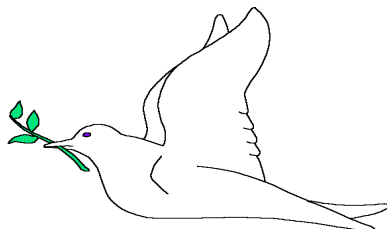


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"



August 2020

Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope

Secretary Office Hours are:

Mon-Wed-Friday 9am-1pm

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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
Organist/ Choir Director

Mrs. Starlene Barr
Treasurer

Mrs. Rose Arace
Pastoral Secretary

Mrs. Staci Gower
Christian Education

Mr. George Huber
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Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthews,

A family with several children once lost their home to a fire. It was in the middle of winter. They lost everything they owned—their furniture, their clothes, their photo albums...everything. Thankfully, they were surrounded by caring people—neighbors, their church, their community, and their extended family all pitched in to help. The family experienced an outpouring of love.

One of the young boys of the family lived in fear for a few weeks after the fire. He was afraid of another fire, afraid of not having food and clothing. He was anxious and scared. But he remembers the exact day when his fear disappeared. A woman was bringing some winter coats into the temporary home the family was renting. My mom was thanking her when the woman replied, "Honey, that is what we are all here for." The boy realized then that everything was going to be alright, because he knew that we are all here to love each other.

It is easy at times to forget this. We get so caught up in our own lives, our own concerns, and the business of our daily routines that we forget what is really important—to love one another. Jesus tells his disciples in John's Gospel, *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

In the end, there is only one thing that really matters in life—that is love—to love and to be loved. Joe Mazzella writes. "All of life comes down to this one thing. It is the one thing we are meant to learn. It is the one thing we are meant to do. It is the one thing we are meant to choose. And it is the one thing we are meant to share. It is what life is all about."

Christians are to love. One of the first songs I learned to play on the guitar as a teenager was, "And They'll know we are Christians by our Love." We are called to love—it is a commandment for us.

One way we can love each other during this pandemic is to wear a mask. Wearing a mask shows others that you care about them, their families, and their well-being. Wearing a mask says, "I love you." Wearing a mask helps us to fulfill Christ's commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is also a way to set an example for others. Wearing a mask will help this virus from spreading in our community and nation.

Friends, in the midst of this pandemic, wearing a mask in public and around people outside our own households, fulfills Christ's commandment to love one another.

May you feel, see and experience Christ's love in your life. Be safe and stay healthy...

Pastor Suzanne

St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date July 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

Glucoc 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

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

Dale Meixsell, Lynn Borger, Loretta Hawk,
George Keller, Ann Heffner, Sandy Smith
Sherwood Smith, Alton and Lila Kleintop,
Erica Pozza,

Bobbie Christman, Scott Madden,
Doug Hawk, Bruce Devoncourt
Amanda Mitchell (Joan Madden's niece),
Lee Sitler, Marlene Prutzman,
Janet Fowler, Carol Papa, Donna Smith,
Shirley Smith, Chapman and Mason Buskirk,
Jan Burger, Dean Zacharis, Brayden Wunder,
Kelly George, Alan Miller, Kim Cope,
Margaret Hahn, Josh and Kevin Engler,
Mae Borger, Marlette Palermo
and the Family of Linda Lindenmoyer





West End Food Pantry is seeking back to school supplies for Aug. 11th deadline. They are looking for new: Book-bags, Single subject notebooks, Folders, Highlighters, Lunch Boxes, New Sneakers, New Underwear and new school uniforms. **NO PENCILS NEEDED**



I'm sure you have heard we are worshipping at the grove. But have you been to our new worship service?

We still would like to stress the social distancing and wearing masks but urge you to come check out our service. You can spread out in the grove with your lawn chairs, or stay in your car and listen to us on the radio. Just tune into channel 105.5 FM and you can stay safe while still hearing the word of God. So far we have had perfect weather but if we get a light rain we will continue our services. If we get a heavy rain with wind, we will have to skip that week's service. So lets pray for sunshine every Sunday!



August Usher Schedule
Aug 2– Darryl, Shirley, Cheryl , George & Renee
Aug 9- Norm & Stephen
Aug 16– Jennie Rose & Cheryl
Aug 23 – George & Renee
Aug 30– Harry & Henry

