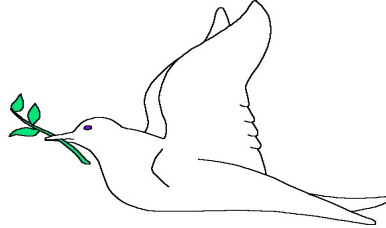


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"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.

May 2021

Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope

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May 2021

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's,



“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them” (Acts 2: 1-4, The Message). On May 23, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost—the Birthday of the Church. It was on Pentecost that the church came into being and three thousand people became believers and members of the early church. On May 23, six young adults will affirm their baptismal promises and be confirmed as adult members of the church. It is always a special day in the life of our church family and the families of those six new members.

Two things come to mind when I think about Pentecost. The PNEC conference met recently for their spring meeting. The preacher was the Rev. Becky Sausser, and she gave me a whole new way to look at the Pentecost story. I have always been taught that Pentecost was the reversal of the Tower of Babel Story. In Genesis, human beings were trying to become “like God” and build tower to heaven. To prevent this, God disrupted these plans and divided human beings into different races, languages, and cultures. On Pentecost, God then reversed this and united us all into one human family where we could all understand one another and be reconciled. Rev. Sausser had a different interpretation of the Tower of Babel story. She saw it as God giving humankind a gift—diversity. Our diversity in language, color and culture is a gift to be celebrated. In her mind, the Tower of Babel was a prelude to the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost which united all races and languages. I like her interpretation.

The other idea that comes to mind as we plan to celebrate Pentecost is that the disciples were all together in one place. The Holy Spirit arrived when they were gathered together. Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers did not miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus’ first followers had not been assembled on Pentecost, they would have missed the outpouring of God’s power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God’s blessings, promises and joy? It is a gift to gather together and worship. I am thankful for our ability to worship virtually during a pandemic (and we will continue to offer virtual worship), but I sure have missed a full church sanctuary, especially on feast days. I miss hugs, handshakes and coming forward for communion. I miss seeing you.

On May 30 we will begin to worship up at the Grove once again for the summer months. I know many of you are hesitant to worship in person because of the pandemic. I urge you to join us at the Grove where it will be safer to be “gathered in one place” so we can worship our God, sing, and have fellowship with one another.

May the Holy Spirit be upon you,

Pastor Suzanne

St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date April 18, 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.

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



Joyce Gower, Jalene Keiser, Albert Serfass, Conner Bittenbender, Hudson Stewart, Chip Diehl, Shirley Borger, McCoy Rapa, Doug Hawk, Gladys Meixsell, Janet Gower, 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 Roy Anthony, Megan Stranahan, Bill Norton, and Ernie Norton



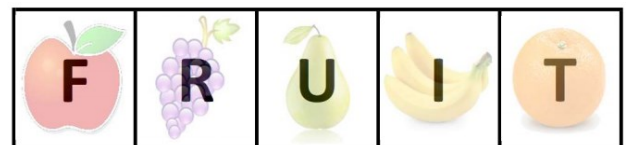
This year will be combining our Strawberry Festival and Car Show with our Church Picnic on Father's Day, June 20th. Please consider volunteering to work the food stands as well as set up and clean up. Donations for the Kiddie Cakewalk and the Regular Cakewalk would be greatly appreciated. Laymen's will be asking for donations of new items and gift cards for their annual tricky tray. Please contact the office for more information.

We have a winner!

Abby Huber is our first "FRUIT of the Spirit" bingo winner.

Thank you to all that participated. Please erase your board and get ready for our second game. We will start with new verses the first Sunday of May. If you need a new board please leave a message at the church and we will see that you get one. Just a reminder to everyone that each week there are 3 fruit verses posted on the church website, in the church bulletin, and on the scene during the church service. We hope everyone will join in the fun and also learn some Bible verses in the process.

Good luck and God bless!



While Rose is recovering from shoulder surgery, Joan Madden will be helping around the office. At this time, office hours will be Monday - Thursday 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Closed on Fridays!

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



Graduates Name
 Your Name
 Name of School & Location
 Degree, License, Diploma
 or Certificate
 Future Education or Career Plans
 Graduates Address so we can
 Send a Card

Will Graduate Attend Church on June 6, 2021? Yes or No

Please return to office via offering basket or mail no later than

May 30, 2021.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Chris Fisher	3 Mae Berger Darryl Breinich Bridget Freeby Michael Kratz	4 Joshua Frantz	5 Mary Eckhart	6	7 Abigail Huber	8
9 Delbert Kibler Sr.	10 Carl Frantz Alexandria Pfancook Carl Smith	11 Tom Byrne	12 Starlene Barr	13 Laura Bealer	14 Brenna Courtright	15 Robert Dorshimer
16 Cody Eckhart	17	18	19	20 Michele Gannon Douglas Hawk Malvin Meckes	21 Lillian Leslie	22 Tammy Brown
23	24 Skye Smith	25 Linda Greenzweig Kathy Smith Cassandra Yost	26 Marietta Barlieb	27	28 Nickolas Snyder	29 Jackie Gannon Ashley Hahn
30 Deanna Anthony	31 Dale Greenzweig Sr.					



CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

3/4 Carrot	2 Ribs of Celery	1/2 Onion
2 Potatoes	3 C Chicken Stock	1/2 C Heavy Cream
1 oz Oil	Salt & Pepper to Taste	Roux to Thicken
Additional Seasonings for Flavor		



In a large enough pot to fit the entire soup sauté Mirepoix in oil on medium heat until the vegetables start to soften and lightly brown. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Add stock and potatoes and bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer until potatoes and vegetables are cooked. Make roux in a separate pan (equal parts butter and flour). Once the potatoes are cooked add cream and bring to a light boil. Whisk in roux a little at a time, giving the roux a minimum of ten minutes to cook out, until it is the desired consistency. **Never walk away from the soup once the roux is in. It will burn!** Finish soup with the seasonings of choice. Before serving check color, consistency, check flavor, garnish and serve.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

2 1/4 C Flour	1 tsp Baking Soda	1 tsp Salt
1 C (2 Sticks) Butter, Softened	3/4 C Granulated Sugar	3/4 C Packed Brown Sugar
1 tsp Vanilla	2 Eggs	2 C Chocolate Chips

Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in a large bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 375°F oven for 9-11 minutes. Let stand 2 minutes, remove to wire rack to cool completely. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.



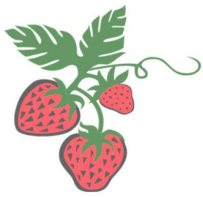
May Usher Schedule

Sunday, May 2	RJ, Darryl & Jessica
Sunday, May 9	Jennie Rose & Gabby
Sunday, May 16	Shirley & Cheryl
Sunday, May 23	Darryl & RJ
Sunday, May 30	Harry & Jessica



MARCH FINANCIAL INCOME COMPARISON

Income for March 2021				Income for March 2020			
Date	Time	Amount	Attendance	Date	Time	Amount	Attendance
03/07/2021	9:00 AM	\$2,700.00	57	03/01/2020	9:00 AM	\$2,937.22	95
03/14/2021	9:00 AM	\$1,220.00	46	03/04/2020	7:00 PM	\$270.00	72
03/21/2021	9:00 AM	\$1,755.00	53	03/08/2020	9:00 AM	\$1,431.22	61
03/28/2021	9:00 AM	\$1,747.00	70	03/15/2020	No Service	\$417.22	COVID
Total General Fund:		\$7,422.00		03/22/2020	No Service	\$942.22	COVID
				03/29/2020	No Service	\$417.22	COVID
				Total General Fund:		\$6,415.10	



St. Matthew's United Church of Christ

102 Church Lane, Kunkletown, PA

Strawberry Festival, Picnic & 17th Annual Car Show

Sunday, June 20, 2021

(Rain or Shine)

Worship Service
10:00 am

Registration
8 am - 12 pm

Trophies Awarded
3:00 pm

Breakfast Sandwiches served
8:00-10:00 AM at the food stand.

Food stand will close during worship &
reopen with the menu below until 6 PM

BAR-B-Q ~ HOT DOGS ~ HAMBURGERS
SALADS ~ ASSORTED BEVERAGES
STRAWBERRIES, ICE CREAM AND SHORTCAKE

Activities throughout the day:

Kids Games Fish Pond
Kiddie Cakewalk Regular Cakewalk

Dash Plaques will be awarded to the first 100 registrants.
One Best of Show Trophy

First and second place trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Muscle Car | 4. Street Rod/Rat Rod | 7. 1950-1959 (Stock) | 10. 1980-1995 (Stock) |
| 2. Modified (pre 1975) | 5. Truck | 8. 1960-1969 (Stock) | 11. 1996+ (Stock) |
| 3. Modified (1975+) | 6. 1900-1949 (Stock) | 9. 1970-1979 (Stock) | 12. Semi-Trucks |

Must park in the category registered in to be judged.
Group parking will be provided but those cars will not be judged.

Trophies awarded by participants choice!

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 _____ Class Number _____

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

Entertainment
in the Pavilion
RJ Cramer & Scott Reppert
11 am - 2 pm
Cramer Brothers Band
3 pm - 6 pm

Entertainment
in the Field
D.J. EAZY E!
11 am - 3 pm



GETTING TO KNOW "YOU" BETTER...

