

St. Matthew's Messenger



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BLESSINGS

Greetings People of God:

As we prepare this month for Thanksgiving, we count our blessings in gratitude to God. Of course, God works in, with, and through the people in our lives to bless us. As I look back with thanksgiving for this year, I want to thank you, the people of St. Matthew...

- ... for being flexible and adaptable as we discovered how to navigate life in a pandemic.
- ...for being open to doing things in new ways and especially for being patient with me as I learned how to use new technology.
- ... for following safety practices to protect yourselves, each other, and me if you returned to worship in person.
- ...for continuing to worship from home, even when the building reopened, if that was what you needed to do to for the good of the community.
- ... for joining in midweek Morning and Night Prayer to lift the concerns of our family, friends, neighbors, nation, and world to God.
- ...for practicing the spiritual discipline of financial stewardship and continuing to support the mission of the church as you are able.
- ...for working as members of Council and committees, even if much of that work had to be done remotely and by Zoom.
- ...for checking in and looking after one another, holding together the eyes and ears, hands and feet, knees and elbows of the body of Christ in this place.

I could go on, and obviously the challenges we are facing are far from over. But you've probably done more than you realized and maybe more than you thought you could do in this crazy time. And I am more grateful to you than you can know.

~Pastor Traci

Special dates

- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 1, 2020
- All Saint's Day, November 1, 2020
- Election Day, November 3, 2020
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2020
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 22, 2020*
- Thanksgiving, November 26, 2020
- First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020



Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31, 2020

2019 Veterans

Veteran's Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veteran's



Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day–a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veteran's Day pays tribute to all American veterans–living or dead–but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

On Sunday, November 8, St. Matthew will honor veterans who have served in the military. Please check the list below of veterans who have served in the military. All veterans will be honored, including inactive and deceased. If you know of someone who is missing from the list, or you have a family member you wish to be honored during the service, please contact Lori in the church office as soon as possible.

Dale Allison* Pete Barley* Alan Brubaker Lester Buchart* Bryan Bush Jim Calvert* Cletus Carberry* Clyde Claycomb Robert "Bob" Creps* Michael Corcoran Kermit Daniel* LeMar Daniel* Edward DeAngelis* Andy Freyer* Matt Freyer Donald Garner* Jeff Garner George Gilbert Sr George Gilbert Jr

Harold Grove Cpt. Donald Grove Robert V. Gunnett **Bob** Guyer Colin Guyer Kyle Guyer Mark Guyer Greg Haffling Charles Henzler Dean Hinish* Rodger Hoover Dante Iachini* Joseph Iwanski* Charles Kreider* Henry Lamborn Mike Lamborn David Lehman Les Loomis Kenneth Long* Richard A. McGraw* *Deceased

Harold Mountain* Scott Paul Timothy Perry* John Replogle Paul E. Rummel* John Sell* Elwood Smith* Nathan Smith Sheldon O. Smith* John L. Snyder Michael L. Snyder William Stahl Jim Stewart Ralph Stouffer* William Straesser* John Szymckec* Milo "Bud" Uber* Laura Webb Jay Webb James Weyant*



Coming Soon on November 29, 2020

The first Sunday in Advent you will see our annual Mitten Tree in the Narthex. Please bring school-age children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be hung on the Mitten Tree from November 29th until

December 20th. These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for needy children. Donations of money can be given by marking a pew envelope "*Mitten Tree*", and the money will be used to purchase needed items. *Let's help children have a warmer winter!*



Gratitude

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along your way; Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day; Be grateful for the health you own, the work you find to do, For round about you there are souls less fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest

Anniversaries for November

- 07 Nicholas C. & Sondra Ursick Dale & Anna Weaver
- 11 Trevor & Merileigh Smith
- 18 Steve & Linda Claycomb

01 G. Fred Kensinger

A. Kay Weyant

02 Jacob Orczeck

05 Meghan Russell

07 Chris Carder

07 Richard Smith

09 Paul L. Johnson

06 Shawn McCauley

- 20 Loy C. & Marjorie A. Replogle 55th
- 25 Douglas Bush & Destarta Carberry
- 27 Russell & Heather Dickson
- 30 Blake & Katherine Peese

Birthdays for November

- 10 Patricia J. Winston
- 14 Steve Ayers
- 15 Rev. Ed Harshbarger
- Mark Replogle
- 17 Connie S. Lamborn

- 22 Savannah Richardson Waylon Richardson
- 24 David B. Lehman
- 25 John A. Replogle
- 27 Michael Richardson

Attendance for September 2020

No regular attendance was observed since Covid-19 started March 15, 2020 for St. Matthew. We worshiped online through Facebook and Zoom with an average attendance of 100 viewers.

