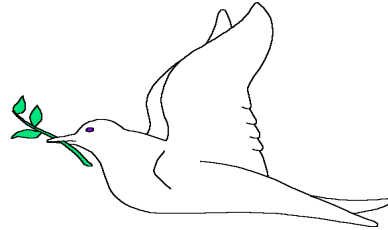


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"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.

April 2021

Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope

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April 2021



Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's,

Happy Easter! For a growing number of churches, the Second Sunday of Easter have been resurrecting (pardon the pun!) the tradition of celebrating "Holy Humor Sunday." In the early church, the Sunday after Easter was observed by the faithful as a day of joy and laughter with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The custom of Bright Sunday, as it was called, came from the idea of some early church theologians that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. This year we will be celebrating our first Holy Humor Sunday with the help of the Creative Worship Team. We will be laughing, telling jokes, singing Easter "Carols" while celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. Here is a little sample of what to expect on April 11...

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Knock knock. Who's there? Hatch. Hatch who? God bless you!

What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? Eggs-ercise!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? It might crack up!

An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So that's why no one was in church today."

We hope you will join us on April 11 for our first observance of this ancient tradition! Feel free to dress up in crazy socks or scarves or even mismatched clothes. If you have anything that could add to the hilarity and fun mood of the day, please bring it with you.

May God's Peace be with you,

Pastor Suzanne



Maundy Thursday, April 1: 6 pm worship (no dinner)
Good Friday, April 2: Online Worship, the Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 3: Children's Easter Egg Hunt in Grove, 1 pm
Easter Sunday, April 4: Sunrise Service in the Grove at 6 AM
(No Breakfast)
Traditional Easter Communion Service, 9 am

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 28th: Palm Sunday, 9 am Worship

April 1: Maundy Thursday Worship, 6 pm Communion and Tenebrae

April 2: Good Friday, Virtual on Website "Stations of the Cross"

April 3: Egg Hunt– Grove 1pm

April 4: 6am Easter Sunrise Communion At Grove.

April 4: 9 am Traditional Easter Communion Service.

Church Work Day



Saturday, April 10th at 10am.

(Volunteers Needed)



Weather permitting– we are holding a date to do some clean up for the cemetery and the grove, outdoor and inside food stands. We are looking for helpers of all ages, Saturday, April 10th for the Cemetery and grove. Also please make sure to remove all items off the ground previous to April 10th or items will be thrown out for mowing crew to come in.



CIA IS HOLDING BINGO!!!!

Sunday, May 2nd at the Grove!

12pm Food- 1pm BINGO!!

Come out to the grove and social distance to play gift card BINGO!!!

As some of you might know, Rose will be having surgery on a broken shoulder. She will be out of the office for a minimum of two months. Joan Madden will be helping around the office but the hours will be changed to Monday– Thursday 10:30 am to 1pm. Closed on Fridays! THANK YOU JOAN MADDEN!!

Magen Snyder will be taking over the White Dove so please reach out to the office if you need anything.

THANK YOU MAGEN SNYDER!!!

Joan Madden would like to say thank you for all the support and love she has been shown through her very hard time. St. Matthew’s has proved to be a great family of support and love when needed the most.

Happy Birthdays

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Alexander Wunder | 8 Leonard Ash | 22 James Berger | 30 Diann Bittenbender |
| 2 Shawn Everett | 11 Sara Warner | 23 Marc LoMonaco | 30 Pastor Suzanne |
| 4 Diane Bonser | 11 Richard King | 24 Josh Adams | 30 Megan Sciemca |
| 4 Kaitlyn Delbertis | 14 Desiree Kresge | 24 Drew Meckes | |
| 5 Jennifer Bannerman | 15 Gladys Meixsell | 25 Janet Smith | |
| 5 Melanie Frantz | 19 Dennis Rundle | 25 Marjorie Berger | |
| 5 Alexander Greenzweig | 20 Larry Anewalt | 26 Jennifer Kratz | |
| 6 Roy Anthony | 20 Roy Bollinger | 28 Stella Jean Christiansen | |
| 6 Doris Krechel | 21 Norm Burger | 28 Tracy Smith | |
| 7 Terri Meckes | 21 Delphin George | 29 Mark Andrews | |





**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**



On Monday, April 12th, we are hosting a blood drive. We need to fill our slots to help out Miller Keystone on their blood

shortage. Afternoon slots are available. Please call the church office to book your time slot. There is a huge shortage of blood, so please find it in your heart to donate!



As always, our Annual Strawberry Festival and Car Show will be held on Father's Day, June 20th. More information to come, and donations for items for home made ice cream will be asked for. Also, keep in mind, we need volunteers to work the food stands as well as set up and clean up. Laymen's will be asking for donations of new items and gift cards for their annual tricky tray. Please see the office for more information.

HAVE A HAPPY SPRING

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and
be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24 NKJV



St. Matthew's UCC is currently looking for a new sexton to keep our church clean.

We thank Dean Zacharias for his years of hard work. If you are interested in this position, please call the office or speak to Randy Cramer or George Huber.

