor with Substance

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

Discipleship is the lifelong commitment to follow Jesus Christ, be transformed by His teachings and to invest in His mission in the world.

Verse 9 mentions honoring the Lord, which is tithing that forms a disciple’s priorities. Discipleship begins with who we honor first. Giving the firstfruits teaches the disciple to place God before personal security. What we give reveals who we follow most.

Verse 10 teaches us that God supplies what disciples need to sustain the journey of obedience and generosity, not the pursuit of excess.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gifts we receive. We give back just some of what you’ve given us. Please give our leadership the wisdom to steward these gifts so we glorify you and advance your kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

MIDDLE HYMN

Page 870

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Renee Keiper

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SERMON Pastor John Smith
Sermon Title “THE Relationships!”
Sermon Text: Philippians 3:10

Sermon notes:

***THE LORD’S PRAYER – ALL**
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**
Page 153 *Victory In Jesus (Christ Won the Victory)*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE – ALL *Go Now In Peace
Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

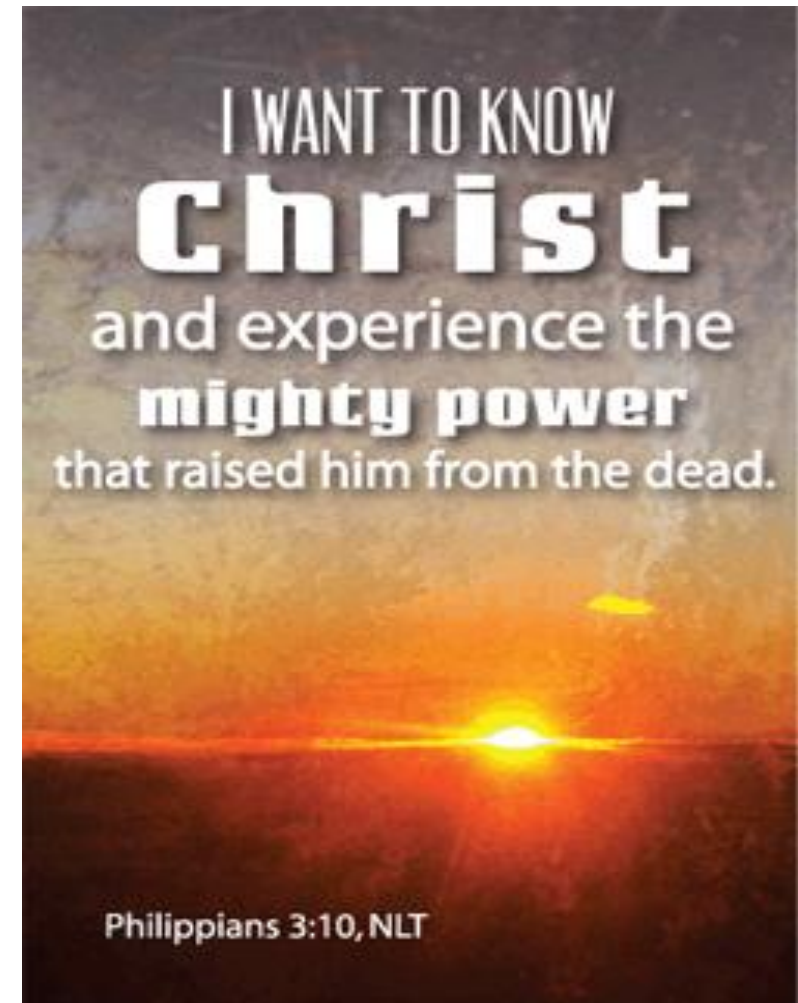
(CCLI #2810357 Don Besig)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan. 11	First Sunday after Epiphany	Sanctuary 9am
	Discipleship Seminar	Fellowship Hall 10:30am
Monday, Jan. 12		Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	Gathering Room 10:30am
	Council Meeting	Large classroom 7pm
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Visitation Team meeting	Large classroom 9am
Wednesday, Jan. 14		Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, Jan. 15		Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	Gathering Room 10:30am
Sunday, Jan. 18	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Sanctuary 9am
	Adult Sunday School	Large classroom 10:30am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman	Council President: RJ Cramer
January Lead Usher: Cheryl Hummer	