Chapel Service Attendance 26 at the Kreider Farm 9/13

No regular service in Sanctuary because of Covid-19

Average Sunday Worship attendance 2019 -88 (5 wks.)

The Lutheran Magazine

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mission, advocacy and more impacting daily life. The magazine is a resource for education, outreach and evangelism while providing a forum for discussion on issues of the day.

If you would like to donate towards your yearly subscription you may do so by marking "Lutheran" in the "Other Position" on your offering envelope or on a pew envelope. The yearly subscription is \$8.95.



For Food and Friends

We thank you, Lord, for food and friends, and for all of the joy this holiday lends. It's Thanksgiving Day and we can see the blessings you've provided our family. Thanks to you, Lord, for another good year; When you watch over us, there's nothing to fear.



This time of year, is the perfect time to say "Thank You" to the congregation for their donations of time, money and talents.

Though it is not said enough throughout the year you are very much appreciated ALL YEAR LONG!

- 18 Andrea Paul
- 20 Dawn Alexy
- 21 I. Matthew Nelson



Dear Ministry Leader & Partner,

As the Christmas season gets closer, we begin to set our minds on things like peace, love, and joy. But we know that not everyone in our community experiences these things,

especially in these uncertain and trying times. For some, the holidays bring a reminder of grief, depression, loss, and desperate need.

Among the Martinsburg Churches a collective vision is to impact the lives of those around us, letting all that we do be done in love (I Corinthians 16:14), we believe direct involvement in the community is extremely important. It is our hope that we can count on your support as we gear up for our annual "Cove Christmas Love" event, which reaches out to families in need during the holiday season. As a part of our mission, we distribute toys, grocery store gift cards and other items to area families with children under the age of 16. By asking your congregation to stand behind this project and provide donations of gift cards, new toys, as well as monetary donations, you can help us in our mission to give every child a Merry Christmas, one gift at a time. Your donation will serve as an example of generosity, dedication, and service to our community. (A box is in the church Narthex.)

Donations may be mailed in, or pickup arrangements may be made.

On behalf of our team, I want to thank you for any consideration you may give to our cause!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Chris Garretson 210 N. Wall Street, Martinsburg PA 16662 Pastor, Memorial Church of the Brethren Office (814)793-2422 Coordinator, Cove Christmas Love Mobile (814)254-8328 Martinsburg Association of Area Churches Email: PastorChrisG@outlook.com

Prayers are With You!

Stanley and Michele Smith want to share with St. Matthew that their son Nathan is serving in the U.S. Army. He began his basic training at Fort Jackson in SC on September 1 and will graduate



on November 19, 2020. From there Nathan will be transferred to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri to begin his specialty training in Geospatial Engineering. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues with his new journey.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



Volunteers from the Mt. Pleasant United Church of

Christ will be assisting the regular helpers with distributing food on Thursdays, November 5 and November 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Several Churches have offered to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to families that would like food for turkey dinners they can pick up and prepare themselves.

Items Most Needed for November: Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing Mix, Fruit and Hygiene Products. These or any food/personal items can be placed in Food Pantry Box at C & S or call 793-3958. THANK YOU for all your donations!





A Stewardship Minute November 2020

There is an old legend about how the great beasts first learned to live as they were set upon the world by God. Each of them had been quite self-centered, but realized that being what God intended them to be and do led to them great freedom and joy.

The legend went on, sadly, to point out that when humankind learned to live in God's world, mankind had not made the same realizations; had not learned that the greatest joy comes in doing the will of God. When our main focus is on ourselves, the legend says, we have wandered from freedom into a sort of bondage. We are locked into the misery we have brought upon ourselves by not choosing to love, obey, and serve our Creator. The Good News Christ came to say to mankind is this: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." Matthew 6:33

This month's issue of *Stewardship* brings to light that the secret of living an abundant, joyous life comes as we live one will and that "one will" is the will of God. Living any other way is to struggle in a lost and confused state, and with the nagging feeling that life should be better than it is. That includes being whom God wants us to be, doing what God wants us to do, having what God wants us to have, and giving what God wants us to give. The legend says that the animals ultimately do what God intends for them, but that humankind does not. Who knows about the animals, but we all know about ourselves!

