



Saint Matthew
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St. Matthew's Messenger

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Greetings People of God:

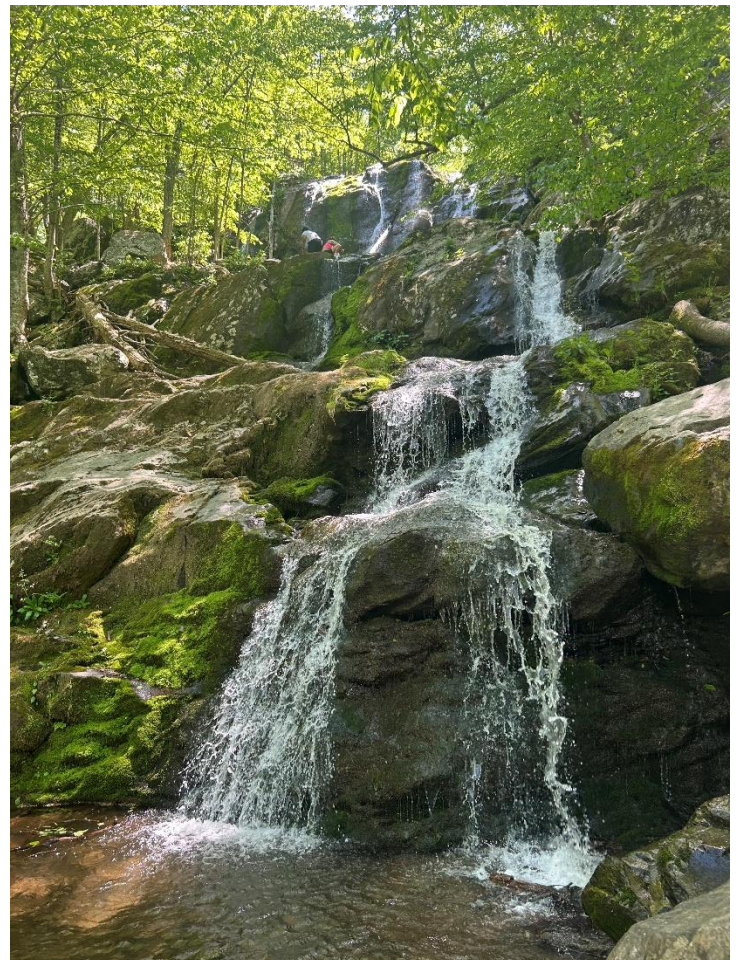
June begins the long “green” liturgical season, 25 Sundays after Pentecost, which we sometimes refer to as “ordinary time.” Ordinary time is not a preparatory season like Advent or Lent nor a festive season like Christmas or Easter. It is during this time, having celebrated the gift of the Spirit poured out on the church, that we focus on growing in the practices of our faith—thus the green to signify growth.

Putting faith into practice is the never-ending work of the baptized, and it is not easy. Just because we have studied scripture and learned how we are called to live with patience, kindness, gentleness, charity, and self-control does not mean that spiritual maturity comes without growing pains. Maybe that’s why our season of growth takes up such a large chunk of our calendar.

I spent a few days around my birthday hiking in Shenandoah, where the trails generally start on the top of the ridge and lead down the mountain...and then, of course, back up again. We were lamenting the difficulty of climbing back up one of those trails when I pointed out that the change in elevation is what creates the waterfalls we hiked to see. No hill to work our way up = no beautiful vista.

The good news is that our growth in faith is not something we have to accomplish under our own steam. It’s the fruit of the Spirit, not our own effort, and God has gifted us God’s own help and strength for the journey. Let’s see how we grow together this season.

Peace,
Pastor Traci





Prayers of Christian Sympathy and comfort are requested for Christine Bulger and family upon the death of her mother Joanne Lingenfelter on Friday, May 15th.



Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, June 4 and June 18 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Those helping will be additional 3 or 4 people from St. John's UCC besides the regular volunteers.

Following are the most needed items for June: Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Large Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Peas, and Paper Towels.

We want to thank members for food items, paper products and monetary gift of \$375.00!

*Many Thanks,
Linda 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) 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 2026

There is a cute story in the June issue Stewardship about a six-year-old boy who wanted to make a contribution to a building fund his church was holding.

His name is Brad and he greatly he wanted to give something to that worthy project. But what could he do? Being a creative thinker he came up with the idea of catching a number of tadpoles at a nearby watering hole and selling them. So he found an empty pickle jar and Brad and his father went to the watering hole. Before long, they had successfully caught a number of those slimy little creatures, put them in the jar and went home.

