

Welcome to St. Matthews

"A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ."

We are honored to have you worship with us today and we hope that you will receive a warm welcome and experience the presence of our Lord in a significant way.

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP Acts 2**

(L) Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

(ALL) For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

(L) Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

(ALL) Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

(L) Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

(ALL) For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

OPENING HYMN *We Will Feast in the House of Zion* page 894

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 23

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 1 Peter 2

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, For we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Gabby Bentley
"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Proverbs 3:5-10 Page 510

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."

MIDDLE HYMN *God Leads Us Along* page 633

SCRIPTURE READING Stephen Christiansen

New Testament

Matthew 10:26-31 Page 791

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Psalm

Psalm 66:8-15 Pages 459 and 460

"Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our

backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.”

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title “Standing Outside the Fire”

Sermon Scripture Daniel Chapter 3 Page 719

Sermon Notes:

***THE LORD’S PRAYER – ALL**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN *Promises* On the Screen**

***CLOSING PRAYER**

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE – ALL *Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

(CCLI #2810357 Don Besig)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 26	4th Sunday of Easter New Member Class #2 of 3	-Sanctuary, 9am -Fellowship Hall 10:30am
Monday, April 27	Exercise Group Luke Bible Study	-Office Open 10am -2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am -Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 29	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, April 30	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
Sunday, May 3	5th Sunday of Easter	-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

April Lead Usher – RJ Cramer

Altar Flowers

Vase #1 – In celebration of Barbara and Richard Getz's 61st wedding anniversary

Vase #2 – In celebration of Diann Bittenbender's birthday on April 30th

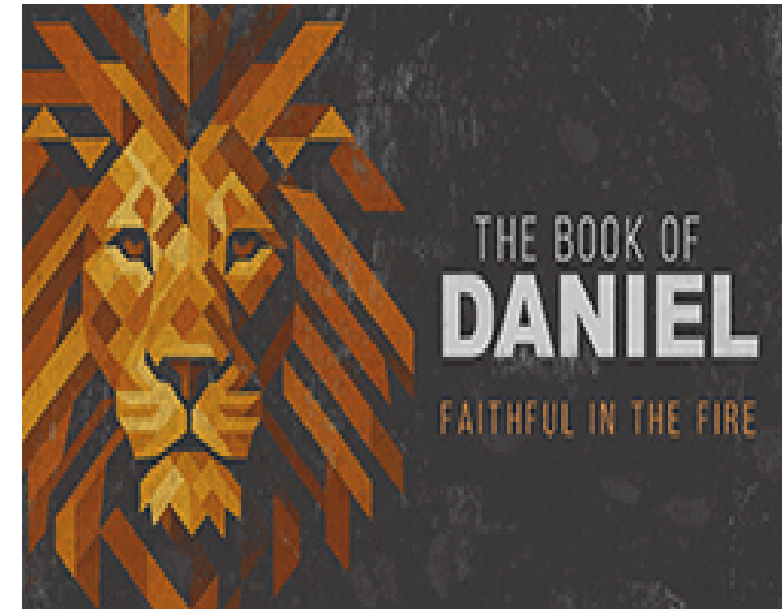
❖ April Joyful Noise is Equi-librium:

Nestled on an 18-acre historic farm in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, Equi-librium provides healing through horses by implementing equine-assisted services to help individuals with physical, developmental, behavioral, and psychological challenges.

❖ St. Matthew's apparel – hats, t shirts and sweatshirts. Order blanks are on the informational table. Order deadline is May 3rd.

❖ Iron Pigs Game – August 14th, \$13 per ticket. Sign up deadline is May 17th.

❖ Be sure to stop by the Information Table for much more!



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown

April 26, 2026

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – April 26, 2026

KINGDOM WORK:

- **Sister Helena** – Zambia – raising chickens, growing vegetables feeding the children and can now put a roof on facility
- **Randy & Deb Sheagley** – Touch the World website

MILITARY:

- **Major James Beidleman** (son of Kathy and Brian Beidleman): Pilot at Dover Air Force Base
- **LT Noah Krechel** (Grandson of Henry and Doris Krechel): Serving in the US Navy stationed in Norfolk, VA
- **Logan Mackes** (Grandson of Rose Fritz): Serving in the U.S. Army in Poland
- **Bryce Silliman** (Irene and Dean Zacharias' grandson) US Navy
- **Conner Wise** (Hal's cousin's son): U.S. Marine deployed to Iwakuni, Japan (via Hawaii & Guam) for 6-9 months.

LONG-TERM NEEDS:

- **John Armbruster** (friend of Rose Fritz): immunotherapy for a year
- **Conner Bittenbender** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; lab test results & healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long's Sister): Cancer
- **Wade Koehler** (Vivian Smith's friend)
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Eileen Ravalico** (Roy Zeruth's friend): Cancer
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long's Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Scott Smith** (Doris and Henry's son-in-law): Cancer
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet

SHUT INS:

- **Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt:** Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091
- **Lois Bachman** (Homer Borger's sister): 6714 PA Rt 873, Slatington PA 18080
- **Gene and Sandy Borger** – P.O. Box 907, Kresgeville PA 18333
- **James Borger**—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463

- **Kyle Frable**—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Joann Hunsicker**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Shirley Kuntz**—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Gladys Meixsell**—Stroudsburg Post Acute Nursing and Rehabilitation, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
- **Jacqueline Mock**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
- **Marlette Palermo** – 276 Bollinger Rd., Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Velma Silfies**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Leah Jane Sterner**—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Jesse Ziegenfus**—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING:

- **Helen Alpaugh/3**
- **Darryl and Devoe Breinich/1**
- **Harry Eckhart/5***
- **Mary Eckhart/5***
- **Rich Frantz/4**
- **Brenda Hawk/5***
- **Dawn Hockman/3**
- **Tiffany Lakatosh and family/4**
- **Ian Snyder/1**
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/4
- **June Strohl** (Marie Christman's friend)/4
- **Dora Tartar/2**

** indicates changes from last week. For additions, updates or removals, please contact the Church Office at 610-381-2442 or complete and return a Prayer Card.*