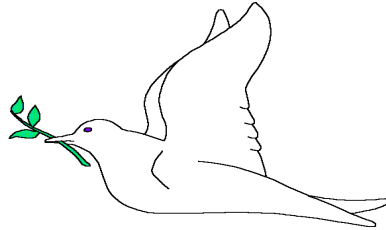


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"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.

November 2020

Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope

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November 2020



Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthews,

I have wanted to visit Hawk Mountain for a few years now. I have heard about it for decades but never had the opportunity to visit. Last week, Scott and I decided to visit Hawk Mountain on a beautiful Fall day with deep blue skies when the leaves were a mixture of greens, yellows, reds, and oranges. It was a more difficult hike than I had expected. It was a very rocky path and you had to watch every step you took as you got close to the North Lookout. But the view was breathtaking once we reached the lookout. It was well worth the climb, the rocks, and the fear of slipping. There were many raptors flying that day. There were times that we actually got to look down on them flying below us—that was an unusual sight. What a gift that afternoon was! There were other hikers with us—all donning masks trying to keep each other safe. There were young and old out enjoying the beautiful day. I was thankful that my new knees allowed me to make the hike. I was grateful for the experience—the view was truly magnificent.

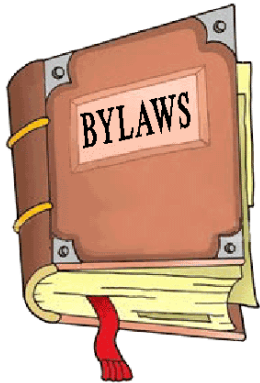
What are you thankful for this year as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday? It has been a difficult year. I am actually looking forward to celebrating New Year's Eve this year. Usually, I am not a fan of the holiday with its emphasis on partying and drinking. But this year, I am ready to say goodbye to what has been a difficult year not only for our nation but our world. I look forward to ringing in a new year with hope and possibility. But before we say goodbye, it is always important to think about the things for which we are thankful. Many people have picked up their golf clubs again during COVID19 and spent time safely outdoors. Our parks were full and hiking trails have become popular. Folks have taken up camping again which makes for wonderful family memories. Others took on projects that kept them busy at home, in their sewing rooms or workshops. Still others managed to go through the pile of stacked books by their bedside tables that had been piling up for a few years. What are you grateful for this Thanksgiving? Take time to think about your blessings as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday.

Now, on a different note, we will be returning to our sanctuary on November 1st in time for All Saints' Day. We will remember 13 individuals who died since last All Saints' Day and light a candle in their honor. Seating will be limited in the sanctuary and masks are required by all in the congregation. Family members of those who have died will have preference when it comes to seating. After worship on Nov. 1, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on some proposed changes to our Church By-Laws. We will also be transmitting by radio so you will be able to hear in your vehicles if the sanctuary is full. By December 6, we will be livestreaming worship to all our TV's throughout the rest of our building. We will be able to accommodate many more people inside once the new equipment is installed.

Friends, may you stay safe, healthy, and thankful as we celebrate Thanksgiving,

Pastor Suzanne

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 1st this year. On this Sunday we remember and give thanks for all those who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith and have joined the church triumphant. Families will have the opportunity to light a candle in their loved one's honor. Please join us as we witness to the promises of the resurrection, give thanks for the lives of those who have died since last All Saints Day.



On November 1st we will be holding a very simple congregational meeting after church. Upon approval, we will be changing certain items from the by laws pertaining to how many members we need to serve on council and possibly change some items on the rules on who can serve on council. Please come and make your vote count!

Starting November 1st, we will open our sanctuary doors.

As it is getting colder we will move our services inside. We will have limited seating in the beginning. During communion Sundays, we ask that you bring your own bread and grape juice or wine to limit others touching your elements. Masks must be worn inside the building. If you do not have a mask, we will have some for you. We will insist on social distancing so no hugging or shaking hands. We will not have social hour. For overflow we will continue to use the transmitter to send our services to your car. In December we will have a camera system that will show the services on every TV in the building. Please keep yourself posted to our website or call the church for any last minute changes as we go forward. Thank you!



