

*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.*

**\*\*\*WELCOME EVERYONE! HELP YOURSELF TO COFFEE OR HOT CHOCOLATE!**

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

**PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) Grace to you and peace in this new year.

**(ALL) We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

(L) In Christ we have obtained an inheritance

**(ALL) We have been redeemed as God’s own people.**

**Praise be to God!**

**OPENING HYMN “As With Gladness Men of Old”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins,  
for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love and compassion,  
you have come into the world  
and yet we have not recognized you  
forgive our lack of insight  
and open our eyes to see you here and now,  
that we may receive your grace  
through Jesus our Christ. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON – SUNG RESPONSE**

**“Jesus, Still Lead On”**

Jesus, still lead on,  
till our rest is won;  
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Tiffany Lakatosh**

**“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”**

**PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING**

**Matthew 10:8**

**"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."**

**HYMN OF REVELATION**

**“We Three Kings”**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES CREED)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy general Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION**

**“Christian Hearts in Love United”**

**“Moravian Love Feast”**

**Pastor Wil**

## **THE LOVE FEAST**

Help yourself to more sweet rolls, hot chocolate and coffee.

### **LOVE FEAST HYMNS “The First Noel”, “Morning Star, O cheering Sight”**

### **TIME FOR SHARING AROUND THE TABLE**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Lord Jesus, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever: your throne is established in righteousness, your compassion fails not, and your love endures from generation to generation. Lift the light of your countenance upon us, for we are exiles as our ancestors were. We thank you for all the ways by which you have led us in the past. Give us courage to set our faces toward the future. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies.  
For your grace given to us in days that are gone,  
For the blessings of life, seen and unseen,  
For the joy and peace of communion with you,  
**We give you thanks, gracious God.**

For the sacraments of love and service which have made us conscious of your  
presence in our common life,  
For the deeds we have been able to accomplish in the strength which you supply,  
For the kindness of associates, the love of friends, and the fellowship of  
kindred souls,  
**We give you thanks, loving God.**

For the disciplines which have enriched our living,  
For your wisdom and gracious providence which we recognized when you have  
denied our foolish requests,  
For the faith which has guided us in days of trial,  
**We give you thanks, gracious God.**

God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
**To our God be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **\*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 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**\*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, Jan. 4	Love Feast	-Fellowship Hall, 9am
Monday, Jan. 5		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, Jan. 7		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, Jan. 8		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
	First Thursday Game Day	- Fellowship Hall, 12:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 11	Pastor John Smith	-Sanctuary, 9am
	Discipleship Seminar	-Fellowship Hall, 10:30am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman	Council President: RJ Cramer
January Lead Usher – Cheryl Hummer	

- ❖ **January Joyful Noise – Hope Lodge**
- ❖ **New Hymnal dedication slips on the information table in the Gathering Room. \$20 for each dedication.**
- ❖ **St. Matthew’s EC Church new membership** – If you are interested in joining our church family please see Pastor Wil. There will be 3 classes to attend. January 18<sup>th</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am to 12:00pm.
- ❖ **Discipleship Seminar – January 11, 2026, 10:30am to 12:00.**  
Guest speaker is Vicki Smith. Please sign up on sheet on information table in the gathering area.
- ❖ **You still have time to drop off gently worn, used or new shoes.**  
Donation box is located by the elevator on the first floor.  
Last day is January 31, 2026. We are up to 273 pairs of shoes as of Wednesday 12/17 and our goal is to get 2500 pairs of shoes by the end of January! Keep bringing in the shoes and spread the word!



**St. Matthew’s EC Church Kunkletown**  
**January 4, 2026**

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**St. Matthew’s Prayer List – January 4, 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:**

- **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
- **Gene Borger:** Strength and healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long’s Sister): Cancer
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Marlette Palermo:** healing
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long’s Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet

**SHUT INS:**

**Shirley Kuntz**—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058  
**James Borger**—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463  
**Larry Hahn**—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064  
**Leah Jane Sterner**—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058  
**Kay Frable** – Liza’s House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038

**SHUT INS CONTINUED**

**Kyle Frable**—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058  
**Gladys Meixsell**—Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360  
**Velma Silfies**—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058  
**Joann Hunsicker**—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058  
**Jacqueline Mock**—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058  
**Jesse Ziegenfus**—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330  
**Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt:** Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091

**NEW NEEDS:**

**Bobby Dutt (Joyce Fusner’s uncle):** healing/1  
**Mary and David Eckhart:** strength and healing/2  
**Robbin Eckhart:** strength and healing/1  
**Mitchell Hawk Sr.:** healing/4  
**Tom Hockman:** healing/4  
**Harold Irwin (family friend of Joan Madden):** strength for cancer treatments/4  
**Shelby and Aaron Tripani** (Renee’s stepdaughter and son-in-law): healing after car accident/5\*\*\*  
**Barbara Woodall (Justin Guyer’s Aunt):** healing/3  
**Braedon Wunder:** healing/3

**BEREAVEMENT:**

**Harry Hahn: friend of St. Matthew’s/3**  
**Terry Hahn: friend of St. Matthew’s/3**

\*\* 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.