

*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.*

GATHERING HYMNS

Page#586: *How Great Is the Greatness of God*

(On screen) *Rise with the Sun*

Page #5: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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 2 Corinthians**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

OPENING HYMN Page #15: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Creation displays the glory of God,
but our sin keeps us from rejoicing
in the love God reveals.

Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross,
and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us
so that we can praise God,
our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover.
Let us confess our sins,
that we may receive such grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Presence, Life, Fire,
God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.
We take your creation into our hands,**

not to love, but to use and then to discard.

We go to the people of the land,

not to serve, but to press them into our service.

We do not deserve that you would even notice us,

but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.

Flame of Love, purify us from sin;

Eternal Now; lead us to the truth;

Risen One, baptize us into union with you.

Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you along,

God who is Trinity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Holy One of Israel,

the Redeemer of all the world,

and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life
forgets the sins of all who repent.

I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven,

in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, Father of us all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gabby Bentley

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Daniel 6:10, Page 723

"Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously."

MIDDLE HYMN

Page #616: *I Set My Hope on Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING

Stephen Christiansen

New Testament Hebrews 11:32-34, Page 978

"And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight."

Psalm Reading Psalm 31:1-8, Page 439

“In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.”

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title “Thrown to the Lions”

Sermon Scripture Daniel Chapter 6

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 (On screen) *The God We Love* (Nicene Creed)**

***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, May 31	Band and Breakfast Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, June 1	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am – 2pm - Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Wednesday, June 3	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, June 4	Exercise Group First Thursday Game Day	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30pm - Lg classroom, 12:30pm
Sunday, June 7	Communion Sunday	-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

May Lead Usher – Jamie Garita

❖ **May Joyful Noise is Cystic Fibrosis**

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was established in 1955 to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality and length of life for those afflicted with this disease. The Foundation creates and funds innovative research designed to save children's lives.

❖ **Car Show trophy sponsors needed - \$36 each. See Magen Snyder**

❖ **June 14th – graduation Sunday.** Forms are available on the information table. **Deadline for submission is today.**

❖ **Laymen's Fellowship will be having the PA Dutch Raffle** at our Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 21. We would greatly appreciate items for the raffle, valued at least at \$25. Please bring your donation to the Church no later than **June 14**. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

9:00am – June 14, July 13, August 9 and September 13

10:00am – June 21 (Strawberry Festival and Car Show)



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown

May 31, 2026

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – May 31, 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
- **Wade Koehler** (Vivian Smith's friend)
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Eileen Ravalico** (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

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:

- **Lee Byrne's son**/4
- **Deb Everett** (Sue Hamlin's sister)/2
- **Kyle Frantz**/2
- **Joyce Fusner**/5*
- **Rosa Hawk** (friend of Rose Fritz)/4
- **Charles Prince** (Sue Hamlin's father)/2
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/3
- **Roger Sitler** (Leanne's son)/5*
- **Calvin Smith** (Angie Procita's dad)/3
- **Jackson Smith** (Vivian's grandson)/5*
- **Susan** (Justin Guyer's friend)/3
- **Tom** (Pat Martin's neighbor)/3

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Brenda** (Wendy Peddigree's stepmother)/3
- **Estella Altemose** (Henry Krechel's sister)5*
- **Lois Bachman** (Homer Borger's sister)/4
- **Darryl Breinich**/5*
- **Joann Hunsicker**(Penny Hawk's mother)/4
- **Family friend of Milt Souders**/5*