- ❖ **Welcome Pastor John and Vicki Smith for traveling to St. Matthew's today to lead our service and discipleship seminar.**
- ❖ **January Joyful Noise – Hope Lodge**
American Cancer Society Hope Lodge communities offer a home away from home for people facing cancer and their caregivers when cancer treatment is far away.
- ❖ **Discipleship Seminar – Today, 10:30am to 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall**
Guest speaker is Vicki Smith.
- ❖ **New Hymnal dedication slips on the information table in the Gathering Room. \$20 for each dedication.**
- ❖ **Visitation Team meeting, January 13th at 9am.**
- ❖ **St. Matthew's EC Church new membership** – If you are interested in joining our church family please see Pastor Wil. There will be 3 classes to attend. January 18th, January 25th and February 1st at 10:30am to 12:00pm.
- ❖ **You still have time to drop off gently worn, used or new shoes.**
Donation box is located by the elevator on the first floor.
Last day is January 31, 2026. Keep bringing in the shoes and spread the word!
- ❖ **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 8, 2026!!!** Get your soup to enjoy while watching the game!! CIA order forms are available on the information table in the gathering room or in the church office. Featured again this year are: Normandy soup, hamburger vegetable and chicken with bowtie noodles! \$10 per 32 oz. container.
- ❖ **Also starting February 1st, you can vote for your favorite team in the Super Bowl** with a monetary donation or cans of soup to be donated to the West End Food Pantry. The playing field table will be set up in the gathering room.
- ❖ **Laymen's Fellowship will be taking orders for handmade pasties starting February 1.** Orders & money are due on February 22. Pasties can be picked up at St. Matthew's on March 16. Prices for Original Beef with or without onions, Chicken, Italian Sausage, Veggie melt, Spinach melt are \$7.00. Premium Ham Pastie is \$8.00. Small Fruit pies: Apple, Blueberry, Cherry & Peach are also available for \$4.00.



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
January 11, 2026
 102 Church Rd, Kunkletown, PA 18058
 610-381-2442, stmatts@ptd.net
www.stmattseccunkletown.com

St. Matthew’s Prayer List – January 11, 2026

KINGDOM WORK:

- **Sister Helena** – Zambia – raising chickens, growing vegetables feeding the children and can now put a roof on facility
- **Randy & Deb Sheagley** – Touch the World website

MILITARY:

- **Logan Mackes** (Grandson of Rose Fritz): Serving in the U.S. Army in Fort Hood, TX for next 2½ years from Jan. 30, 2025
- **Bryce Silliman** (Irene and Dean Zacharias’ grandson) US Navy
- **Conner Wise** (Hal’s cousin’s son): U.S. Marine deployed to Iwakuni, Japan (via Hawaii & Guam) for 6-9 months.

LONG-TERM NEEDS:

- **Conner Bittenbender:** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; lab test results & healing
- **Gene Borger:** Strength and healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long’s Sister): Cancer
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Marlette Palermo:** healing
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long’s Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet

SHUT INS:

Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Liza’s House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038

SHUT INS CONTINUED

Kyle Frable—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
Gladys Meixsell—Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
Velma Silfies—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt: Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING:

Roger Cole (Leanne Sitler’s son-in-law)/5*
Mary and David Eckhart/1
Jodi Fehnel (friend of Rose Fritz)/5*
Mitchell Hawk Sr./3
Tom Hockman/5*
June Hudock (Tammy Hoffman’s Mother)/5*
Harold Irwin (family friend of Joan Madden)/3
Wade Koehler (friend of Vivian Smith)/5*
Jack Lovewell/5*
Sterling Mack (Leanne Sitler’s cousin)/5*
Malvin Meckes/5*
Shelby and Aaron Tripani (Renee’s stepdaughter and son-in-law)/4
Russ Wollam (Husband of Marie Christman’s granddaughter)/5*
Barbara Woodall (Justin Guyer’s Aunt)/2
Braedon Wunder/2

BEREAVEMENT:

Harry Hahn: friend of St. Matthew’s/2
Terry Hahn: friend of St. Matthew’s/2

* indicates changes from last week. For additions, updates or removals, please contact the Church Office at 610-381-2442 or complete and return a Prayer Card.