



The Valley Echo

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ
November 2013



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Interim Pastor's Column --- The Rev. Dr. Gerald (Gerry) C. Hanberry...

As I consider what's ahead for St. Matthew's UCC this Fall (when the leaves begin --or have they already?—letting go), I am excited and hopeful.

I am excited about the next phase of the work of the **Search Committee** which includes:

Continue helping the Search committee with their process of reviewing and evaluating the profiles from potential candidates;

Continue the dialogue with the Council about the details of the "scope of work" of your future part-time pastor; and

Pray and study and pray some more about this process and about the people God is sending your way.

I am excited and hopeful about the theme for worship for this fall: "The St. Matthew's Story Project." We've already heard some poignant and inspiring stories from individual members of the church. You have interesting and powerful stories. I encourage you

to share them with the rest of us.

I am excited about meeting with the Worship Team to plan our worship services for my first Advent and Christmas Season with you. The first Sunday of Advent will be December 2. We will explore the four names given to the Advent Candles: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. We will do this in the context of Mary and Joseph' Journey to Bethlehem to find hope, love, joy and peace. Or maybe it is a journey to bring those gifts to the people of the world, to us. Let's see how all that unfolds for us this Advent and Christmas.

I am hopeful about the possibility of a small group of folks who might gather to study and explore the seven persistent questions raised in our worship series this past summer. I am interested in leading such a discussion for seven sessions sometime soon. If you're interested I would love to hear from you. Some have already expressed an interest.

I am excited that you raised \$600 from two parts of Fall Fest (cookie sales and the "milk mustache jars" to go to Carroll Food Sunday. That's a first for the church and you are to be commended to sharing a significant portion of the revenue from the Fall Fest with those in need of food.

I am hopeful that the Search Committee and Council will take some time over the next several months to pray together, to study and explore what it will mean to SMUCC to **"be ready for and excited about receiving your new pastor in the months ahead."**

This is good time in the life of St. Matthew's. I hope you will share in the excitement and be as hopeful as God would call us all to be for the future of the church and its ministries in this community.

Faithfully,
Pastor Hanberry

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Fall Fest Car Show

We had bad weather for the Fall Fest Car & Truck show but still managed a small turnout. This year we accepted trophy sponsorships and were pleasantly surprised by the generosity of our local businesses, civic organizations, and families. This year our raffle money went to support Operation Christmas Child. Thank You to our 2013 car show sponsors who provided goods, services, and monetary contributions to our show!!!

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Thanks to everyone who helped from handing out flyers at other car shows before our event, setting up early in the morning the day of our Fall Fest, registering cars, directing traffic, selling 50/50, and those who helped with the awards ceremony and clean-up.

Income

Registration	
12 preregistered	\$ 120.00
25 day of show	\$ 375.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 94.00
Door Prize Raffle	\$ 51.00
Cash Donations	\$ 610.25
Non-Cash Donations	\$ 208.50
Total	\$1458.75

Expenses

100 Magnets	\$ 38.85
29 Trophies	\$268.30
Cardstock	\$ 18.99
Fall Fest Advertising	
post card stamps	\$ 67.75
2 reams paper	\$ 17.98
1 ream cardstock	\$ 9.99
Food Certificates (\$ to kitchen)	\$ 97.00
Total	\$518.86

~Susan Bowersox-Blizzard

Alternative Giving

Christmas is fast approaching, all the advertising is telling us to buy, buy, and buy. For many people, all of this pressure to buy the perfect gift is exhausting. People are trying to find gifts that express their love for someone and many times you cannot find that at Wal-Mart. Financial pressures depress people when they are very limited in their ability to purchase gifts. Then there is always that person that has everything and really does not need one more tie or sweater. Try something new- consider an alternative to buying something. Here are some ideas and some nonprofits that would benefit greatly from your generosity.

Give a gift of time- spend an afternoon with someone helping them with a project or doing something fun.

Give a handmade gift- use your talents to create something beautiful or tasty.

