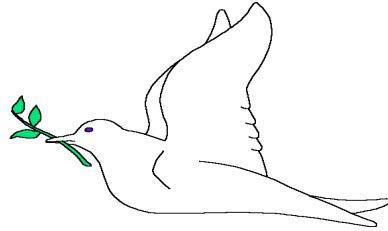


# St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

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



Sunday Services and Activities  
9am Worship

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10:30 Social Hour  
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## March 2020

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March 2020,

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthews,

Lent has begun. Lent is a 40-day journey that begins with ashes and a reminder of who we are and whose we are. The season ends at the foot of the cross and with a borrowed tomb. Along the way we take a journey together. It is a time of repentance, prayer and worship as we prepare to remember the events of Good Friday so we can truly give thanks and celebrate the joy of the resurrection. There are many ways to observe the season of Lent. Some people give up something each year for the 6

weeks—a kind of fast. This could be a favorite food or a favorite past time. Others prefer to add something to their spiritual devotion throughout Lent—bible study, longer prayer and devotional time, volunteer work or more generous giving. You can also add to your worship life this Lent by joining us for worship on Wednesday evenings. Each year, St. Matthew's joins with four other churches in our area to worship and fellowship together on Wednesday evenings. This year, our theme is the Signs of Lent.



This series of 5 worship services for Lent is based on the concept of road signs and how their messages apply to our life in Christ during the season of Lent: Stop, Merge, Yield, One Way, and Dead End. Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. In our Lenten worship on March 4, we remember how Peter tried to put a Stop sign in front of Jesus on his way to the cross. But Jesus helped him (and us) to see that he could only stop when he reached the cross to save us all.

On March 11, our second Wednesday night service, we will be reminded to merge our lives with the long history of the story of salvation that began in the Garden of Eden, continued with the Children of Israel at Passover and is revealed in the sacrifice of the promised Messiah. Then during our third time together on March 18, we will be reminded to yield to God's will for us in our lives, just as Jesus yielded to his will when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but yours be done." On March 25, our road sign is the One-Way sign, reminding us that Jesus and his journey to the cross is a one-way path for all of us to God's Kingdom. Lastly, on April 1 (no fooling), our Lenten worship this week, will remind us that, unlike other paths in life, Jesus is not a dead end, but a start to life everlasting.

I hope you will join with us this Lenten season as we worship and grow together on our journey through Lent.

May you observe a holy and acceptable Lent.

*Pastor Suzanne*

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

(As of publishing date February 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 Zeigenfus,

& Mae Pearsol

Getz Personal Care Home

1026 Scenic Drive

Kunkletown, Pa 18058

Gladys Lindenmoyer

Gluco 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

Edith Semmell

Pleasant Trees Personal Care Home

65 E Lizard Creek Rd

Lehighon, PA 18235

Arlene Kresge & Lila & Alton Kleintop

Mrs. Bush's Personal Care

302 Kunkletown Road

Kunkletown, Pa 18058

Virginia Anglemyer

Phoebe Home Room L221B

1925 W Turner Street

Allentown, Pa 18104

Catherine Dotter

The Walden III

325 N Broadway

Wind Gap, PA 18091

## **Other Prayer Concerns**

Doug Hawk, Lee and Leanne Sitler, Sylvia George,

Bobbie Snyder, Donna Roderick, Teresa Bernini,

Tracy Ford, Leilani Frantz, Kristen Buckley,

Marlene Prutzman, Vivian Smith, Tina Martin,

Dean Zacharias, Leon Barlieb, , Joe and Rose Arace,

Kelly George, Larry Anewalt, Shirley Smith,

Chapman Buskirk, Jan Burger, Lila and Alton Kleintop,

Brayden Wunder, The Rev. Alan Miller, Kim Cope,

Leah Jane Sterner, Margaret Hahn,

Shirley Kleintop, Josh and Kevin Engler ,





**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**MAY 2, 2020**

## 2020 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

Theme: *Signs Of Lent*

6:00 PM to 6:45 pm Simple Soup Dinner

7:00 PM Worship Service

Ash Wednesday, February 26th–

### March Usher Schedule

**March 3rd**–9am– Diane, Darryl, Norm,  
Shirley & Stephen

**March 8th**– 9am– Dora & Gabrielle

**March 15th**–9am- George & Harry

**March 22nd**–9am– Henry & JennieRose

**March 24th**–9am –Henry & Penny

**March 29th**–9am–Norm & Gabrielle

DATE	THEME	HOST CHURCH	PREACHER
March 4	Stop	St. Matthew's UCC	Deb Scheffey
March 11	Merge	Jerusalem UCC	John Harding
March 18	Yield	Jerusalem Lutheran	Randy Lentz
March 25th	One-Way	Salem St. Paul	Suzanne Brooks-Cope
April 1	Dead End	Salem UCC	Kathryn Foster



We are still looking for sponsors to be able to purchase new tables to be used at our grove for various events that go on through the year.

As we are starting to prepare for the very busy upcoming summer, we would like to purchase new tables but we need your help to do so. If you are able, please become a sponsor for our tables. You can donate as little or as much as you would like. Please mark all donations for table fund. Thank you in advanced.

**Social Hour Schedule:** March 1<sup>st</sup>–CIA, March 8<sup>th</sup>–Volunteers, March 15<sup>th</sup>–Capital Project/Creative Worship, March 22nd–Volunteers, March 29th– Cemetery, April 5<sup>th</sup>– CIA, April 12<sup>th</sup>–Volunteers, April 19th–Church Picnic, April 26<sup>th</sup>–Volunteers  
During volunteer weeks, we still need help bringing food, setting up or cleaning, let's all pitch in! (Committee members—don't forget you need to set up and clean up on your assigned dates.)



1 Tyler McInaw	10 Shirley Brotzman	17 Joyce Gower	25 Maryellen Smith
2 Leahjane Sterner	10 Chapman Buskirk	17 Dean Zacharias	25 Brielle McInaw
3 Brenda Dorshimer	10 Jessica	18 Zachary Huber	28 Mark Neeb
5 Kayleigh Beidleman	Petzold-Slawter	19 Dalen Meixsell	29 Sylvia George
5 Diane Stuart	12 Irene Rundle	19 Ali Snyder	30 Annabel Beers
6 George Huber	13 Amy Burger	20 Joan Madden	
7 Constance Andrews	13 Jessica Meckes	20 Boyd Gannon	
7 Marlette Palermo	14 Arlene Kresge	20 Anthony Palermo	
9 Colton Courtright	17 Danielle DeSieno	21 Corey Smith	
9 Richard Frantz	17 Brandi DeVivo	22 Randy Smith	



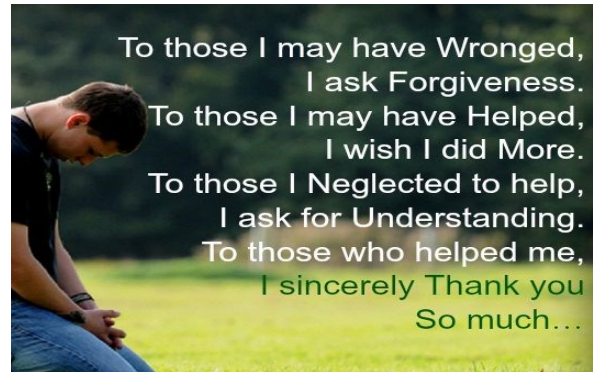
## Of rocks and repentance

Before recently closing to tourists, Australia's majestic Uluru (formerly called Ayers Rock) was popular with climbers. Many took home illegal souvenirs, sometimes later mailing them back to park rangers after experiencing what they considered bad luck.

So many pilfered mementos were returned, often with notes of apology, that rangers called them "sorry rocks." The returns merely created more work for park staff, who urged visitors not to take specimens in the first place.

"Sorry rocks" is a fitting image for our sins, which the Bible describes as weights and entanglements (see Hebrews 12:1). As sinners, we can't remove those heavy burdens on our own. But through Christ's redeeming work on our behalf, we can "return" the rocks of wrongdoing. When we repent and seek forgiveness, God promises to "remember [our] sins no more" (Hebrews 8:12).

A Dollar bill met a \$20 bill and said "Hey, what's up? I haven't seen you around here lately." The \$20 bill replied, "I've been hanging out at the casinos, went on a cruise, came back to America, saw a couple of baseball games, visited the mall, that kid of stuff. How about you?" The dollar bill said, "You know, the same old thing-church, church, church."



