

*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.*

**GATHERING SONG** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Page 825

**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**

(L) Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord,  
has conquered the grave.

**(ALL) Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

(L) Sin and death shall reign no more.

**(ALL) Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

(L) Let this place resound with joy,

**(ALL) Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God!**

**OPENING HYMN** *Rise My Soul, the Lord Is Risen* Page 834

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Psalm

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness

That we may enter through them.

Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Colossians and John

**Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit**

**we have raised from the waters of baptism**

**to share in your glorious resurrection.**

**Yet we have not lived as Easter people.**

**We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will,**

**and afraid in the face of danger.**

**Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.**

**Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.**

**Whenever we are tempted to fear death,**

**give us courage to confess your Easter victory.**

**Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,  
keep our minds on your reconciling love.**

**Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,  
reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.**

**Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation  
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Psalm

God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"**

**PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING**

**John 13:6-9, Page 876**

"He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

**MIDDLE HYMN** *Resurrection Hymn (See, What a Morning)* Page 836

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Hosea 6:1-3, Page 733**

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

**Psalm Reading:**

**Psalm 16: 8-11, page 431**

"I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title: "God's Invitation -To Salvation"

Sermon Text: Mark 16:1-12, Page 8-29

Sermon Notes:

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

\*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 *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed* Page 832

\*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, April 5	Easter Sunday	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, April 6		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, April 8		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Bible Study	-Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, April 9		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Game Day	-Fellowship Hall, 12:30pm
Saturday, April 11	CIA dinner and movie	-Fellowship Hall, 5pm
Sunday, April 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

April Lead Usher – RJ Cramer

### Altar Flowers

**Vase #1 – In memory of Ernie Kleintop by Betty and Family**

**Vase #2 – In memory of Gene Bittenbender by Diann Bittenbender**

❖ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! April 11<sup>th</sup> join the CIA for dinner and a movie!**

Tickets will be on sale for \$10 per person, \$5 for children 12 years old or younger.

Dinner will be veggie or meat lasagna and salad. The movie is 'Soul on Fire'.

See a CIA member for a ticket.



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown**

**April 5, 2026**

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## St. Matthew's Prayer List – April 5, 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:

- **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 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
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long's Sister): Cancer
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Eileen Ravalico** (Roy Zeruth's friend): Cancer
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long's Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **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
- **Joann Hunsicker**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, 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 FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING:

- **Darryl and Devoe Breinich**/4
- **Sandy Christman** (Marie's sister-in-law)/1
- **Rose Fritz**/2
- **Roger Hawk** (Mitchell Hawk's brother)/2
- **Jeff Keiser**/2
- **Wade Koehler** (Vivian Smith's friend)/1
- **Pastor Larry Laine** (Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church)1
- **Christy Larue** (Magen Snyder's friend)3
- **Ian Snyder**/4
- **Dora Tartar**/5\*
- **Jordan Vitale** (Paul LoMonaco's cousin)/1

### BEREAVEMENT – Prayers for the family

- **Barbara Dorshimer** (friend of Judy Hawk)/1
- **Melissa Frey** (Janet Smith's great niece)2
- **Lenore Morrow** (George Huber's sister-in-law)/2
- **Daniel Shea** (Paul LoMonaco's brother)/3

\* 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.