



Saint Matthew
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St. Matthew's Messenger

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Dear People of God:

Nine years ago this month, nine members of Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC were killed by a white supremacist during bible study. Two of the victims were alumni of the ELCA's Southern Seminary. The shooter was a member of an ELCA congregation. Although I do not believe his church taught him to hate, his actions are a tragic reminder to all of us to *explicitly* teach and practice love and respect for all people, that all people are made in the image of God—an image that is not diminished because of race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, disability, religion, nationality, or anything else.

You may have heard that an arrangement of the hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (ELW#841) was removed from this spring's middle school concert because of complaints that it made people uncomfortable and was divisive. The issue was not that a religious song was being sung in a public school, as another hymn arrangement was kept in the program, but that this hymn, which alludes to the Old Testament narrative of Israel's captivity, has long been regarded as the unofficial Black national anthem, though in fact it does not make any reference to race.

While attending the annual preaching festival the week following the concert, I heard a wonderful sermon on Exodus that referenced “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and explored its themes of hope and unity. The preacher's main point was that because God made all of us, we're all on the same team; our lives are tied to one another—a prophetic message now that some states and school districts are either downplaying or simply not teaching historical events that oppressed minorities (slavery, Jim Crow, the Holocaust) lest those who see themselves as the majority feel uncomfortable. Yet a scriptural understanding of our oneness as God's children leads us to recognize that all history is “our” history, whether that is past history or the history that we're writing with our lives right now.

I invite you to join me in the fellowship hall on Monday, June 17th at 7PM to watch a recording of that powerful and relevant sermon, to sing “Lift Every Voice” and to pray that our community may bear unmistakable witness to God's love for all people.

Peace,
Pastor Traci



Martinsburg Food Pantry

We will be open in June for distributing food on Thursdays, June 6 and June 20, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Those helping will be 3 or 4 people from St. John's United Church of Christ besides the regular helpers to distribute food.

Following are the most needed items for June:
Cereal, Peanut Butter, Ravioli, Tomato Sauce, and Hamburger Helper

Any items with good dates are appreciated.

Many thanks!
Linda Smith



Lift Every Voice and Sing—Along: Monday, June 17th, 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of education and edification: a video presentation of a sermon on Exodus, a hymn-sing of Lift Every Voice and Sing, a brief time of prayer for our community, and refreshments. Please invite your friends and neighbors.



Congratulations to Max Baker, Jay Hoenstine, and Camden Kuster following your Confirmation on May 19th, 2024.



Congratulations to 2024 Graduates!

- Max Baker.....Central High School
- Olivia Day.....Juniata College
- Elizabeth Haffling.....IUP
- Ashley Smith.....IUP (Masters)
- Camryn Gates...Saint Francis University (Masters)



Summer Worship

9:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary

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) 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 to set up an online profile and manage your contributions.



Offering Envelopes: These are mailed to your home on a monthly basis. Contact the church office at 814-793-2413 to get started.



A Stewardship Minute June 2024

A pastor was serving a struggling church in a large city. He had become a close friend of a sixty-plus-year-old unmarried man who was a member of the church. As the friendship developed, one day they began to discuss the subject of personal wills. For some reason this parishioner had never made a will!

Of course, failing to make a will was not wise because upon his death, his estate would be dispersed by government officials and possibly in a manner in which the man would not have approved. The pastor explained the importance of having a will, if for no other reason than to legally assure that the man's possessions would go to chosen relatives, friends, or worthy causes. The outcome of the discussion was that the man left half of his estate to his beloved church. Some two years after the man did have a will made, he was in a terrible automobile accident and died at age 67. His estate was worth two million dollars! Imagine the joy that surged through the hearts of the pastor and fellow parishioners. They were all given new hope.

Many of you may be thinking, "So what? That story is not relevant for me. I don't have a large estate. I don't need to make a will." We may know the worth of what we have right now and maybe it is not much, but none of us know what we may possess when our time on earth is over. It certainly would be wise to put in print our desires of where our goods are to go upon our death

Prayer: *Gracious God, help us to remember that every good and perfect gift comes from you. And encourage us to honor you with whatever we have. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen*

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

St. Matthew Seniors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon



Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 12:00 PM

**Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall**

115 East Penn Street

Martinsburg, PA

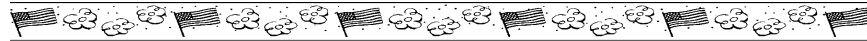
**Please RSVP to the Church Office
(814-793-2413) by July 8**

Church Messenger

The June 2024 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of

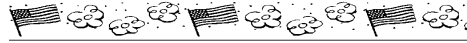


the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. You can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home by calling the church office at (814-793-2413). Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.



June Anniversaries

2 Joey & Lori Tremmel	16 David & Jackie Lightner
3 Colin & Debra Hoover Mike & Connie Lamborn	19 Michael & Samantha Tremmel
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



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 2024

Date	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Acolytes	No Acolytes during the Summer.				
Lectors	Mike Lamborn	Amanda Decker	Jeff Hoenstine	Linda Smith	Jane Fagans
Altar Guild	Tonya Walter	Tonya Walter	Tonya Walter	Tonya Walter	Tonya Walter
Offering	Beth Garner	Beth Garner	Beth Garner	Beth Garner	Beth Garner
Counters	Jim Barley	Jim Barley	Jim Barley	Jim Barley	Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Melissa Fetzer	Randy McGraw	Dennis Smith	Greg Haffling	Jeff Garner
Assisting Ministers	Steve Oswalt	Stacy Kuster	Greg Haffling	Melissa Fetzer	Jean Sinal

2024 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

All phone numbers start with (814) unless otherwise noted.

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott	935-9267	Christian Ed.	Jean Sinal	793-9507
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Community Mending Meal at St. Matthew



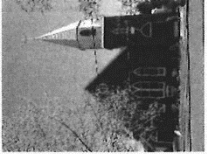
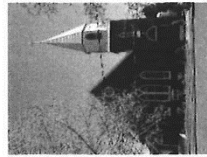
***Favorite clothing in need of repair?
Give it another chance!***

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.

***Free Lunch Available Starting at 11AM
Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Fruit, & Dessert***

**LUNCH & SIMPLE MENDING
JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall
115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)
Wednesday, June 26 from 11AM--1PM**



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	FH—Fellowship Hall CE—Christian Ed Office CL—Church Lounge QR—Quilt Room WR— Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Tract may be reached at 814-935-9267 Jen will be in the Office Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 am-12:00 pm						1
2	2nd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	3rd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	4th Sun. after Pentecost Father's Day 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	5th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	6th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary						