



# The Valley Echo

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ

February/March 2013

## From the Pastor

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.”

*Ephesians 6:18 NRSV*

“Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God’s people.”

*Ephesians 6:18 CEV*

From personal experience during my own times of need and in my pastoral ministries I have found prayer for myself and for others to be most powerful. I believe I have been healed and made whole because of the prayers that have been prayed for me. And I pray that others feel the same sense of healing as I have lifted my prayers for them up to God’s ears. Prayer is a most important part of a Christian’s life. Prayer is an essential part of a congregation’s life.

This is one reason why we have a prayer list at St. Matthew’s and why we invite our members and friends to share their joys and concerns during

worship. Our current prayer list is printed in the bulletin weekly and reviewed by the Wellness Committee on a monthly basis. Sometimes it gets a confusing to remember who is who and who shared their prayer concerns. Sometimes I get the prayer requests, sometimes Susan in the office gets the prayer requests, and a lot of the time Mary Emma gets the requests. As you might guess, sometimes the left hand doesn’t always know what the right hand is doing. So . . .

In the coming weeks there will be a notebook on the table in the hallway at church where ALL prayer requests will be recorded. If I get a request, I will record in the book. If Susan or Mary Emma gets a request for prayer, it will be recorded in the same book. The date of the request will be noted and the name of the person will remain in the bulletin prayer list for one month from that date, unless an extension is requested, or if the prayer request is for a person, like a shut-in, who needs long term prayer.

Please look for the book in the next

weeks and share your concerns one of the folks mentioned above, an elder, or simply write the request in the book yourself. We want to include all your concerns and joys in our list and keep it up to date as much as possible. Keep praying and keep caring for others.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Dale

### Does Easter mean beans to your kids?



If you agree that Easter should do more for your children than raise their blood sugar level, we invite you and your family to experience the true miracle of Easter in our church.

**Easter Sunday Service -  
March 31st<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.**

## Contact Information

**Council** - President: Allen Dutterer

Vice-President- Betty Cree

Secretary-Timna Shaw

Treasurer- Dale Geiman

**Elders**- Justin Geiman, Sharon Chapman, Robert Smith, Ketti Dutterer, Genny Rohrback, Angie Bowersox

**Ministry Team Leaders**-

Worship- Donna Geiman

Christian Education- Susie Gist

Outreach- Timna Shaw

Finance- Dale Geiman

Pastor/Staff- Donna Geiman

Property-  
acting leader- Allen Dutterer

**Committees/Groups**-

Wellness- Mary Emma Bowen, Parish Nurse

F.A.I.T.H.- Lynn Walter

Fall Fest - Betty Cree

ABC Singles - Mary Emma Bowen

Consignment Sale - Vicki Huber-Geiman

## Search Opportunities

Have you ever wondered how a minister is selected for a congregation? It is a detailed process, working to find the right fit for the congregation and the pastor. The time commitment is approximately 1 year. We have begun to form a Search Committee for the search of our part time called pastor. If you are interested in learning more, contact Council President Allen Dutterer.

There is also the need to have a search committee for the interim part time pastor. This time commitment is only about one month. If you are interested in helping to interview and select an interim part time pastor, contact Council President Allen Dutterer.

## Notes from Pastor/Staff Relations Ministry Team

The search for an organist/choir director continues, but in the meantime we are blessed to have two talented musicians assisting us; Deanna Lui on the organ and Justin Klavenwiden on the clavino. Please make them feel welcome and thank them for sharing their talents and helping enhance our worship.

## Worship Team Notes

A new year always brings with it the opportunity to come up with new ideas and new faces. With that said, the worship committee is looking for some additional people to help with the service of our church. Over the next few weeks you may be asked if you would like to be added to our liturgist, usher or greeter lists. This is a way that one can give back to the church, and it takes very little time but is much appreciated. You do not have to become a member of any committee and there are no meetings to attend. You are simply volunteering to help us out on Sunday mornings for the worship service. So, please, give this some consideration and help St. Matthews be the strongest it can be.

Thank you,  
Betty Cree

## Deaths



My God's consoling mercy be with the family and friends of those who have passed away from our congregation...

Gloria Irene Angell Beaver, 87, who, died Saturday, January 26, 2013, and whose memorial service as held on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Anita Marie Haines Wantz, 77, who died Thursday, February 21, 2013, and whose memorial service was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Services:

March 10<sup>th</sup> -10:45 a.m.