In her 20's she allowed a friend who was going to cosmetology school at the time, practice an "afro" haircut on her. From that "fuzzy" haircut and her last name being Fusner, her nickname originated and she became Joyce "Fuzzy" Fusner. Whether you know her as Joyce or Fuzzy, she is a fun loving and active member of the St. Matthew's family.

Joyce is a liturgist, an active choir and CIA member, and helps the Layman's group when she can. Joyce says that due to Covid and the changes it has caused in the church, she has missed choir immensely. She is looking forward to the return of singing again and the fellowship of the choir. One of Joyce's favorite memories is participating in the amazing "Spring Fling" skits with all the wonderful CIA ladies. She says each year they try and top the last fun filled hysterical performance!



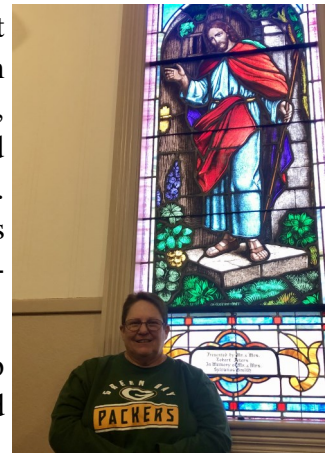
When Joyce is not busy at St. Matthew's, she is doing imaging work at Berkone, a subdivision of Berkheimer Tax Administrator. Joyce also works on title releases and title maintenance for cars, RVs, boats, and other vehicle types. She has worked at Berkone for eight years and enjoys it "most days" she jokingly says.

At home, Joyce is a huge Packers fan, which you could tell as she wore her favorite Packers shirt the day the pictures were taken for this article. She also likes to paint ceramics and rug hook. Joyce proudly took 2nd place at the West End Fair for a rug hook that she completed. Most of all, Joyce enjoys watching all her grandkids; her daughter's three children and all her "adopted grandkids" as she calls them. She came to the Easter Egg Hunt

this year with all the little ones in tow and you could hear her cheering them all on and laughing with them during the festivities.

By her side for the last 39 years, is Joyce's husband Gerald. Their story started in a bar at the Goodwill Fire Company in Reading where they lived. There they attended the Twin Churches on the Hill in Muhlenberg. Joyce was baptized, confirmed, and married there, along with her daughter, Jamie who was also baptized there. In 2008, Joyce, Gerald, and Jamie moved to Kunkletown and their family became members of St. Matthew's in 2009. St. Matthew's was the first "little church" Joyce had ever belonged to. Back then, she was on the committee to find a new Pastor after Pastor Joe retired. Joyce watched Pastor Suzanne's application video and is so glad she is now St. Matthew's inspirational steward.

When asked what makes her feel a connection to God, Joyce responds, "When I help someone or being here at church." She says that her favorite bible verse is Psalm 23 and proudly admits that she has it memorized. When asked what she was most thankful for, she says her daughter and her grandkids, all of them. She also asks for our church family members to say a few prayers for her husband, Gerald, as right now he could use a few extra.



One interesting fact about our "Fuzzy" that most may not know is that she was an avid bowler! She was a member of the Ladies 600 Club, where you have to have bowled 600 points in only three games. Her highest score was 279 points in one game!

Joyce has another love of her life, her Dory. Dory is a 6-year-old mix who was rescued by the Goofy Foot dog rescue in Tennessee. Joyce talks about her canine companion with a huge smile on her face and says Dory loves to run. Here's hoping Fuzzy can keep up with her fuzzy four-legged friend!

Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation

Yippee it's May. April showers brought us May flowers. They are blooming all around us thanks to God's love and sun light. Be sure to do the flower word scramble below; it is just for fun!

We have two remaining Sunday School lessons: May 2, Timothy; and May 9, Pentecost. 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.

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.

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. Prize bags will be given to those children who have done three or more Sunday School lessons in April and May.

Calling all our royal children... knights and princesses are needed for the Knights of North Castle VBS. It will be July 19-23 in the grove from 9 a.m. to noon daily. There will be an afternoon field trip one day. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to help. Please see me if interested.

Happy birthday this month to Ally Pfancook, Ava Kresge, and Arianna Palermo-Holmes.

Flower Word Scramble:	Dysia	_____	Tipaneu	_____
	Putil	_____	Snufowlre	_____
	Mrgidoal	_____	Vlitose	_____



VBS Registration Form (One Per Family)

St. Matthew's UCC – July 19-23 in the grove

Theme – Knights of North Castle

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: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

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 _____