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 **Renee Keiper**
*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**
FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!
PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Dan Smale**
(L) Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.
(ALL) For he is gentle and humble in heart;
in him we find rest for our souls.

OPENING HYMN ***"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"*** **(page 499)**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Ian Snyder**
God upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
Therefore, let us confess our sin
with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Ian Snyder**
Holy One, we confess to you and to each other
that we are tired and weighed down
by the mistakes we have made,
even in our closest relationships
with our friends, our spouses and our partners.
We give this burden to you,
mindful of Jesus' promise that
He will give us rest.
We trust in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Ian Snyder**
Friends, hear the good news of our faith:
God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
showing compassion to all.
Forgiven and freed let us rise up with joy
and share our peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Cheryl Hummer**
"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING **Ian Snyder**
Isaiah 6:8
"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

MIDDLE HYMN **"Completely Known, Completely Loved" (page 135)**

SCRIPTURE READING **Rose Fritz**
New Testament Scripture:
John 12:37-41, Pages 875-876
"Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them." Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him."
Psalm
Psalm 99:5-9, Page 481
"Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy."

SERMON Pastor John Smith
Sermon Title: "Whom Shall I Send"
Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-13
Sermon Notes:

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Pastor John

APOSTLE'S 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 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (On screen)**

***CLOSING PRAYER Ian Snyder**

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, July 5	Pastor John Smith	-Sanctuary 9am
	Bible Study with Pastor John	-Fellowship Hall 10:30am
Monday, July 6		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, July 8		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, July 9		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 11am
Sunday, July 12	Adult Baptism	-Grove 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman Council President: RJ Cramer
July Lead Usher – Melanie Frantz

- **July Joyful Noise is Touch the World (The Barn) touchtheworld.org**
  Equipping youth to live out the mission of God every day, everywhere.
  We don't just want students to go on a mission trip — we want them to embrace mission as a lifestyle that transforms their daily lives and communities. The Mission Center is located on 706 Kunkletown Rd. Saylorsburg PA 18353.

- **Summer worship services in the grove:**
  9:00am – July 12, August 9 and September 13

- **July 12th – Adult baptisms during the service in the grove. See Renee if you are interested to pickup forms to complete.**

- **July 19th – Laymen's Fellowship Bingo – doors open at 12pm, bingo starts at 1pm.**

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

- **Wednesday Night Bible Study will not meet July 8th**
  They will resume on July 15th.

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – July 5, 2026

KINGDOM WORK:

- **Sister Helena** – Zambia – raising chickens, growing vegetables and feeding the children.
- **Randy & Deb Sheagley** – Touch the World (touchtheworld.org)

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

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, Kunkle**t**own 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:

- **Kimberly Eckhart** (Marie Christman's nephew's wife)/1
- **John** (Justin's friend)/1
- **Kelly Gower** (cousin to the Barr Family)**/**3
- **Gary Realmuto** (Paul and Lisa LoMonaco's friend/2
- **Al Wanamaker** (Brian Dean Moore Band drummer)/2

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Estella Altemose** (Henry Krechel's sister)1
- **Darryl Breinich/**1
- **Joseph Pepitone** (Lee Byrne's son)/2
- **Family friend of Milt Souders**/1