

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 Psalm 119:1-2

Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
who seek God with their whole hearts.

OPENING HYMN *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

CALL TO CONFESSION Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Our God is a loving God.
Therefore, let us confess our sins
that we may choose life and live.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;
We have turned our hearts away from you.
Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism
disorders our love of you and each other.
Forgive us, God,
and mend what is broken,
that we may be one with you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 119:7-8

Sisters and brothers,
by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Sing praises with an upright heart
as we learn the ways of God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Acts 26:19 Page 910 in the pew Bible

"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

MIDDLE HYMN *Sun of My Soul (Shine)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Kyle Strohl

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-10 Page 553

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 16:7-11 Page 430

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON Pastor Wil Hoffman

Sermon Title: “Writing Your Story – Stories That Save”

Sermon Text: Acts 26:19-23

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** *Thy Word*

***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, Feb 15	6th Sunday after Epiphany New Member Class #3	-Sanctuary 9am -Fellowship Hall 10:30am -Office Open 10am -2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am -Large classroom, 6:30pm -Office Open 10am – 2pm -Fellowship Hall 10am
Monday, Feb 16	Exercise Group Visitation Team	-Sanctuary 6:30pm -Office Open 10am – 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
Tuesday, Feb 17 Wednesday, Feb 18	Laymen’s Fellowship Ash Wednesday Service	- Large classroom 12p, -Sanctuary, 9am - Fellowship Hall 10am
Thursday, Feb 19	Exercise Group Membership Committee	
Sunday, Feb 22	7th Sunday after Epiphany Coffee Hour with Council	

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

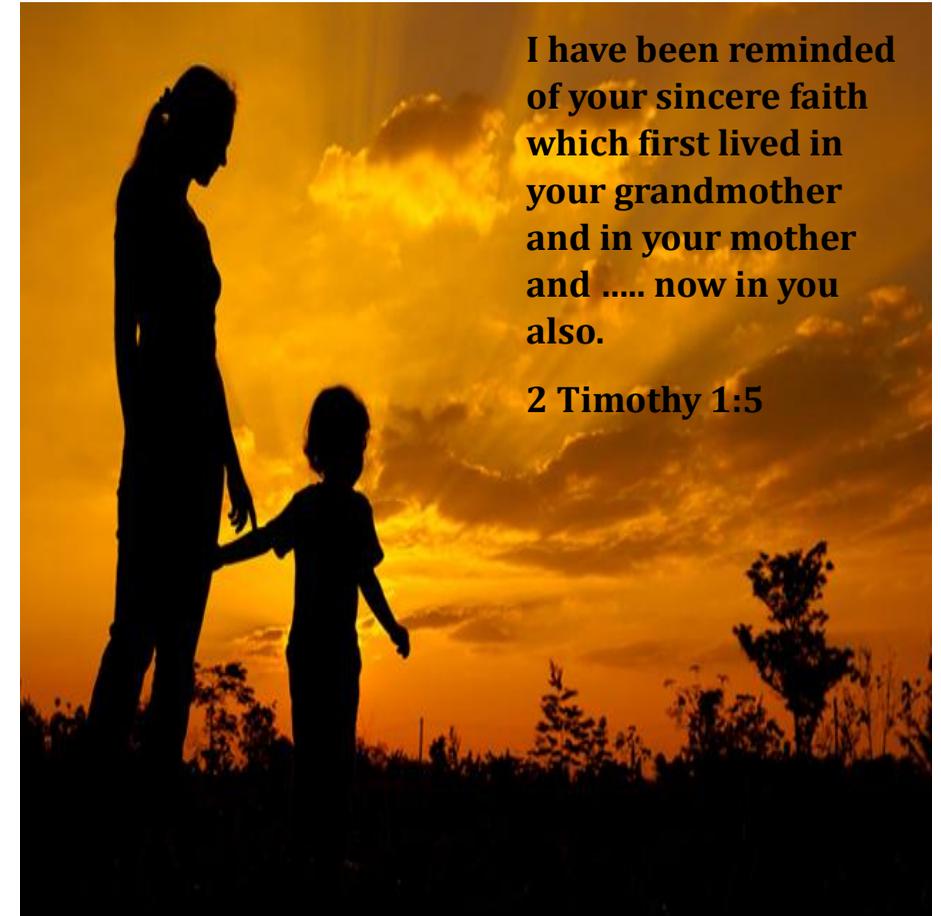
Council President: RJ Cramer

February Lead Usher – Kyle Strohl

❖ **February Joyful Noise – Family Promise (Carbon County)**

The mission is to offer families experiencing homelessness in Carbon County temporary shelter, meals, and a safe place to sleep. Family Promise empowers families to use support networks to become self-sustaining and secure permanent housing within 90 days.

❖ **You can still put soup cans on the playing field in the gathering room for the month of February.** The soup will be donated to the West End Food Pantry at the end of the month.



**I have been reminded
of your sincere faith
which first lived in
your grandmother
and in your mother
and now in you
also.**

2 Timothy 1:5

St. Matthew’s EC Church Kunkletown

February 15, 2026

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St. Matthew's Prayer List – February 15, 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:** Pilot at Dover Air Force Base
- **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:

- **Conner Bittenbender:** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; lab test results & healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long's Sister): Cancer
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long's Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **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
Gene and Sandy Borger – P.O. Box 907, Kresgeville PA 18333
James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
Kay Frable – Liza's House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038
Kyle Frable—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058

SHUT INS CONTINUED:

Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
Gladys Meixsell—Pleasant Valley Manor, 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 (Marie Christman's friend)/1
John Ambruster (friend of Rose Fritz)/4
Pastor Mike Coulson/4
Tom Hockman/4
June Hudock (Tammy Hoffman's Mother)/5*
Nadine Miller (friend of Rose Fritz)/4
Barbara Woodall (Justin Guyer's Aunt)/1

BEREAVEMENT:

Harvey Handwerk (Eleanor Long's brother-in-law) prayers for the family/4
Larry Hahn: prayers for the family/5*

* 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.