Pastor Lois Ann will be filling in for Pastor Dale

March 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:45 a.m. Passion/Palm Sunday

This will be a joyous day as the confirmation class will be confirmed .

March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

We will begin the evening with a simple shared meal of soup and bread, followed by a service to remember the Lord Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

March 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday Sun Rise Service followed by breakfast  
No Sunday School

- 10:45 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

April 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate Pastor Dale's accomplishments at St. Matthew's, this will be his last Sunday with us. Come to wish him success in his future endeavors.

## Mark Your Calendar:

April 21, 2013 is the annual CROP walk that we have participated in the past. Registration is at 1:30 and the walk begins at 2:00 pm. Plan to walk or plan to sponsor a walker. If you would like to participate, contact Donna Geiman for more information (410-848-0010 or donna.a.geiman@gmail.com



## Easter Sun Rise Service Breakfast

We are looking for folks to make breakfast - type dishes for the breakfast after sunrise service. Contact Betty Cree if you can help with this.

## St. Matthew's in the Future

All of us tend to worry about the future at times. God instructions us that worry is a waste of our energies and God will care for us- we need to trust. Several folks have expressed concern over what will happen at St. Matthew's after Pastor Dale's full time ministry ends in April.

St. Matthew's will begin the search for a part time pastor. Our profile is complete and currently being reviewed at the conference level. Our profile will begin to be available for prospective candidates in April. We will secure a part time interim pastor to care for our congregation until a called pastor can be located. This interim will help us adjust to a part time schedule and help us determine priorities in our ministry.

## Looking for a Deal and Lending a Hand!

This is the time of year to make your own personal household budget and to look at the church budget that we have approved. Boy, looking at income versus expenses is always eye opening. Everyone is feeling the crunch of increased costs and decreased income! The church has cut their expenses as much as it possibly can, but there is still a small deficit. Part time ministry has helped to close that gap. You may be thinking, I cannot give more money to the church, but there may be a way you can help.

Do you like to coupon? I know that some of you find it challenging and even fun. Why not coupon to help the church?

There are supplies we need to purchase and maybe you couponing can help us with those. So if you can purchase an item at a reduced rate or buy one get one free, give the extra ones to the church. Some items we purchase monthly are: facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid hand soap, hand sanitizer, 5 oz drinking cups for dispenser, some cleaning products for dusting, cleaning mirrors, toilets and sinks.



How can you help the office or Sunday School? Some folks are members of rewards programs for office supply stores, and they have some really good deals on paper supplies. The office is always in need of 8x11 white copy paper, some colored paper for special projects (like Fallfest). Another monthly need is first class postage. Help by getting your newsletter via email or donate a roll of stamps. Sunday School can always use supplies like colored construction paper, glue sticks, crayons and washable markers.

There are so many ways that each of us can help without making it too difficult.

## Another Eagle Scout at St. Matthew's



Congratulations to James Dutterer for his recent awarding of the Eagle Scout rank. Jimmy has worked very hard to achieve this rank. Congratulations is also extended to his whole family, because they supported and assisted him over the years. Great Job!

## Notes and Thank You's



*helping child survivors of war rebuild their lives one step at a time*  
www.fugeesfamily.org

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ,

[Thank you] St. Matthew's for donating \$188.50 to Fugees Family, Inc. for year-ending December 31, 2012.

Signed,  
Luma Mufleh, CEO  
Fugees Family, Inc.

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**Thank You**

**It's hard to find words  
that would even begin  
To thank you enough  
for how thoughtful you've been.**

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls & visits while I was recovering. Your prayers were appreciated!

~Lorraine Stair

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Thank you to Pastor Dale and those who helped with the bulletins and other matters in January during my two weeks out with the flu.

~Susan Bowersox-Blizzard,  
Office Assistant

**February Birthdays**

Vickie Green	6
Emily Means	13
Betty Gragg	13
Dale Krotee	17



**February Anniversaries**

Dale & Diana Krotee	2/14/1988
Carl & Joyce Davis	2/22/1959
John & Heather Geiman	2/22/2009

## Church Attendance and Me

As the confirmation class is preparing to be confirmed one of the questions that they have pondered is why does the church need me? This is a good question for everyone who is a member of a Christian community. Each of us can help the church by simply attending. I would like to share the story about attendance that was in their book.

