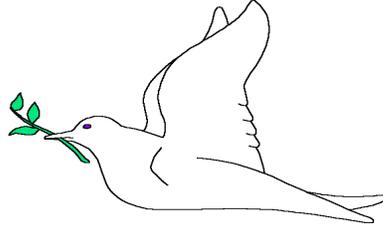


# St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

*"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"*



## Sunday Services and Activities

9am Worship

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Worship Services are being moved inside to sanctuary. We have a limit of 57 people allowed in sanctuary at one time. You can also listen in your car from the parking lot. Please bring your own elements on Communion Sunday.

## February 2021

**Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope**

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**Mon-Wed-Friday 9am-1pm**

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Christian Education



February 2021

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's,

Are you ready for spring yet? Have you had enough of the cold gray weather and sunless skies each day? Is the damp bothering your joints? Oh, there are a few days when the sun pops through and I have actually come to enjoy a snow fall. It is amazing how beautiful the world is when it is covered in a white blanket. But I love springtime—I love the budding trees, the crocuses, and the forsythia bushes in bloom. So, I always look forward to the coming of spring.



In middle English, the word for “spring” was *lente*. In Old English, the word was *lencten* which was similar to Old High German, *lenzin*. Our Christian season of Lent comes from the word “spring”. During spring, life seems to come from that which is dead. Leaves spring forth on barren trees and purple and yellow crocuses somehow push up through cold harden ground and even through snow covered ground. The world bounces back to life each spring. In a way, it rises from the grave.

In the church, Lent is a season which takes place in the springtime of the year. Lent is a forty-day period that begins with Ash Wednesday and extends through Holy Saturday (Sundays don't count if you are counting the days—Sundays are always “little Easters”.) Lent is a time for special devotion for Christians. It is time for reflecting on our Christian lives, listening to God's word and will for us, and engaging in practices that can deepen our Christian experience.

This year, we are unable to gather with our Community Churches on Wednesday nights due to COVID19. Instead, I will be conducting a **Wednesday Evening Book Study at 6 pm each Wednesday during Lent** (except for the first one which will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm). We will focus on the book, “Living into Lent” by Donald K. McKim. The book involves daily devotion based on a weekly theme. The themes include, *Following Jesus, Meditating, Praying, Loving, Thanking, Enacting* and *Gathering at the Cross*. Each session will begin with worship. You can participate in person spread out in the Social Hall or join us by Zoom on the large TV in the Social Hall. I can purchase a book for you, or you can order your own; let me know your preference by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will begin our Lenten journey on **Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 6 pm** with worship in the sanctuary. It will also be livestreamed for those who prefer to worship in their living rooms. The service will be a service of the Word, the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. If you will be worshipping at home and would like to receive ashes, I will be offering them “Drive By” style that day. Just give me a call at the church and let me know when you are coming.

May you observe a holy and acceptable Lent,

*Pastor Suzanne*

***A recipe for February – the month for Valentine’s Day.***

***A nice hot bowl of tomato Bisque Soup brings comfort and love.***

2 Corinthians 13:11

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be on one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”

Tomato Bisque

- 2 cans (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 tsp beef bouillon granules
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ tsp dried basil
- ¼ tsp white pepper
- ½ cup butter, cubed
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups milk



In a saucepan, combine the first eight ingredients, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Discard bay leaf then press mixture through sieve and set aside (I used my blender). In a large saucepan, melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly, cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat. Gradually stir in tomato mixture until smooth, heat through. Makes 2 quarts – 8 servings.



**Happy Birthday**

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1 Sandra Frable	7 John Kile	12 Jean Smith	23 Susan Jansen	25 Stacy Meckes
1 Linda Kile	7 MaryLou Kocher	12 Renee Keiper	23 Mason Buskirk	28 Alison Roll Frantz
2 Matthew Frable	8 Tighe Meckes	14 Margaret Hahn	24 David Frantz	
3 Delbert Kibler Jr.	9 Darlene Smith	15 Erica Pozza	24 George Moretz	
4 Susan Shoemaker	10 Beth Gannon	17 Michelle Berhel	25 Christine Eckhart	
5 Kathryn Mingle	11 Perma Borger	17 Lila Kleintop	25 Jason Frantz	
7 Brenda Hawk	11 Karen Cramer	21 Connie Frantz	25 Patty Hawk	



## Usher Schedule

**Feb 7th**– Jennie Rose, Shirley  
And Harry

**Feb 14th**– Darryl & RJ

**Feb 21st**-Gabrielle & Jessica

**Feb 28th** – Shirley & Cheryl

Keep your eyes open  
for CIA's Fruit of Spirit  
for March.

You can stay home,  
stay safe while you  
enjoy a virtual game of BINGO!!!

More details in your March  
newsletter.



## 2021 Church Council Officers

President:

Cheryl Dorshimer

Vice President:

JennieRose Serfass

Secretary:

Shirley Brotzman

St. Matthew's UCC will be hosting a blood  
drive on February 22nd here at the  
church from  
1pm to 6pm.