Give a basket of coupons to redeem throughout the year , such as babysitting, a home cooked meal, lawn work or baking. Some organizations that are perfect for gifts:

Church World Service- This organization has a distribution center in New Windsor, Md. Cash can be donated for general use. Another idea is to make it a family project to donate some of their kits (hygiene kits, school kits, baby kits, clean up kits). As a family, you can shop for the needed items, then package them and take them to the distribution center. Their web site lists the contents of each. CWS also has a Tools and Blanket program which is very worthy of donations. www.cwsglobal.org

Heifer Project- Why not give someone a water buffalo for Christmas or maybe a goat or bees or sheep? Heifer International Helps gives the gift of the first animal and the knowledge to care for it. The gift of these animals helps people to have a better life. Go to their web site and learn how to donate and get beautiful gift cards to give. www.heifer.org

Caring Carroll- Caring Carroll is a faith based nonprofit organization that assists older and disabled adults in Carroll County who wish to remain living independently, but need help to do so. We assist with light housekeeping, errands, transportation, yard work, minor home repairs and friendly visits. www.caringcarroll.org

Shepherd's Staff- This local mission is located on Carroll Street in Westminster. Monetary gifts help with prescription assistance, back to school program and their Blessings Closet. You may wish to check the items needed for the Blessings Closet and go shopping for any of these items. Give a gift that gives twice. www.shepstaff.org

Carroll County Food Sunday- This ministry feeds so many families in Carroll County. They will always accept donations of money and food. www.ccfoodsunday.org

Congregational Meeting

January 19th, 2014 is the scheduled date of our Annual Meeting. A recap of the activities of 2013, approval of 2014 budgets and election of Council members are all topics for discussion.

This is a very important congregational meeting. Make plans now to attend.

*Contact the Council President
if you have agenda items.*

Robert's Rules of Order will be used.

Pastor Hanberry's Approach to and Policy for Pastoral Care

Confidentiality in all communications with people in the church is my policy – always. In other words, **“what is shared with me, stays with me.”**

If a person in the church is ill or in the hospital or going to have surgery, I will always ask, **“what do you want me to share with the church about your illness, your surgery, etc., if anything?”** I, of course, will honor your request and preferences.

Some folks prefer that their illness or a hospital stay be kept private. Others are more open to sharing with the congregation or desire prayers from the church community. I prefer to follow the wishes of the individual or family directly rather than responding to what one might call “hearsay.” Folks in the congregation may share whatever they choose; however, my policy requires that I speak directly with the person or a primary family member before I share news about a person's life circumstances.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime via my cell phone (301-788-6546) to request a visit, to share a health issue or a pastoral care need. Given the flexibility I will have in serving two churches (St. Matthew's and Emmanuel (Baust)), I will be in a good position to respond to your pastoral care needs as they arise.

News Around St. Matthew's

Do you like to sing? Do you like to sing, but just feel like you cannot commit to join the choir? The choir invites anyone interested to join them for our Christmas Choir. It is a great way to try out being a choir member with a limited commitment. We will begin practicing for the Christmas season in November. We meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm till about 7:45. Come help us make a joyful song to the Lord.

Mark your calendar Mark your calendar now for the Family Christmas Program that is scheduled for December 8, 2013. Come and enjoy an evening of worship provided by the Sunday School. A special visitor will come to chat with the children after the program.

Milk Mustache Contest Thank you to each of the contestants in the milk mustache contest. A little over \$100.00 was collected for Carroll County Food Sunday Milk Program. Everyone was a winner!

Snow Plan at St. Matthew's It is that time of the year, when the snow flies. At St. Matthew's we will cancel services when the snow emergency plan is in effect. If in doubt, check the web site or office telephone message, or you are welcome to call Council President Allen Dutterer(443-375-1445) or Susie Gist (410-848- 2187)

Mission Opportunity

Fill a suitcase for Honduras

The Catocin Association for many years has participated in an exchange with Iglesia El Progreso, Honduras. It began as a housing ministry and is so much more. Pastor Hanberry has organized this mission from its inception, and will be going January 7- 17th, 2014. We can help him by packing a suitcase or placing items on the tree in the Sunday school area with needed items for the church and the community. A suitcase has been placed near the front of the church for your donations.

Prayer Concerns

There is now a prayer concerns book on the table in the entry hallway. You may place someone on the prayer list by writing in the book. Anytime Mary Emma Bowen, Betty Gragg or the church office receives a prayer request, they will write it in the prayer concern book. People will be listed on the prayer list for 30 days. You may continue to have a person listed by writing their name again in the book, contacting Mary Emma, Betty Gragg, or the church office.

St. Matthew's Veterans



In honor of Veterans' Day (November 11th), we recognize the members and family of St. Matthew's United Church of Christ who have served our country.

T/5 Samuel O. Bankert - 115 Station Hospital, WWII, 3 years of service.

