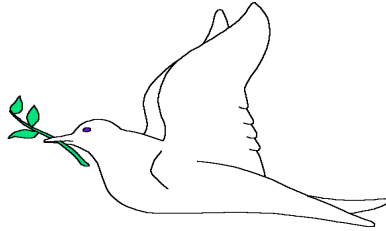


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"



April 2020

Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope

Secretary Office Hours are:

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Sunday Services and Activities

9am Worship

10:30 Social Hour

Please note: All services and activities are subject to change by the day as per coronavirus closures at that time. Please check answering machine or website for most up to date information.

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April 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's,

As I sit at my desk this morning, our nation and community is in an uproar. I don't think I remember such a time as this when schools are all closed, governors are not allowing gatherings over a certain size and people are paying an arm and a leg for toilet paper (if you can even find it). The stock market seems more like a hot air balloon—going up and down daily. Churches are all scrambling to try to find a way to “be church” in the midst of the COVID19 crisis. I did learn how to make a video of a sermon and Jessica Slawter (she is a blessing) learned how to create a church YouTube account and got the sermon video posted. Maybe I'll finally get a bit more savvy about technology and learn to use more features on my iPhone. So, some good could come out of this.



Meanwhile, in the midst of the crisis, Scott and I also gathered with our neighbors for a campfire over the weekend, s'mores and dinner together. We were a bit cold, but it was nice to be together through all of this. Lowe's was busy with many people doing home projects. Scott and I got a start on cleaning up our garden and thinking about spring planting. My guess is there will be lots of new quilts, wood working projects, crocheted and knitted projects and classic cars working and shining in folks' garages. Some good could come out of all this. Those projects you put off can now get done! I may have a bunch of baptisms to perform in a year—that will be fun!

But I hope in the midst of the chaos, you take time to spend with God. Read the scriptures. Spend time playing with your family. Make up some new games. Call your neighbors. Get outside and take a walk. Keep in touch with your friends by phone or social media. We will get through this. When you are feeling overwhelmed, turn to the Psalms. I always find them a source of strength and comfort. Ponder the words of Psalm 91 (NRSV).

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge...
You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
A thousand may fall at your side..., but it will not come near you...
Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
No evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways...
When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them...
With long life I will satisfy them and show them by salvation.*

In the midst of this pandemic, let us remember that God so loved the world, that God sent his only son to enter into our darkness and to bring us light. We will celebrate and remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross and God's raising him from the dead. Even in the midst of this crisis, we will shout out, "He is Risen...He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia. Easter will come.

May God bless and keep you,

Pastor Suzanne

St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date March 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,

Getz Personal Care Home
1026 Scenic Drive
Kunkletown, Pa 18058

Gladys Lindenmoyer

Gluko 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
Lehighton, 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

George Huber, Chip Diehl, Gerry Kresge, McCoy Rapa,
Erica Pozza, Randy Cramer, Donna Waltz, Jeannie Anewalt,
Betty Kleintop, Doug Hawk,
Lee Sitler, Dean Zacharias, George Keller,
Marlene Prutzman, Carol Popay,
William Rae Loring-Albright, Pat Martin,
Shirley Smith, Chapman Buskirk, Sylvia George, Jan Burger,
Brayden Wunder, Kelly George,
The Rev. Alan Miller, Kim Cope, Virginia Anglemyer,
Margaret Hahn, Josh and Kevin Engler



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 5: Palm Sunday, 9 am Worship

April 9: Maundy Thursday Worship, 6 pm Covered Dish Supper, 7 pm worship with communion

April 10: Good Friday, Church will be opened from noon to 3 pm for prayer and to walk the "Way of the Cross" individually

April 12: 6am Easter Sunrise Communion At Grove.

April 12: 9 am Traditional Easter Communion Service.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All events and services are subject to change due to the coronavirus closures. At the time of printing your White Dove, most things are closed. Please call the church 610-381-2442 or check the website (stmattsucckunkletown.com) for the most up to date information at that time. Call the church or email for any needs you may have.



Saturday, April 4th & May 16th

**10 am
(Volunteers Needed)**



Weather permitting— we are holding two dates 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 4th for the Cemetery and Saturday, May 16th for the grove.

Prayer during time of a pandemic to our country:

Dear Lord, I confess I wake with a worried heart, I carry anxious thoughts which wind round and round my mind each day, and I lay down to sleep with these concerns all about me. I need you, Lord lead me into new peace. I give you these burdens, these cares, these sorrows. I lay them at your feet. I ask that you might take them from me, that I would know that you are Lord over all these things. There is nothing I need hide from you and there is nothing that you would have me hold. Father, I choose to do this each morning, each day and each evening, knowing that when I am weak all is well, because your strength is made perfect in my weakness. Thank you for your peace that resides in my soul. In you I trust. Amen.

