

*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

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

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God meets us in our greatest need
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.
In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

OPENING HYMN *Jesus, the Light of the World* – (On screen)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The promise of our faith is this:
for all who call out in truth,
God is nearby.
Therefore, let us honestly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and mercy,
we admit that we are not always free of deceit.
We are fooled by the false promises of the world
into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us.
Hear our cry and save us, dear God,
In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is good news for everyone:
God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love,
and gives us forgiveness and grace.
We do not have to earn it with sacrifice
because it is a free gift from a generous God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Cheryl Hummer

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

2 Corinthians 9:12-13, page 942

“for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others”

MIDDLE HYMN *Sun of My Soul (Shine)* – (On screen)

SCRIPTURE READING

Marie Christman

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 42:5-7, Page 584 and Isaiah 49:6, Page 592

“Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

And...

“I will give you (meaning Israel, us) as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 67:1-2, Page 460

“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah (which means to pause and reflect) that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.”

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title: “Light Destroys Darkness”

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:14-16

Sermon Notes:

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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 *Lift High the Name of Jesus* (page 478)**

***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

Sunday, August 2	Communion Sunday	-Sanctuary 9am
Monday, August 3		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Class	-Gathering Room, 10:30am
Wednesday, August 5		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Bible Study	-Large classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, August 6		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Class	-Gathering Room, 10:30am
	First Thursday Game Day	-Large classroom, 12:30pm
Sunday, August 9	Grove worship service	-Grove, 9am

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Vase #1 – in loving memory of Rodney Smith from his children and grandchildren

Vase #2 – by Kathy Smith in loving memory of her husband Rodney Smith

**Vase #3 – in celebration of Pastor Wil and Tammy’s
15th wedding anniversary on July 30th**

- ❖ **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".
- ❖ **Summer worship services in the grove:**
9:00am – August 9 and September 13
- ❖ **Monday Night Bible Study will not meet in July. They will resume on August 10th.**
- ❖ **New member classes – Class #3 today.**
- ❖ **WEST END FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:** The West End Fair is almost here, and we invite you to help staff the St. Matthew's Fair Stand! Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our community, share the love of Christ, and enjoy fellowship with your church family. Whether you can serve for one shift or several, your help is greatly appreciated. Please consider signing up for a time that fits your schedule at <https://bit.ly/westendfair26>. If you have any signup questions, please contact RJ Cramer, Dan Smale, or Cheryl Dorshimer. Thank you for helping St. Matthew's be a welcoming presence at this year's West End Fair!



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August 2, 2026
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St. Matthew's Prayer List – August 2, 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

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
- **Alma and Dean Emmert** – 276 Gilbert's Hill Rd., Lehighton PA 18235
- **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:

- **Cara Craft** (Dan Smale's friend – was in a car accident on Wednesday. Cara is in intensive care and her husband, Ray did not survive)/5*
- **Larry Heffley** (Eleanor Long's brother-in-law)/2
- **Jerry Kresge**/4
- **Michele LoMonaco Mattocks** (Paul and Lisa's cousin)/3
- **Bobbi Jo Smith** (Vivian Smith's daughter- in- law)/4

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Kyle Frantz**/3

(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)