

Welcome to St. Matthews
“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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDSHIP PAD AND OFFERING BASKET– located on table by food stand

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us, there is One who seeks us, One who meets us, One who heals us, whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy. This One is the Lord. Come, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia, amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia, amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia, amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, amen!

Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia, amen!

He who made all things well Formed us His praise to tell;

Hear now the anthem swell, Alleluia, amen!

Sing this salvation song, Alleluia, amen!

Christ on the cross has won, Alleluia, amen!

Praise we the risen Lord; Come run through mercy's door;

Loved, rescued, and restored, Alleluia, amen!

Lift high the Savior's name, Alleluia, amen!

Til all the earth proclaims, Alleluia, amen!

Let now the gospel ring, Christ for the world we sing;

The world to Christ we bring, Alleluia, amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The geography of sin is a waterless waste. But God gives springs of living water, streams of justice and mercy splashing into the wilderness from the mountain of God. Let us drink deeply of Christ. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not good. We follow our own devices. We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors. Do not turn away from us, O God, but hear our cry for blessing. Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit. Guide us into your light so that we may walk in your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Receive these words of comfort from God)

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom. In full assurance of justification by grace through faith, by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the blessed Trinity, One God. **Amen.**

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

God gives us more than enough for our journey of faith. Let us present our tithes and offerings so that others may know their blessings and give thanks to God.

OFFERTORY

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay;

Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

But we never can prove The delights of His love Until all on the altar we lay;

For the favor He shows And the joy He bestows Are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go; Never fear, only trust and obey.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-27

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;

25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

SERMON

Pastor Rick

Church Life DNA

The Priority of Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-27

Identify The _____
Psalm 24:1

_____ Are Called to Stewardship
1 Corinthians 12:14-20

_____ *Deuteronomy 8:18* *_____ Nehemiah 4:14* *2 Timothy 1:6*

_____ the #1 relationship
Revelation 2:2-4

***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 *Lead On, O King Eternal

*Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro' days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Wheree'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.*

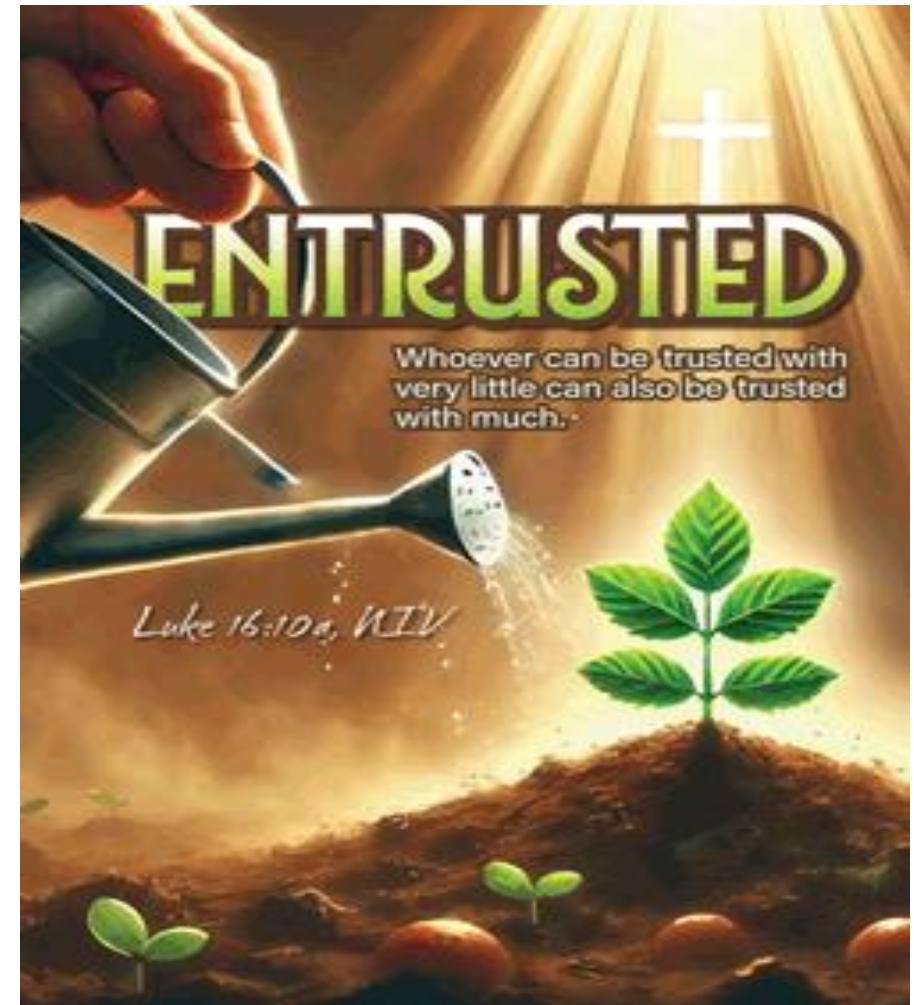
*Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.
Lead on, O God of might!*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Rick

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.



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025

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- ❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**
Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—Moravian Village Health Ctr, Rm 142, 634 E. Broad St, Bethlehem PA 18018
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Riverton Rehabilitation and Healthcare Ctr, 803 N. Wahneta St., Allentown PA 18109
Kyle Frable—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
Gladys Meixsell—Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
Velma Silfies—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
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Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

- ❖ **June benevolence is Garden of Giving.**
- ❖ **June 29th – Worship, Band and Breakfast will be held in the Church.**
- ❖ **Children’s message and Children’s church will be suspended for the month of June. Both will resume on July 6th.**
- ❖ **CHANGING THE SCORECARD FOR THE CHURCH CONFERENCE**
Keynote speaker - Reggie McNeal
Church Ministry Consultant and author
Saturday, July 12th, 9am – 3pm at Mohn’s Hill EC Church in Reading, PA
A box lunch is provided. Transportation is not provided.
Talk to Tom Barr if you are interested in attending the conference.
The deadline to sign up is today, the signup sheet is on the table with bulletins and offering basket.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 22	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	-Grove, 9am
Monday, June 23		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Wednesday, June 25		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, June 26		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Sunday, June 29	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	- Sanctuary, 9am
	Band and Breakfast	

*******Please make all church checks payable to St. Matthew’s EC Church**

Council President: RJ Cramer
Interim Pastor: Rick Rufenacht Assistant Pastor: Wil Hoffman
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June Lead Usher: Kyle Strohl