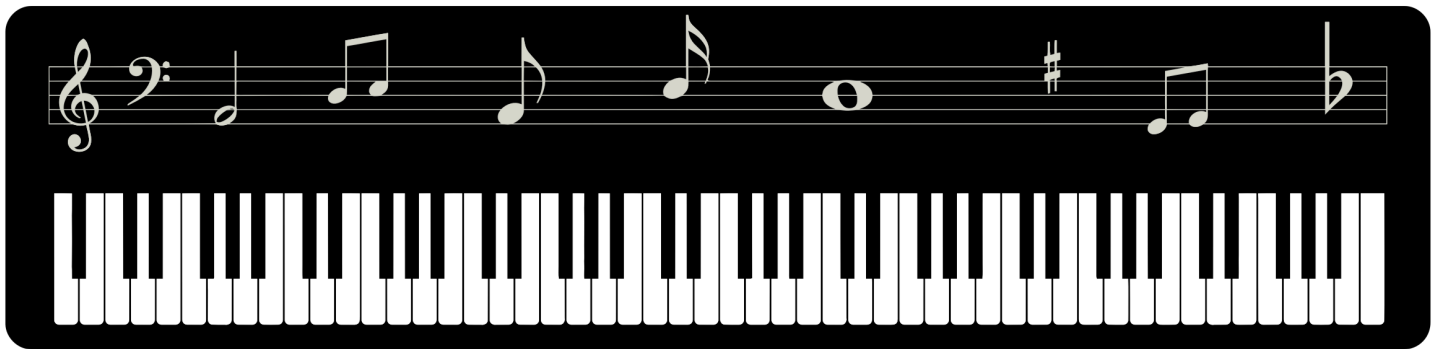
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| 3 Joyce Fusner | 11 Timothy Cope | 19 Louise Shupp |
| 4 Clinton Smith | 12 Tonya Sheckler | 20 Nancy Byerley |
| 6 Judy Smith | 15 Sherry Kreger | 20 Randy Cramer |
| 7 Tammy Strunk | 17 Scott Brooks-Cope | 20 Ruby Voorhees |
| 7 Joanne Werkheiser | 18 Chris Barlieb | 21 Patricia Martin |
| 8 Laurie Kratz | 18 Carl Frantz | 22 Ashton Smith |
| 8 Michael Meckes | 19 Ellis Smith | 24 Cheryl Dorshimer |
| 11 Taylor Cope | 19 Rosemarie Stranahan | 26 Jason Borger |

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| 29 Kristan Sherer |
| 31 Gladys Lindenmoyer |
| 31 Alisa Mathison |



We have purchased Dan a new keyboard that will be used for choir and also up at the grove for Sunday mornings. Please help defray the cost of this keyboard so he can keep making the beautiful music we all love so much. Your donation can be put in the weekly offering or mailed to the church. Please mark your donations “keyboard”.

Thanks so much! We appreciate all of you!



Pastor Suzanne and Rose realize there are times that our congregation and friends need us in the hours we may not be in the church office. Please keep these numbers handy if you ever need us in “off hours”. We do not mind calls after hours, please do not hesitate to call, text or email. Email is checked on days and nights not in office.

Suzanne– 904-910-3034– email:
sbcstmts@ptd.net

Due to COVID 19 the 300 club picnic this year will be cancelled.

We are hoping to return with this great event in 2021.

Stay home and stay safe– God Bless!



NOAH & THE FLOOD Word Search



BiblePuzzles.org.uk

ANIMALS	EARTH	RAIN
ARARAT	FEMALE	RAINBOW
ARK	FLOOD	RAVEN
BIRDS	FORTY DAYS	SAVED
CLEAN	FORTY NIGHTS	SHEM
COVENANT	HAM	SONS
COVERED	JAPHETH	UNCLEAN
CREATURES	MALE	WATER
DESTROYED	MOUNTAINS	WIVES
DOVE	NOAH	
DRY GROUND	OLIVE LEAF	



Are you or is someone in your family interested in Confirmation Class this coming Fall? Pastor Suzanne would

like to meet with the youth and their parents who are interested in confirmation this coming school year. With COVID19 concerns and the uncertainty with school, she would like to get input from parents and youth about how, when, and where to begin confirmation. Please email her at sbcmnts@ptd.net or call her on her phone 904-910-3034 to let her know if you are considering being in our class next year. We can set a date to meet either in person or by Zoom to discuss next year's class in mid-August.



Giving with Heart

Kay Frable has tallied up our Weis and Shop Rite receipts for many years to obtain cash back to help out PVEN. She collects receipts from the PVEN volunteers and clients and from our church members. She then prepares them, tallies up the items allowed, and we receive a small percentage of the receipts. It usually comes close to \$2000 a year and has been our way to support the ministry of PVEN for many years. PVEN or Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network was founded by 15 of our sister churches over 30 years ago to coordinate our efforts to combat poverty and hunger in our area. She needs someone to take over the lead in this volunteer endeavor, although she will continue to assist. If you are interested in helping (it can be done at home), please contact Pastor Suzanne or speak to Kay directly.