S/SGT Donald Bowersox - 104th Armored Cavalry PARNG, 1962 - 1971.

Coxswain Henry Lloyd Brown - U.S.Navy, U.S.S. Princeton. 1/3/44 - 5/46.

Alfred George Brown - U.S. Army 1950 - 1953, Served in Korea, 28 months as prisoner of war.

Harry Geiman - U.S. Army, WWI, Served as motorcycle messenger. Purple Heart recipient.

Edward P. Geiman - US Navy, Served on USS Enterprise aircraft carrier as Boiler II, known as the "Sunshine Boys" during WWII.

SP4 Michael C. Gist - MD National Guard - 110th Artillery, 1970 - 1976.

T5 Wilbur Haines - 629 Tank DES, February 1941 to September 1945, "I got 5 Battle Stars in Battle of Bulge overseas 17 months"

SGM James M. Mora Sr. (Sr. Supply Supervisor) HHC 29th ID(L), Ft. Belvoir, VA, 1979 - 2003

Earl Myers - Navy, Gunners Mate 3rd Class, 1944 - 1946. Destroyer 701 USS John W. Weeks. Received 4 Battle Stars in the Pacific.

PvT Leon Chas Myers - Special Trng. Platoon Mechanic, 2/19/41 - 2/26/42. 1st Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Richard S. Smith - E-5 (2nd Class Aviation Machinist Mate- Jet) (ADJ-2), U.S. Navy. 4 years of service.

John E. Wagner EMI - U.S. Coast Guard, 1967 - 1971, Electrician's Mate, Petty Officer First Class.

1st Sgt. Kenneth S. Yingling - Veteran of Army Southwest Pacific Forces in WWII. Co-Founder of the US Army Reserve Center in Westminster in 1956, for a total of 38 years of combined military service.

Melvin S. Zepp, Private First Class - Company C 319th Infantry Regiment US Army, 1944 to 1946.

Super Typhoon Prompts UCC Aid to Partners in the Philippines

Written by Connie N. Larkman! November 8, 2013



As the most powerful storm ever to make landfall battered the Philippines early Friday morning, United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries immediately reached out to partners in the country to offer assistance.

"Because we are part of a worldwide fellowship, we know our partners in the Philippines and Asia are already at work responding to meet the needs of survivors," said Susan Sanders, minister for the UCC's Global Sharing of Resources. "Gifts given previously to One Great Hour of Sharing enable the UCC to send financial resources immediately to accompany our prayers."

Typhoon Haiyan, a category-5 super typhoon, roared ashore at the northern tip of Cebu Province, a popular tourist spot with the Philippines second-largest city, Cebu, home to around 2.5 million people. More than 1 million people fled in search of safety ahead of the storm, which caused mudslides, flash flooding and a storm surge with waves of up to 30 feet. The typhoon's winds approached 200 mph on the morning of Nov. 8, cutting power and phone lines, grounding air and sea transport and blocking roads. Typhoons and cyclones of that magnitude can blow apart storm-proof shelters due to the huge pressure they create, which can suck walls out and blow roofs off buildings. Authorities

in the Philippines earlier warned that 12 million people were at risk.

Those evacuated are taking shelter in churches and other areas in more than 20 Provinces. Several churches of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines are serving as shelters.

"Prevention is better than dealing with the offshoot of a disaster," said the Rev. Goel Bagundol of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), the largest and most widespread Protestant church in the country. At least four people were killed according to the Associated Press. But with the country's lines of communication cut, government leaders feared the toll could rise dramatically. Today the denomination, through Global Ministries, reached out to partners in the region offering prayers and financial support: \$10,000 has been sent to help fund the response of the ACT Alliance and another 5,000 grant has been wired to the United Church of Christ in the Philippines to support the relief effort. Given the anticipated intensity and the possible impact of the typhoon, the ACT Alliance is planning to provide drinking water, sleeping materials, hygiene kits and medicines. Gifts to assist this response can be made to the UCC International Disaster Relief Fund.

The region was already struggling to recover from a powerful earthquake in October 2013.

Wellness

Holiday Stress Article

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year”, that is one song that is sung during the holiday season. The season of Advent and Christmas is truly a wonderful time of the year, but it is a very stressful time as well.

We all have additional expectations on our time. We still have our regular work to do, but we also have holiday shopping, additional expenses, extra cooking, family gatherings, holiday parties and other activities that take up more time than we have available in a regular 24 hours.

