

ST. MATTHEW'S UCC WHITE DOVE FLYER

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"



JUNE 2024

Secretary Office **Hours are:**

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Sunday Services

9am Worship

CIA Class

start at 10:30am following
worship services.

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Letter from Linda

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some 60 years ago, Mrs. Bea Bohner played a new song on the piano and taught it to us in Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's. Okay, maybe it wasn't a "new" song, but to me, it was new. I remember the first time hearing it, I thought we were singing the song about my daddy. My daddy loved nature and as a kid, I thought our house and family, our little town and Daddy's job was his whole world. I loved being in his world!

1. This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
His hand the wonders wrought.

I believed my daddy could do anything, because it seemed he did everything. He was tall and strong. He was funny and fun to be with.

Hopefully we all have great memories of our fathers.

One of Diane and my favorites' is a day we came home from school, our mom was still at work, and Daddy wanted to know if we were hungry for cake. Now Mom was not a baker. I don't remember having cake unless it was somebody's birthday and those usually came from a bakery. We didn't know how to bake so we were stunned when he said he was going to bake one. I remember there being a lot of giggling as we watched him mix it up. When he put it in the oven, we couldn't wait for it to be done! When it came out of the oven and it had cooled, we dug in eagerly. And then stopped. It was awful. And hard. But Diane and I couldn't tell him it was yukky because we would never hurt his feelings. So we ate our piece until he told us not to eat anymore of the hockey puck and watched him throw it out the door! Then we had a good laugh. It might have been the only time I saw him fail at something. But to this day, he remains 10 feet tall and a superhero in my mind, because he was never afraid of trying something new and he'd do anything for his girls.

As I grew older, I realized the hymn was not about my daddy's world, but God's world. Still, it remains one of my most favorite hymns. Now I give praise to my heavenly Father, for this wonderous world he created. Psalms 24:1 says, "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

I still think of my dad, now in heaven, when I sing it, especially the last two lines in the second verse, "In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere." It doesn't matter where I go or what I do, I believe my dad's and God's spirit goes with me.

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The last verse reminds us that as wonderful and beautiful as God's world is, Satan is at work trying to lead God's people astray. 1 Corinthians 15:25 "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet." We must stay vigilant and true in our faith. Jesus's love for his father was so great, he did what was asked of him and gave his life to save each of us.

3. This is my Father's world:
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

I wish each and every father a very Happy Father's Day! I hope all of us thank our fathers, who are here and those who are not, for their love of us. And I pray everyone in our Father's world praises Him and loves Him for what He has blessed us with.

Faithfully yours,
Linda



Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation

It's beginning to look like Vacation Bible School season! Our team is busily planning and making piles of supplies in the classroom.

The VBS information table will have registration forms during the Strawberry Festival and Car Show on June 16. There will also be a Wish List on the table for anyone who would like to donate something.

Miss Gabby and I will lead the children's games at 1 p.m. during the Strawberry Festival and Car Show. Games will occur near the playground. We will then lead the Kiddie Cake Walk. We are seeking donations for this, including baked goods, snacks, juice boxes, candy, school supply bundles, and outdoor items (sand buckets, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and balls).

Faith & Family Fun Nights will resume in August with a mini golf outing at Snydersville Golf Range. More details are forthcoming.

Children's Church meets each week during worship, from 9:15-10 a.m. There will be no Children's Church when we are worshipping at the grove this summer.

Please see me if you're interested in helping to staff the nursery or assist with Children's Church during worship. You can volunteer once or as often as you'd like. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Ring, ring ... it's Camp Firelight VBS calling you into our grove July 15-19. We are seeking students ages 3 to 11, youth helpers ages 12 to 17 and adult leaders to join our team. VBS will be held 9 to noon daily, and includes Bible storytelling, crafts, science experiments, snacks, games, music, fellowship, and making new friends. Registration forms are available. Families are encouraged to fill them out early and submit them!

St. Matthew's

102 Church Road, Kunkletown, PA

CAR SHOW



Sunday, June 16, 2024 (Rain or Shine)

Registration 8 am - 12 pm

Trophies Awarded 3 pm

Breakfast Sandwiches 8 am - 10 am

Worship Service 10 am

BBQ • Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Salads • Assorted Beverages • Strawberries • Ice Cream
• Shortcake

11am—5:30pm

Top 25 Trophies by Participants Choice

100 Dash Plaques

50/50 Raffle

Activities for the Kids Starting at 1 pm

D.J. Eazy E!

Brian Dean
Moore Band
12 pm - 2 pm

Cramer Brothers
Band
3 pm - 5 pm

A portion of the car show proceeds will be donated to Monroe County and Carbon County Meals on Wheels.