April Usher Schedule

Thurs April 1- 6pm-Gabby & Harry

April 4th-6am—Volunteers Please

April 4th-9am—Darryl , Jessica, JennieRose

April 11-9am- Shirley and RJ

April 18th-9am- Harry & JennieRose

April 25th-9am- Cheryl & Gabby

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL INCOME COMPARISON

Income for February 2021	Income for February 2020
2/7/2021- 9 am- CANCELLED- SNOW	2/2/20-9am-77 Attending- \$2,028.00
2/14/2021- 9am- 38 Attending- \$2, 378.00	2/9/20-9am-80 Attending-\$2,240.44
2/17/2021- 6pm- 28 Attending- \$1,336.00	2/16/20-9am-70 Attending-\$1,989.22
2/21/2021- 9am-51 Attending- \$1,701.00	2/23/20-9am -74 Attending- \$1,172.22
2/28/2021-9am- 54 Attending- \$2,030.00	2/26/20-40- Ash Wednesday-40 Attending—\$209.00
Total—General Fund- \$7,445.00	Total- General Fund- \$7,638.88

HELLO *And*
Welcome

GETTING TO KNOW "YOU" BETTER...

Gabrielle Bentley, or Gabby as she likes to be called, was born in Allentown and lived in Bath. Then, at the age of 5 she moved to Kunkletown and started school at Pleasant Valley Elementary. She later graduated Cum Laude from Pleasant Valley High School in June of 2012. Gabby loves to take care of her family animals. They have three dogs and three birds. The dogs are mini pinschers and the one bird is a green cheek conure, while the other two are parrotlets. Parrotlets and conures are both types of small parrots.

St. Matthew's is very lucky to have Gabby as a member. Many people have their home church chosen for them when they are baptized as infants or young children; however, in Gabby's case she chose St. Matthew's herself and was baptized and confirmed here at the age of 13.

Gabby is active with St. Matthew's UCC and is currently a member on the church Council and is involved with Christians in Action (CIA). She is also an inspirational Sunday School teacher. She helps with all the Christian Education activities, such as Family Fun Nights and Vacation Bible School. As it happens, one of Gabby's favorite memories at St. Matthew's is from when she first volunteered as a leader for VBS several years ago.



Not only is Gabby active as a volunteer at St. Matthew's, but she is also generous with her time at the West End Food Pantry and occasionally at the Kunkletown Thrift Store. When she is not volunteering, Gabby works part-time as a food service employee at the Pleasant Valley Middle School. This December, she will have been working there for seven years straight and enjoying every minute!

In what little free time Gabby has, her interests include reading, listening to music, creating diamond art, loom knitting and watching tv. She especially likes watching NASCAR racing! In fact, she, her younger brother Alex and her family have traveled to several raceways on the east coast including the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. and Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. The furthest Gabby has ever traveled from home was when she visited the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fl. for Jeff Gordon's last NASCAR race.



Gabby enjoys traveling and has been up and down the east coast vacationing in Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Vermont and West Virginia.

One of Gabby's favorite places where she feels closest to God is out on a boat, in the summer, at the Virginia shore while listening to the waves and the seagulls. She loves to close her eyes, feel the sun and the rock of the boat. When asked what she was most thankful for, Gabby said her family, her church family and for being alive.

Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation

April is here, yippee! It is a busy month as we celebrate Easter as a church family and as I celebrate Jaxon's third birthday with family and friends later this month.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 3 at the grove. Each child will receive a goody bag with a coloring sheet, craft kit, bookmark, snack, and piece of candy. Egg hunts will occur by age group. There will be socially distanced games on the ball field. The Easter bunny will be there to take photos with, and he will provide rides in his egg carton-shaped cart.

Our Sunday School will remain virtual through the end of the school year. The nursery remains closed during worship.

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.

There will not be a new virtual lesson on April 4, which is Easter. There will be new lessons the weeks after. April 11, Jesus is risen; April 18, The First Church; and April 25, Paul's journeys.

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.

We will have a special Sunday Fun Day on May 16 in the grove from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Even if you have not been able to do the virtual lessons, we hope you will come out and play on May 16! We will have snacks, make a craft, and best of all – run all around as we play some cool games.

Calling all our royal children... knights and princesses are needed for Vacation Bible School. We have chosen the theme Knights of North Castle from Cokesbury. VBS will be July 19-23 in the grove. Adult and teen helpers are needed. Please see me for volunteer opportunities.

Happy birthday this month to Abram Pozza, Andi Pozza, Jaxon Gower, Norm Burger, Suzanne Brooks-Cope, and Diann Bittenbender.



St. Matthew's Annual Community

Easter Egg Hunt

April 3rd-1pm Gove

Bring Your Own Basket

Ages baby through 12 yrs old

Egg Hunt, crafts and games!!

St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date March 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.

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Getz Personal Care Home
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Gladys Lindenmoyer

Glucio Lodge
1127 Kemmertown Road
Stroudsburg PA, 18360

Joyce Smale

Pleasant Valley Manor
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Stroudsburg, Pa 18360

Lillian Kleintop

Attleboro Village
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Langhorne, Pa 19047

Arlene Kresge & Lila Kleintop

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

Catherine Dotter

The Walden III
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Wind Gap, PA 18091

Conner Bittenbender, Chip Diehl, Shirley Borger,
McCoy Rapa, Doug Hawk, Gladys Meixsell,
Eliza Dymond, Lois Bohn, Neal Murphy,
Janet Gower, Grace Everett,
Dora Tartar, Randy Cramer, Lila Kleintop,
Gladys Lindenmoyer, Joyce Smith
Rose Arace, Erica Pozza, Rosemarie Stranahan,
Shirley Smith, Andrea Holec,
Brayden Wunder, Kim and Trevor Cope,
Josh & Kevin Engler, Mae Borger,
and the Families of Lorraine Borger, Bill Norton,
Ernie Norton, Bob Lovewell and Joanne Moyer

