



Saint Matthew
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Greetings People of God!

This summer Camp Sequanota celebrates 75 years of ministry. If you are able, consider driving down to Camp on Saturday, June 25th to spend the day marking the occasion.

My mother is fond of sharing the story of my first week at Sequanota: The summer I was eleven I thought I was old enough to stay home alone all day, so I terrorized the poor babysitter until she quit. I spent the next week at camp until my mother found a new babysitter. But I loved camp so much, I've kept going back ever since.

Camp might seem like an antiquated institution in our world today, but I would argue that we need it now more than ever. We don't get much of a break from technology, media, and constant connectivity. That endangers our practice of sabbath rest—which is not a mere suggestion, but as much a biblical command as any other—and it erodes our sense of *shalom*, the peace that comes from abiding in God's love and trusting in God's mercy. Young people at summer camp and people of all ages on retreat need that time away from full schedules, 24 hour news cycles, and the pressure to be immediately and always available personally and professionally.

I have colleagues who roll their eyes when people say they can find God just as much on a mountain as in a church, but I think there's something wrong if we *can't* experience the Creator in creation. If we think of how much closer human society was to the natural world even a few generations ago, it's hard to believe that our species has evolved fast enough to handle the world as it is today. If the Lutheran leaders in 1947 thought they needed a week in the woods to recenter themselves in Christ and intentional spiritual community, how much more do we need such opportunities now?

I hope you get to spend some time this summer in a place and space that quiets the noise of life and invites the voice of the Spirit.

Peace,
+Pastor Traci



Yoga Devotions
Every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew for an hour of yoga centered on a focus verse from scripture. Bring your mat; this is appropriate for any ability level.



Grateful To Have You As My Dad

I hope you know I'm grateful,
And my heart is truly glad,
That today and every single day,
I have you as my Dad.

Lucky Me and Mommy

Daddy I want to let you know,
How lucky Mommy and I are,
Because when it comes to daddies,
You really are a star!

My friend

You'll always be my first true love,
And always be my friend,
Happy Father's Day my dear papa,
I'll love you 'til the end.

One And Only Dad

You have given me
The best I know you've had,
So I wish you the best this Father's Day,
My one and only Dad.



**Shhh! It's a surprise 90th
Birthday Celebration!**

Please join the family for a celebration Open House
honoring

Mary Creps

Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Witmer Pavilion at Homewood
437 Givler Dr
Martinsburg, PA 16662

Questions? Call Sally
814-935-0918

No Gifts Please

If you cannot attend and wish to send a card
437 Givler Dr. Apt 321
Martinsburg, PA 16662

**Martinsburg Food
Pantry**



The Food Pantry will be open
for distribution of food on
Thursdays, June 2 and June 16
from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Those helping will be 3 or 4 people from St. John's
UCC, besides the regular volunteers, to distribute
food.

They will be bringing paper towels for each one that
comes.

**Following are the most needed items for
June:** Peaches or Pears, Scalloped Potatoes, Rice
Sides, Hamburger Helper and Ravioli.

Many thanks for the monetary gifts given, but it
would be appreciated to see some of these food items
in the church basket, too. *Linda K. Smith*

Ways to Make Donations to St. Matthew

Giving Online: Giving online is easy and allows
you to set up automatic recurring contributions
and view your complete online giving history
from anywhere you have access to the Internet.
Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at
“www.stmatthewlc.com”
- 2) Click on the “Giving” button, (at the left side
of the main screen)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an
online profile and to schedule your recurring
contributions.

QRCode Offerings:

- 1) Hold your mobile phone in the camera
position over the “QR
Code”
- 2) A link will pop up on your
phone and tap the link
- 3) Follow the instructions on
your phone.





A Stewardship Minute June 2022

The times are changing.

The Stewardship Minute and the Stewardship Bulletin insert is no longer an option from Parish Publishing.

You can now find the Monthly Stewardship Pamphlet on the website under “Helpful Links” at stmatthewlc.com.

If you would like a paper copy notify the church office so one will be provided for you.

A **Stewardship Minute** is available to subscribers of **Stewardship** at www.parishpublishing.org.



Summer Worship

9:00 a.m. worship, weather permitting, using the yard, drive, sidewalk, or kitchen Patio. If it rains worship will be in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary



Jacob Orczeck – He graduated from Thiel College on May 8, 2022 with a BA in Media and Journalism, AS in information Systems, and a minor in Performing Arts. I will be working at Thiel College as a Support Specialist in the IT department.



The boys Mirror Athlete of the Year award went to Central junior Jeff Hoenstine, who overcame a broken leg suffered as a sophomore in the District 6 football championship game to throw for a state-record 57 touchdown passes this past year while leading the Scarlet Dragons to the PIAA semifinals. He is also a key member of Central’s undefeated and top-seeded baseball team.

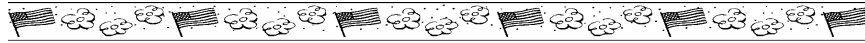


Help Needed

Custodian opportunity is available at St. Matthew. Seeking person or couple to provide cleaning of the church and maintenance of grounds in the absence of the Sexton. Casual hours. If interested please contact the church office, 814-793-2413, for more information.



