

*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                      1 Peter**

(L) Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**(ALL) Alleluia!**

(L) By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**(ALL) Alleluia!**

(L) By his love we are made new in the living and enduring word of God.

**(ALL) Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**OPENING HYMN      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*                      Page 26**

**CALL TO CONFESSION                      1 Peter**

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds.  
Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION                      Acts**

**Almighty God,  
our world is filled with corruption:  
power disguises itself as truth;  
convenience masquerades as goodness;  
selfish pleasure imitates love.  
We confess to you, O God,  
that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.  
By the power of the Holy spirit,  
save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,  
that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection  
and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON                      Acts**

Followers of Jesus:

God has promised salvation to us, to our children,

And to all who are near and far.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE                      Tiffany Lakatosh**

**"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"**

**PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING**

**Romans 13:5-7 Page 923**

**"Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed."**

**MIDDLE HYMN      *Christ, Our Wisdom*                      Page 627**

**SCRIPTURE READING                      Cheryl Hummer**

**New Testament**

**Romans 13:1-3 Page 923**

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval."

**Psalm**

**Psalm 118 (Excerpts 1-2, 20-24,28-29) Pages 492 and 493**

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you

are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

**SERMON**     **Pastor Wil Hoffman**

**Sermon Title: "The Dreams of Man, The Sovereignty of God"**

**Sermon Scripture: Daniel Chapter 2 Page 717**

**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**

*The Lord Almighty Reigns*

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**\*CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG 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 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Luke Bible Study	-Sanctuary, 9am - Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Monday, April 20	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am -2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, April 22	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, April 23	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
Sunday, April 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

April Lead Usher – RJ Cramer

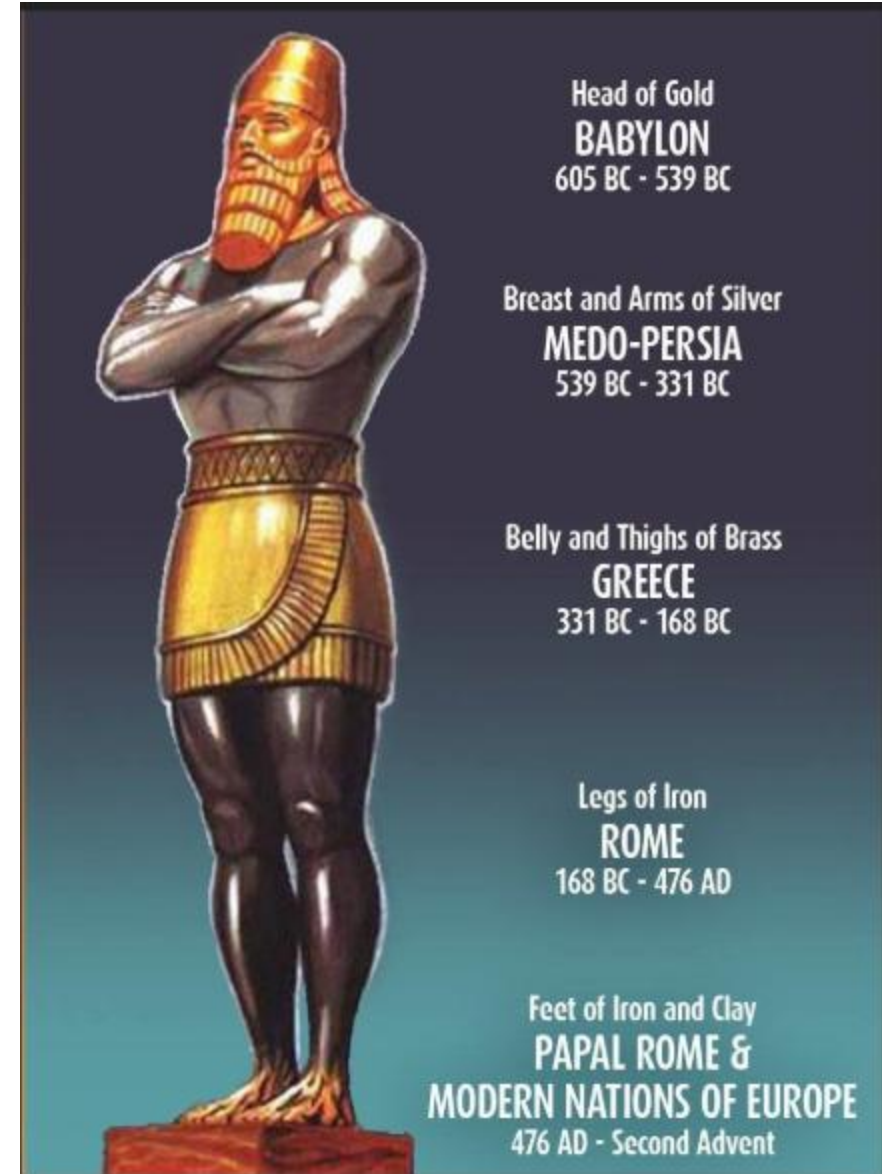
**Altar Flowers**

**Vase #1 – In memory of Scott Brotzman by his Family**

**Vase #2 – In celebration of Judy Hawk’s birthday**

❖ **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 EC Church Kunkletown**

**April 19, 2026**

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## St. Matthew's Prayer List – April 19, 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 Fort Hood, TX for next 2½ years from Jan. 30, 2025
- **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/4**
- **Darryl and Devoe Breinich/2**
- **Rich Frantz/5\***
- **Dawn Hockman/4**
- **Tiffany Lakatosh and family/5\***
- **Christy Larue** (Magen Snyder's friend)1
- **Ian Snyder/2**
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/5\*
- **June Strohl** (Marie Christman's friend)/5\*
- **Dora Tartar/3**

### BEREAVEMENT – Prayers for the family

- **Daniel Shea** (Paul LoMonaco's brother)/1

*\* 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.*