

*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!

HONOR GRADUATES

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) Worship the Lord with gladness!

(ALL) We come into God's presence with singing.

(L) For the Lord our God is good.

(ALL) God's steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING HYMN "The Lord Almighty Reigns" Page 889

CALL TO CONFESSION

Through our Lord Jesus Christ
we have obtained access
to the grace in which we stand.
With confidence in God's grace,
let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, without your grace

We are like sheep without a shepherd.

Sometimes we are harassed by sin

And feel helpless against its power.

Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power

To harass the helpless.

We are wolves in sheep's clothing,

Innocent as serpents and wise as doves.

Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.

Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;

Through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news of God's love:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(ALL) Thanks be to God!

(L) Since we are justified by faith
we have peace with God
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The peace of Christ be with you.

(ALL) And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gabby Bentley

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

1 Peter 4:7-10, Page 985

"The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

MIDDLE HYMN "Where Shall I Be When the First Trumpet Sounds?" Page 896

SCRIPTURE READING

Linda Koehler

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 7:13-14, page 725

"As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed."

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 2:1-12, Pages 424 and 425

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his

wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; [today](#) I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him."

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title: "Get Ready!"

Sermon Text: Matthew Chapter 24, Page 805

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 "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" Page 183**

***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 14	Graduation Sunday	-Grove, 9am
Monday, June 15		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, June 17		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Bible Study	-Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, June 18		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
Sunday, June 21	Strawberry Festival	-Grove, 10am

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.

❖ **Strawberry Festival Preparation: June 19th at 9am in the church to cook food, June 20th at 8am in the grove for set up. Helping hands will be appreciated!**

❖ **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**. There is a table for donations in the former nursery. 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 14, 2026**

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – June 14, 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

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**/2
- **Kimberly Eckhart** (Marie Christman's nephew's wife)/4
- **John** (Justin's friend)/4
- **Joyce Fusner**/3
- **Rosa Hawk** (friend of Rose Fritz)/2
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/1
- **Gary Realmuto** (Paul and Lisa LoMonaco's friend)/5*
- **Roger Cole** (Leanne's son-in-law)/3
- **Calvin Smith** (Angie Procita's dad)/1
- **Jackson Smith** (Vivian's grandson)/3
- **Susan** (Justin Guyer's friend)/1
- **Tom** (Pat Martin's neighbor)/1
- **Al Wannamaker** (Brian Dean Moore drummer)/5*

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
- **Joseph Pepitone** (Lee Byrne's son)/5*
- **Family friend of Milt Souders**/4