

*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.*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!**

**PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

#### **RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 47**

(L) Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

**(ALL) for God reigns over all the earth!**

(L) God has gone up with a shout!

**(ALL) Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

**OPENING HYMN Across the Lands page 849**

**CALL TO CONFESSION Luke and Ephesians**

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who assures us of new life through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION Luke and Ephesians**

**Living God,  
we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,  
our love for others can be faint,  
our prayers are often timid,  
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.  
When we stand looking toward heaven,  
yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us,  
and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus,  
our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Acts, Luke and Ephesians**

Sisters and brothers,

as Christ is our witness,

God's power to pardon is immeasurable.

Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Cheryl Hummer**

**"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"**

**PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING**

**1 Samuel 15:22**

"And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."

**MIDDLE HYMN**

**Jesus Shall Reign page 555**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Wanda Wunder**

**New Scripture Reading**

**1 Timothy 6:6-9, 17**

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

**Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 32:8-11**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

**SERMON**     **Pastor Wil Hoffman**  
**Sermon Title "Is Our Success Really Ours?"**  
**Sermon Scripture: Daniel Chapter 4**  
**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**     **All Glory Be to Christ**     **page 217**

**\*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, May 17	Ascension of the Lord	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, May 18	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Luke Bible Study	-Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, May 20	Laymen's Fellowship	-Lg classroom, 6:30pm
	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, May 21		-Fellowship Hall, 10am
		-Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Sunday, May 24	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	-Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
		-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

May Lead Usher – Jamie Garita

### Altar Flowers

**Vase #1 and Vase #2 – in loving memory of Violet Smith and Kim Baszto  
By Rich, Bev and Kyle Frantz**

#### ❖ **May Joyful Noise is Cystic Fibrosis**

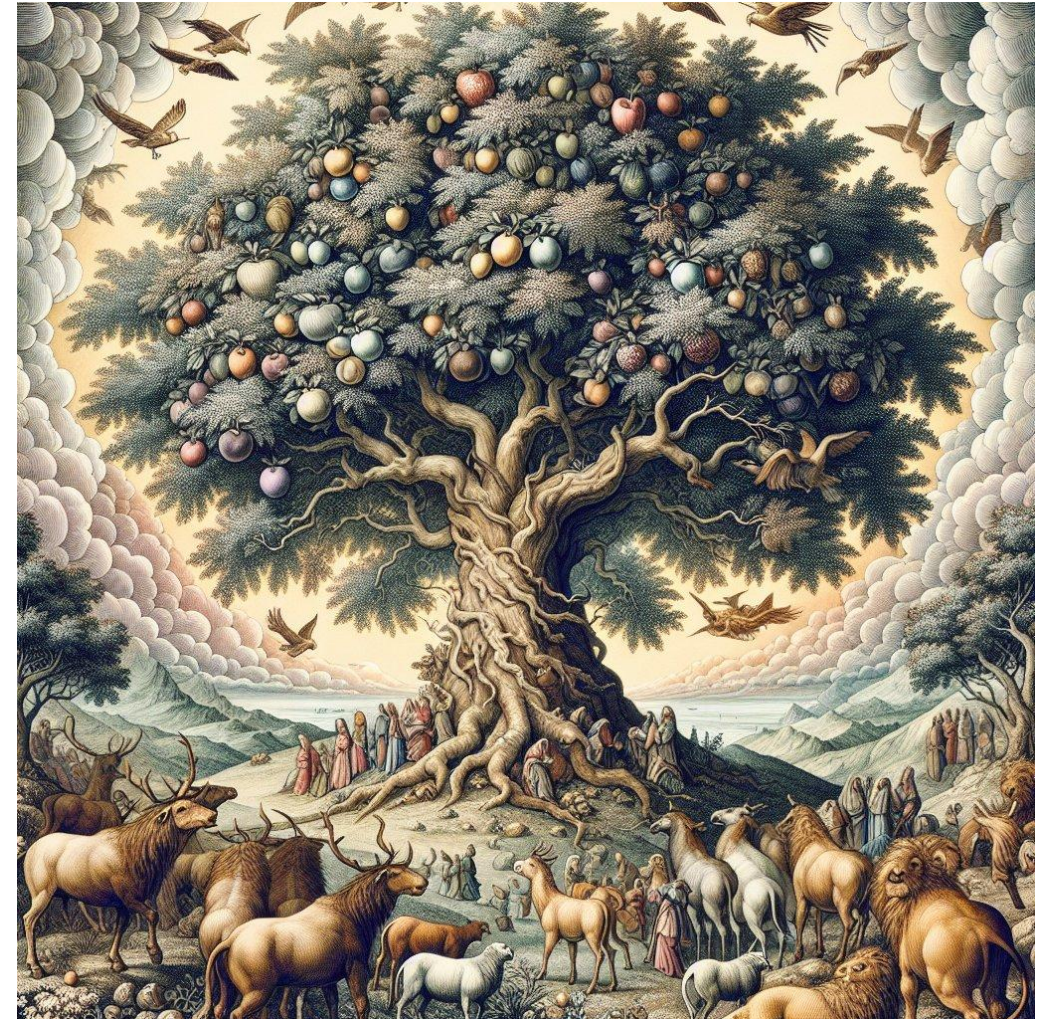
The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was established in 1955 to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality and length of life for those afflicted with this disease. The Foundation creates and funds innovative research designed to save children's lives.

❖ **Iron Pigs Game – August 14<sup>th</sup>, \$13 per ticket.** Sign up sheet is on the information table - **deadline is today.**

❖ **Car Show trophy sponsors needed - \$38 each. See Magen Snyder**

❖ **June 14<sup>th</sup> – graduation Sunday.** Forms are available on the information table. Deadline for submission is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **Laymen's Fellowship will be having the PA Dutch Raffle** at our Annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 21. We would greatly appreciate items for the raffle, valued at least at \$25. Please bring your donation to the Church no later than **June 14**. Thank you in advance for your support.



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown  
May 17, 2026**

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## St. Matthew's Prayer List – May 17, 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:

- **Harry Eckhart**/2
- **Mary Eckhart**/2
- **Deb Everett** (Sue Hamlin's sister)/4
- **Kyle Frantz**/4
- **Rich Frantz**/1
- **Brenda Hawk**/2
- **Tiffany Lakatosh and family**/1
- **Charles Prince** (Sue Hamlin's father)/4
- **Jean** (Robbin Eckhart's mother)/5\*
- **Calvin Smith** (Angie Procita's dad)/5\*
- **June Strohl** (Marie Christman's friend)/2
- **Susan** (Justin Guyer's friend)/5\*
- **Tom** (Pat Martin's neighbor)/5\*
- **Whitehall School District -Music Dept.** (Dan Smale) Pray for the School Board to make decisions that will benefit the student body and those that want to teach.

### BEREAVEMENT:

- **Brenda** (Wendy Peddigree's stepmother)