Please call Rose at the  
church to schedule  
your appointment.



## **DECEMBER FINANCIAL INCOME COMPARISON**

Income for 2020	Income for 2019
12/6/20– 9am-62 Attending- \$1,805.22	12/1/19-9am— 53 Attending- -\$2,237.22
12/13/20-9am– 53 Attending- \$4,717.00	12/8/19-9am– 114 Attending-\$2, 543.22
12/20/20-9am—50 Attending—\$2.787.22	12/9/19-7pm– 21 Attending-\$573.00– Advent Healing
12/24/20– 3pm– 25 Attending- \$4,020.22	12/15/19-9am– 126 Attending-\$3, 722.22– Pageant /Cong. Meeting
12/20/20-7pm– 57 Attending—\$1,115.00	12/22/19-9am– 92 Attending-\$3,230.22
12/24/20—10pm—30 Attending—\$330.00	12/24/19-3pm– 62 Attending-\$2,121.00
12/27/20—9am 43 Attending—\$826.00	12/24/19-7pm– 117 Attending-\$4,176.00
	12/24/19-10pm–85 Attending-\$3,932.00
Mail In Offerings- \$2,557.22	12/29/19-9am-67 Attending- \$1,977.22
<b>Totals– General Fund- \$18,157.88</b>	<b>Totals– General Fund- \$24,512.10</b>

## Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation



It is February, and love is in the air! The Greeks have several words for love including agape, storge, philia, and eros. Each has a different meaning. Agape, which is God's unconditional love, is what we will focus on this month as we learn more about Jesus in our virtual Sunday School lessons.

Each week, one of our six teachers plans a lesson around a Bible story. She provides videos, discussion, songs, a craft, and various activity sheets. The lesson is available here: <https://stmattsucckunkletown.com/sunday-school>. There is an archive page to go back and do missed lessons.

Our lessons this month are Feb. 7, Jesus' miracles; Feb. 14, a special Valentine's Day lesson; Feb. 21, Jesus and Zacchaeus; and Feb. 28, Jesus' parables.



Keep sending in those photos of your kids doing the lesson and crafts. Ms. Jessica will put them on the website. Email us: [stacigeorge0317@gmail.com](mailto:stacigeorge0317@gmail.com) and [wjslawt02@gmail.com](mailto:wjslawt02@gmail.com).

Our monthly Friday Fun Night will occur on February 12. During Hearts and Crafts from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., we will make heart-shaped cards, color Valentine's Day bookmarks, and put them in a treat bag with Hershey Kisses. I will deliver these treat bags to residents at local nursing homes the next day.

Pizza, snacks, and juice will be served during our event. Children, teens, and parents are invited to join me in the social hall.

On February 14, I will lead the children's message with a Valentine's Day story. This month's coloring pages and activity sheets will be about God's love.----

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## Soup Drive



The Super Bowl isn't the only thing that continues through these difficult days. While we may take time to enjoy one of the country's greatest competitions, with gatherings and snacks, we must never forget those who struggle to look for their next meal. On Feb 7th, Super Bowl Sunday, we will kick off the month long

**SOUPE BOWL**, collecting cans of soup, cans of sauce (no glass, please) and boxes of pasta.

Items collected during the month will then be distributed to both West End Pantry and PVEN.



## **St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List**

(As of publishing date Jan 22, 2021)

**We Join In Christ's Prayer For Our Church Members at  
Various Personal Care Residences or Our Homebound and Friends  
Who Need Extra Prayers.**

**Lorraine Borger, Jesse Ziegenfus,**

Getz Personal Care Home  
1026 Scenic Drive  
Kunkletown, Pa 18058

**Gladys Lindenmoyer**

Glucolodge  
1127 Kemmertown Road  
Stroudsburg PA, 18360

**Joyce Smale**

Pleasant Valley Manor  
4227 Manor Drive  
Stroudsburg, Pa 18360

**Lillian Kleintop**

Attleboro Village  
290 E Windchester Ave Apt 404W  
Langhorne, Pa 19047

**Arlene Kresge & Lila Kleintop**

Mrs. Bush's Personal Care  
302 Kunkletown Road  
Kunkletown, Pa 18058

**Catherine Dotter**

The Walden III  
325 N Broadway  
Wind Gap, PA 18091

**Alton Kleintop**

Gracedale Nursing Home  
2 Gracedale Avenue  
Nazareth, PA 18064

*Please also pray for the following:*

Joyce Smith, Shirley Borger, McCoy Rapa,  
Doug Hawk, Dale and Gladys Meixsell,  
Eliza Dymond, Janet Gower, Grace Everett,  
Gladys Lindenmoyer, Erica Pozza,  
George Keller, Rosemarie Stranahan,  
Janet Fowler, Shirley Smith, Andrea Holec,  
Chapman Buskirk, Brayden Wunder,  
Kelly George, Kim Cope,  
Josh & Kevin Engler, Mae Borger,  
and the Families of  
Marlena Gilboy (C. Andrew's daughter)  
And Bill Clausen.

