

St. Matthew's has a new pastor!

Since the printing of our last newsletter (July-August), the biggest news to share is that St. Matthew's UCC now has a new pastor! Following a Communion service led by candidate Rev. Kayti Dean on August 4, 2024, the members of the church voted and by an overwhelming majority, Pastor Kayti was elected to be our next Called pastor! Her first Sunday will be September 15. Until then, here is a heartfelt greeting:

Hello everyone! I am excited to be joining the St. Matthew's UCC Family in the upcoming weeks - even before I began getting to know you and discerning a Call to join you, I remember speaking with Pastor Lynn when he and Sandy began attending at Faith UCC where my children and I have been worshipping for the past few years. Pastor Lynn expressed such pride in the work you've done to build a sense of community - as well as excited anticipation about what your future would hold and who God was preparing to join you in the role of Pastor. I am humbled and blessed that so many months after my initial "introduction" to St. Matthew's, I have the joy of joining you! I know the next few weeks will be busy and bittersweet; while you're releasing Pastor Pat and Pastor Paula from their service of support to you, my family and I will be leaving our friends at Faith UCC in Boston and preparing to join you. Every step, though, God is present and guiding, preparing and providing. I look forward to our next steps together.

With prayers you'll be blessed,
Rev. Kayti Dean



Sunday, September 8, 2024

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School
begins!

Children ages 4-12 are invited to attend class after the Children's message in worship.
Sunday School classes will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

SUNDAE SUNDAY SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Come enjoy this special time of fellowship to welcome in a new church year and also to honor Pastor Pat and Mark. September 8 will be their last Sunday with us in worship and in the life of this community of faith. They have been with us since last October. Let's give them a St. Matthew's send-off with gratitude and love.



September 15

Come give a warm *welcome* to Rev. Kayti Dean
and her children Austin, Jay and Hope on their first Sunday at St. Matthew's!

September 22

4th Sunday of the Month: **Worship & Sunday School** followed by **Coffee Fellowship**



Missions



Throughout the month of September, St. Matthew's is joining with Churches In Action (CIA) to collect NEW undergarments and socks for men, women and children in need through local mission sites. The collection bins are in the downstairs hallway. (Or, call the church office and we can arrange a pick-up from your home.)

Delivery of School Supplies

On Monday, August 26, Brenda Carver and Michelle Kemp delivered the church's donations of school supplies to Blasdell Elementary School. They received a big Thank You from Becky, one of the school counselors. We are helping set the disadvantaged students up for a good school year.

Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit.



Ongoing Recycling to Support Our Children's Ministry & Ronald McDonald House

St. Matthew's Board of Christian Education has set up a fundraising account at the Can Bottle Return Company (CBR) on 4255 Clark Street in Hamburg. Funds will support children's activity days and missions throughout the year. When you go to CBR, ask that your return money go to St. Matthew's.



Before you take your cans to CBR, remove the tab and bring your supply to church. The metal tabs are delivered to Buffalo's Ronald McDonald House and recycled. The money pays for their utility bills. There are 2 plastic containers for your donations on the collection table by the back door.

Fellowship & Fun Events

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Saturday, September 21

The evening will begin at church from 5:30-6:00 pm for appetizers. Then, we depart for the host family for dinner, dessert, and a great time of fellowship.

Guests and hosts: Please sign up by September 15.

If you have any questions, please contact LaDonna Painter at 716-715-7310.



Friday, October 11
6:00-8:00 pm

Bring your favorite game and enjoy the ~~competition~~ fellowship and snacks! This event is hosted by the Hospitality Committee.



Saturday,
October 19

Dawn Chmielowiec will be leading Craft Day and helping the group make homemade cards. Our aim is to create and send cards to members and friends. Everyone is welcome to join in!

We the People...



Anne, Jami, Jessica, Karen & John Kaitanowski, Kathee & Ed Simon, Marilyn & Ralph Battistelli, Rick & Family, Robin Federmann, Sandy McCusker; our elderly members & friends in assisted living or homebound: Helen Wilson, Jewell McFarland, Joan Haney, Lola Donner, Yvonne Shearer; those serving in the military: Alex Steinbronner, Aydan Stormer



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"I'm gonna leave God a little voice-mail that he can answer later."

Would you like prayers for yourself or a loved one?

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we'd love to pray for you. Please contact Michelle in the church office or cell phone (716-245-1692) to request prayer. You have a choice to put name(s) on the prayer list in the bulletin and Newsflash and/or immediately send request to prayer warriors on the prayer text chain.

Happy Birthday!

September: David Kaznica (9/1), Kathee Simon (9/8), Leo Kanaley (9/13), Brenda Carver (9/14), Conner Wilson (9/14), Ryan Wilson (9/14), Tom Koch (9/17), Jacob Zdrojewski (9/17), Lola Donner (9/23), Kerry Shearer (9/23)

October: Karen Schneider (10/3), Shirley Haberman (10/4), Linda Velazquez (10/5), Chris Goetz (10/14), Theo Rozewicz (10/14), Cindy Rich (10/15), Joyce Corlett (10/16), Dolly Errington (10/16), Jay Rich III (10/22), LaDonna Painter (10/28)

Happy Anniversary!

September: David & Pamela Kaznica (9/13/1975), Jacob & Lauren Zdrojewski (9/22/2007), Chris & Dawn Goetz (9/24/1994) ~ *Happy 30th!*



October: Martin & Amanda Rozewicz (10/8/2021), Doug & Beth Stormer (10/10/1987), David & Karen Cuddihy (10/10/1992), Roger & Joyce Corlett (10/13/1989) ~ *Happy 35!* Bob & Linda Velazquez (10/18/1986)



On Sunday, August 11, Leo Joseph Kanaley was presented by his parents Christian and Shannon to receive the sign of Christ's grace in Baptism.

The congregation was blessed to share in the joy and make promises to love, support, and pray for Leo as he lives and grows in faith.



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"This leaf was in the Bible. Maybe it's the one Adam wore!"

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Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

† Worship Service: 10:00 am Sunday mornings
2nd & 4th Sundays: Children's Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship