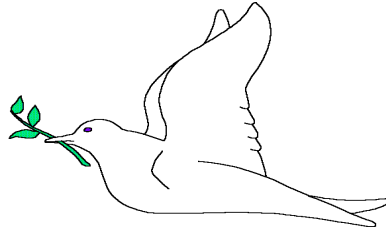


St. Matthew's UCC White Dove Flyer

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ"



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.

September 2020

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Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthews

It is hard to believe that September is upon us. I look out my front window across the street to a mountainside; there are already a few leaves that are beginning to turn yellow and orange. While participating in a zoom meeting sitting in my backyard yesterday, I got a little cold when the sun ducked down below the house. I spoke with a church member who said her pool was down to 67 degrees one morning—too cold for someone who spent 20 years in Florida where pool water was closer to bath temperature! School is starting up. This morning I saw pictures of my granddaughter Mariah heading off for her first day of kindergarten wearing a new dress, a mask covered in Micky Mouse and a brand-new lunch box. Many are reminding me that the weather will becoming cooler soon. Fall will be here in just a few weeks.

Joelle Brumitt-Yale, the Christian Educator at the Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church writes, *Fans of the movie "The Princess Bride" will remember Westley and Buttercup's journey into the fire swamp. The scenes are filled with brushes with danger, but the hazard that catches the two off guard is the lightening sand. While walking along, Buttercup suddenly falls into a pit of quicksand. She simply never saw it coming. This scenario seems like a perfect metaphor for the ongoing challenges of 2020. Just when we feel like we are on solid ground, we step in sinking sand. At these moments, it is comforting for adults and children alike to be reminded of the solid ground of our faith. While much is out of our control, we can rely on the steady ground that is Christ's undying love and care for us.*

This fall will be filled with divisive political ads, more news about the pandemic and possibly no football . So far 2020 has been filled with challenges and struggles. It seems as if things may be getting a bit better, then something else happens and we may feel like we are falling in quicksand. Please know that St. Matthew's is here for you. If you need to talk, come in and sit on my office couch for a spell or pick up the phone and give me a call. Better yet, while it is still nice outside, I'll come over and join you on your back porch. We may not be able to gather in large groups, but we can still gather in the grove for worship, spend time with family and hang out with our friends. Even in the midst of a pandemic and uncertainty, blessings abound.

"Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress...take me out of the net that is hidden for me for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God."

Psalm 31: 2-4

In God's Love,

Pastor Suzanne

Staci's Stuff

By Staci Gower, Christian Education Coordinator

Hello, September! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and had the opportunity to do many fun things.



Sunday School will be virtual this Fall and Winter. We will have one class for pre-school through fifth grade students. Our teachers are Dora Tartar, Connie Moretz, Jessica Slawter, Gabby Bentley, Diann Bittenbender and myself. We will rotate so you will see us in the Weekly Welcome video once every six weeks. Pastor Suzanne Brooks-Cope and Norm Burger will teach the Confirmation class – 6th grade and up – are planning their class schedule with parents' input.

Our website will be updated Saturday evenings and your child can do class Sunday morning or at any time. Our Rally Day kickoff is on September 13. Join us for 9 a.m. worship in the grove. The children may sit on the carpet squares spread out in front of the gazebo. During my children's message, I will introduce the teachers. I will have a few beach balls they can kick off to begin a new year of Bible lessons and activities.

Each week, our website will have an outline with that day's class activities. In the Weekly Welcome video, the teacher will provide an overview of the day's Bible story, theme, activities, and an opening prayer. The kids will watch an animated video of the Bible story, do a craft or experiment using common household items (markers, construction paper, water bottles, empty paper towel rolls, etc.), and do a coloring sheet. Please complete and submit a registration form (also printed in this newsletter).

Our monthly Friday Fun Nights will be held in the grove from 5 to 8 p.m.
Parents are encouraged to stay with their kids.

* **September 25:** "Campout in the Grove". We will make hot dogs and s'mores on the campfire, do a scavenger hunt, and watch a movie. Then go home to sleep in our own beds! Rain date: Saturday, Sept 26 from 5 to 8 p.m.

* **October 30:** "Howling Happy Halloween Party". Come in costume. The pavilion, a few trees, and gazebo will be decorated for Halloween. We will scavenger hunt for hidden candy treats. We will dance to the Monster Mash and other songs. We will play low contact games like pin the nose on the witch. We will make hot dogs and s'mores on the campfire. It will be a howling good time. Rain date: Sunday, November 1 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

* **November 27:** "Merry Movie Night". Weather permitting, we will watch a Christmas movie and kickoff the holiday season. We will watch something other than The Polar Express, which we saw a few times prior. We will eat pizza and cookies and drink hot chocolate! Bring blankets and dress warmly. Rain date: Saturday, Nov. 28 from 5 to 8pm.

Speaking of Christmas, we are not sure what to do with the Christmas pageant. We may film individual scenes with a few kids (the shepherds one day, 3 Kings another, etc.) and edit into one complete film to put on the website. Or we may do something like a puppet show. The CE committee will continue to discuss this.

**St. Matthew's UCC Sunday School
Registration, 2020-2021 (One per family)**

Please complete and email to stacigeorge0317@gmail.com or
Mail to St. Matthew's UCC, 102 Church Road, Kunkletown, PA
18058. Attn: Sunday School

Name(s): _____

Age(s): _____

Birthday(s): _____

Grade(s) entering: _____

Phone: _____

Parents' names: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____



Sept Usher Schedule
**Sept 6th–Jennie Rose,
Dora, Stephen, Gabby
& Starlene**
**Sept 13th– Cheryl
& Darryl**
**Sept 20th– Dora &
Diann**
**Sept 27th– George &
Gabrielle**

1 Jeanie Anewalt

1 Dan Wunder

2 David Beers

3 Joann Hunsicker

4 Dawn Barankovich

4 Emily Storm

5 Edith George

5 James Pipitone

6 Keri Wunder

8 Shayla Borger

9 Kaila Palermo

9 Karrie Palermo

10 Rachel Kresge

11 Sherwood Smith

12 Jean Gower

15 Calvin Smith

16 Lois Bachman

17 Brittney Bonser

17 Joanne Fisher

18 David Borger

19 Richard Scimeca

20 Leeann Koch

21 Sheila Beers

22 Brianna Frable

22 Jane Frantz

23 Kristy Bower

24 Brad Kibler

26 Donna Smith

28 Michael Meitzler

29 Dora Tartar

30 Richard Courtright



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St. Matthew's UCC Prayer List

(As of publishing date August 27, 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.

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Getz Personal Care Home
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Kunkletown, Pa 18058

Gladys Lindenmoyer

Glucio 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, Loretta Hawk, George Keller, Ann Heffner,
Sandy Smith, Linda Handwerk, Sherwood Smith,
Gladys Lindenmoyer, Alton Kleintop, Erica Pozza,
Lynn Borger, Bobbie Christman, Scott Madden,
Doug Hawk, Bruce Devoncourt
Amanda Mitchell (Joan Madden's niece),
Lee Sitler, Marlene Prutzman,
Janet Fowler, Carol Popay, 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
And the family of Rev Sterling Schnell.