### 2020 Benevolences Schedule:

January– Hope Lodge  
February–Family Promise of Carbon County  
March–Family Promise of Monroe County  
April– PVEN  
May– Cystic Fibrosis  
June–Garden of Giving  
July–Meals On Wheels  
August–Raidiatric Cancer Foundation  
September–Habitat For Humanity  
October– Operation Touch of Home  
November– Valor House  
December– West End Food Pantry

## JANUARY FINANCIAL INCOME COMPARISON

Income for January 2020	Income for January 2019
1/5/20-9am-77 Attending-\$2,386.00	1/7/19-9am-88 Attending-\$2,852.00
1/12/20-9am– 74 Attending—\$2,871.22	1/13/19-9am– 78 Attending—\$1,454.51
1/19/20-9am—CANCELLED-SNOW STORM	1/20/19-9am—CANCELLED-SNOW STORM
1/26/20-9AM—77 Attending—\$2,969.44	1/27/19-9AM—85 Attending—\$3,316.00
<b>Total– General Fund \$ 8,226.66</b>	<b>Total– General Fund \$ 7,622.51</b>





# BINGO

**St. Matthew's UCC CIA**

Gift Card Bingo

Held At The Church

102 Church Road

Kunkletown, Pa 18058

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Doors Open At Noon-

Bingo Starts At 1pm

\$20 At The Door

Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation

Welcome, as we march into March. Let's hope the luck of the Irish brings warm, spring weather.

Our clocks spring ahead an hour on March 8 as daylight savings time begins once again. Don't be late for church and Sunday School!



Our next Christian Education meeting will be Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. We will plan the Easter egg hunt, end of the year Sunday School party, and breakfast fundraiser. Everyone welcome, please join us.

I will teach a combined preschool and elementary class on March 15. We will learn about St. Patrick, the holiday named for him and hunt for gold coins (the chocolate kind). Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Legend has it that he drove the snakes out of Ireland! However, there probably were never snakes there to begin with, according to scientific research. No matter what...it's my birthday! Don't forget to wear green.

Join us on March 20 for Friday Fun Night. We will fill some plastic eggs for the April 11 egg hunt, and then have game night! Bring your favorite board game.

Come to church hungry on May 10! We will have a breakfast fundraiser after worship, featuring scrambled eggs, pancakes, toast, sausage, desserts, fruit, tea, coffee, and juice.

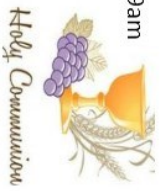

















While you are daydreaming about the return of summer and family trip, mark July 20-24 on your calendar. That's VBS week, and it will be held at the church once again! Our theme is Rainforest Explorers.

We are seeking new volunteers, age 17 and up, for the nursery for spring and summer 2019. You can volunteer once a month or more often. Nursery is staffed weekly 9-10:15 a.m. Background clearances are needed, and I am happy to assist you with the process.

Please visit our classrooms any time you'd like and see these energetic and enthusiastic children at work learning about Jesus and the Bible. We welcome guests for a few minutes or the whole Sunday School hour.

Have you seen the St. Matthew's UCC Facebook group page? I post photos and event information weekly. Also check out the website, <https://stmattsucckunkletown.com/>, as it has a new look and a lot of updated information. Jessica Slawter will continue to update the site as requested by church members and staff.

# MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9am  Holy Communion</p>	<p>2 6pm  Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Canoeing Mt Book Study-7pm</p>	<p>4 St. Matthew's Exercise 1pm  Lenten SERVICES</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 9am  SUNDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>9 6pm  Bible Study</p>	<p>10 CE 6pm  Church Council</p>	<p>11 Jerusalem UCC Exercise 1pm  Lenten SERVICES</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 9am  SUNDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>16 6pm  Bible Study</p>	<p>17 Canoeing Mt Book Study-7pm</p>	<p>18 Jerusalem Lutheran Exercise 1pm  Lenten SERVICES Laymen's 10am</p>	19	20	21  Reserved FOR PRIVATE EVENT
<p>22 9am  SUNDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>23 6pm  Bible Study</p>	24	<p>25 Salem St. Paul Exercise 1pm  Lenten SERVICES</p>	26	27	28  Reserved FOR PRIVATE EVENT
<p>29 9am  SUNDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>30 Exercise 1pm  Bible Study</p>	31	<p>1 Salem UCC Exercise 1pm  Lenten SERVICES</p>	2	3	4