

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.

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you,
but to do justice,
love kindness
and walk humbly with God!

OPENING HYMN *As for Me and My House (on the screen)*

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 15:1-5

Let us confess our sins,
for the Holy One delights in blessing
those who seek to walk with God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 15:2-4

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right,
nor spoken truth from the heart with love.**

**We do not keep your word,
and when we participate in gossip,
our words and deeds cause pain.**

**Forgive us by the power of your mercy,
that we might stand in the goodness of Christ
and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Micah, 1 Corinthians, Matthew

Sisters and brothers,
Your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,
Who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.
Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great;
Jesus brings healing, justice and peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Gabby Bentley
"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Amos 4:4-5 Pg 745

"Come to Bethel and transgress; to Gilgal and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!" declares the Lord GOD."

MIDDLE HYMN *Softly and Tenderly* Page 406

SCRIPTURE READING RJ Cramer

Old Testament Reading:

Micah 6:6-8 Pg 757

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 14:1-7 Pg 430

"The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rose Fritz

SERMON **Pastor Wil Hoffman**

Sermon Title:

“Writing Your Story – Your Past Shapes Your Present”

Sermon Text:

Acts 26:1-11

Sermon Notes:

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Here is Love*

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 quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy general 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** *Saved my Soul* (on the screen)

***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

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| Sunday, Feb 1 | 4 th Sunday after Epiphany New Member Class | -Sanctuary 9am -Fellowship Hall 10:30am |
| Monday, Feb 2 | Exercise Group | -Office Open 10am -2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am |
| Wednesday, Feb 4 | Exercise Group | -Office Open 10am – 2pm |
| Thursday, Feb 5 | Exercise Group First Thursday Game Day | -Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30pm |
| Sunday, Feb 8 | 5 th Sunday after Epiphany New Member Class | -Fellowship Hall, 12:30pm -Sanctuary, 9am -Fellowship Hall, 10:30am |

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

February Lead Usher – Kyle Strohl

❖ **February Joyful Noise – Family Promise (Carbon County)**

The mission is to offer families experiencing homelessness in Carbon County temporary shelter, meals, and a safe place to sleep. Family Promise empowers families to use support networks to become self-sustaining and secure permanent housing within 90 days.

❖ **St. Matthew's EC Church new membership** – If you are interested in joining our church family please see Pastor Wil. There will be 3 classes to attend. Due to the snow that last couple of weeks the classes will be held on **February 1st, February 8th and February 15th at 10:30am to 12:00pm.**

❖ **You still have time to drop off gently worn, used or new shoes.**

Donation box is located by the elevator on the first floor.

Deadline has been extended to February 8, 2026. Keep bringing in the shoes and spread the word!

❖ **Be sure to submit your order for soup for Super Bowl Sunday!!** Order forms are on the offering table, on the information table in the Gathering Room and in the church office.



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
February 1, 2026**

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – February 1, 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:

- **Logan Mackes** (Grandson of Rose Fritz): Serving in the U.S. Army in Fort Hood, TX for next 2½ years from Jan. 30, 2025
- **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:

- **Conner Bittenbender:** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; lab test results & healing
- **Gene Borger:** Strength and healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long's Sister): Cancer
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Marlette Palermo:** healing
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long's Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet

SHUT INS:

Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Liza's House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038
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

SHUT INS CONTINUED:

Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt: Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING:

Helen Alpaugh (Marie Christman's friend)/3
Roger Cole (Leanne Sitler's son-in-law)/2
Jodi Fehnel (friend of Rose Fritz)/2
Harvey Handwerk (Eleanor Long's brother-in-law)3
Tom Hockman/2
June Hudock (Tammy Hoffman's Mother)/2
Wade Koehler (friend of Vivian Smith)/2
Jack Lovewell/2
Sterling Mack (Leanne Sitler's cousin)/2
Malvin Meckes/2
Shelby and Aaron Tripani (Renee's stepdaughter and son-in-law)/1
Russ Wollam (Husband of Marie Christman's granddaughter)/2
Barbara Woodall (Justin Guyer's Aunt)/3
Connor Young (friend to the Huber's)2

** indicates changes from last week. For additions, updates or removals, please contact the Church Office at 610-381-2442 or complete and return a Prayer Card.*