

# St. Matthew's UCC

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## From the Pastor...

### Pentecost

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:1-2).

Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, and ten days after His ascension, believers found that they had been given a remarkable power. We call this power the Holy Spirit.

To be sure, the Spirit of God was present before Pentecost, as our foundational text, the Book of Genesis, states, “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters” (Gen 1:1-2).

Both the Acts account and the Genesis account equate the Spirit with wind. Now wind expresses unrestricted movement, and, unpredictability; it can change directions and intensity on the drop of a dime, to borrow a modern expression.

Pentecost is the day when the disciples were empowered to become apostles. They would have power to preach, to build up the body of Christ, to continue the mission Jesus commissioned them to accomplish.

We, too, have been empowered by the Holy Spirit, which guides every creative endeavor, brings unity and understanding to every discussion, even among people with striking differences, calls forth gifts we may not even realize we have.

No wonder Pentecost is colloquially referred to as the Church’s “Birthday.” If you will pardon the word play, on Pentecost we celebrate the presents, or gifts, if you will, the Holy Spirit gives, while we acknowledge the ongoing Presence and Power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

All power, honor and glory be unto Him forever more.

Amen.

## Worship Notes

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on Pentecost, June 4.

Worship will be outdoors in the pavilion (weather permitting) on June 4, July 9, and September 3.



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## Women's Guild

On Tuesday, June 13, everyone is invited to a program by Summit Search and Rescue. Food and beverages will be provided beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6:00 in the pavilion. Please bring the kids, as well... they're sure to enjoy meeting the bloodhound dogs of Summit Search and Rescue and learning about what they do. Please sign up in the narthex.

Tuesday, July 11, everyone is invited to a picnic at the home of Charlie and Marcia Leeds starting at 5:00 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided; please bring a covered dish. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Looking ahead: Tuesday, September 12 will be BINGO at Thornwald, starting at 6:45 p.m.

## Consistory Meeting

Consistory will meet Monday, June 5, and Monday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Consistory Night Out is Monday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Marcello's.

## Senior Session

There will be a senior trip to Eckley Miners Village on Monday, June 5. The tour will start at 11:00 a.m. We will meet at the church at 8:30. Please sign up in the narthex. Looking ahead: The Hershey Trolley Tour date has changed to Thursday, September 28.

## Youth Group News

We have plans to go to Little Buffalo State Park Pool and Knoebels Amusement Park in July and August, but the dates are not firm as of this writing. We'll keep you posted via the Prayer Chain, the church bulletins, and the pulpit. I'm looking forward to our fun adventures! And, because of your fundraising, and the generosity of our church family, we have the funds to cover the full price of your admission!

## Laity Sunday ~ June 11

We have a preacher! Mrs. Joanne Kimmel! Come and hear the entire service led by the members, not the clergy, of St. Matthew's UCC. This will be an awesome and powerful experience. Praise the Lord!

## Pastor's Schedule *Note: Special circumstances may alter schedule at any time.*

**Pastor Tim's Primary Contact Number: 570-428-4290 (cell)**

Monday—Thursday:

Mornings: Appointments, visits, meetings, or open

Afternoons: Office hours, as able, generally 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Evenings: Church activities, meetings, or open

Friday: Off

Saturday: The Sunday sermon

Sunday: Worship services and church activities

## Bible Study Picnic

The Bible Study groups of St. Matthew's invite you to a picnic on Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited, and we'll have a sign-up sheet to see who is bringing what. Tim will provide grilled chicken and hot dogs, with some burnt for Sue. A short, stand-alone, study will keep us grounded in the word of God. Come!



## Vacation Bible School ~ June 27-June 29



VBS will be Tuesday, June 27—Thursday, June 29. The program is about finding God in nature. If you have any children to register (ages 4 through 6th grade), please sign up in the narthex, fill out a registration form, and give it to Joan Hiser. If you would like to donate snack items, there is a sign up sheet with everything we need in the narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation please use a designated envelope and give it directly to Joan Hiser or Helen Wagner. This year upon registration, each family will receive a music CD of great praise and worship songs that the kids will love!



## Children's Church

We are always in need of volunteers to teach Children's Church. This is a way to take part in an extremely important ministry that doesn't require a huge time commitment. Sign up for any Sunday that suits your schedule (the sign up sheet is in the narthex) and you will be given materials to prepare for that week. That's it! If you can teach for even one Sunday, once in a while, it would be an enormous help. The kids love going to Children Church, and while you will be the teacher, you may find yourself learning a thing or two from them along the way. If you have any questions, please ask Joan Hiser, Marcia Leeds, or Helen Wagner.