The story is told of a church in a European village that is lighted only by the candles that members bring with them from their homes. When the time for the service arrives, each member takes a single candle and goes to the church. There the members take their seats in their regular places and put their lighted candles on the stands in the pews. If the member is absent, her or his place is dark.

The story is worth thinking about. Does a church member go to church only for her or his own sake? Does it make any difference to the other members whether she or his comes or not?

Today, each of us shines our own light around us. If you do not come there is a dark spot in the church. Each member is so important to the Body of Christ. Help support the church and other members in their faith journey by being present with them.

Submitted by Donna Geiman,  
assisting with confirmation.

## Stewardship Notes

Our role as God's steward is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. *"...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

During 2013 we will highlight the 10 Stewardship Principles (one per newsletter).

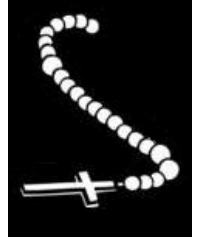
**1** Respond gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.

*"...but they gave themselves first to the Lord." 2 Corinthians 8:5*

## Need Help with Prayer this Lenten Season? Try a Prayer Rope!

We are all so busy in our daily lives that we often find little time for prayer. That is one reason why, on Sunday mornings, we have extended the time for the Prelude in our worship to allow each of us the opportunity to offer up our silent prayers for each other, for our families, for St. Matthew's, for whatever is on our hearts at that time. If you are like me, however, it is not always finding time to pray that is difficult, but knowing how to pray. I feel, many times, like I could use a little help.

Did you know the English word for bead derives from the Old English noun *bede* which means "a prayer"? Prayer ropes are devotional tools that guide our hearts to God. You can make one easily. Just find a string or cord of any length you wish—maybe start shorter and as you grow in your prayer life, the cord can grow to! Gather some beads, any size or color, even beads from an old necklace will be fine. Select one larger bead, a pendant, or maybe even a small cross—string the beads with the focus object (larger bead, pendant, cross, etc.) at one end. You now have a prayer rope.



**\*\*Now, to pray:** Begin by taking the main bead, pendant, or cross in your hand. It's here where prayer begins. Say something like this: *In the name of God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer. Open my heart to your grace and truth.*

or

*O God. Be with me in this place, be in my heart, be in my mouth, be in my hands, be in my thoughts.*

Be creative, be yourself. Call God into your prayer the best way you know how. Perhaps it's the Lord's Prayer, or a childhood bedtime prayer. Next move to the beads. Rest a single bead between your thumb and forefinger. Take a deep breath. Pray. There is no right way to pray. There are no set prayers. This is a tool, not a test. Some folks pray a short simple prayer called the "Jesus Prayer" on every bead. Others choose their favorite scripture, or favorite hymn, with each bead a different verse. Some even pray for something new on each bead: "For my sister and her cancer" "For the end of violence in my city" "Thank you for this bright and sunny day". Explore different rhythms. Say your prayers aloud, in silence, or even with a group!

**\*\*Prayer instructions taken from the UCC website.**

~ Sharon Chapman

## One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering

Dear Friends:

The theme for One Great Hour of Sharing continues from last year's theme, "Sharing Brings Joy," but adds the focus of bringing joy to Others."

Our first thoughts about how our gifts bring joy to others most likely focus on the tangible results of our sharing:

- a family displaced by natural disaster or political unrest is grateful to receive food, shelter, and the comfort of a safe place to begin to rebuild their lives
- anyone who had to walk miles to get water for their family, smiles as a well is dug in their community, bringing clean water within reach
- a farmer whose harvest succumbed to the storms, is thankful when offered food, water, and new seed, helping her to make it through to the next harvest
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Of course, when we "sow bountifully" by giving to others, we reap bountifully by sharing in the joy that our gifts bring to those whose basic needs are met.

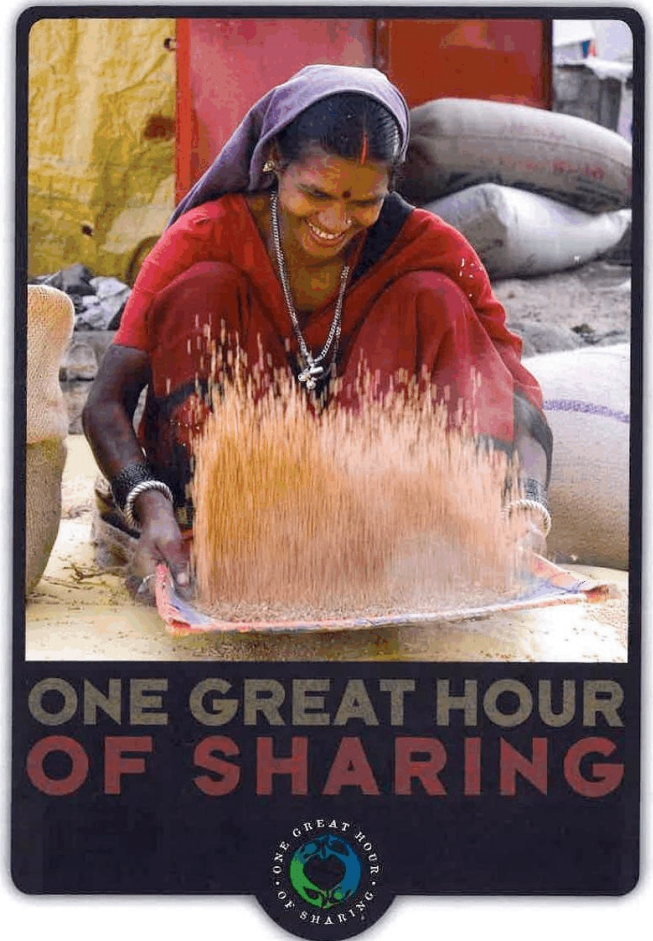
But in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he reminds us of another way our giving brings joy to others. In encouraging the Corinthian church to give to the collection for the believers in Jerusalem, he reminds them that when the Jewish believers receive gifts from their non-Jewish sisters and brothers, they will be moved by the gifts themselves, and by the unity in Christ the gifts represent.

Knowing there are those who would share willingly with them, they are reminded of who they are: beloved children of the Creator, each one a person of sacred worth.

Across social and economic lines that should have separated them, followers of Christ reached out to support one another. The awareness of another's need allowed them to recognize their own abundance as a gift from God, one they were called to share.

This year, as you make your offering to One Great Hour of Sharing, remember the joy your gifts offers others, is hope. Sow bountifully and share abundantly, knowing that you are not only helping change the statistics, you are helping change lives. Please give generously!

Sincerely,  
The Outreach Team



Attached to this newsletter is an envelope for the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering. This special offering will be collected during Sunday worship service on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you are unable to attend worship on March 10<sup>th</sup>, you may still place your envelope in the Sunday offering plate or mail your offering to the church office through the end of March.

**2012**

## **Annual Report of the Elders**

Mike Smith, Ketti Dutterer, Genny Rohrback,  
Sharon Chapman, Robert Smith, Justin Geiman

The activities which were the focus of the Elders' attention this past year arose out of our acknowledgment that St. Matthew's will be greeting a new and exciting future in 2013. In anticipation of the coming changes, we have spent considerable time reviewing and updating our Membership List for insertion into our official Membership Book and, in so doing, have attempted to identify those of our members who may be in need of our care and attention. Understanding that attending to the spiritual and physical health and wellbeing of our membership will become increasing more the responsibility of our membership and less that of our pastoral leadership, each Elder has been working over the past many months to be certain that there will be no one of our membership who is in need of pastoral care and whose needs are not known. In this effort, we ask your assistance in order to ensure that no one's needs are overlooked.

Closely connected with this effort, we would like to remind everyone of our Talent/Needs Program which was begun some time ago and which has been of benefit to many in our congregation. If you see that one of our members has a "need" but has not offered it up personally on our Board in the office hallway, please let one of the Elders know so that an offer of assistance can be made. In the months ahead, there may be more opportunities than in the past for us to extend a helping hand or a listening ear to others among us. Remember our Talent/Needs Program in this regard.

Activities in 2012 which we hope to continue in 2013 include visitation of our home-bound folks on Palm Sunday and the Family Camping Weekend, most likely again in early September. With both these activities, we invite everyone to participate. Look for a sign-up sheet in early March and add your name to the list of those who will be "visiting" on Palm Sunday. Ask anyone who attended the camping weekend how much fun and fellowship we shared and be certain you don't "miss out" this year.