Here are a few ideas to de”stress” your holiday:

Giving the perfect gift—ask people what they want, shop early

Stick to a budget

Preparing for get togethers - buy prepared food instead of making everything from scratch, cook and freeze ahead, or ask people to share a favorite dish.

Allow time for yourself - take a few minutes to relax and enjoy this special time of the year.

Don’t over schedule - Simplify holiday commitments, consider changing traditions.

Set priorities - Spend time with people you love.

Take time to reflect on the spiritual significance - take a moment each day to read an Advent devotional and /or scripture verses.

Information for this from the Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic web site.

Fall Fest In Review

Fall Fest was a successful event in the life of St. Matthew’s. The Council would like to thank the membership for all their hard work and use of their talents to make it a good day. We were able to share the word of God through our hospitality to those who came. A final total is still being compiled, but as of November 1st our profit was \$4,300.00. That is good for a rainy start for the day.

This was the first year that we declared a mission to support. The Council is grateful to all those who helped bake cookies or was a participate in the milk mustache contest. St. Matthew’s was able to donate \$600.00 to Carroll County Food Sunday’s milk fund.

It is amazing that with God’s help there is so much we can do!

News Breaks

Operation Christmas Child a Success - Thank you for all the donations, both items to fill the boxes and money to send them. Our Sunday school students were able to pack 40 boxes to send this year.

It is rewarding to think that our caring is transmitted around the world by a simple wrapped shoebox.

Trash Pick Up - Thank you to the group that came out on Nov.2 to pick up trash on Hughes Shop Road between Baugher and Stone Roads. We were really fast this time or maybe there was not as much trash, but we finished in an hour and half. It was great exercise and great for the environment.

Using Your Talents - Some of our members used their baking talents to help raise some money for the church. The Auxiliary to the Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company asked if the church members could bake some cookies for them to sell at their bizarre. \$138.00 was given to the church for their baking. Great job!

Search Committee - Your search committee is hard at work preparing and searching for a new part time pastor. Pastor Hanberry is helping to teach them how to review the profiles and how to gather appropriate information. They are meeting every other week to work on the task that they have accepted. Their work is confidential so they cannot discuss the possible candidates. Each of us can help the committee but praying for them and supporting them in this important task.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

Robert Humbert	2
Melvin Starnier	3
Marshall Keeney	4
Madeline Scott	6
Hayden Shaw	9
Ceilia Fausnet	16
Linda Fausent	16
Donald Bowersox	22
Wendy Bowersox	25
Jeff Geiman	26

Anniversaries

Donald & Angie Bowersox
- 10/13/62
John & Doreen Means, Jr.
- 10/17/87
Allen & Ketti Dutterer
- 10/8/89

November Birthdays

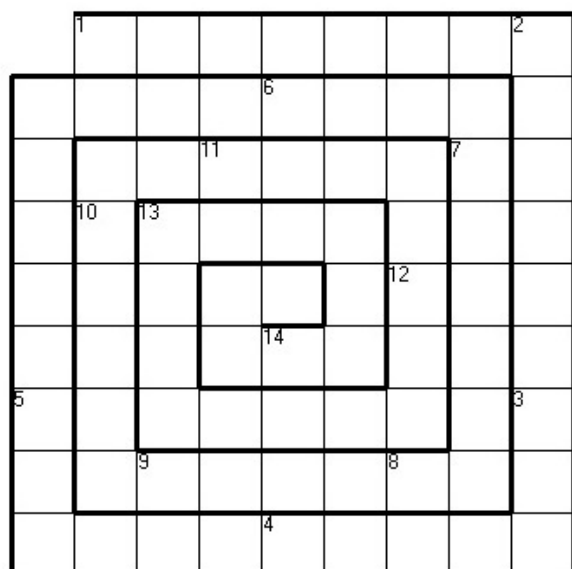
Josh Dutterer	4
Cindy Beach	5
Jordan Blizzard	12
Constance Scott	13
Kermie Lee Weishaar	28

Anniversaries

Robert & Gail Smith
- 11/15/1970

Kids' Corner

A Christmas Spiral Puzzle



1. The reason the wise men wanted to find Jesus
2. Animal that Mary rode to Bethlehem
3. Earthly father of Jesus
4. Announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds
5. Watched their flocks
6. It led the wise men to Jesus
7. Where the baby Jesus was laid
8. An infant
9. He saves people from their sin
10. There was no room there for Jesus
11. The wise men brought these to Jesus
12. City where Jesus was born
13. A place where animals sleep
14. The mother of Jesus

If you need a little help, here is a list of the words used in this puzzle...