Faith, Hope, Love
but the greatest of these is love

Staci's Stuff

By Staci L. Gower, Christian Education Coordinator

Wow, what an amazing week of Rainforest Explorers Vacation Bible School in late July! For the first time in my seven years as VBS director, we had to change our course not once but twice. In early March, our VBS team began planning for our typical in-person VBS at the church with a field trip off site. Then the COVID-19 pandemic occurred, and everything was shutdown.



In late June, we decided to do a hybrid of in-person and virtual. We had six families sign up for virtual. A week later, the question came up of whether it was safe to have in-person VBS given the continuous rise of positive coronavirus test results. The “no” response was unanimous. No field trip, either. It was sad, but understandable news. I had sort of expected it all along. We have canceled or modified so much to keep everyone healthy and safe.

For two weeks, our site leaders, Pastor Suzanne, Sidney the Sloth, and I filmed various videos. I watched five Bible storytelling segments in one day, and the five Bible Challenge sessions a week later. I filmed my array of videos at various times at home and at the church. It was fun, but surreal way of doing VBS. We filled Weis brown paper bags and with each day's craft, art supplies, coloring sheets, game items, and student accessories. Jessica Slawter spent a lot of time at home creating the days' outline pages, making sure the videos played properly, and organizing the crafts, handouts, and coloring sheets.

Thank you to the 35 students and their families who participated: Madison Borger; Stephen and Julia Borusso; Wynter Bruckman; Bailey and Logan Burger; Carter and Chase Dorshimer; Molly and Jaxon Gower; Iliana Green; Daniel Hall; Kaylee Hawk; Ava and Matthew Kresge; Anastasia Lomonaco; Lindsey and Kyle Mriss; Mia and Lily Mullins; Arianna Palermo; Brooke and Gavin Parker; Alivia, Ally and Chase Pfancook; Jonathan Piekarski; Abram and Andi Pozza; Ella, Ryleigh and Colton Rufo; Wade Serfass; Kaleb Slawter; and Nicholas Vesga.

Thank you to our volunteers: Jessica Slawter, Dora Tartar, Diann Bittenbender, Mary Eckhart, Nancy Kresge, Connie Frantz, Penny Hawk, Gabby Bentley, and Lee Byrne.

Thank you to our youth helpers: Allison Borger, Lydia Borger, Katie Fritz, Sarah Petzold, Samantha Petzold, Jonathan Petzold, Hailee Snyder, and Tyler Weidman.

Thank you to Pastor Suzanne, Church Council, and the congregation for their support in this whole new world of Virtual VBS. It was a different kind of VBS week than I was used to, but it gave me the opportunity to spend more time with my kids, have a few play dates and do VBS. I usually spend the week in event planner mode – with a clipboard and camera going in various directions while I complete a director's tasks. This year I was in my kitchen with Molly and Jaxon, watching and helping them do the crafts, sing the songs, and pray. We played outside!

Yours in Rainforest Exploration,

Staci

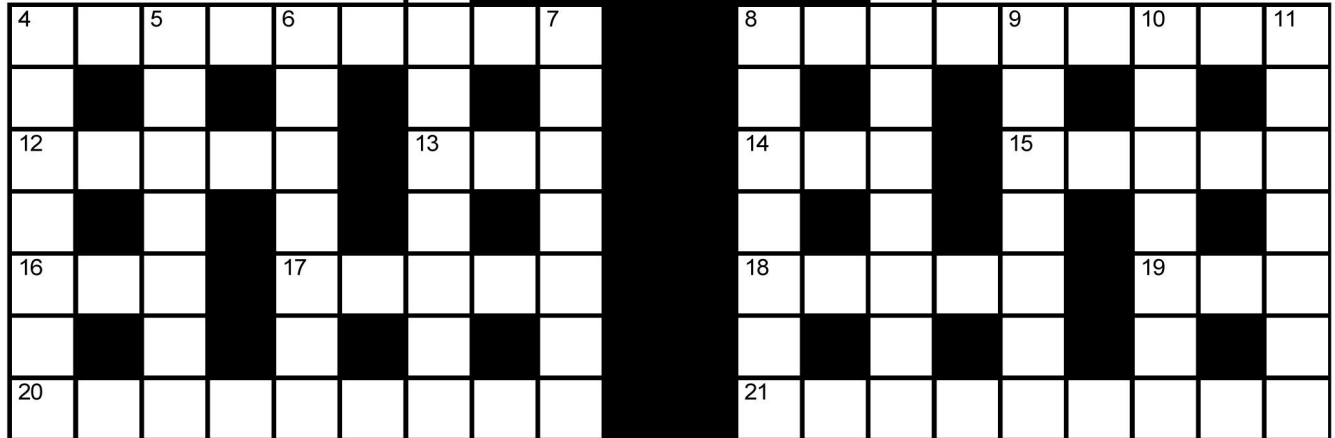
Bible Crossword X

Across

Down

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Savour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)