Prayer: Lord of all, grant us the courage and the will to be what you want us to be and to do all you want us to do. **Amen**



New Landscaping

Many thanks to Dennis and Margie for the new shrubbery around the church. Roots in the Cove did the work and Dennis and Margie donated the plants in memory of their parents, Marian and Verna Smith and Andrew and Lois Zeek and grandson, Ryan Smith.

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All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1st we will remember those from our congregation and friends who have, by God's grace, joined that "Company of Heaven" since All Saints' Sunday of 2019.



Ruth Clapper Jim Calvert Mary Jane Carpenter Gary Dauberman E. Louise Frederick Ryan Guyer Mary E. Hatch Dean Hinish Nick Hoenstine

John Klepser Jean McDonald Paul J. Manion Donald Mills Janet Miller Betty Jane Moore Donald Ormsby Judith Phillips Zane E. Wright Leanore C. Yingling



You! Many thanks to my church family for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during his illness and John's death. Words can't express how thankful I am. Also, thanks to Pastor Traci for the prayers and for being at the funeral home.

Anna Klepser

Thank you so much for helping with your donations to our PPE Funds. All donations were much appreciated. **Dr. Patricia Savage, President/CEO.**



Committees Need Volunteers

Age: 18 – 100 years old

Have you ever thought about chairing a Committee; but you don't know what that committee does or what a chairperson does? This year we need a Chairperson for the Staff Committee.

- **Christian Ed. Committee Needs Volunteer** responsible for enlightening and overseeing our religious education among our youth and adults.
- **Evangelism Committee** Needs Volunteer responsible for conducting the meetings and overseeing the activities of connecting our members and fellow neighbors.
- Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers (2) responsible for the new slate of members for Council each year. Usually, meets once in October and November.

If you were thinking that chairing a committee is a lot of work; it's not. Responsibilities of chairing a committee, means that you oversee your committee members and attend Council Meetings once a month. Some committees meet once a month, some just once every quarter or once or twice a year.

Please call Sheena Tremmel at 515-2962 to volunteer your **Time** to God. Or you may talk to one of the committee members:

Shelley Clinich John Lear Peggy Steinfurth Linda Smith

Shoe Boxes Needed



If you have spare medium to large size shoe or boot boxes that you'd like to get out of your house, please drop them off at the church by November 20th. We need them for an Advent project.



Mark your calendars for Advent in a Box: Thursday evenings, December 4, 11, and 18. On Sunday, the 29th of November, be sure to pick up an Advent Box with the materials we'll use for a time of learning and crafting together by Zoom. (If you won't be at worship on the 29th, let us know and we'll get the materials to you).



Prayer Transformational Ministry Prayer

Here we are in November; What comes to mind? The election, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, or something Extra Special?

First we have to Thank GOD for all that he has done for us.

Each month and on a daily basis, we ask you to join us in prayer. Our November special prayer requests are for:

- all those who have lost loved ones from illnesses including the Coronavirus.
- those who have served in the armed services in prayer, that they know that we appreciate their sacrifice, and if they are in need that God may heal and comfort them.
- *the Church as we prepare for the Advent season.*
- Oh Lord, I Thank Thee for the abundance of blessings thou has provided me: My Family, My friends and my home. Many others have helped me along the way such as the doctors, nurses, police, fire, and those who are in the Service, who have kept my Freedom. I now ask that you Bless all of us so we may have Faith, improving health, food for the poor, and a calmness to endure all things. Amen

Please join us in daily prayer as we lift these concerns to the Lord.

Fellowship Dinner

Canceled for 2020 due to Covid-19 We are all very sad that this event needed to be canceled for this year.

version volunteer Luncheon

Canceled for 2020 due to Covid-19 Lori is very sad that this event needed to be canceled for this year. She appreciates all her volunteers very much! Thank you for your help!



Christ the King Sunday November 21, 2010

The crown, a symbol of royal authority, represents Jesus, the King of Kings. It can also symbolize the "crown of glory," the eternal reward that faithful Christians receive in heaven (see 1 Peter 5:4). Three crowns are often used to represent the wise men who traveled from the East in search of the baby, Jesus.