## Graduation Sunday ~ June 18, 9:00 a.m. Worship

Do you have a graduate to honor? Please provide Pastor Tim his or her written information and we'll honor graduates in worship that Sunday. Congratulations to all of those whose accomplishments we mark this day, including:



- **Olivia Cara Black**, granddaughter of Jennie Weary and the late Floyd Weary, graduate of Cedar Cliff High School. Olivia plans to attend Slippery Rock University in the fall to study Cyber Security
- **Garrett Foster**, son of Bob and Heather Foster, grandson of Maggie Epley, graduate of Central Dauphin High School
- **Dakota Landis**, son of Ken and Diane Landis, grandson of Bill and Carole Chronister, graduate of Mary Mount University

## Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting ~ June 9 and 10

We are still looking for delegates to attend the annual meeting at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, on Friday evening, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. It is an important feature of the United Church of Christ that we "covenant" with our Conference for the ongoing mission of the wider church. Plus, delegates hear what we're up to in the Penn Central Conference; and, delegates have the power of voting their conscience on matters of business that are brought before the assembly. Please speak to me if you are interested. Thank you.

-Pastor Tim

## The Reverend Barbara Albert Installation ~ June 4

You are cordially invited to attend the installation service of Chaplain Barbara Albert at Green Ridge Village, Newville, on Sunday, June 4, at 3:00 p.m. Barbara, originally ordained into the Reformed Church of America, has transferred her credentials to the care of the Mercersburg Association of the United Church of Christ. We celebrate her ongoing call to serve in Jesus' name. Join us, please.



## *Prayer Concerns*

### *Members*

Betty Adams  
 Larry Epley  
 Maggie Epley  
 Joanne Kimmel  
 Richard Kimmel  
 Carol Ramp  
 Margie Smith



### *Friends and Loved Ones*

Doris Adams, friend of Darlene Colonna  
 Galen Baker, friend of Mary Cay Hess  
 Lucia Boutselis, mother of Barb Grimes  
 Tim Groller, friend of Tabitha Merwine  
 Nancy Evans, niece of Don and Helen Wagner  
 Kathy Evelhoch, friend of Darlene Colonna  
 Mary Fertenbaugh, sister of Esta, Pat, Sue, and Betty  
 Bill Feuchtenberger, friend of Mary Cay Hess  
 Han Woo Lee, friend of Kim Halko  
 Jim Prifer, brother of Kim Peck  
 Sue Reisinger, sister of Michelle Sweger  
 Robert Smyser, Danielle Brown's grandfather  
 Jeff Stamy, friend of Mary Cay Hess

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, or if you have submitted someone and feel that he/she could be removed, please let Staci Davis know.

## **Why Are We Here?**

Good question. I had met Pastor Tim when he visited his parishioners at Thornwald Home. He was very pleasant, always had an upbeat attitude, but he was also extremely concerned for his parishioners. Thornwald Home and The Sarah Todd Memorial Home were invited to St. Matthew's for worship and a "brunch"... a brunch to die for, so delicious and so much food, enough to feed almost all of Thornwald. Great cooks!! We highly recommend each and every one of them.

Then Carl had his accident. WOW! Volunteering at Carlisle Hospital, Carl came to know Anita Sheaffer. We didn't know she had asked for her church to pray for Carl. Not knowing this, and for some reason, I called Pastor Tim from Hershey Med. When he called me back, he just knew me as the receptionist at Thornwald, not my name (which he knows very well now). He said he would be there the next day to see Carl. He never asked me why I called him, we weren't members of St. Matthew's church. He only knew that I was in pain and needed his help. He has been there ever since.

We were searching for a church that wasn't too large and was friendly, so we came to St. Matthew's and have been coming ever since joining almost two years ago. We found people we knew and even some relatives.

Thank you members of St. Matthew's for allowing us to be a part of your loving, caring, and friendly lives. We thank God for showing us the way to you. After all, you do have a direct line to God.

-Barbara and Carl Raudabaugh

## Giant and Karns Gift Cards

You can pick up an order form in the narthex (or print one from our website) and give it to Joan Hiser or Tammy Snyder. There are also a limited number of cards for sale in the office each week after worship. **April 2017 totals... gift cards sold=\$3,450      church received=\$172.50**

## Brick Pavers



There are still brick pavers available for engraving for the walkway to the pavilion. The cost of the engraving is \$35 with a maximum of 15 characters on two lines. Please see Marcia if you have more than 15 characters, as there will be an additional cost. Forms are available in the narthex and can be given to Marcia.



## From the Property Committee

Just a reminder, if you use the trash cans in Fellowship Hall for an activity or event, please take the garbage to the outside can when you are finished. Thank you.

## Soda Tabs

We are still collecting soda tabs in the back of the sanctuary. The soda tabs are recycled to help Project SHARE.



## Spiritual Council Meeting

All Elders are invited to attend a brief meeting in the Pastor's Study after worship on June 25.

## Kitchen Supplies

If you notice any paper goods running low in the kitchen, please let Dawn Trout know.