For more information call: Glenn Snyder
(610)762-9887

Disclaimer: You are responsible for your own car(s). St. Matthew's will not be held liable for any damages, accidents, theft or loss.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Vehicle Make _____ Year _____

Model _____



Pre-Registration \$8.00

Day of Show \$10.00

Checks should be made payable to: **St. Matthew's CIA**

Please mail pre-registrations to: **Magen Snyder, 1215 Valley Road East, Kunkletown, PA 18058**

June Laymen's Fellowship News



Strawberry Festival – We still **need** help in the Food & Ice Cream Stands. See Dora or tell anyone in Laymen's if you can help an hour or two!

We are also accepting donations of cash, gift cards or filled baskets for the PA Dutch Raffle. Please bring them to church by Sunday, June 9.

We will also be having a fundraiser at the Strawberry Festival. It's "That's My Pan!" Engraved pie & cake pans plus cutting boards & other items! Connie will have samples to preview by the PA Dutch Raffle. This fundraiser will be running all of June & July!

Thanks for all your support!

June Birthdays



3 Lori Bentley, Ellen Kresge, Emily Maas,

Barbara Souders

5 Christopher Bentley

6 Marlene Long

8 Destinee Smith

11 Larry Bonser, Matthew Kresge

12 Shirley Smith

13 Holly Green

14 Tracy Brotzman, Dawn Hockman, Kayla Wolf

15 Sandra Kresge

18 Jeana Keiser, Blake Bealer

19 Glenn Smith

20 Linda Miller

21 Brenda Sheckler

24 Rodger Eldridge, Ashley Stankovich

26 Daniel Barankovich

27 Becky Klotz

28 Barbara Snyder

29 Judith Lantosh, Adam Smith

30 Cody Borger

April 2024 Income

4/7/24 –78 attending— \$2,670.00

4/14/24—71 attending—\$2,620.00

4/21/24—75 attending—\$1,871.00

4/28/24—57 attending—\$1,250.00

Paypal \$300

Total \$8,711.00

April 2023 Income

4/2/23—112 attending—\$3,870.00

4/6/23—62 attending—\$617—Maundy Thurs.

4/9/23—6:30am—46 attending—\$1,500.00 Easter Dawn Grove

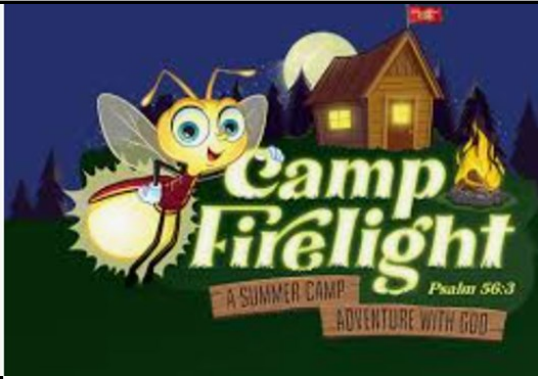
4/9/23—9am—125 attending—\$2,582.15 Easter

4/16/23—67 attending—\$2,975.00

4/23/23—53 attending—\$1,098.00

4/30/23—91 attending—\$2,003.00

Total \$14,645.15



VBS Registration Form (One Per Family)

St. Matthew's UCC – July 15-19, 2024 in the grove
9 a.m. to Noon

Theme – Camp Firelight Ages 3-11 as participants,
Ages 12-17 as youth helpers

A parent or adult may stay with 3 & 4-year-old stu-

dents. Please drop off at the church or mail to St. Matthew's, 102 Church Rd. Kunkletown, PA 18058 before 7/4.

Child(ren)'s name(s): _____

Child(ren)'s age(s): _____

Last school grade(s) completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above-named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature

Date

CIA COOK'S CORNER
DUTCH OVEN BAKED BEANS
LISA HOUSE

It's Picnic Time!!! These beans are perfect for your next family get together!

Single Batch:

2- 15 oz cans Navy or Great Northern Baked Beans, rinsed
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup ketchup
1 small onion, minced
2 tablespoons yellow mustard
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup cooked, chopped bacon

Double batch:

60 oz beans
1 ½ cups brown sugar
1 cup ketchup
1 lg or 2 sm onions
4 tbsp yellow mustard
1 cup molasses
1 cup bacon

Mix all ingredients in Dutch Oven. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours.

You can also mix in crockpot.

Cook on low for 4 hours.



June 2024

Sun

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Sat

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<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Luke Bible Study 6pm</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Laymen's Craft Day 10am</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Council 7pm</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Luke Bible Study 6pm</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>BBB—9am Grove</i>
<i>16</i> <i>Strawberry Festival / Car Show</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Visitation Meeting 3:30</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Luke Bible Study 6pm</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> <i>Service in Grove</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Luke Bible Study 6pm</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
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