Mary	manger
star	shepherds
stable	inn
angels	Jesus
baby	Bethlehem
donkey	worship
Joseph	gifts

Thanksgiving Top Ten List

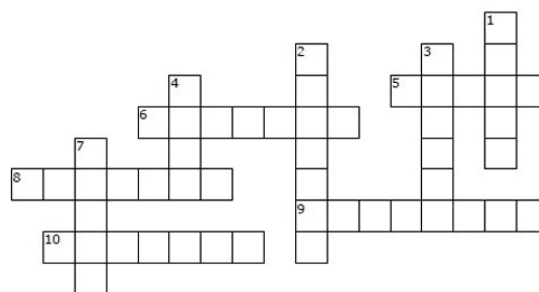
You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11

F Q G J Y U B H J I I S I C K
 F I F Z U X B D R O T K N O W
 V F K P X L P F Y N T S D L S
 Q A O P G Z Z X E Z E N E D U
 A F K O J Y A R Y R Y G N Y Q
 C X F L D A A L I P O E V O B
 E Q R H I P I O Y L I H C K E
 C A U U E M X U F R C L N R N
 V Q L S A A Y Z F L L D J I J
 O N U F X R L Z B G O C I L B
 C O F L T N V T F I T M J C C
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 W K U S E T E A C H E R S L S
 X O Z J D E Q I Z W S Y U H L
 C N G Y A O X V G Q Y H S K R

JESUS	FAMILY	TEACHERS	HEALTH	FOOD
PARENTS	FRIENDS	COUNTRY	CLOTHES	HOUSE

My Thanksgiving List

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. The Son of God
6. An area of land that has its own government; a nation, the USA
8. A person whom you know well and like a lot
9. The person who gives instruction at school
10. Things such as dresses, pants, shirts, and blouses

DOWN

1. A building in which people live
2. A person's mother and father
3. The condition of the body and how free it is illness; Are you in good _____?
4. What people and animals eat to keep them alive
7. The holy book containing God's Word

COUNTRY	PARENTS	CLOTHES	FRIENDS	JESUS
TEACHERS	BIBLE	FOOD	HOUSE	HEALTH

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.

6 Give proportionately is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means," not according to an income or a budget.

"If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have,"

2 Corinthians 8:12

**It wasn't celebrated back then,
but something tells us Jesus would
have liked Thanksgiving.**



The turkey part may be new, but the idea of surrounding yourself with loved ones and giving thanks isn't.

The Church Office will be Closed November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please have your December 1st bulletin items to the office by Wednesday, November 27th.

Do Your Kids Think Getting Down the Chimney is the Miracle of Christmas?



Children should know there is more than one reason to celebrate Christmas.

This year, introduce them to the real meaning of the Holiday season, and let Jesus give Santa Claus a little competition

Come Join Us!

Sunday School News

Youth Group News

The youth met on Nov. 3, 2013 and wrapped shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They will be meeting on the first Sunday of Dec. immediately after church to decorate the churches Christmas tree.

Family Christmas Program

Our Sunday school students will have their Family Christmas Program on Dec. 8, 2013 at 6:30pm. The children and youth invite you to join them for renewing the true meaning of Christmas.

Anyone who would like to bake cookies for the fellowship time would be greatly appreciated. We may have a special guest that evening.

Epiphany Party-

Come celebrate the journey of the Wise men! Join the Sunday School for an evening of food, fun and fellowship at our Epiphany Party, January 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. RSVP to the church office or Susie Gist (410-848-2187) or Donna Geiman (410-848-0010)

Worship Plan for November / December

FALL WORSHIP SERIES: "THE SAINT MATTHEW'S STORY PROJECT:

The Stories of the Bible Come Alive in Our Own Lives.

Nov. 24 (Reign of Christ Sunday)

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ps 46; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

The Bible Story: "The Penultimate Story – The Crucifixion of Jesus"

Our Stories: "The Ultimate Story of Our Lives"

Sermon: "Does This Story Have a Point?"