## Newsletter/Bulletin Items

Please give any information for the newsletter or bulletin to Staci Davis—  
phone: 458-4348  
email: sdavis626@gmail.com

### June Birthdays

3 Tricia Carbaugh	20 Ashlyn McCormick	30 Bill Chronister
6 Jenna Gateau	20 Jennifer Schwalm	30 Alicia (Harmon) Bruno
7 Kate Kingsborough	23 Barbara Raudabaugh	30 Amy (Harmon) Brousse
9 John Suffel	26 Aaron Mumper	30 Bob Merwine
10 Samuel Cruce	26 Michelle Deleon	
15 Garrett Foster	29 Jill Bowersox	

### June Anniversaries

5 Ryan & Staci Davis	15 Blaine & Pat Shatto
12 Dennis & Michelle Deleon	28 Fred & Billie Lauer
14 John & Shirley Suffel	

### July Birthdays

4 Brenda Long	14 Young Barner	26 Luanne (Frey) Kyle
5 Kaleb McGinnis	14 Dick Grimes	27 Joel Ramp
5 Senya Makaleev	16 Ben Davis	28 Hope Coutts
8 Dawn Trout	16 Dennis Mowery	28 Stacey (McGinnis) Herr
13 Betty Adams	21 Courtney Bowersox	29 Joanne Kimmel
13 Stephanie (Reed) Burkholder	24 Hudson Gossert	29 Michael Kingsborough
13 Elza Gateau	24 Brandi Holloway	
	25 Joe Long	

### July Anniversaries

12 Charlie & Michelle Leeds	30 Don & Vicki Siekerman
14 Dennis & Jill Harmon	

### August Birthdays

2 Dick Farber	14 Summer Leeds	24 Erin Harmon-Perera
2 Sarah Price	16 Billie Lauer	30 Marie Garvey
9 Fred Lauer	17 Richard Kimmel	31 Dan Holloway
9 Peyton Ramp	19 Abby Remmert	
14 Steve Kamowski	20 Sarah Dugan	

### August Anniversaries

3 Ed & Betty Lou Mittong	14 Darrel & Mary Justh
4 Senya & Lauren Makaleev	26 Michael & Michelle Cruce
12 Doug & Jill Bowersox	29 Jesse & Joyce Long
14 Tim & Marie Garvey	



### Looking Ahead...

On September 24 after worship, Consistory will host an Appreciation Luncheon to honor those who volunteer so much of their time and talents to St. Matthew's.

	<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Snow/Mow</b>
June 4 Pentecost Communion	Jesse Long	Jesse Long, Jim Hurley, Bill Chronister, Don Wagner	Ben Davis	6/5-6/11 Jim Hurley Ron Faudree
June 11 Laity Sunday	Jim Hurley	Jim Hurley, Ron Faudree, Fred & Billie Lauer	Seager Gossert	6/12-6/18 Denny & Jill Harmon
June 18 Graduation Sunday	Bob Merwine	Bob & Pam Merwine, Jason & Jenni Mumper	Aaron Mumper	6/19-6/25 Blaine Shatto Bob Merwine
June 25	Ryan Davis	Ryan Davis, Dick Far- ber, Denny & Jill Harmon	Garrett McCormick	6/26-7/2 Bill & Carole Chronister
July 2	Randy Reed	Randy & Patti Reed, Bill & Carole Chronis- ter	Aidan Dugan	7/3-7/9 Ed Mittong Jesse Long
July 9	John Suffel	John Suffel, Don Wag- ner, Anita & Adam Sheaffer	Adam Sheaffer	7/10-7/16 Bill Snyder Dick Farber
July 16	Tammy Snyder	Tammy & Bill Snyder, Ken & Faye Brown	Jenna Gateau	7/17-7/23 Jim Hurley Ron Faudree
July 23	Barb Raudabaugh	Sam & Charlie Sun, Young Barner, Kim Halko	Cassie Epstein	7/24-7/30 Denny & Jill Harmon
July 30 Mission Outreach	Jesse Long	Jesse & Joyce Long, Fred & Billie Lauer	Hudson Gossert	7/31-8/6 Blaine Shatto Bob Merwine
August 6	Jim Hurley	Jim Hurley, Dick Far- ber, Ed & Betty Lou Mittong	Zoie Frey	8/7-8/13 Bill & Carole Chronister
August 13	Bob Merwine	Bob & Pam Merwine, Denny & Jill Merwine	Summer Leeds	8/14-8/20 Ed Mittong Jesse Long
August 20	Ryan Davis	Ryan Davis, Ron Faudree, Jason & Jenni Mumper	Ben Davis	8/21-8/27 Bill Snyder Dick Farber
August 27	Randy Reed	Randy & Patti Reed, Bill & Carole Chronis- ter	Seager Gossert	8/28-9/3 Jim Hurley Ron Faudree
Sept. 3	John Suffel	John Suffel, Don Wag- ner, Ken & Faye Brown	Aaron Mumper	9/4-9/10 Denny & Jill Harmon