



The MESSENGER



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Members and Friends of St. Matthew's,

This past Sunday, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall after service for an informational meeting called by Council. Thank you to all who attended; and for those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you. St. Matthew's is, first and foremost, as evidenced on Sunday, a warm and loving church family who truly cares for all its members and friends.

We talked about the past and the struggles and challenges we've faced as a council and a congregation. We talked about our current state of affairs and the need for us all to help and volunteer to keep committees and programs running. We talked a little about what the future may hold for us, with God as our guide, in search for a transitional and permanent pastor.

In my opinion, the best part of Sunday was not what we talked about, but what we listened to. Fraught with emotion, we heard your frustrations, your sorrows, your joys and your love. We reminded one another over and over again why we love this church and one another.

As suggested at the meeting, and in an effort to keep the lines of communication open, below is a list of names and numbers of all Council and Pastoral Relations Committee members. Their email addresses are listed in the church directory. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees or groups at St. Matthew's (listed below), please talk to anyone on Council or Perry Kaupa, Nominating Committee.

Yours in Christ,
Beth Stormer

COMMITTEES

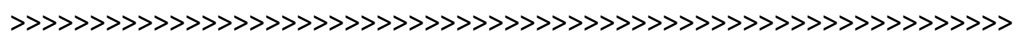
- (elected)
- Church Council
- Board of Christian Education
- Missions
- Spiritual Life

GROUPS

- Altar Guild
- Hospitality
- Lay Readers
- Ushers
- Prayer Chain

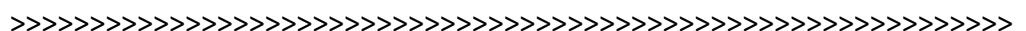
COUNCIL MEMBERS

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Beth Stormer, President - 698-4959 | Andy Federmann - 432-8364 |
| Chris Goetz, Vice President - 982-3291 | Bill Hamm - 812-9626 |
| Diane Whytas, Financial Sec. - 816-5346 | LaDonna Painter - 715-7310 |
| Nancy Jankowski, Recording Sec. - 826-0012 | Dave Burger - 903-0384 |
| Joyce Corlett, Appointed Treasurer - 983-0909 | Kurt Rich - 648-7905 |



PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Chris Goetz, Chair - 982-3291



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Perry Kaupa, Chair - 706-9751

Sunday Morning Participants in Oct.

Altar Guild

Nancy Williams

Lay Readers

10/1 Beth Stormer
 10/8 David Burger
 10/15 Bill Hamm
 10/22 Linda Velazquez
 10/29 Karen Cuddihy

Childcare

10/1 Tammy Kruszka
 10/8 Pamela Kaznica
 10/15 Kim Snyder
 10/22 Joyce Corlett
 10/29 Jillian Szafranski

Ushers: Team 1

Andy Federmann—Leader
 Clayton Errington
 Donn Mergenhagen
 Jeff Rich
 Kurt Rich

Coffee Hour Hosts

10/1 Darlene Nistor
 10/8 LaDonna Painter
 10/15 Dawn Goetz
 10/22 Dan Barrett
 10/29 LaDonna Painter

If you would like to host a coffee hour....Please see LaDonna or call 715-7310.

Guest Pastors

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Neal will continue filling in 4 out of the 5 weeks of October.

Rev. Alice McDermott will return to lead us in worship on October 8.

Family of John Pankow (Mary & Bill Hamm's brother-in-law)
 Jane Duewiger
 The Neureuter Family
 Karen Kaitanowski
 Those in the Military & Veterans
 St. Matthew's Church



Those Residing in Assisted Living:
 Maxine Helm
 Miriam Sheffield

Happy Birthday!

10/4 Shirley Haberman	10/15 Cindy Rich
10/4 Liam Keefe	10/16 Joyce Corlett
10/5 Linda Velazquez	10/16 Dolly Errington
10/7 Eli Hamm	10/21 Bob Majewski
10/8 Emma Rich	10/22 Jay Rich III
10/11 Andrea Capasso	10/22 Natalie McArdle
10/11 Kim Rich	10/23 Ruth Bernhardt
10/14 Chris Goetz	10/28 LaDonna Painter
10/14 Pam Lach	10/29 Sara Keefe
10/14 Kimm Radon	

Special milestone anniversary wishes!



Doug & Beth Stormer on their 30th Wedding Anniversary!
 (October 10, 1987)



David & Karen Cuddihy on their 25th Wedding Anniversary!
 (October 10, 1992)

New Keys for Church Building

If you need a church key, please call the office or Steve Jankowski (826-0012).

There have been so many keys given out over the years, Buildings & Grounds Committee decided to change locks and start over, giving keys to those who currently need them.

September Worship Attendance:
 Sept, 3rd-63; 10th-73; 17th-78; 24th-87



Sunday, October 15th

Starting point: Hamburg Presbyterian Church at 12:30 for Registration; 1:00pm Walk start time.

If you would like to participate, please see Jeff Rich for the forms.

All are welcome...not just for kids!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

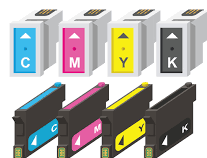
St. Matthew's 2017-2018 Sunday School year kicked on September 10! Kids 4 years old to seniors in high school gathered in the Fellowship Hall with their families, ate a delicious breakfast (pizza!), met their teachers, sang songs and visited their classrooms. Teachers are looking forward to a great year of sharing their faith and God's love with their students.