[-https://www.lords-prayer-words.com](https://www.lords-prayer-words.com)

We are hoping you can all find some peace and comfort during this time in our lives. On our website we have prayers, devotions, and sermon videos from Pastor Suzanne. We are only a phone call away.

God Bless!

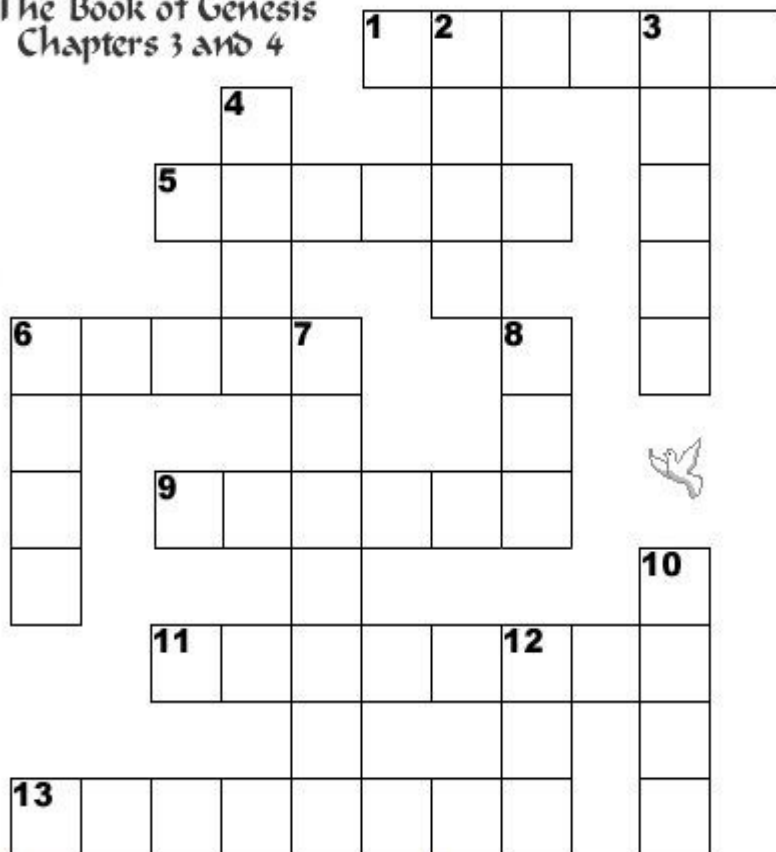
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2 Shawn Everett	11 Richard King	24 Josh Adams	
4 Diane Bonser	14 Desiree Kresge	24 Drew Meckes	
4 Kaitlyn Delbertis	15 Gladys Meixsell	25 Janet Smith	
5 Jennifer Bannerman	19 Dennis Rundle	26 Jennifer Kratz	
5 Melanie Frantz	20 Larry Anewalt	28 Stella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

Happy Birthday



The Book of Genesis Chapters 3 and 4

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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was ____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a ____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)



As always, our Annual Strawberry Festival and Car Show will be held on Father's Day, June 21st. 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.

A Prayer for Channeling God's Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me show love,

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith,

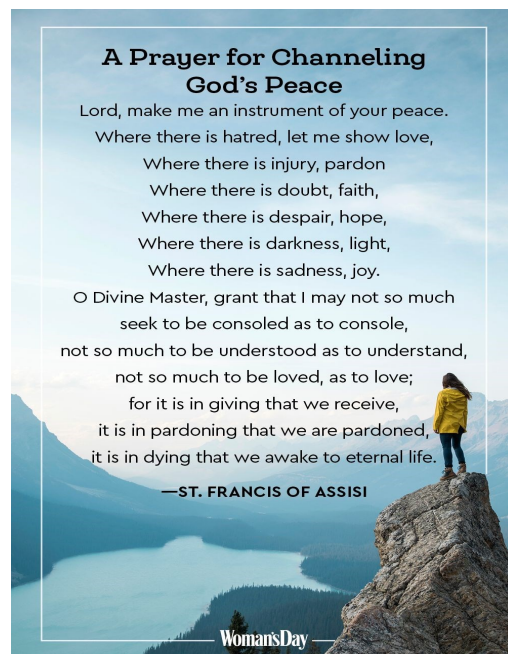
Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



