

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 2 Corinthians 13:13, Matthew 5:14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN *There Is One Gospel* (Hymn #471)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God,
our help in times of trouble.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Isaiah 58:2, Isaiah 58:4

**Almighty God,
We have asked for your righteous judgment against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.
We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.
Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.
Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In mercy God forgives us our sin
and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh

"THE PASSING OF THE PEACE"

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Luke 1:46-49

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

MIDDLE HYMN

All to Honour Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

Cheryl Hummer

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-8 Page 584

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Psalms Reading:

Psalms 36:1-9 Page 443

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good. He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good;

he does not reject evil. Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON **Pastor Wil Hoffman**

Sermon Title: "Writing Your Story - When God Enters"

Sermon Text:

Acts 26:12-18

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** *Hear the Call of the Kingdom (Hymn #499)*

***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

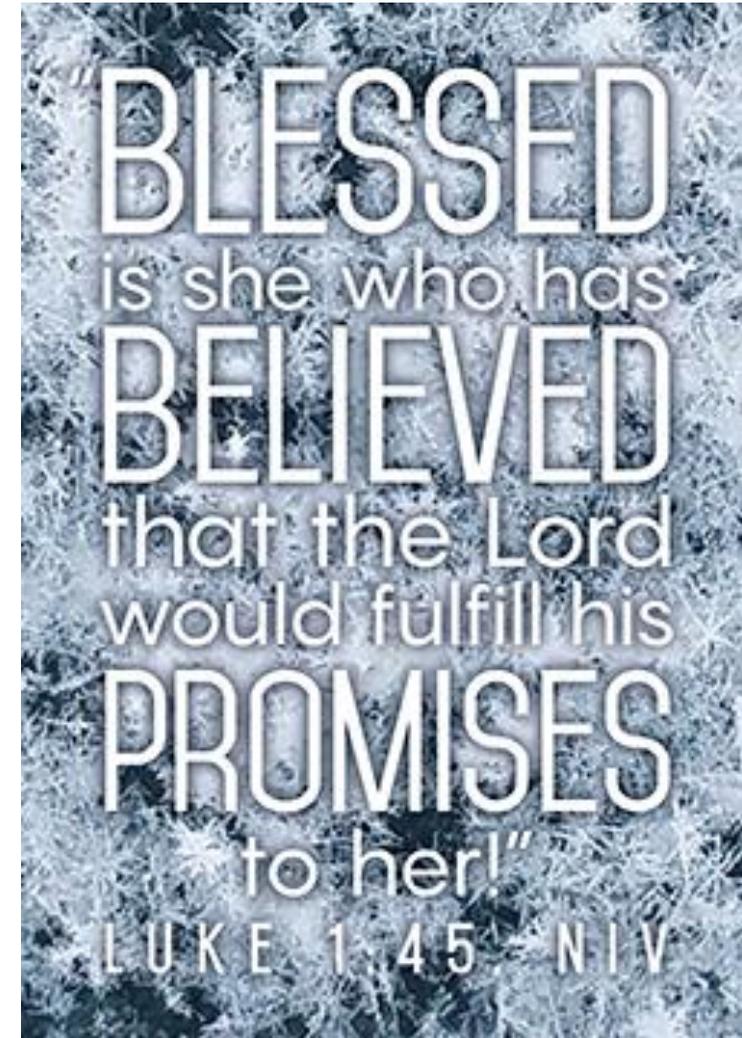
Sunday, Feb 8	5th Sunday after Epiphany New Member Class #2	-Sanctuary 9am -Fellowship Hall 10:30am
Monday, Feb 9	Exercise Group Council Meeting	-Office Open 10am -2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30am -Large classroom, 7pm
Wednesday, Feb 11	Bible Study	-Office Open 10am - 2pm -Large classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, Feb 12	Exercise Group Men's Group	-Office Open 10am - 2pm -Gathering Rm, 10:30pm -Fellowship Hall, 7pm
Sunday, Feb 15	6th Sunday after Epiphany New Member Class	-Sanctuary, 9am -Fellowship Hall, 10:30am

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.
- ❖ **St. Matthew’s EC Church new membership** –the second class will be held today and the last class will be held on February 15th at 10:30am to 12:00pm.
- ❖ **You still have time to drop off gently worn, used or new shoes.**
Donation box is located by the elevator on the first floor.
Today is the final day to drop off shoes. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- ❖ **Be sure to pick up your Super Bowl Sunday soup today, 10:30 – 11:30am.**
- ❖ **Today is the Super Bowl** – there is still time to vote for the team that you think will win!! Donations can be put in the pot for either the Seattle Seahawks or the New England Patriots. You can also put soup cans on the playing field for the month of February. The soup will be donated to the West End Food Pantry at the end of the month.



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St. Matthew's Prayer List – February 8, 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
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

SHUT INS CONTINUED:

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

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING:

Helen Alpaugh (Marie Christman's friend)/2
John Ambruster (friend of Rose Fritz)/5*
Roger Cole (Leanne Sitler's son-in-law)/1
Pastor Mike Coulson/5*
Jodi Fehnel (friend of Rose Fritz)/1
Tom Hockman/5*
June Hudock (Tammy Hoffman's Mother)/1
Wade Koehler (friend of Vivian Smith)/1
Jack Lovewell/1
Sterling Mack (Leanne Sitler's cousin)/1
Malvin Meckes/1
Nadine Miller (friend of Rose Fritz)/5*
Russ Wollam (Husband of Marie Christman's granddaughter)/1
Barbara Woodall (Justin Guyer's Aunt)/2
Connor Young (friend to the Huber's)1

BEREAVEMENT:

Harvey Handwerk (Eleanor Long's brother-in-law) 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.