In 2013, the Elders expect to work closely with our pastoral leadership, both our interim pastor and whomever accepts our call as part-time pastor to St. Matthew's, by assisting with administrative responsibilities and by being supportive in pastoral care activities. We are enthused over the promise of a new and exciting future for St. Matthew's in 2013 and ask for your prayers as we work together to ensure St. Matthew's presence as a faith community in Pleasant Valley.

~ The Elders

## **Christian Education Ministry Team 2012 Report**

The following is a list of activities that the Christian Education Ministry Team sponsored or participated in during 2012:

- ▶ Held first Epiphany party
- ▶ Weekly Sunday School classes
- ▶ Youth Group the first Sunday of each month
- ▶ Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday
- ▶ Bible study, "Unbinding the Gospel" during lent, led by Donna Geiman
- ▶ Honoring 3 high school graduates, Emily Means, Jimmy Dutterer & Dwight Scott, Jr.
- ▶ Summer Sunday School for all ages
- ▶ Games for children during the church picnic
- ▶ Participated in joint Vacation Bible School with St. Paul's and Baust UCC
- ▶ Rally Day with class promotions and bibles for students entering grade 3
- ▶ Collected items for and packed 48 boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- ▶ Family Christmas program and treat for children
- ▶ Decorated Sunday School tree with donated socks and underwear for Shepherd's Staff
- ▶ Make activity bags for children for use during worship service every week
- ▶ Confirmation class being taught by Pastor Krotee, assisted by Donna Geiman for 7 students, began in the fall of 2012 and will finish in March of 2013

As you can see, our team is quite busy. We are in need at this time for someone to share the teaching responsibilities for the Middle class, grades 3, 4, & 5, and the High School class, grade 6 and up. These positions would not be every week, but probably once or twice a month. Please consider how you could help in this area.

We do appreciate all of the help we get with the many activities throughout each year. We especially thank the parents for seeing that their children get to participate in our programs.

Members of our ministry team during 2012 were: Marybell Green, Deanna Geiman, Donna Geiman, Pastor Krotee, and Susie Gist.

~ Susan Gist, Team Leader

## **FAITH Committee 2012 Report**

The FAITH committee worked very hard for St. Matthew's, meeting bi-weekly for much of the year. 2012 was a pivotal year for the St. Matthew's congregation, as the FAITH committee lead the decision-making process to end Pastor Dale's tenure with the church and transition to a part-time pastorate. We recognized, after thorough review of our finances, that the church's continued survival depends on this transition, as we must begin to live within our means. Making this change will, in fact, free us to pursue other outreach and evangelistic opportunities.

After this conclusion was reached, the focus of the committee changed, as we took up the task of writing the new church profile. This took many months of hard work, as the committee sought to collect the opinions of the congregation. Processing the information, tallying the data, and writing the answers took many hours, with Donna Geiman doing the majority of the work of plugging information into the profile. As of December 27, 2012, the profile was complete and in the hands of the Associate Conference Minister. This will save our search committee many months of work, for they are the ones usually tasked with this writing. Once Pastor Dale has left us, on April 7, 2013, we will begin to circulate the profile and seek a new part-time pastor.

I am very proud to work with the other members of the FAITH committee, who continue to serve St. Matthew's so well: Sharon Chapman, Betty Cree, Donna Geiman, Susie Gist, and Carolyn Smith.

~ Lynn Walter, FAITH Committee Chairperson

## **2012 Finance Ministry Team Report**

The Finance Ministry Team has worked very hard to reduce spending with our limited funds. They have met with our investment representatives and our investments are in stable funds. A 2013 meeting is planned for the near future.

Rose Crebs, who has served as our treasurer for more than 10 years resigned her position. We greatly appreciate all of the unseen hours that she had spent working on paying bills, balancing budgets and worrying about our financial future. Dale Geiman graciously accepted the position. He and Rose worked together to make a smooth transition.

A financial review was done on the books for 2011 and from January 2012 until July 2012. Carolyn Dutterer, a member at Baust Church, found the financial records to be in order. We are blessed to have someone so knowledgeable in church finance volunteer to assist us.

A decision to go to a two signature check process was completed. The signers for the church checks may be Dale Geiman, Carolyn Smith, Richard Coppersmith or Betty Cree.