St. Matthew's UCC Laymen's Fellowship



\$6.00 For 2 Lbs

Chicken Gravy \$2.00 Per Pint

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount _____

Please Pay At Time Of Pick Up Only

Place order with any
Laymen's member
or mail to:
St. Matthew's UCC
102 Church Road
Kunkletown, Pa 18058

Orders Due:
Nov 15th
Curb Side Pick
Up:
Friday Nov 20th
1pm

Laymen's Fellowship is still a very active group and are looking for people to add to their group. Anyone who are looking to join—please come any 3rd Wednesday of the month (Nov being an exception) at 10am!



November Usher Schedule

Nov 1st— Stephen, Dora, Harry, Norm & Gabby

Nov 8th— Jennie Rose & Henry

Nov 15th— Harry & Renee

Nov 22nd— George & Cheryl

Nov 29th— Shirley & Stephen



1 Sierra Krechel
2 Nancy Kresge
4 Ryan Sheckler
5 Shirley Kuntz
5 Alex Bentley
5 Donna Eldridge
5 Liz Arace
7 Mark Bittenbender
7 Amanda Heckman
7 Victoria Schneider

8 Allison Kresge
8 Magen Snyder
9 Rachel Green
9 Penny Hawk
9 Shirley Kleintop
10 Austin Kresge
10 Colleen Yaple
11 Gene Borger
12 Maynard Frantz
12 Harry Koehler

13 Grace Everett
14 Vivian Smith
17 Samantha Petzold
19 Brian Handwerk
19 Willow Krechel
23 Michael Andrews
23 Dale Greenzweig Jr.
25 Joseph Arace
25 Lisa Lomanaco
26 Paige Costenbader

26 Bruce Gower
28 Jiovonni Vesga



Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Education

It is November and we have returned to indoor worship! Welcome families, I am so glad your children are here to learn about the Bible. Our Christian Education team was busy during the last several months planning virtual lessons and hosting small gatherings in the grove.

I will continue to lead the children's message and hand out coloring and activity sheets for them to do during worship. We will not go down to the nursery as a group to do activities, like we used to do. When the television is hooked up for live-streaming, one family each week can choose to sit in the nursery to view the service on that television and their kids may play with a few toys. I will put cleaning wipes on the bookshelf. Please wipe off toys after each use.

Our virtual Sunday School class continues this month with five exciting topics: All Saints Day, Hannah and baby Samuel, Queen Esther, a special Thanksgiving lesson, and Daniel and the lions. To go directly to our weekly lesson: <https://stmattsucckunkletown.com/sunday-school>. You will see a weekly welcome video from the teacher, animated Bible stories, music videos, prayer video, crafts, other activities, and a closing video. There is also an archive page if you missed a week and wish to do that lesson. Please send in photos of your children with their completed coloring sheets and crafts.

Happy Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26. Can you help the turkey above? I hope to see you as we kick off the holiday season on November 27. "Merry Movie Night" will occur in the grove from 5 to 8 p.m. Weather permitting, we will watch a Christmas movie, eat pizza and cookies, and drink hot chocolate. We will watch something other than The Polar Express, which we saw a few times prior. Bring blankets and dress warmly. Rain date is Saturday, Nov. 28 from 5 to 8pm.

Help this turkey to find the way out!



Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3PM!

Come Join Jennifer Eckhart and her band
"Stained Glass Road"

While they perform music from their new Album- "Faithful"!



Album is being released November 1, 2020

Jennifer is the Associate Pastor of Music & Services at
Blue Mt. Church in Palmerton

This concert is open to the public and is free admission.

There will be a free will offering taken
up to support a local charity.



St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date October 20, 2020)

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

Loretta Hawk

Mahoning Valley Rehab

397 Hemlock Drive

Lehigh, Pa 18235

Alton Kleintop

The Summit At Blue Mt.

211 N 12th Street

Lehigh, Pa 18235

Franklin Smith, Janet Gower, Dale Meixsell,

McCoy Rapa, Marlene Prutzman,

George Keller, Linda Handwerk, Gladys Lindenmoyer,

Alton Kleintop, Erica Pozza,

Bobbie Christman, Scott Madden, Doug Hawk,

Rebecca Ralph, Lee Sitler,

Janet Fowler, Shirley Smith,

Chapman and Mason Buskirk,

Dean Zacharis, Brayden Wunder, Kelly George,

Alan Miller, Kim Cope,

Margaret Hahn, Josh and Kevin Engler, Mae Borger,

Marlette Palermo

and the Family of Betty Dutt

Sherwood and Judy Smith would like everyone to know that Sherwood is home and doing well. They would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and for the wonderful prayer shawl sent for comfort.