2021 Offering Envelopes



Everyone who is a confirmed member or **is a visitor and has requested envelopes** receives Offering Envelopes. Included in this "Messenger" is a NEW Time and Talent Sheet and a Commitment Card for 2021.

Time and Talent sheets from previous years are deleted and a NEW TIME & TALENT SHEET needs to be completed EVERY YEAR.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Offering Envelopes will be MAILED directly to your homes monthly. January 2021 Offering Envelopes will be mailed in December 2020.

The other options for offering or tithing are below:

Ways to Support St. Matthew

Offering Envelopes: These are mailed to our contributors at their homes monthly.

- if you would like to use the <u>"Simply Giving</u>" on-line program of automatic bank drafts from your checking account. (*Forms are in the church office. Please see Lori.*)
- **Giving Online:** St. Matthew is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions 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 "Give" button, (on the top white banner)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.
- **Mobile Giving:** Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Simply follow these easy steps:
- 1) Visit "Play Store on your mobile device"
- 2) Find the "Vanco Payment" app (this is free)
- 3) Click on the "Install" button
- 4) Open the app on your device
- 5) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one-time contribution or recurring contributions.



Our "Annual Commitment Card" Please complete the card below and return in the offering plate or to the church office by November 29, 2020.

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Lutheran	Mission in the Parish \$(wkly. or mthly) circle one (Current Expense)	Commitment Card 2021 Mission in the Parish \$
and Church	Mission in the World \$(wkly. or mthly) circle one	(Current Expense)
vove of UN	(Benevolence)	Mission in the World \$ (Benevolence)
Ventures in Faith	<pre>\$(wkly. or mthly) circle one</pre>	Ventures in Faith \$
		Building Fund \$
Building Fund	<pre>\$(wkly. or mthly) circle one</pre>	Total Giving \$
•	Total Giving \$(wkly. or mthly) circle one	KEEP THIS SECTION FOR YOUR
<u>(Please cir</u>	<u>cle one</u>) → Weekly or Monthly	RECORDS

2020 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Traci Marriott		Property	Ed Kreider	793-4302
Admin. Assist.	Lori Tremmel	696-3802	Christian Ed.	Vacant	
Asst. Admin. Assist	. Laura Orczeck	224-1208	Evangelism	Les Loomis (570)	885-0572
President	Melissa Fetzer	793-2735	Stewardship	Greg Haffling	793-9827
Vice President	Sheena Tremmel	515-2962	Finance	Jim Barley	793-4623
Secretary	Elaine Smith (434)	981-0560	Social Ministry	Peggy Freyer	614-4352
Treasurer	Beth Garner	793-3966	Worship & Music	Jane Fagans	793-4401
Financial Secretary	Anna Klepser	793-2094	Staff Support	Kaye Burket	224-5224

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN OCTOBER

- 1. Council approved spending \$11,128.14 from the Rosamond Smith undesignated Thrivent account for heating and air conditioning of the lobby and two offices. A private donor made a \$2000.00 gift designated specifically for this project. Boyer Refrigeration Heating and Air conditioning of Bellwood will do the work for a total of \$13,128.14 and were selected based on their proposal of an economical solution and a favorable warranty.
- 2. Council approved the recommendation from Worship & Music to have a paid AV/Video Tech at the rate of \$25 per one weekly service.

2021 Commitment Card and the 2020 Time and Talent Form

Return to the church office by Saturday, November 29, 2020

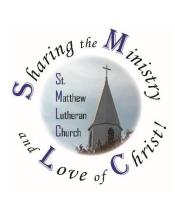
Please take a moment and complete the 2021 Commitment Card and the 2020 Time and Talent Form that is enclosed with this "Messenger" and return them in the offering

plate or return them to the church office before the end of November. Being a "Good Steward" is more than just tithing. God also calls us to be "Good Stewards" by planning our giving of time, talents and finances to support our ministry here at St. Matthew. (NOTE: Time and Talent Forms from previous years are discarded. New Time and Talent Forms need to be filled out each year).