Please see attached budget and summary of profit and losses for 2012

~ Finance Ministry Team - Dale Geiman, RoseAnn Crebs, Carolyn Smith, Lynn Walter, Richard Coppersmith, Betty Cree, Donna Geiman

## **Pastor/Staff Ministry Team Report for 2012**

The pastor/staff ministry team formally met several times to conduct important tasks. We completed the yearly performance evaluations for our sexton and office assistant.

We said goodbye to Tim Bangerd, our organist/choir director and conducted an exit interview with him. With Tim's departure, we have been coordinating supply musicians, as well as attempting to secure a weekly musician. We appreciate the congregation's flexibility as we have experimented with a variety of musicians and types of accompaniment.

We are gathering information for the development of a Safe Sanctuary Policy; to help to keep St. Matthew's a safe place for children and adults. The Pastor/staff team will also be working on developing several personnel policies concerning sick and vacation time.

As St. Matthew's transitions from a full time pastor to a part time pastor, we will be assisting with this process. We want to help the transition go as smoothly as possible.

I would like to express my thanks to Hazel Wagner, for her years of service on this ministry team. She has decided to resign from the Pastor/Staff Team. Hazel has shared her talents to help the church and her contributions have been invaluable.

As we move forward at St. Matthew's, the pastor/staff ministry team would benefit from additional members. Anyone interested please feel free to contact any members of the team.

~ Donna Geiman, Pastor/Staff Ministry Team Leader  
Team members- Lorraine Stair, Susan Gist, Lynn Walter

## Property Ministry Team Annual Report

Since February, we have been in need of someone to step up and take the position of Property Ministry Team Leader. In the interim I have been trying to keep things repaired or replaced as needed.

One of the choir loft microphones was moved forward to better pickup the male voices.

New carpet was installed in the Sunday school area and new flooring in the kitchen as well.

Installed a Rubber mat on the boiler room floor to avoid tracking dirt onto the carpet.

Repairs made to boiler. Name plate installed, outside vent installed to meet requirements of recent inspection

New screws placed in door hinges of side Sunday school door.

Some water damage around side door may be due to radiator above.

Repainted Door jamb and trim on Sunday school room door Dan and Terry Smith donated and installed a new mailbox

Installed some blacktop at the Handicap Ramp

A New Refrigerator was installed in the kitchen

Replaced Outdoor spotlights

Had Carillon Bells Repaired

Sent out Parking lot Registration letters

Respectfully and Prayerfully Submitted,

Allen Dutterer, Jr.

Council President

## Worship....End of Year

It is with some regret that this will be my last (end of year) report for the worship committee, as it is time for me to step down.

This year has been a challenging one, but we have marched on. We all miss having a full time organist and choir director, but certainly cannot fault Tim for moving on to greater opportunities. While we are actively looking for a replacement, we are very fortunate to have Deanna come back to visit us on a pretty regular basis. The choir is doing it's best to provide us with as much special music as they can prepare on their own. They are a quite talented group and are lucky to have several members that can actually read music. While I am on the subject of music.....let's not forget our much appreciated home talent. Donna Geiman organized many of our youth to play for us throughout the year. This is something I certainly hope continues as they are a true blessing. The youth of this church ....to me...is like an everlasting halo surrounding it. I love watching all of the children during children's time.

The acolyte program has several new members this year, including Celia Fausnet, Taylor and Kaitlyn Blizzard, and Elsie McKenzie. All of the acolytes do an excellent job and are eager to serve St. Matthew's.

While my term as worship chairperson has come to an end...I certainly intend to stay on the committee and help as much as I can. We have a lot of challenges ahead of us in 2013, and yet it can be very exciting. I know that the new chairperson will be as optimistic as I am about the future of St. Matthew's. Thankyou for the opportunity to serve as your worship chair....it was my pleasure.

~ Betty Cree

## Outreach Ministry Team End of Year Report 2012

The Outreach Ministry Team met early in the year to plan our year. We continue to give to the community and wider church organizations. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please contact a member of the Outreach Team.