FEBRUARY FINANCIAL INCOME COMPARISON

Income for February 2020	Income for February 2019
2/2/20-9am-77 Attending- \$2,028.00	2/3/19-9am-68 Attending- \$1,896.00
2/9/20-9am-80 Attending-\$2,240.44	2/10/19-9am-93 Attending-\$2,336.00
2/16/20-9am-70 Attending-\$1,989.22	
2/23/20—9am —74 Attending- \$1,172.22	2/17/19—9am —74 Attending- \$1,693.00
2/26/20-40— Ash Wednesday-40 Attending—\$209.00	2/24/19-69 Attending—\$2,151.00
Totals– General Fund- \$7,638.88	Totals– General Fund- \$8,076.00

St. Matthew's Annual Community

Easter Egg Hunt

April 11th-1pm Church Gove

Bring Your Own Basket

Ages baby through 12 yrs old

Egg Hunt, crafts, games &

April Usher Schedule

April 5- 9am-Renee, Shirley, Cheryl,
George & Harry

April 9th- 7pm-Starlene & Stephen

April 12th-6am—Volunteers Please

April 12-9am— Dora, JennieRose, Darryl,
Gabby & Renee

April 19th-9am— Harry & Henry

April 26th-9am— Renee & George

The Membership Committee would like to remind all members to please sign the ritual of friendship pads when you attend church. Also please be sure to use an envelope and write your name clearly so you get credit for your attendance and tithes.

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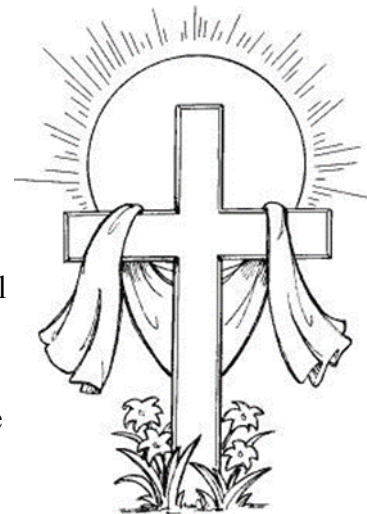
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Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Coordinator of Christian Formation

Welcome April, as we continue to focus on Lent and prepare for Easter.

Our annual community Easter egg hunt will occur at the grove starting at 1 p.m. on April 11. Teen and adult volunteers are needed at 11:30 a.m. to help hide eggs and set up. The event includes egg hunt by age group, craft, snack, bounce house (if it's not windy) and visit with the Easter Bunny. He will once again take kids and adults for a ride around the field in the egg-shaped cart attached to his motorcycle. Bring your own basket!



If you took home a bag of plastic eggs to fill, please return them by Thursday, April 9. You may begin to bring hard-boiled eggs into church starting on April 8 and put in the kitchen refrigerator.

Easter is Sunday, April 12. The nursery will be available during 9 a.m. worship. There is no Sunday School afterward.

At our CE meeting in March, we decided to postpone our May fundraiser breakfast until the fall. Instead, CE will host social hour on May 3 with baked goods, snacks and beverages.

The last day of Sunday School is May 17 at 10:30. We will hand out certificates to the students, make a craft, play a game and have snacks.

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 need teen and adult volunteers, and kid participants age 3-12. A parent or guardian may stay with younger children and assist them.

We are seeking new volunteers, age 17 and up, for the nursery for spring and summer 2020. 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.

The Christians In Action (CIA) Ladies' Spring Fling is fast approaching, Saturday, May 2. There are still a few tickets available for \$15. You can call Magen Snyder if interested at 570-730-6707.



APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 	30 Exercise 1pm 	31	1 EXERCISE CLASS 	2	3	4 9 am Cemetery Clean Up 
5 9am Communion 	6 Exercise 1pm 	7 Book Study	8 EXERCISE CLASS 	9 Maundy Thursday Dinner-6pm Worship-7pm	10 Good Friday Church Open Noon-3pm	11 easter egg hunt  1pm- Grove
12 Easter Sunday 6am Communion 9am Communion 	13 Closed- No Bible Study	14	15 Laymen's 10am EXERCISE CLASS 	16	17	18
19 	20 Exercise 1pm 	21 Book Study	22 EXERCISE CLASS  Visitation Team 5:30pm	23	24	25 
26 Holy Humor Sunday 	27 Exercise 1pm 	28	29 EXERCISE CLASS 	30 As noted inside this newsletter- please call the church for updated information & changes.	1	2