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2013 (Dec. 1, 8, 15,, 23, 22, & 29)

Theme: Journey to Bethlehem: To Find Peace, Hope, Joy and Love

The advent season introduces into the life of the congregation and worship several significant milestones: ➡ it's the beginning of the new liturgical calendar; ➡ it's the preparation time for the birth of Jesus; ➡ it's about the journey Joseph and Mary take to Bethlehem for the Beginning of their new life together; and ➡ advent signals our time to reflect on our own journeys toward HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE.

Dec. 1 – 1st. Sunday of Advent

Theme: Journey to Bethlehem: To Find HOPE"

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: "Hope is Not a Four-Letter Word"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Dec. 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent – 2007

Theme: "Journey to Bethlehem: To Find LOVE!

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "Looking for Love in all the 'Right' Places"

Dec. 8 – 6:30 p.m. Evening Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 15 – 3rd. Sunday of Advent

Theme: Journey to Bethlehem: To Find JOY

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10; or Lke 1:47-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: Guest preacher –The Rev. Lois Ann Furgess-Oler

Dec. 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Theme: Journey to Bethlehem: To Find PEACE

Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: "Peace Making is for All of Us" or

"What's Joseph Got to do with It?"

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve 7:30 p.m. Family & Children's Service

Theme: "Journey to Bethlehem: To Find the Christ Child"

Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Sermon: "Seeing Christmas Through Jesus' Eyes"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Dec. 29 -- First Sunday After Christmas

Theme: "Journey From Bethlehem To Egypt: To Find A Safe Place"

Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23





Hymn Sing --- no sermon



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

December 2013

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Upcoming Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Jenny Beach, Peggy Stitley, John Geiman First Sunday of Advent A - Vicki Green L -Carolyn Smith G - Mary Emma Bowen, Betty Gragg U - Betty Cree, Rose Crebs, Donna Geiman, Carolyn Smith N - Vicki Huber-Geiman	2 Doreen Means 	3	4 Robert Fogle Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	5 Jake Barnette Wellness Committee - Noon	6	7
8 Second Sunday of Advent A - Hayden Shaw L - Lynn Walter G - Mike Smith, Betty Cree U - Betty Gragg, Susie Gist, Mike Smith, Betty Cree N - Linda Fausnet Family Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.	9 Hazel Wagner Kara Garrison Church Council Meeting- 7 p.m.	10	11 Russell Wantz Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	12	13 Deanna Geiman Fall Fest Set-up 6:30 p.m.	14 Donna Geiman Fall Fest 9 - 3
15 Carolyn A. Smith Third Sunday of Advent A - Elena Geiman L - Donna Geiman G- The Justin Geiman Family U - Justin Geiman, Mel Starner, Bob Smith, Donna Geiman N - Cindy Beach	16 Charlotte Myers	17	18 Newsletter Deadline - 2:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	19  SINGLES	20	21 Dwight Scott Jr. Simone Hovermale 
22 Kaitlyn Blizzard Fourth Sunday of Advent A - Grant Shaw L - Lynn Walter G- Pat Desautels, Betty Gragg U - Dick Smith, Betty Cree, Marybell Flohr, Ketti Dutterer N - Sue Mora and Jenny Mora	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26	27 Michael Smith	28 
29 First Sunday after Christmas A - Kaitlyn Blizzard L - Susie Gist G - The Lucas Geiman Family U - Lynn Walter, Susie Gist, Angie Bowersox, Justin Geiman N - Genny V. And Vickie Green	30	31 New Year's Eve	Anniversaries Richard and Dottie Coppersmith 12/21/1956 Stephen and Betty Cree 12/28/1967 Thomas and Nancy McKenzie 12/2/1983		<i>Please list your upcoming meeting dates & times on the master calendar located on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway.</i>	

Go Green

Help save resources by joining St. Matthew's email list, you'll be notified monthly when the newsletter has been posted to our website, and a paper copy will no longer be printed and mailed for your household.

To join, please send an email to office@saintmatthewsucc.org requesting the electronic newsletter or complete the form below and place in the offering plate.

Attention: Church Office

My family wishes to receive the newsletter electronically and not have a paper copy.

Family Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check if you would also like to receive the weekly announcements electronically. ____



Church Office: 410-848-5163

FAX: 410-848-1192

Website: www.saintmatthewsucc.org

Pastor Email: pastor@saintmatthewsucc.org

Office Email: office@saintmatthewsucc.org

Purpose: To echo and reflect the love of God in the life of the Christian Community as a ministry of the church, and to serve our members.

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