

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.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN

Page 135 -- (Psalm 139) *Completely Known, Completely Loved*

WELCOME EVERYONE!

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 139:1-6

(L) O LORD, you have searched for me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

(ALL) you discern my thoughts from afar.

(L) You search out my path and my lying down

(ALL) and are acquainted with all my ways.

(L) Even before a word is on my tongue,

(ALL) behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

(L) You hem me in, behind and before,

(ALL) and lay your hand upon me.

(L) Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

(ALL) it is high; I cannot attain it.

DOXOLOGY

Page 003 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Verses 2 and 5

***OPENING HYMN**

Page 157 *By Faith*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully,

we fall short of what God intends for us.

Because God has already promised to be merciful,

we dare to tell the truth about our lives.

In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us, forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope, forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you, forgive us.

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,

Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace flows like a river,

Mercy like a never-ending stream.

Believe the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Matthew 6:21, page 787 in the Pew Bibles

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MIDDLE HYMN

Page 285 *My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Cheryl Hummer

Numbers 14:20-24 Page 116 in pew bibles

20 The LORD replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked.

21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth,

22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—

23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

SERMON Denise Jaramillo, Executive Director of Community EC
A Different Spirit: Having a Counter-Cultural Identity

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**
Page 499 *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

***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, Oct. 19		-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, Oct. 20		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room, 10:30am
Wednesday, Oct. 22		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, Oct. 23		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room, 10:30am
Friday, Oct. 25	Family, Faith and Fun	-Social Hall, 3pm – 5pm
Sunday, Oct. 26		-Sanctuary, 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman	Council President: RJ Cramer
Children’s Ministry Director: Tiffany Lakatosh	Church Secretary: Renée Keiper
October Lead Usher: Mitch Hawk	

- ❖ **Apologies to those that have an October birthday that didn't appear in the White Dove.** The report that was created in Realm missed these folks:
Gerald Kresge, Jonathan Petzold, Karol Meitzler, Steven Kocher, Justine Shirghio, Brian Snyder, Barry Greenzweig, Larry Hahn, Jennie Rose Serfass, Tracy Smith, Bill Slawter, Tom Hockman, Corey Peddigree, Eleanor Long, Yvonne Hosler, Kerry Peddigree and Sherry Shupp.
- ❖ **October Joyful Noise –Pediatric Cancer Foundation of Lehigh Valley**
We provide family-centered programs and services throughout all stages of the pediatric cancer journey with compassion and integrity.
- ❖ **New Hymnal dedication slips on the table in the Common Room. \$20 for each dedication.**
- ❖ **Shoebox deadline is only 1 month away!!**
Please fill the shoe boxes you took last year.
Fill them to the brim with lots of toys, crafts, needed items.
Check the table for the pamphlet in the Gathering Room for ideas.
You do not need a red and green box to fill with items.
Any shoe box will do. We provide the labels.
Please be age and gender specific, as it helps with the processing.
- ❖ **Please consider using your free Bill Pay service offered by banks & credit unions.** Payments are sent by your bank via paper check. You can choose a one-time payment or set up a recurring one. We currently have 12 families that use this feature. Checks are mailed to the Church during the week & added to the offering collected on Sunday.
- ❖ **October 25th – Family, Faith and Fun Night 3pm – 5pm.**
- ❖ **October 28th – Visitation Team Meeting 9am.**
- ❖ **November 1st –Annual Bazaar.** Laymen's Fellowship is asking for donations of items valued at \$25 or more for the Pa Dutch Raffle.



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
October 19, 2025**

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St. Matthew’s Prayer List – October 19, 2025

KINGDOM WORK:

- **Sister Helena** – Zambia – raising chickens, growing vegetables and feeding the children.
- **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
- **Joe Osinski** (RJ’s friend): Serving as an International Guard in Guam until October.
- **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
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
Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

NEW NEEDS:

- **Brandy Bittenbender:** medical reasons/1
- **Darryl Breinich:** heart procedures/4
- **Butch Drew (friend of the Hubers):** cancer treatments/4
- **Bruce Eckhart:** healing/4
- **Danny Serfass** (Brenda Hawk’s Brother) home, needs knee replacement/1

** 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.