

**Welcome to St. Matthews EC Church**  
**“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.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!**

**PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

**(ALL) and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

(L) Your steadfast love endures forever.

**(ALL) Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**

(L) Happy are those who sing your praise.

**(ALL) and extol your righteousness all day.**

**OPENING HYMN    *Approach, My Soul* - video**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins to God,  
whose loving-kindness endures forever.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor,  
but we have not lived in right relationship  
or walked in the light of your love.**

**Forgive us for the wrongs we have done;**

**we know that the wages of sin is death**

**Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness,**

**which is freedom and life in Christ Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.  
Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin  
that you may serve with righteousness,  
to the glory and praise of God.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE    Gabby Bentley**  
**“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”**

#### **PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING**

**Proverbs 3:1-10, Page 510**

“My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

**MIDDLE HYMN    *Your Words Are Wonderful* (Psalm 119) - video**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Cheryl Hummer**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:27-31, Page 583**

“Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 73:21-28, Page 465**

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you. Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, to tell of all your works.

**SERMON Pastor John Smith**

**Sermon Title: "I Do Believe, Help Me Overcome My Unbelief"**

**Sermon Text: Mark 9:14-41 Page 821**

**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 *Every Step* - video**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG 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, June 28	Pastor John Smith Journey with Jesus with Vicki Smith	-Sanctuary 9am -Large classroom 10:30am
Monday, June 29	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, July 1		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, July 2	Exercise Group 1st Thursday Game Day	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am -Large classroom 12:30pm
Sunday, July 5	Pastor John Smith Bible Study with Pastor John	-Sanctuary 9am - Large classroom 10:30am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

June Lead Usher – Brenna Perry

### ❖ **June Joyful Noise is Garden of Giving**

The Garden of Giving is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, located in Saylorsburg, PA, which cultivates high-yield produce for local food banks in Monroe County. Founded in 2008 by Tammy Graeber, the harvests from our 3.5 acre plot are for the benefit of low-income residents who qualify for and rely upon food banks for their basic food needs.

### ❖ **Summer worship services in the grove:**

9:00am – July 13, August 9 and September 13

### ❖ **Monday Night Bible Study will not meet in June or July. They will resume on August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### ❖ **Wednesday Night Bible Study will not meet: July 1<sup>st</sup> or July 8<sup>th</sup> They will resume on July 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown**

**June 28, 2026**

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## St. Matthew's Prayer List – June 28, 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:

- **Major James Beidleman** (son of Kathy and Brian Beidleman): Pilot at Dover Air Force Base
- **LT Noah Krechel** (Grandson of Henry and Doris Krechel): Serving in the US Navy stationed in Norfolk, VA
- **Logan Mackes** (Grandson of Rose Fritz): Serving in the U.S. Army in Poland
- **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:

- **John Armbruster** (friend of Rose Fritz): immunotherapy for a year
- **Conner Bittenbender** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; lab test results & healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long's Sister): Cancer
- **Jalene Keiser**: Cancer
- **Wade Koehler** (Vivian Smith's friend)
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Eileen (Ravalico) Keller** (Roy Zeruth's friend): Cancer
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long's Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Scott Smith** (Doris and Henry's son-in-law): Cancer
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet
- **Nicole Zeruth** (Roy Zeruth's cousin): Cancer

### SHUT INS:

- **Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt**: Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091
- **Gene and Sandy Borger** – P.O. Box 907, Kresgeville PA 18333
- **James Borger**—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463

- **Kyle Frable**—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Shirley Kuntz**—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Gladys Meixsell**—Stroudsburg Post Acute Nursing and Rehabilitation, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
- **Jacqueline Mock**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
- **Marlette Palermo** – 276 Bollinger Rd., Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Velma Silfies**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Leah Jane Sterner**—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Jesse Ziegenfus**—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

### PRAYERS NEEDED:

- **Sharlee Ahner** (Eleanor Long's sister)/5\*
- **Kimberly Eckhart** (Marie Christman's nephew's wife)/2
- **Roger Cole** (Leanne's son-in-law)/1
- **John** (Justin's friend)/2
- **Joyce Fusner**/1
- **Kelly Gower** (cousin to the Barr Family)/4
- **Gary Realmuto** (Paul and Lisa LoMonaco's friend)/3
- **Jackson Smith** (Vivian's grandson)/1
- **Al Wanamaker** (Brian Dean Moore drummer)/3

### BEREAVEMENT:

- **Estella Altemose** (Henry Krechel's sister)2
- **Lois Bachman** (Homer Borger's sister)/1
- **Darryl Breinich**/2
- **Joann Hunsicker** (Penny Hawk's mother)/1
- **Joseph Pepitone** (Lee Byrne's son)/3
- **Family friend of Milt Souders**/2