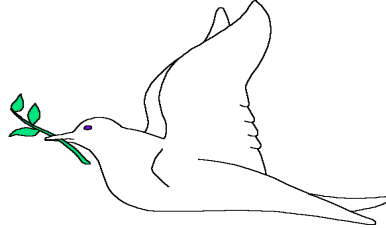


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"



Sunday Services and Activities

9am Worship

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.

March 2021

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March 2021



Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthews,

How many of you remember the film “Pay it Forward?” The 2000 film is about a teaching assignment given to 12-year-old Trevor McKinney to help change the world. He came up with the plan to help three people. He wanted to do something big for these individuals—something they could not do for themselves. His mom was a bit upset when he invited a homeless man for dinner. But Trevor tried to help three people and in turn he asked them to help three others. Trevor has some difficult moments, but eventually, the three people he helped did indeed help others. A woman was stopped from committing suicide. A man down on his luck was given a jaguar when his car had been in an accident. Trevor’s teacher was also a recipient of Trevor’s attempt to do a good deed. By the end of the movie, an entire movement to pay it forward had begun.

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seem especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who’d helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning “In each other’s shadows the people live.”

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus’ Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

This Lent, I encourage you to pay it forward. Do something kind, generous and caring for another individual. Encourage them to do the same thing. Who knows, maybe we can make our community just a little brighter this Lent as we continue in the midst of a pandemic.

May God’s peace and blessing be with you,

Pastor Suzanne

**ARE YOU FEELING STRESSED OVER ALL THE
TROUBLES IN THIS WORLD?**

Consider trying this.



**CONCENTRATE ON THE FOUR DOTS IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE PICTURE FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS.**

**THEN CLOSE YOUR EYES AND TILT YOUR HEAD
BACK.**

**KEEP THEM CLOSED.. YOU WILL SEE A CIRCLE OF
LIGHT, CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE CIRCLE...**

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Cast all your worries on Him, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Isaiah 11: 6, The Lion also shall dwell with the lamb...and a little child shall lead them.

In like a Lion, out like a Lamb.

This is how some describe the month of March. The cold, windy, sometimes snowy end of Winter, turn into the soft, gentle rains and blooming flowers of Spring.

This month you can try award winning, George's Cowboy Chili/Texas Chili/Tex Mex Chili.

Over the years he has had to tame it down from the lion to the lamb. The first time he served it to the Smith family, back in 1983, it was just too hot for us Pa Dutch. You can make it roar spicy as a lion or tame it down to bleat as soft as a Lamb.

There are a few items that make up the base. By adding more ingredients or variations, you can spice it up for the chilly cold temps, or by leaving them out, you can give it a milder flavor for warmer temps. It is time consuming, as any recipe with beans. Soak overnight or quickly cook in an insta-pot.

Enjoy this recipe with family or friends. It FILLS a regular size crock pot.

Start with a pound each of hamburger, sausage, and chop into small pieces, sirloin. You can substitute with venison and chorizo (a spicy Mexican sausage). Or use all 5. Cook individually with salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Set cooked meat aside or make the night before. If you do overnight, combine them, to store in fridge. Soak 2 bags of Pinto beans in salt water, again, overnight. Next morning, drain and rinse beans before putting them in the crock pot. You can save 2 cups of the water you drained from the beans. Add meat. Add 2 teaspoons each of garlic powder and chili powder. 2 cans of chopped green chilis. ½ teaspoon of cayenne pepper. Either pour the saved bean water back over the meat and beans or beef broth(a richer flavor) just to cover. Start on high till it bubbles. Turn to low. Cook at least 8 hours.

For best results. Cool it after cooking all day and heat it up the third day for a thicker, richer flavor chili.

To serve, sprinkle on top sharp cheddar cheese and chopped sweet onion, some jalapeno peppers.

Add Tabasco Pepper Sauce to taste.

For sides we serve it with cornbread and some like to pour it over rice.

Stay warm and healthy. Enjoy.

Diane Huber



Usher Schedule

March 7th– Cheryl, RJ

And Harry

March 14th– Darryl & Shirley

March 21st– Jessica & Cheryl

We are living in uncertain times. How often have you heard or said, “When are things going to get back to normal?” But what is normal? What is going on? Could this possibly be the birth pains Jesus talked about in Matthew 24? How do we get out of this mess? We seem to be scrambling to look for answers, waiting and hoping for a light at the end of the tunnel. But where are we searching for answers? We need to get back to God and back to the Bible. Galatians 5:16-26 talks about Life by the Spirit. Verse 22 says the “FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT” is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. CIA has come up with an idea to try to get us all into our Bibles, learn some verses, and have some fun. I think this endeavor has been a challenge as well as a learning experience for all of us.

So please acknowledge our efforts and give it a try. You will find a “FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT” (bingo) card in your flyer along with instructions how to play on the back. We will continue to run it if we see we have the participation. Maybe we can even run a special on the prize sometime if it goes over well. Have Fun, Good Luck, and God Bless!!!



