

*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) Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**(ALL) God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

(L) God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**(ALL) In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

(L) For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;  
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**(ALL) For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

**OPENING HYMN      Come, People of the Risen King    Page 17**

**CALL TO CONFESSION      Acts**

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs and wonders,  
and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION              Acts and Psalm**

**God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often,  
we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life  
and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your  
presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON              Psalm**

My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us.  
In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God.  
That is a promise of peace and joy; share that peace with one another.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Gabby Bentley**

**"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"**

**PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING**

**Daniel 1:5**

"The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king."

**MIDDLE HYMN      Ancient of Days      Page 41**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**New Testament Reading:**

**Romans 12:1-2, Page 922**

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

**Psalm Reading:**

**Psalm 119:9-11, page 493**

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!"

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**SERMON      Pastor Wil Hoffman**

**Sermon Title:**

**"10 X Better!"**

**Sermon Text:**

**Daniel 1, Page 716-717**

**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 In Christ Alone Page 181**

**\*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 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, April 13	Exercise Group	-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Council Meeting	-Gathering Rm, 10:30am
Wednesday, April 15	Laymen's Fellowship	-Lg classroom, 7pm
	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, April 16	Exercise Group	- Fellowship Hall, 10am
	Men's Group	-Lg classroom, 6:30pm
Sunday, April 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	-Office Open 10am – 2pm
		-Gathering Rm, 10:30pm
		-Fellowship Hall, 7pm
		-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman

Council President: RJ Cramer

April Lead Usher – RJ Cramer

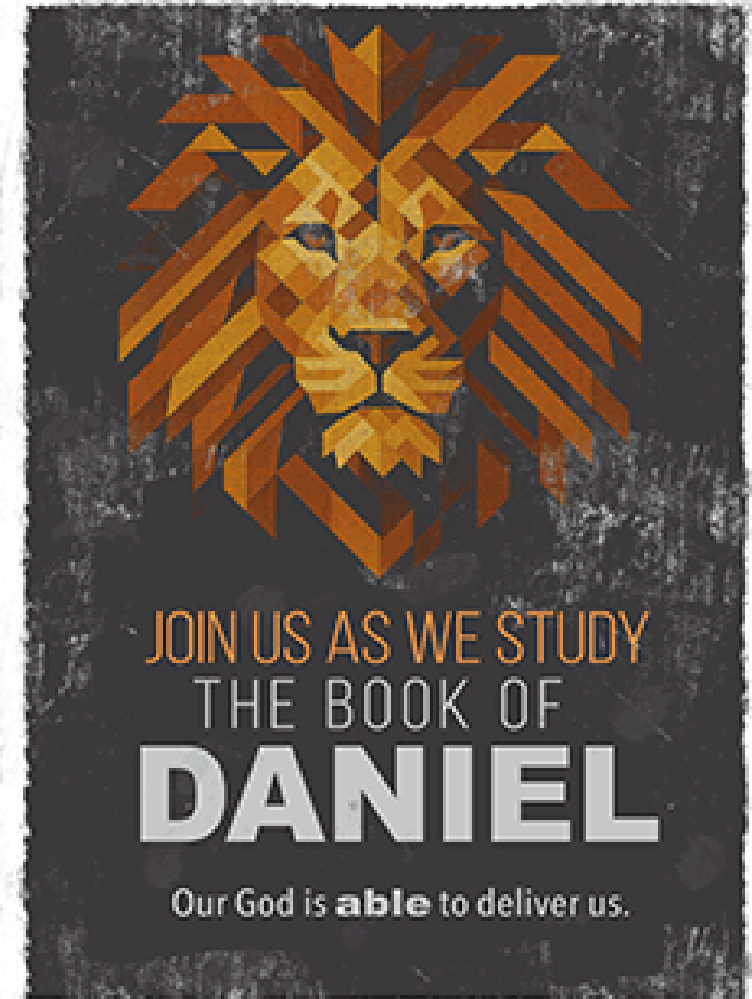
### Altar Flowers

Vase #1 – Irene and Dean Zacharias in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Vase #2 – Celebrating Amanda Pawlicki's birthday

❖ Next new member classes will held 10:30am – 12:00pm on April 19<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please let Pastor Wil know if you are interested.



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown**  
**April 12, 2026**

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## St. Matthew's Prayer List – April 12, 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
- **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/5\***
- **Darryl and Devoe Breinich/3**
- **Rose Fritz/1**
- **Roger Hawk** (Mitchell Hawk's brother)/1
- **Dawn Hockman/5\***
- **Jeff Keiser/1**
- **Christy Larue** (Magen Snyder's friend)2
- **Ian Snyder/3**
- **Dora Tartar/4**

### BEREAVEMENT – Prayers for the family

- **Melissa Frey** (Janet Smith's great niece)1
- **Lenore Morrow** (George Huber's sister-in-law)/1
- **Daniel Shea** (Paul LoMonaco's brother)/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.*