SERVING GOD AND US November 2020

Date	November 1 All Saints Sunday	November 8 Veterans Sunday	November 15	November 22 Christ the King	November 24 1 st Sun. of Advent
Altar Guild	Tina Harclerode Janet Stewart	Tina Harclerode Janet Stewart	Tina Harclerode Janet Stewart		Tina Harclerode Janet Stewart
Recorders	Gloria Guyer	Barb Wilt Pat Moutain	Youth		Jim & Tonya Walter
Audio/Video	Shawn Orczeck	Lori Tremmel	Camden Kuster	Shawn Orczeck	Camden Kuster
Offering Counters	Jim Barley Anna Klepser	Beth Garner Anna Klepser	Jim Barley Anna Klepser	Beth Garner Anna Klepser	Jim Barley Anna Klepser





St. Matthew Lutheran Church Time and Talent Opportunities for 2020

God calls each of us uniquely into ministry. When we, as good stewards of the passions and gifts God has given us, respond by joyfully dedicating ourselves to God's work in the world, ministry happens.

All who participate in the life of St. Matthew are encouraged to "Share the Ministry and Love of Christ" through their time and talents.

Name		Home Address	
Phone (H)	(C)	Email	l

God gives each of us unique Spiritual Gifts. What feels like a passion in your heart is the presence of those gifts. Please take a few moments to consider your passions. When our time, talents, and passions are used, joy comes through sharing them to do God's work. Please include interests such as fishing, reading, cooking, sewing, etc. that could be the basis for either forming social groups or contributing to the congregation's ministries. Please list your unique passions/talents/interests here:

Please give prayerful thought to the following list and check the boxes for all activities where you are able to serve.

I would be willing to have my name placed on the ballot to be considered for a leadership role on the St. Matthew Church Council as a member and/or an officer.

I would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee that secures the nominations for Church Council.

I would like to attend the Allegheny Synod Assembly, either as a voting member or as a visitor.

Serve as a member of the **Evangelism Committee** - responsible for providing opportunities for and encouraging members to share their faith with each other and with their neighbors.

I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:						
Coordinate Prayer Vigil		Provide rides for church		Coordinate rides for		
		events		church events		
Assemble and deliver welcome boxes		Be a greeter on Sunday morning		Participate in telephone prayer chain.		
Participate in email prayer chain		Schedule Sunday morning greeters				

Serve as a member of the **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** - responsible for creating and coordinating events that strengthen fellowship among members.

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I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:							
Bake cakes for funeral		Help prep and serve		Prep and/or serve			
meals		funeral meals		congregational dinners			
Call/schedule		Attend men's breakfast		Coordinate recreational			
volunteers for events				events			

Serve as a member of the FINANCE COMMITTEE – monitors church finances and investments; prepares budget; recommends spending allocations.					
<i>I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:</i>					
Count offerings after worship		Audit annual books			

Serve as a member of the PROPERTY COMMITTEE – responsible for maintaining the interior and exterior church property.						
I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:						
Snow removal	Landscaping/gardening	General handyman/ handywoman				
Skills you can share:						

Serve as a member of the SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE – promotes faith in
action through social responsibility at the local, state, national and international
levels.
I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:

I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:						
Blood pressure screenings		Providing meals		Providing transportation		

Serve as a member of the STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE – oversight of the
church staff and child protection clearances for volunteers.

<i>I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:</i>					

Γ	Serve as a member of the STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – encourages members' use of their time, talent and treasures as a response to the generosity of God's love for					
	us.					
	I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:					
	Give temple talk		Help develop		Write newsletter articles	
			stewardship programs		about stewardship	

Serve as a member of the WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – works with the pastor and music staff to provide meaningful worship experiences.				
I can't serve on the committee but I would like to help in the following ways:				
Usher		Read lessons		Acolyte
Communion Assistant		Journey to Bethlehem		Coordinate flowers
Audio/Visual		Assisting Minister		Arrange and/or provide
equipment				special music

WOMEN OF THE ELCA – provides ministry opportunities TO and THROUGH the						
	women in our congregation.					
	Hike/Bible study		Prayer Breakfast		Knotty ladies	

MISCELLANEOUS – Gifts, talents and interests that can be shared through various committees:					
	Decorations/	Sing	Drama		
	Centerpieces				
	Sewing	Cooking	Woodworking		
	Play instrument(s):				
	Photography	Bulletin Boards	Artwork		
	Office/Administrative	Mailings	Computer assistance		