

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**

Return to the One Holy God who calls you
to steadfast love.

The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

Return to the One who heals and binds,
revives and raises up.

The Lord desires knowledge not burnt offerings.

Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation
with light and life. Amen.

OPENING HYMN On Screen: *Christ the True and Better Adam*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us return to the One who desires
to hear our confession
and waits to grant us grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

your word and your promises come to us

when our hearts are filled with rejoicing

and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings.

We have not shared with our neighbors the gifts you have given us.

We deceive ourselves about our true nature,

and we do not honor your desire for Earth and all her creatures.

We beg for your mercy. Forgive us.

Help us to amend our lives. Show us the pathway toward healing

and give us peace, in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of mercy desires the well-being of all people and creatures.

The God of Abraham and Sarah, of the prophets, of Paul and Mary Magdalene,
gives life and makes new what is old.

In the name of the God who raised Jesus from the dead,
your sins are forgiven. Walk in the way of faith,
that you may have abundance and joy.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cheryl Hummer

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Romans 8:31-32, Page 919

“What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?”

MIDDLE HYMN

On Screen: *God Is Over All*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ian Snyder

New Testament Scripture

James 1:2-4, Page 980

“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.”

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-6, Page 477

“You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.”

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title: "A Test of Faith"

Sermon Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19

Sermon Notes:

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES CREED)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy universal Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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 157: *By Faith

***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 7	Communion Sunday	-Sanctuary, 9am
	Children's Ministry meeting	-Elementary Classrm. 10:30
Monday, June 8		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Wednesday, June 9		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Bible Study	-Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, June 11		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
Sunday, June 14	Graduation Sunday	-Grove, 9am

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.

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

❖ **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)

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

❖ **Wednesday Night Bible Study will not meet: June 24th, July 1st, July 8th**
They will resume on July 15th.



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
June 7, 2026

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – June 7, 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) 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

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**/3
- **Kimberly Eckhart** (Marie Christman's nephew's wife)/5*
- **Deb Everett** (Sue Hamlin's sister)/1
- **Kyle Frantz**/1
- **John** (Justin's friend)/5*
- **Joyce Fusner**/4
- **Rosa Hawk** (friend of Rose Fritz)/3
- **Charles Prince** (Sue Hamlin's father)/1
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/2
- **Roger Sitler** (Leanne's son-in-law)/4
- **Calvin Smith** (Angie Procita's dad)/2
- **Jackson Smith** (Vivian's grandson)/4
- **Susan** (Justin Guyer's friend)/2
- **Tom** (Pat Martin's neighbor)/2

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Brenda** (Wendy Peddigree's stepmother)/2
- **Estella Altemose** (Henry Krechel's sister)4
- **Lois Bachman** (Homer Borger's sister)/3
- **Darryl Breinich**/4
- **Joann Hunsicker** (Penny Hawk's mother)/3
- **Family friend of Milt Souders**/4