- 52 blankets were purchased for Church World Service.
- Souper Bowl of Caring; over 147 cans were collect for Carroll Food Sunday
- In the spring we collected books for Baltimore Reads
- We collected a total of \$296.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing
- Mother's Day contributions totaled \$97.00, and were donated to Relay for Life
- 70 people walked in the rain at the Crop Walk. Final totals reached over \$9,000
- Box Tops for Education and Campbell's soup labels were collected for Hoffman Homes for Youth.
- Cancelled stamps were collected for Homewood
- \$39.00 was collected for Father's Day and donated to Earl's Place.
- Large amount of school supplies were collected and donated to Shepherds Staff.
- Remaining items from the consignment sale were donated to the needy in West VA.
- Food collections were donated to Carroll Food Sunday. They are in need of continued donations, especially canned fruit & meat, peanut butter and cereals. They also accept fresh produce. The food donations have become more helpful than monetary because of the high price of food in the stores.
- Meals and More served over 100 people in September. Some of our members help serve and donate dessert items
- We collected coats for Shepherd's Staff during fall/winter

months.

- Sunday School collected children's socks and underwear in December
- Items were collected for Blessings closet at Shepherd's Staff also in December
- Gift items were collected, boxes wrapped and items donated to Operation Christmas Child
- Approximately \$190 was collected at the Family Christmas program. This money is earmarked to help fund our donations to the 2013 Operation Christmas Child campaign
- A holiday multi-vendor sale was held again in November. The community was invited to come to the church and purchase products and gifts from various crafters and direct sales companies.
- Book Club continues to be held monthly. Members enjoy a variety of novels and gather to discuss the books. They also collect book and monetary donations to give to programs of their collective choosing
- Once again we are a 5 for 5 Congregation donating money to:
  - Our Church's Wider Mission
  - Neighbor's In Need
  - One Great Hour of Sharing
  - Strengthen the Church
  - Christmas Fund

As we begin a new year, we hope that anyone who would like to participate in the Outreach Ministry Team would speak to myself or Pastor Dale. Any new ideas to expand our outreach would be appreciated.

~ Timna Shaw, Outreach Ministry Team Leader  
Outreach Ministry Team - Vicki Huber-Geiman, Linda Fausnet,  
Jean Means, Donna Geiman




Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.

# March 2013

A = Acolyte      L = Liturgist      G = Greeter  
 U = Usher

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Upcoming Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent - Violet A - Ryleigh Geiman, Taylor Blizzard L - Deanna Geiman G- Pat Desautel, Betty Cree U - Donna Geiman, Betty Cree, Susie Gist, Angie Bowersox N - Diana Krotee and Lea Krotee	4	5 Ketti Dutterer Baleigh Geiman	6 <b>Choir Practice -            7 p.m.</b>	7 <b>Wellness            Committee -            Noon</b>	1 ----- 8	2 Betty Goddard ----- 9
10 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Violet A - Jenny Beach L - Gail Smith G- The Justin Geiman Family U - Dick Smith, Marybell Green, Ketti Dutterer, Betty Cree N - Danielle and Vickie Green Guest Pastor: Pastor Lois Ann <b>One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 <b>Church            Council            7:00 p.m.</b>	12	13 Jack Wagner Richard Coppersmith <b>Choir Practice -            7 p.m.</b>	14	15 Thomas McKenzie	16 Mary Ann Kelly
17 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Violet A - Baleigh Geiman L - Donna Geiman G - The Krotee Family U - Mike Smith, Justin Geiman, Mel Starnner, Bob Smith N - Deanna Geiman and Nichole Green	18	19	20 <b>Newsletter            Deadline -            2:00 p.m.</b> <b>Choir Practice -            7 p.m.</b>	21 	22	23
24 Palm/Passion Sunday - Violet A - Hayden Shaw L - Susie Gist G - Dick and Carolyn Smith and Gail Smith U- Rose Crebs, Jolene Wagner, Lynn Walter, Deanna Geiman N - Vicki Huber-Geiman and Ryleigh Geiman Confirmation Class will be Confirmed.	25	26	27 <b>Choir Practice -            7 p.m.</b>	28 <b>Maundy            Thursday            Service -            6:00 p.m.</b>	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday - White 6:45 a.m. - Sun Rise Service (No Sunday School) 10:45 a.m. - Easter Worship with Holy Communion A - Kaitlyn Blizzard L - Carolyn Smith G - Betty Gragg, SharonChapman U- Carolyn Smith, Donna Geiman, Betty Gragg, Susie Gist N - Linda Fausnet and Hayden Shaw				<b>Anniversaries:</b> Bart & Lynn Walter - 3/21/80 