Are *you* looking for a way to share your faith with other adults? There is an opportunity for you... We are still looking for a teacher to lead adult Sunday school from 9:30 to 10:15 Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Rich (jeffrich@rich.com or 716-649-8677).



We have a new spot in the church for all our mission/outreach collections. Please bring your donations to the classroom closest to the Fellowship Hall. There are baskets for:

- * Seasonal clothing, toiletries, children's books for *Friends of Night People*
- * Empty plastic pill bottles for *Matthew 25: Ministries*
- * Canned/nonperishable food items for *Blasdell Food Pantry*. Food items can be brought to the church on the first Sunday of the month (to be delivered that week). Volunteers are needed to deliver the food to the pantry once a month. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Details are on the sheet.



"Rapid Refill" in Blasdell has closed. We have appreciated their interest in recycling used ink cartridges for several years. This collection site, which St. Matthew's participated in, resulted in a small income for us, along with a safe way to dispose of these cartridges.

NOTE: We will no longer accept cartridges. Our thanks to all who participated.

Friends of Night People

Please sign up for the first Wednesday of the month. **More volunteers are needed on October 4.** The sign-up sheet is on the Missions & Outreach bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.



Come join us for food (potluck lunch), fun and fellowship on the third Thursday of every month. The next gathering is October 19, at 12noon.

All are welcome! Invite a friend!

F.I.R.ST. Certificates are always available by contacting Nancy Jankowski at church or 826-0012. They are a nice gift to receive and have on hand.

This is an ongoing driveway fundraiser.

United Church Manor is having its annual **Theme Basket & Auction Luncheon** on Saturday, November 4.

If interested, see flyer on community board in lower hall by ramp for more information. This event benefits the Senior Programs of United Church Manor.



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 Thurs. 9-12, & Fri. 12:30-3:30pm

Custodians:

Pamela & David Kaznica
 716-913-6927 (David)
 716-913-7504 (Pamela)

Update from St. Matthew's Library



Monthly Book Review

TITLE: "INSIDE OUT" **AUTHOR:** Dr. Larry Crabb

"Real change is possible if you're willing to start from the INSIDE OUT"

You don't have to pretend that you have it all together when you don't.

You don't have to pretend that your best relationship deeply satisfies when it doesn't.

You don't have to pretend that your struggle with sin is a thing of the past.

Only Christians have the capacity to never pretend. That's because real change is only possible when you face the realities of your internal life and let God mold you into a person who is free to be honest, courageous, and loving.

If you want a more vital union with God, a richer relationship with others, and a deeper sense of personal wholeness, this book will help you look inside yourself and discover how God works real, liberating change when you live from the inside out.

Dr. Larry Crabb is the founder and director of the Institute of Biblical Counseling. He earned his PhD in clinical psychology and directed the Master's program in biblical counseling at Grace Theological Seminary.

~Brenda Carver

Come spend some time perusing the books in our church library and feel free to borrow! Brenda has a list of books/videos located on the left side of the shelving units.



DUNKIRK FAMILY CAMP 2 by Gary Burdick

A great time was had by all! Yes, the week at Family Camp was a wonderful experience once again. There were 160 Campers and over 40 of them were St. Matthew's people. We should all feel proud of our Church's involvement.

Pastor Krista Ulrich from Ebenezer UCC teamed up with my son and daughter to lead a week filled with inspirational worship, great learning experiences, warm fellowship, lots of games, crafts, and fun evening activities.



It was such a joy to see so many young families with all the beautiful children.

I hope you enjoy a few pictures of some of our friends at Camp. I also hope that even more of our St. Matthew's people will join us next year.



Check out Youtube for a slideshow & interviews from Family Camp 2, including Emma Rich and Gary.

October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1  World Communion Sunday</p> <p>Children's SS 9:30am</p> <p>Worship 10:30am <i>special offering</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Council 7pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BCE 7pm</p> <p>Folk Group 6:30</p>	<p>4 AA 10:30am</p> <p>Friends of Night People outreach</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Praise Band 6:15pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p> <p>OA 7:30pm</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>Children's SS 9:30am</p> <p>Worship 10:30am</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>Folk Group 6:30</p>	<p>11 AA 10:30am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Praise Band 6:15pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p> <p>OA 7:30pm</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>Children's SS 9:30am</p> <p>Worship 10:30am</p> <p>CROP Walk 1:00pm</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Folk Group 6:30</p>	<p>18 AA 10:30am</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Activity Group 12pm</p> <p>Praise Band 6:15pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p> <p>OA 7:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>The Messenger</i> deadline</p> <p>Scrapbooking 12:30-4:30</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>Children's SS 9:30am</p> <p>Worship 10:30am</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>Folk Group 6:30</p> <p>Quilter's 7:00pm</p>	<p>25 AA 10:30am</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Praise Band 6:15pm</p> <p>Choir 7:00pm</p> <p>OA 7:30pm</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>Children's SS 9:30am</p> <p>Worship 10:30am</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>Folk Group 6:30</p>				

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No matter where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here!