

*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.*

GATHERING SONGS:

*“Rise with the Sun” – on the screen
“All Hail the King of Heaven” – on the screen
“Come, People of the Risen King” (Page 17)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) Sing a song of thanksgiving.
(ALL) Declare God’s wondrous deeds.
(L) For the Lord dwells among the people;
(ALL) the glory of God abides with us.

OPENING HYMN “Rejoice” (Page 8)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God to save,
let us confess our sins before God and this assembly.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
forgive us our sin,
free us from fear of the power of evil,
and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news:
Christ has broken the power of sin and evil
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Cheryl Hummer

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

2 Corinthians 9:9-11, Page 942

“As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce [thanksgiving](#) to God through us”

MIDDLE HYMN “Oh, How Good It Is” (page 580)

SCRIPTURE READING

Tammy Hoffman

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 18:1-6, Page 12

“The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he [sat](#) at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

Psalms Reading

Psalms 67:1-7, Page 460

“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah. that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.”

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title: “The Parable of the Leaven”

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:33

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 “*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*” (Page 499)**

***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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 30	Band and Breakfast Sunday	-Sanctuary, 9am
	Breakfast	-Fellowship Hall, 10:30am
Monday, August 31		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Class	-Gathering Room, 10:30am
	Luke Bible Study	-Large classroom, 6:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 2		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Bible Study	-Large classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, Sept. 3		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Class	-Gathering Room, 10:30am
Sunday, Sept. 6	Communion	-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman	Council President: RJ Cramer
August Lead Usher – Mitch Hawk	September Lead Usher – Tom Barr

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Vase #1 –In memory of Lorraine Sterner, Happy Birthday, Mom!

Vase #2 – available for purchase \$15

- ❖ **August Joyful Noise is Operation Touch of Home** which was established in 2004 by Dean and Sharon Green in response to their son's deployment to Fallujah, Iraq. The organization aims to ensure that local troops serving in war are not forgotten by providing them with essential items and a "touch of home".
- ❖ **Final summer worship service in the grove: 9am on September 13**
- ❖ **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – shoeboxes are available in the gathering room. Information, suggestions and labels will also be available. Please return filled boxes by November 8th.
- ❖ **A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped with the West End Fair Stand!!!**



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
August 30, 2026
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St. Matthew's Prayer List – August 30, 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
- **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
- **Kathleen Houck** (Karol Meitzler'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
- **Sherry Smith** (Barbara and Richard Getz's daughter)
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet
- **Nicole Zeruth** (Roy Zeruth's cousin): Cancer

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:

- **Mason** (Mark and Brandy Bittenbender's nephew)/5*
- **Larry Bonser**/3
- **Mason Buskirk** - July 30th earthquake in Japan/2
- **Cara Craft** (Dan Smale's friend)/1
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/2
- **Jimmy Klotz** (Pastor Wil's brother-in-law)/4
- **Pat Martin's neighbor**/4
- **Martha Serfass** (Eleanor Long's sister)/2

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Kim Cope** (Pastor Suzanne and Pastor Scott's daughter-in-law)/2
- **Rhonda Cramer** (RJ's aunt)/2

(Numbers at the end of name tell you how many weeks the name will be listed in the bulletin. The * next to the number 5 tells you that the name is a new prayer request)