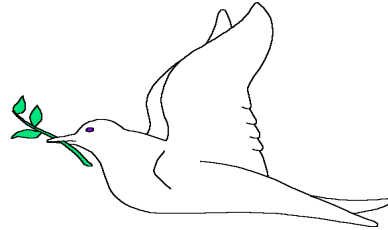


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"



July 2020

Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope

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Mon-Wed-Friday 9am-1pm

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Website: stmattsucckunkletown.com

Sunday Services and Activities
9am Worship

We will have services
at the grove.

We will remain 6 ft apart with masks
on. Bring your chairs or use our
benches. You can also worship in
your car.

Mr. Daniel Smale
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St. Matthew's UCC
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July 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthews,

I read an article in the paper yesterday that warmed my heart. With all the bad news on TV and in our paper these days, it was good to read a heart-warming story. The story was about a man named Daylan McLee. He was at home one day when he heard a large boom outside his home. A police cruiser had crashed and caught on fire. Daylan ran outside, got the driver's door open and was able to pull the officer, Jay Hanley from the police car as fire was spreading throughout the car. He risked his life to save the officer.



I found the story heartwarming, because Daylan, an African American with tattoo's and dregs, has had a few run in's with police officers over the years. He spent a year in jail after being arrested for allegedly shooting at an officer when a fight broke out at an American Legion. It turns out his sister called to ask him for a ride home when the fight broke out. When he got there, he disarmed someone and threw the weapon away. Police officers mistook him for an armed man who was shooting. When his trial came up a year later, the video cleared him of all charges. But he ended up spending a year in jail away from his family and his mother who was sick at the time. Despite, this, he didn't hesitate to assist the officer in need. He told a reporter, *"There is value in every human life. We are all children of God and I can't imagine just watching anyone burn," ... "No matter what other people have done to me, or other officers, I thought, 'this guy deserves to make it home safely to his family.'"*

Later in the article, McLee was quoted saying *"We need to work on our humanity... that's the main problem of this world. We're stuck on how to get up or to get even, and that is not how I was raised to be. You learn, you live, you move on and I was always taught to forgive big,"* he said. *"You can't base every day of your life off of one interaction you have with one individual."*

Wise words from someone who has had difficult encounters with police. McLee reminded me of a poem I read years ago by Mary Lathrap written in 1895 which reads in part:

*Just walk a mile in his moccasins before you abuse, criticize and accuse.
If just for one hour, you could find a way to see through his eyes, instead of your own muse.*

*I believe you'd be surprised to see that you've been blind and narrow minded, even unkind.
There are people on reservations and in the ghettos
Who have so little hope, and too much worry on their minds.*

*Brother, there but for the grace of God go you and I.
Just for a moment, slip into his mind and traditions and see the world through his spirit and eyes
Before you cast a stone or falsely judge his conditions, remember to walk a mile in his moccasins
And remember the lessons of humanity taught to you by your elders.*

*We will be known forever by the tracks we leave in other people's lives,
our kindnesses and generosity.
Take the time to walk a mile in his moccasins.*

Good advice for these difficult times.

May God's peace be with you,

Pastor Suzanne

St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date June 26, 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

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 & Alton Kleintop

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

Catherine Dotter

The Walden III
325 N Broadway
Wind Gap, PA 18091

Other Prayer Concerns

Loretta Hawk, Mae Borger, Marlette Palermo,
George Keller, Ann Heffner
Alton and Lila Kleintop,
Charlotte Christman, Erica Pozza,
Bobbie Christman, Scott Madden, Jeannie Anewalt,
Doug Hawk, Bruce Devoncourt
Lee Sitler, Marlene Prutzman, Janet Fowler,
Carol Popay, Donna Smith,
Shirley Smith, Chapman and Mason Buskirk,
Jan Burger, Dean Zacharias
Brayden Wunder, Kelly George, Alan Miller,
Kim Cope, Margaret Hahn, Josh and Kevin Engler;

and the Families of Sylvia George, Edith Semmel,
Don Schneider, Frances Ash and Robert Boyer





Mail to: St. Matthew's UCC,
102 Church Rd
Kunkletown, PA 18058

Or Email: Stacigeorge0317@gmail.com

Registration Form (One Per Family)

St. Matthew's UCC – July 20-24, 2020

Theme – Rainforest Explorers

VBS option (circle one) In-Person Virtual Plan to attend field trip: Yes No

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

We are now worshipping at the church grove. You can stay in your car, and hear us on the radio, or bring your own chairs and spread out. We encourage all to wear masks and spread out at least 6 feet apart. We will celebrate communion, but encourage everyone to bring your own bread and juice/wine. If you forget we have prepackaged wafer and juice packs as you enter the grove.



Something new for the combination Strawberry Festival/Church Picnic July 18, 2020. Due to the CV-19 we are taking some new measures preparing food. Less food prepping, equals less hand contact.

We are not asking for sugar, milk or cakes to be baked, but instead **cash donations** for the items to be purchased. While everyone loves our homemade ice cream and hot water sponge cakes, we are going to take precautions, while still trying to present a great dessert.

The committee has decided to buy Turkey Hill Ice Cream and store bought cakes, JUST FOR THIS YEAR. We are also seeking donations of store bought items for the cake walk and the kiddie cake walk– no home made this year.

We hope and pray, next year will allow us, to go back to the good old days of baking and churning. PLEASE DONATE TODAY!!!

Please send your check or cash in an envelope marked “Strawberry”. Please if you can, come out at 9am on Friday, July 17th. Wear a mask, gloves will be provided. We will be hulling and cleaning strawberries.



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| 1 Linda Handwerk | 13 Ray Smith | 24 Jeff Long |
| 3 Celia Andrews | 14 John Frable | 26 Kristen Deibert |
| 4 Lorraine Borger | 17 Marie Christman | 27 Katelyn Heffelfinger |
| 7 Gabrielle Bentley | 18 Joseph Shirghio | 27 Tammy Sherer |
| 8 Shirley Costenbader | 18 Amy Yaple | 28 Patricia Schneider |
| 9 Gladys Smith | 19 Donna Kibler | 29 Jared Kreger |
| 10 Matt Gower | 19 Amy Kocher | 29 Kyle Strohl |
| 13 Janet Gower | 20 Jordan Meckes | 30 Kasey Meckes |
| 13 Jessie Keegan | 24 Frances Frable | |
| 13 Angela Pachuta | 24 Wilbert Kleintop | |



St. Matthew's UCC Vacation Bible School



Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way

July 20-24- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

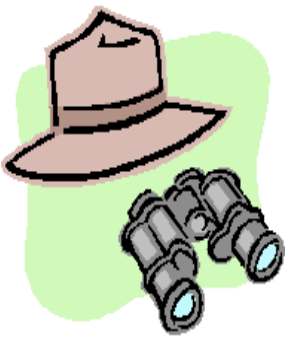
Ages 3-12

Bible storytelling * Games * Crafts

Music * Snacks * Bible Challenge * Friendship

For more information:

610-283-4696 or stacigeorge0317@gmail.com



*** The VBS team will have in place many safety precautions and will thoroughly clean and disinfect all spaces each day of VBS. If large gatherings are prohibited in July, we will have to postpone VBS until a later date.

Donations needed for VBS:

Goldfish crackers, apple sauce cups, apple slices, fruit cups, granola bars,
Brownies, cookies, fruit snacks, cheese & cracker packs, Hershey kisses, snack variety packs,
Juice boxes or pouches, 8 oz bottled water cases, 2 gallons chocolate milk, string cheese
And yogurt. Disinfectant wipes, Hand soap, Air sprays such as Lysol or Febreze, Silk greens, vines
Rainforest artwork featuring macaws, sloths, monkey, butterflies, iguanas, jaguar
Stuffed animals including macaws, sloths, monkeys, butterflies, iguanas, jaguar
Exploration gear – hats, binoculars, duffel bag, hiking boots, small tent

July Usher Schedule

July 5th– Gabrielle, Dora, Starlene, Shirley & Norm

July 12– Diann & Dora , July 19th-Cheryl & Starlene

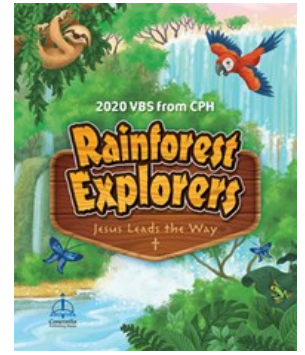
July 26th– Gabrielle & Diann

Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, coordinator of Christian Formation

Hello everyone! I hope you will join me this month for worship, VBS, church picnic, and a mini golf outing.

St. Matthew's UCC is sponsoring *Rainforest Explorers* from July 20 through July 24. We meet from 9 a.m. until noon at the church. Our volunteers will have many safety and cleaning procedures in place.



We understand that there are many uncertainties and families may have concerns about sending their children to an in-person VBS. Therefore, we have added a Virtual VBS, which you can do from your home computer or other device anytime the week of July 20-24 or after. Our VBS team will post videos and other resources on our website, www.stmattsucckunkletown.com/. The week before, we will distribute kits containing craft supplies, Bible stories, and other resources.

At *Rainforest Explorers*, we will learn about Jesus, our Savior, through five Bible stories, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It is going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there. Our team of church staff, adult volunteers and teen helpers are leading this awesome adventure of God's word.

On Tuesday, July 21 we will take a field trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Virtual and In-person VBS participants are invited to join us. We will have a guided tour for one hour and then a 30-minute presentation from a zoo educator and a few animals. Families will provide their own transportation this year, instead of the church renting a bus. If the zoo is still closed at that time, one of their staff and a few animals will come to the church for a presentation in the afternoon. More information will be sent home once you have registered. Please fill out the registration form and email it or send it to the church.

Our mission project this year will be to raise money for animal conservation at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Like many families, the zoo's budget and donations were greatly impacted by the pandemic. We will collect offering from the children each morning. Congregation members may also give donations during worship in July. Be sure to label any donation for the zoo.

Hope to see you at worship in the Grove this summer. I will lead the children's message each week. Before worship begins, I hand out coloring and activity sheets to the kids. The packet relates to the topic of my message.

I will be leading the children's games and Kiddie Cakewalk at our Church Picnic/Strawberry Festival/Car Show on Saturday, July 18. We will need donations of store-bought cupcakes, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, juice boxes, candy, and other goodies.

We have not had a Friday Fun Night since February! I miss all the families. I am planning a mini golf and ice cream gathering on July 31. Families can golf together and maintain social distance from other families. I will send more information out via email.



St. Matthew's United Church of Christ



102 Church Lane, Kunkletown, PA

Strawberry Festival & Car Show Covid 19 Style

NEW DATE: Saturday, July, 18, 2020
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 (Rain or Shine)

Due to covid 19 we have had to reschedule our strawberry festival & car show. We are having a gathering on the date listed above, however due to the uncertainty of what stage we will be in, we will not be doing registration, judging, or dash plaques. If you want to stretch your cars tires and get out of the house please come join us for some food and entertainment. We will have special parking for car show vehicles.



If you pre-registered for the canceled car show, please call 610-381-2618 if you would like us to return your registration fee. If we don't hear from you the money will be donated to Meals on Wheels.



There will also be a bucket at the event for donations to Meals on Wheels for anyone interested.

Food menu to be determined depending on our county's regulations at that time.

STRAWBERRIES, HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AND SHORTCAKE ARE A DEFINITE!!

ENTERTAINMENT



12:00 pm - 3:00 pm



4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