Congratulations go to great grandparents, Dennis and Margie Smith upon the birth of Harris Ray Zimmerman, Harris was born on Friday, May 20, 2022. His parents are Caroline and Dean Zimmerman.



June Anniversaries

2	Joey & Lori Tremmel	15	Carl & Dawn Alexy
3	Colin & Debra Hoover Mike & Connie Lamborn	16	David & Jackie Lightner 15 th
10	E. Allen & Stacy Kuster	24	William & Dorothy Stahl
11	David & Audrey Stern	28	Larry & Sharon E. Frederick
13	Derek & Leah Park	30	Jeff & Beth Garner 55 th

Birthdays for June

2	Rodger S. Hoover	7	Sarah Detwiler	19	Lottie Ebersole
	Ashley Zanfino	8	Mary E. Creps		Donald Grove
4	Jane C. Hoenstine		Stacey M. Kensinger	21	Kim E. Lee
	Audrey Stern	12	Seth Gunnett	23	Terri Rodgers
5	Jack Howsare		Andrew Smith	25	Paul Decker
6	Warren Daniel	13	Michael Tremmel	27	Madison Rodgers
	Sheena Tremmel	16	Max A. Baker	28	Nathan Smith
				29	Bill Selby

SERVING GOD AND US JUNE 2022

Date	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Acolytes	Olivia Day Jacob Orczeck Ashley Smith	Gabby Decker	No Acolytes Needed	No Acolytes Needed
Lectors	Janet Stewart	Peggy Steinfurth	Youth	Jean Sinal
Altar Guild	Laura Orczeck	Laura Orczeck	Laura Orczeck	Laura Orczeck
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Jeff Garner	Paul Decker	Mike Lamborn	Melissa Fetzer



I Came To Visit You Today

© Shauna Ruud

I came to visit you today to place this flag next to your grave. The sacrifices you have made will forever be indebted this day.

I came to visit you today to place this flag next to your grave. It doesn't matter if you fought or not cause with that uniform it doesn't matter what.

I came to visit you today to place this flag next to your grave. The memory of what once was you still lingers true for those who knew.

I came to visit you today to place this flag next to your grave to just say thank you on this Memorial Day.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/i-came-to-visit-you-today>

2022 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Property	Ed Kreider	793-4302
Admin. Assist.	Lori Tremmel	696-3802	Christian Ed.	Jean Sinal	793-9507
Assist. Admin. Assist.	Laura Orczeck	224-1208	Evangelism	Michael Lamborn	793-4212
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Financial Secretary	Vacant		Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224
			Sexton	Phil Claar	(814)215-0885

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN MAY 2022

1. Learned that St. Matthew is on the schedule to have technology installed that will enable meetings in the window room with in-person and virtual participants.
2. Giving exceeded expenses for the month of April for the first time since before the pandemic.
3. Approved investment of the bequest received from the Janet Miller estate.
4. Reviewed plans to hold worship outdoors at 9:00 a.m. and in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. throughout the summer.
5. Approved replacement of the eternal sanctuary lamp using memorial funds.
6. Proposals are being reviewed for kitchen and restroom remodeling projects.
7. The *Stewardship* newsletter will be available online or printed by request for members receiving a mailed Messenger.

Giving

2022 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/22	
Current	\$15,973.58	Current	\$53,125.44
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,947.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$6,217.00
Youth and Camping	\$1,479.00	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$1,479.00
2021 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/2021	
Current	\$16,089.34	Current	\$51,450.92
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,128.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$5,453.50
Youth and Camping	\$757.50	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$757.50
2020 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/2020	
Current	\$15,216.60	Current	\$60,776.00
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,805.50	Benevolence (Synod)	\$7,188.00
Youth and Camping	\$1,184.50	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$1,184.50
2019 April		Year to Date as of 4/30/2019	
Current	\$15,977.09	Current	\$66,618.00
Benevolence (Synod)	\$1,507.00	Benevolence (Synod)	\$6,150.55
Youth and Camping	\$1,288.00	2nd Qrt. Youth & Camping	\$1,721.00
2022 Income vs Expenses			
Current	April	Year to Date as of 4/30/2022	
Actual	\$303.54	(\$14,331.20)	
Per Budget	(\$2,346.00)	(\$20,152.89)	
Benevolence			
Per Commitment to Synod	(\$219.67)	(\$2,449.67)	

There were 4 Sundays in April all 4 years.
Easter was in April all 4 years.



June 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	2 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4
			Lori Tremmel on vacation.			
5 <u>Day of Pentecost</u> 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	6 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., Zoom	7 6:30 pm Stewardship Mtg., Zoom	8 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	9	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 8:30 am Synod Assembly by Zoom
12 <u>2nd Sun. after Pentecost</u> <u>Youth Sunday</u> 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	13 6:00 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Zoom	14 6:30 pm Council Mtg., Zoom	15 10:00 am Employee Mtg., FH 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	16 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18
19 <u>3rd Sun. after Pentecost</u> 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	20	21	22	23	24 Pastor on Vacation	25 Camp Sequanota 75th Anniversary
			Confirmation Camp at Sequanota. Pastor will be available by cell phone listed above.			
26 <u>4th Sun. after Pentecost</u> Pastor on Vacation 9:00 am Outside Worship 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	27	28 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR	29 1-4 pm Pastor in Office 5:00 pm Yoga, FH	30		