Now he knew that his church was going to have a picnic and Brad decided to try to try to sell the tadpoles there. So he took the jar with the tadpoles in it and set up his business. Seeing the tadpoles in the jar made some of the people curious about what Brad had in mind. And, behold, a few of them bought a tadpole or two. He charged 25 cents for each tadpole and when he shut down his business that day, he had made \$1.75.

It was not a lot of money, but consider Brad's serious desire to do what he could for his church. And every penny Brad made went into the church building fund.

Brad's action was a wonderful act of stewardship. Jesus was there in spirit, enjoying Brad's loving gift to the church building fund. No doubt there was a big smile on our Lord's face!

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to always be loving and giving servants for you and to you, in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen

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

**Our Senior Neighbors Are Invited To
A Young at Heart Luncheon**



**Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 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 7th**

Church Messenger



The June 2026 *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.



The two new side banners on the lectern side of the nave are given to the Glory of God and with thanks to the participants in this year's Wednesday Lenten program; their prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need are lettered on the fabric. May our prayers rise up as incense before the Lord.



Save the date and come enjoy
an evening of fun, food,
and fellowship!



Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve

Sunday, August 16

Game begins at 6 pm

Watch for
registration details
coming soon!



Save the Date...

The Weekend.

Allegheny Synod Youth Event
December 11-13, 2026
St. James Lutheran Church & Comfort Inn
Huntingdon, PA

Community Mending Ministry 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.
And we'll have snacks!

Wednesday, June 17th
2PM to 4PM



St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall
115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)

*Take out meals will be provided to the homebound members on days the Mending Ministry is held.

Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation
Tuesday, June 23rd at 6PM
La Fiesta at the Airport
RSVP to the office by Noon



Allegheny Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

How has God gifted YOU with skills
& passion for our shared ministry?
We want to know!

Please complete the Allegheny Synod's Life Together Survey to help Bishop Kevin and his staff connect members of our synod with each other and the committees and teams working to spread God's love & light in the world. Access the survey with this QR code or on the Synod website. Contact your church office or the synod office for a paper copy.





Social Ministry Committee Report Corner

Mending Ministry

The next Mending Ministry will be June 17, from 2 to 4 pm at St Matthew.

We are not taking all of the summer off and will provide a meal for our homebound with each mending day.

Young At Heart Luncheon

Plans are being made for the 2026 Young at Heart Luncheon on July 21 at 12:00 PM.

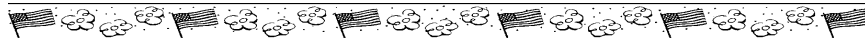
The theme is Hawaiian. Invitations are available at the church to invite neighbors and friends to attend this luncheon. We will also provide a takeout meal for our homebound.

Social Ministry Committee is looking to borrow Hawaiian or bright colored summer shirts for this event. Also, if anyone has any Hawaiian themed items that they would like to share contact Lottie Ebersole.

Next Social Ministry meeting will be Monday, June 13, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

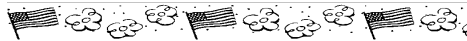
As we approach the month of June,
Choose JOY and let the warmth of Christ love fill our hearts.

Social Ministry Committee



June Anniversaries

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



Birthdays for June

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

SERVING GOD AND US JUNE 2026

Date	June 7	June 14	June 21 (Father's Day)	June 28
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	Randy McGraw	Martie Gilbert	Ed Kreider	Jeff Garner
Assisting Ministers	Steve Oswalt	Jane Fagans	Dawn Alexy	Jane Hoenstine

2026 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

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


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May 2026 Highlights by Council

1. Sheila Bumbarger will be serving St. Matthew as pianist. Welcome Sheila!
2. The Young at Heart meal is planned for July 21 with a Hawaiian theme.
3. The August council meeting will be moved to August 18 due to a conflict with several council members.
4. The church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at Ed Kreider's farm.



June 2026
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Fellowship Hall In Use 2-4 pm 6:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg., via Zoom	2 2-5 pm Pastor in Office	3	4 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St. Life Line Screening All Day Appointment required, FH	5	6
7 2nd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	8 6:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting., Zoom	9 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Pastor Traci is on vacation from June 9th—June 12th In case of emergency call, Pastor MJ Irvin-Stellabotte 814-934-9941. </div>	10	11	12	13
14 3rd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	15	16 3-6 pm Pastor in Office 6:30 pm Council Mtg., WR/Zoom	17 2-4 pm Mending Ministry	18 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	19	20 Allegheny Synod Assembly
21 4th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	22	23 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 2-5 pm Pastor in Office Pastor in Office  6:00 pm Talk-O Tuesday, La Fiesta, Airport	24	25	26	27
28 5th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	29	30 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 2-5 pm Pastor in Office	FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL-Church Lounge QR-Quilt Room WR—Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at 814-935-9267			