

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renee Keiper

FRIENDSHIP PAD AND OFFERING BASKET– located on table by food stand

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) How abundant are your works, O Lord!

(ALL) In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

(L) You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

(ALL) and so you renew the face of the earth.

(L) I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

(ALL) I will praise my God while I have my being.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia, amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia, amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia, amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, amen!

Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia, amen!

He who made all things well Formed us His praise to tell;

Hear now the anthem swell, Alleluia, amen!

Sing this salvation song, Alleluia, amen!

Christ on the cross has won, Alleluia, amen!

Praise we the risen Lord; Come run through mercy's door;

Loved, rescued, and restored, Alleluia, amen!

Lift high the Savior's name, Alleluia, amen!

Til all the earth proclaims, Alleluia, amen!

Let now the gospel ring, Christ for the world we sing;

The world to Christ we bring, Alleluia, amen!

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

CALL TO CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and lament our many sins, which we have, from time to time committed. We earnestly repent and are sincerely sorry for our misdoings. Have mercy upon us most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Receive these words of comfort from God)

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting. **Amen.**

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another. For the sake of the life of the world, offer yourselves, your time and your possessions as signs of love.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit Living Breath Of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,

Breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord

To renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;

Give me faith for what I cannot see;

Give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;

May Your joy be seen in all I do—

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

SCRIPTURE READING

Renee Keiper

Acts 2: 41:47

- 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
- 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.
- 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.
- 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.
- 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,
- 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

SERMON

Pastor Rick

Church Life DNA

The Priority of Fellowship

Acts 2:42

Koinonia (fellowship) = an active, participating partner with others for a common purpose

What I do _____
Romans 12:5 1 Corinthians 5:1-6

Consider the _____
Acts 2:41-47

Facilitate _____
1 John 1:3-7 Hebrews 10:25

Be _____

*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 *Oh, How Good It Is*

*Oh how good it is When the family of God Dwells together in spirit, In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, Of acceptance and love Are the fruit of His presence Here
among us.*

CHORUS *So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord; And with one heart we’ll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees The Redeemer has come For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

*Oh how good it is On this journey we share, To rejoice with the happy And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, The afflicted find grace, When we offer the blessing Of belonging.* **CHORUS**

*Oh how good it is To embrace His command To prefer one another, Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one, We all share in the love Of the Son with the Father And the Spirit.* **CHORUS**

*CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Rick

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.

High School Graduates:

Orrin Bossert

Grandchild of Leanne Sitler
Southern Lehigh High School Graduate
Future plans: studying astrophysics at the
University of Arizona

Ben Cole

Grandchild of Leanne Sitler
Wilson High School Graduate
Future plans: NCACC-State Police Academy

Emma Grace Procita

Granddaughter of Wanda and Dan Wunder
Pleasant Valley High School Graduate
Future plans: studying esthetics at
Metro Beauty Academy

Ethan Wunder

Grandson of Wanda and Dan Wunder
Sun Valley High School, Aston PA Graduate
Future plans: studying Business Mgt and playing soccer
at Chestnut Hill College

