

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 EVERYONE!

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 40:3,5

Sing a new song,
a song of thanks and praise,
for God has done wondrous deeds,
and is great beyond compare!

***OPENING HYMN**

Page 849 *Across the Lands*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God,
for the Holy One is steadfast in love
and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 49:1,3,4,6

**Dear Lord,
we have chased after foolish things,
and spent our strength on vanity;
our labor has been in vain.
Deliver us from arrogance
and forgive our self-concern,
that we may find our reward with you,
as servants of your dream.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 40:2,4,8; John 1:29

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin.
Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God’s will,
for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Gabby Bentley

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

1 Chronicles 29:9 Willing Offerings Page 336

“Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.”

MIDDLE HYMN

Page 838 *All Sufficient Merit*

SCRIPTURE READING

Stephen Christiansen

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Page 642 in the Pew Bible

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, Know the LORD, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 96:1-4 Page 479 in the Pew Bible

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods."

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman
Sermon Title"Outgrowing who I used to be"

Sermon Scripture:
Mark 2:13-22 Page 814

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
Page 729 *He Is Making All Things Right*

*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, Jan. 18	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Sanctuary 9am
	Adult Sunday School	Large classroom 10:30am
	CIA meeting	Fellowship Hall 11:30am
Monday, Jan. 19		Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	Gathering Room 10:30am
Wednesday, Jan. 21		Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Laymen’s Fellowship	Fellowship Hall 10am
Thursday, Jan. 22		Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	Gathering Room 10:30am
	Visitation Team	Large classroom 1:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 25	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Sanctuary 9am
	Adult Sunday School	Large classroom 10:30am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman	Council President: RJ Cramer
January Lead Usher: Cheryl Hummer	

❖ **January Joyful Noise – Hope Lodge**

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge communities offer a home away from home for people facing cancer and their caregivers when cancer treatment is far away.

❖ **New Hymnal dedication slips on the information table in the Gathering Room. \$20 for each dedication.**

❖ **St. Matthew's EC Church new membership** – If you are interested in joining our church family please see Pastor Wil. There will be 3 classes to attend. First class is today at 10:30am, next classes are on January 25th and February 1st at 10:30am to 12:00pm.

❖ **You still have time to drop off gently worn, used or new shoes.**

Donation box is located by the elevator on the first floor.

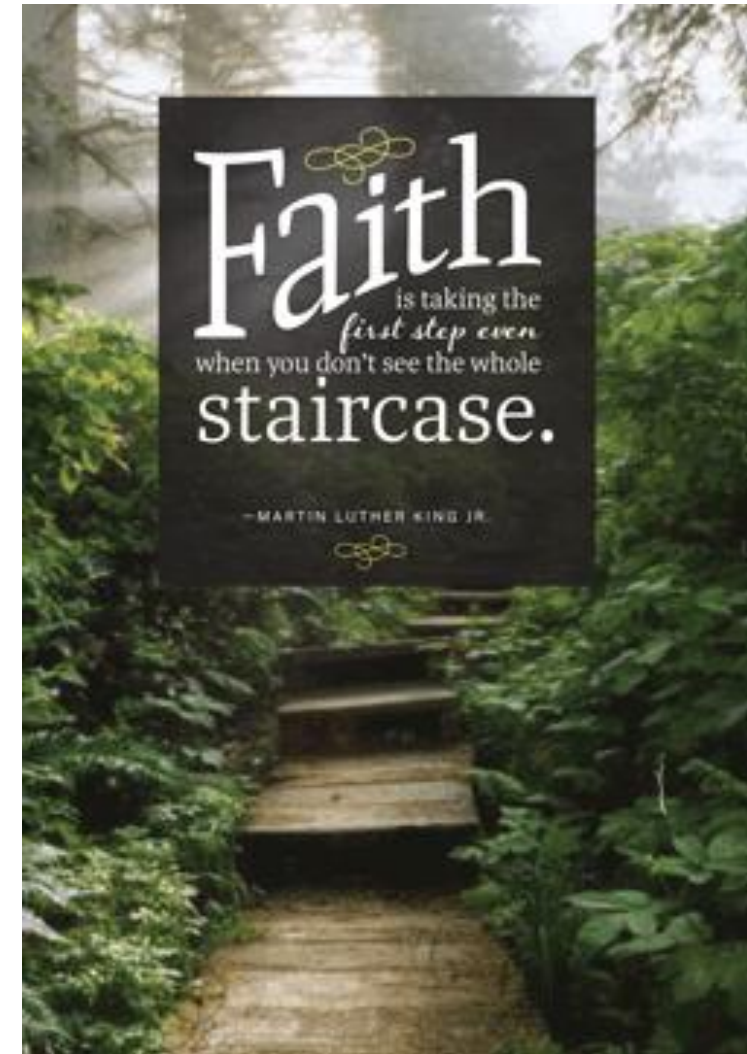
Last day is January 31, 2026. Keep bringing in the shoes and spread the word!

❖ **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 8, 2026!!!** Enjoy a good, hot bowl of homemade soup while watching the game!! CIA order forms are available on the information table in the gathering room or in the church office. Featured again this year are: Normandy soup, hamburger vegetable and chicken with bowtie noodles! \$10 per 32 oz. container. Orders are due February 1st.

❖ **Also starting February 1st, you can vote for your favorite team in the Super Bowl** with a monetary donation or cans of soup to be donated to the West End Food Pantry. The playing field table will be set up in the gathering room.

❖ **Laymen's Fellowship will be taking orders for handmade pasties starting February 1.** Orders & money are due on February 22. Pasties can be picked up at St. Matthew's on March 16. Prices for Original Beef with or without onions, Chicken, Italian Sausage, Veggie melt, Spinach melt are \$7.00. Premium Ham Pastie is \$8.00. Small Fruit pies: Apple, Blueberry, Cherry & Peach are also available for \$4.00.

❖ **Bible Study will start on Wednesday at 6:30pm on January 28, 2026. It will be held in the Large Classroom. No need to sign up, just show up!**



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
January 18, 2026**

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St. Matthew’s Prayer List – January 18, 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:

- **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
- **Gene Borger:** Strength and healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long’s Sister): Cancer
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Marlette Palermo:** healing
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long’s Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet

SHUT INS:

Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Liza’s House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038
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

SHUT INS CONTINUED:

Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt: Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING:

Helen Alpaugh (Marie Christman’s friend)*5
Roger Cole (Leanne Sitler’s son-in-law)/4
Jodi Fehnel (friend of Rose Fritz)/4
Harvey Handwerk (Eleanor Long’s brother-in-law)*5
Mitchell Hawk Sr./2
Tom Hockman/4
June Hudock (Tammy Hoffman’s Mother)/4
Harold Irwin (family friend of Joan Madden)/2
Wade Koehler (friend of Vivian Smith)/4
Jack Lovewell/4
Sterling Mack (Leanne Sitler’s cousin)/4
Malvin Meckes/4
Shelby and Aaron Tripani (Renee’s stepdaughter and son-in-law)/3
Russ Wollam (Husband of Marie Christman’s granddaughter)/4
Barbara Woodall (Justin Guyer’s Aunt)/*5
Braedon Wunder/1
Connor Young (friend to the Huber’s)*5

BEREAVEMENT:

Harry Hahn: friend of St. Matthew’s/1
Terry Hahn: friend of St. Matthew’s/1

* 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.