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| 1 Tyler McInaw | 10 Shirley Brotzman | 17 Dean Zacharias | 30 Annabel Beers |
| 2 Leahjane Sterner | 10 Chapman Buskirk | 18 Zachary Huber | |
| 3 Brenda Dorshimer | 10 Jessica Slawter | 19 Ali Snyder | |
| 5 Kayleigh Beidleman | 12 Irene Rundle | 20 Boyd Gannon | |
| 5 Diane Stuart | 13 Amy Burger | 20 Joan Madden | |
| 6 George Huber | 13 Jessica Meckes | 20 Anthony Palermo | |
| 7 Constance Andrews | 14 Arlene Kresge | 21 Corey Smith | |
| 7 Marlette Palermo | 17 Danielle DeSieno | 22 Randy Smith | |
| 9 Colton Courtright | 17 Brandi DeVivo | 25 Brielle McInaw | |
| 9 Richard Frantz | 17 Joyce Gower | 28 Mark Neeb | |



January FINANCIAL INCOME COMPARISON

Income for January 2021	Income for January 2020
1/03/21-9am-27 Attending- \$795.00	1/5/20-9am-77 Attending-\$2,386.00
1/10/21-9am- 60 Attending- \$2,957.22	1/12/20-9am- 74 Attending—\$2,871.22
1/17/21-9am-53 Attending- \$1,579.00	1/19/20-9am—CANCELLED-SNOW STORM
1/24/21-9am- 45 Attending- \$1,995.00	1/26/20-9AM—77 Attending—\$2,969.44
1/31/21-9am-40 Attending- \$3,213.00	
Total—\$10,539.22	Total- \$ 8,226.66

Constance Andrews – Interview – March White Dove



As the longest living member of St. Matthew's UCC, Constance Andrews, is a beautiful soul and only 103 years young. Born in Smith Gap, Constance was baptized in her home, as was the practice back in the day. Her father, who had been a school-teacher, moved her and their family into Kunkletown when she was just 6. She completed school through the 8th grade and then attended high school in Palmerton at around 13 years old.

She rode the Chestnut Ridge railroad to and from school for the four years of high school, as there were few cars at the time. Constance then went on to attend East Stroudsburg college for two years resulting in her getting a teaching degree. She began teaching third and fourth grade at Eldred Elementary. She went on to teach grades 1-8 in a one room schoolhouse. As she speaks of her teaching history, it is evident that she loved her career, which spanned over 63 years teaching full-time and substituting at many schools in Monroe County.

Constance appreciates the beauty of life. She creates her own beauty by working in her garden and by creating unique scherenschnitte projects. Scherenschnitte is the art of cutting paper into decorative, intricate and unique designs.

Constance says that she is unable to make it to church right now due to COVID-19; however, her way of staying close to God is by talking to Him. When asked what she was most thankful for in her life, she simply stated, "her family."

Constance stated that recently Betty Meckes, a former pupil, called her and they had a nice conversation. Sharp as a tack and funny, Constance is a definite joy to converse with. She did want to let the community know that she misses seeing everyone and hopes to be out and about once COVID-19 is under control.



Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation

I am so excited it is March. Winter is nearly over, at least according to the calendar. I am not sure if Mother Nature will agree with me. The first day of spring is March 20.

Starting March 7 there will be a tote in the Narthex with bags full of plastic eggs to fill for the Easter egg hunt. The filled eggs should be returned by March 31. Our hunt will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 3 at the grove. We cannot accept hard-boiled eggs this year. If you would like to donate bags of wrapped candy for the CE team to fill eggs with, please place it in the tote.

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 March 7, Palm Sunday; March 14, The Last Supper; March 21, Jesus is arrested and crucified; and March 28, Jesus is risen.

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 and wjlawt02@gmail.com.

Join me for Spring into Spring Fun on March 12, 5:30-8:30! This Friday Fun Night includes a rainbow craft, spring games and a spring surprise! Sandwiches and spring treats will be served. Children, teens, and adults are invited.



Saint Patrick's Day is Wednesday, March 17. It honors the patron saint of Ireland and is a day to celebrate Irish culture. It is said Saint Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) to the pagan Irish during the 5th Century. According to legend, Saint Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland by beating on a drum. I am particularly fond of the holiday because it is my birthday! This month, we also celebrate the birthdays of Emma Procita, Bailey Burger, and Jessica Slawter.

Calling all our royal children... knights and princesses are needed for Vacation Bible School this July. We have chosen the theme Knights of North Castle from Cokesbury. We will be in the grove this year. Adult and teen helpers are needed. Please see me for volunteer opportunities. More details are coming soon.

St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date Feb 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

Glucio Lodge
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

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
Alton Kleintop and Dalen Meixsell.