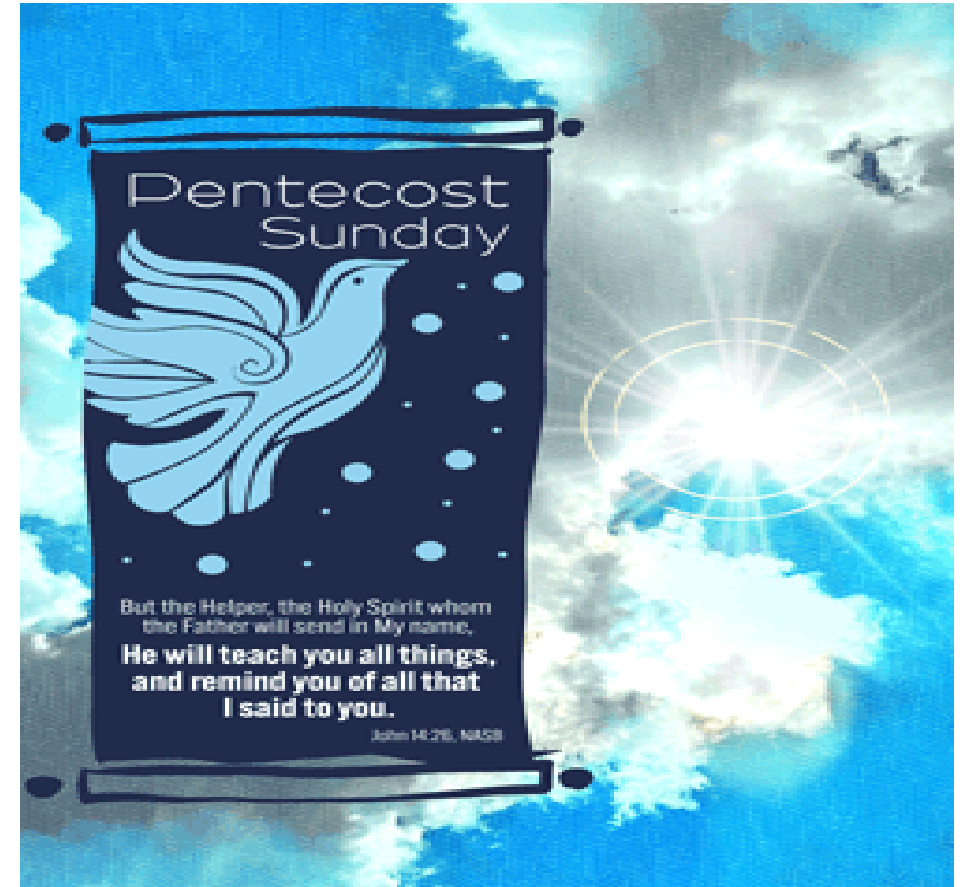
College Graduates:

Samantha Rose Silliman

Grandchild of Irene and Dean Zacharias
Moravian University Graduate
Master of Science degree in Speech Language Pathology

Rachel Reilly Krechel

Grandchild of Doris and Henry Krechel
University of Notre Dame Graduate
Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering
Rachel will be working for the Dept. of Defense



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025**

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- ❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**
Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—Moravian Village Health Ctr, Rm 142, 634 E. Broad St, Bethlehem PA 18018
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Riverton Rehabilitation and Healthcare Ctr, 803 N. Wahneta St., Allentown PA 18109
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
Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

- ❖ **June benevolence is Garden of Giving.**
- ❖ **Church services will be held in the Grove on June 15th and June 22nd.**
- ❖ **Children’s message and Children’s church will be suspended for the month of June. Both will resume on July 6th.**
- ❖ St Matthew’s will host a **Meet and Greet Supper for Wil and Tammy tonight 5:30pm** at the church. Lasagna, salad, bread and drinks will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert.
- ❖ **Next weekend is Strawberry Festival/Car Show time!!!!**
The volunteer signup sheet is available or see Dora to get on the schedule. You all know what a great event this is for our church and community!! We can’t do it without you! Please sign up – you can even split a shift!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 8	Pentecost Sunday	-Grove, 9am
	Meet the Pastors Dinner	- Social Hall 5:30pm
Monday, June 9		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
	Council Meeting	-CIA classroom 7pm
Wednesday, June 11		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, June 12		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Sunday, June 15	Trinity Sunday	-Grove, 10am
	Strawberry Festival/Car Show	

Altar Flowers

Vase #1 and Vase #2 – In memory of Helen Gower by Michelle Berhel & family

*******Please make all church checks payable to St. Matthew’s EC Church**

Council President: RJ Cramer	
Interim Pastor: Rick Rufenacht	Assistant Pastor: Wil Hoffman
Church Secretary: Renée Keiper	
June Lead Usher: Kyle Strohl	