

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

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

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

(ALL) In you, we come home to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

We dwell in you.

(L) Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

(ALL) In you, we are home we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.

We dwell in you.

OPENING HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved ones,
believe again the gospel,
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with delight.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Cheryl Hummer

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Proverbs 3: 7-10, page

“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

SCRIPTURE READING

Tammy Hoffman

New Testament Reading:

James 1:12-15, Page 980

“Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one’s own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.”

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 51:1-14, Page 452

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was **born** guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be

clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman
Sermon Title:“The Life of King David – David Falls Short”
Sermon Text:2 Samuel Chapters 11 and 12
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**

***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.

<u>THE WEEK AHEAD</u>		
Sunday, Oct. 25		-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, Oct. 26		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Class	-Gathering Room, 10:30am
	Luke Bible Study	-Large classroom, 6:30pm
Wednesday, Oct. 28		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Laymen’s Fellowship	-Fellowship Hall, 10:30am
	Bible Study	-Large classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, Oct. 29		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Class	-Gathering Room, 10:30am
Sunday, Nov. 1	All Saints Day	-Sanctuary, 9am
Pastor: Wil Hoffman		Council President: RJ Cramer

ALTAR FLOWERS
Vase 1 and Vase 2 – in honor of Florence Dorshimer’s 103rd heavenly birthday from her family

- ❖ **October Joyful Noise – Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley**
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** – shoeboxes are available in the gathering room. Information, suggestions and labels will also be available. Please return filled boxes by November 8th.
- ❖ **St. Matthew's 250th Anniversary is coming up in 2029.** We need leaders, ideas and volunteers.
- ❖ **October 31st** – Trunk or Treat in St. Matthew's parking lot. See Cheryl Hummer for information.
- ❖ **November 1st – All Saints Day** – everyone will have an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones that have passed away.
- ❖ **New member classes – November 1st, 8th and 15th.**
- ❖ **November Annual Bazaar**
The Annual Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** There will be a Ticket Raffle, PA Dutch Raffle, Bake & Soup Sale, Food to Dine in or Take Out & lots of fellowship. Soup will be available for purchase at \$10 a quart. We are in need of cash or gift cards, valued at \$25 or more, for our Ticket Raffle. Please give them to Brenda Sheckler, Shirley Brotzman, or Diane Huber by October 4, in order to be able to get the tickets printed. We also are in need of items for our PA Dutch Raffle...items should be valued at \$25 or more. You may drop these off at the church from October 18-30th. We hope you can come out for a day filled with food, fun & fellowship. Thank you for your support.
- ❖ **Annual November Filling Sale**
Filling Orders will be taken starting in **October** until **Sunday, November 15.** See any Laymen's Fellowship member to order the filling. The cost of filling is \$8.00 for a 2 lb. container and \$2.00 for a pint of gravy. Filling orders may be picked up on **Tuesday, November 24,** from 1:00 to 5:30 pm. You may call our Renee in our church office to place your order M-W-Th 610-381-2442 from 10 am to 2 pm.
- ❖ **Funeral pre-planning** discussion with Tom Kresge from Kresge Funeral Home on November 15th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pre-planning is simply the process of drawing up plans for a funeral before they are needed. Making your wishes clear ahead of time can prove to be a great comfort to loved ones. Light refreshments will be available. Please join us even if you might be using a different funeral home and invite anyone that you think would be interested.



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
October 25, 2026
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St. Matthew's Prayer List –October 25, 2026

KINGDOM WORK:

- **Sister Helena** – Zambia – raising chickens, growing vegetables and feeding the children.
- **Randy & Deb Sheagley** – Touch the World (touchtheworld.org)

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
- **Bryce Silliman** (Irene and Dean Zacharias' grandson) US Navy

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**
- **Wade Koehler** (Vivian Smith's friend)
- **Chelsea (Everett) Morgan** (Devoe Breinich's niece) ALS
- **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
- **Sherry Smith** (Barbara and Richard Getz's daughter)
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet
- **Judy Walck** (Louise Shupp's cousin): Cancer
- **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
- **Ellen and Sterling Kresge** -528 Silver Spring Blvd. 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:

- **Rodger Eldridge** (Anabel Beers' son-in-law)3
- **Eileen Hunts** (Marie Christman's niece)3
- **Mason** (Mark and Brandy Bittenbender's nephew)/2
- **Rick Rentschler** (Bruce Eckhart's brother-in-law)/1
- **Colin Smith** (Vivian Smith's son)/2
- **Blaine Sterner** (Beverly Frantz's cousin)/2
- **Donna Waltz**/2
- **David Zacharias** (Dean's twin brother)/3

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Jerry Lee Lewis** (Dean Zacharias' brother-in-law)3
- **Kathleen Houck** (Karol Meitzler's sister)/1
- **Barbara Souders**/2

BIRTHS:

- **Russell Stanley Smith – 9/18/26** (Tiffany and Corey Smith's son)/1

(Numbers at the end of name tell you how many weeks the name will be listed in the bulletin. The * next to the number 5 tells you that the name is a new prayer request)