

The Evangel

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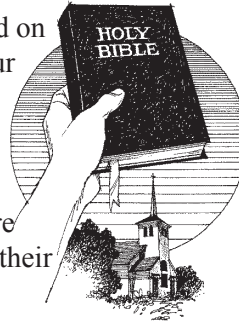


July 2006

Christian Education

There was a special closing program for Sunday church School held on June 11th. The children shared what they had studied as well as our emphasis on Family Day. They used a puppet show, poems, hand-made wreaths, pillows and finger puppets to show different ways they had learned about God.

Plants and notes of appreciation were given to each teacher. We are indeed fortunate for these dedicated folks being willing to share their faith and service to the Lord with the children of St. Matthew.



SO A BIG THANKS YOU TO....

Dan Lozier	Jean Larsen	Dave Pezzano	Sharon Graham
Donna Surotchak	Linda Graeff	Fred Sach	Jerilyn Iacono
Donna Bixler	Mary Sue Conlon	Mike Pezzano	

As this Evangel goes to press, we are preparing for Vacation Bible School. The Sunday School students and children attending our Preschool received invitations to attend. In addition, 300 children from Woodlyn School were invited. For the first time, our Web Site provided opportunity to extend an invitation to children in the community.

We will be meeting several times in the summer to prepare for the fall. Watch the Evangel as we share some of our ideas with you.

During the upcoming summer months, why not bring your children to worship with you at the 9:30 AM service?


In his service,
Virginia Jones

Worship Schedule



July 1
9:30 am
Word and Sacrament

July 8
9:30 am
Service of the Word

 **July 15**
9:30 am
Word and Sacrament

July 22
9:30 am
Service of the Word

July 29
9:30 am
Service of the Word
Social Ministry
"Christmas In July"

Social Ministry



We are looking forward to a **Christmas in July** on July 29 and 30. When we will take hot meals to a few shut-ins on Saturday and food baskets to needy families on Sunday. If you know of anyone needing a food basket please let Jean Guss know by July 20. Also we will need food contributions from the congregation, canned foods, cereals, etc...to fill these baskets. We have received approval for Thrivent for \$250.00 to help fund our food purchases.

Operation Warm which provide new winter coats for children size 12 months to size 14/16 is starting their fall distribution. If you know of children in this size range

who need a coat, please contact the church office or Marilee Jones with this information by August 15.

Thanks to all who are delivering our flowers to our grateful shut-ins. It does make a difference in their lives to realize their church remembers them. They also receive visits and cars for others and from the Women of the ELCA.

May God's blessings continue to surround us as we seek to be a blessing to others this summer.

In His Service,
Jean Guss, Chairperson

Images of the Season . . . Summer

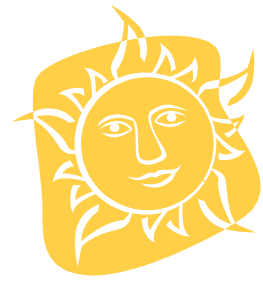
You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. Ps. 145:17 LBW

The summer Sundays of the church year are full of readings focusing on the building up of the body of Christ. The work of the people during the ordinary Sundays of summer is to grow. The central color of the season is green in all its myriad shades, from the sharp boldness of chartreuse to the saturated depth of forest green. The vast variety of shades of green reminds us that sacred growth comes in many ways. Physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual growth each have a place in the sacred community. How do our Sunday liturgies reflect the growth that is expected in the season of summer?

Summer is a time to dig into the richness of the teachings of Jesus. Summer lessons are juicy, packed full of nutritious foods for our well-being. The main focus of the season is our steady day-by-day growth in faith. In our preaching, worship, and study we can take a cue from Jesus' teachings. He constantly used the images of the world around him and his disciples. He was especially fond of images from nature. Think of all the simple objects from creation that Jesus infused with meaning: birds, seeds, water, waves, storms, pearls, bread, soil, and sand, to name a few. The psalms for the season, too, use descriptive and symbolic images for teaching about life in faith.

Summer is a time to celebrate the wonders and abundance of creation. It is a celebration of the goodness of God. "Taste and see that the Lord is good," the psalmist jubilantly proclaims in Psalm 34:8. Summer is a time for dipping our hands into the vast abundance of God's supply of manna; tasting and savoring the wonderful richness and juiciness of creation and feasting in celebration until our bodies, minds, and spirits are overflowing with God's goodness. Let us enjoy the abun-

dance of the multiplication of loaves. Let us eat in joy the manna from heaven. Let us not hoard the miracles of Christ, but share the abundance that is given so freely and lovingly from God's hand.



Summer is a time to recognize the great green earth as our home. We can encourage wonder in our worship as we celebrate the marvels of creation. The season bursts with color in the variety and diversity of plants and flowers. Bring the outdoors in by embellishing your places of worship with buckets of natural, homegrown flowers.

The resources to the senses are amazing in the summer season. The colors are a delight to the eyes, the fragrance of flowers and warm earth tickle the nose, the heat of the sun warms the skin, the trickling of water and the singing of birds pleasure the ears, and the sweet tanginess of fresh ripe fruits and vegetables awaken the taste buds. Summer worship allows us to acknowledge the wonders of nature, even glory in it. Perhaps the whole wide sky can be your cathedral canopy as you worship in the outdoors. Recall to worshippers that Jesus made frequent use of hillsides as sanctuaries and boats as pulpits. Jesus was no stranger to the powers and delights of nature.

Let God reach us through the abundance of nature. In summer the earth's fecundity cries out for attention and thanks to God. Through all these works of creation and more God speaks to us of grace, abundance, and goodness. Let us relax into the season and listen for God's word in the natural world all around us. As the seed that is planted in the ground is expected to grow and mature, so too the word that is planted in us is expected to grow and come to fruition.



Please join us for our Women's Service

August 6th at 9:30 am

If you would like to take part please call Pat Caber at 610-595-1791. Volunteers are needed!

WELCA

The women of St. Matthew met on June 7th for a covered dish "salad" dinner and a delicious dessert. Carol Dietrich and Jean Larsen presented "Church Bulletin Bloopers" for the program and we had a lot of laughs. Thank Offering Boxes were collected and a special prayer was given. The money collected will be used for a specific purpose that will be determined at a later date. It was a pleasant evening of good food and fellowship.

Donna Surotchak has volunteered to be a delegate for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Convention that will take place on June 17th in Sumneytown. The theme for the daytime event is "Healthy Lifestyles in God's World."

The Women's Service will take place on August 6th at the 9:30 AM Service. Pat Caber will coordinate volunteers to participate in the service. Give her a call and say yes! (610-595-1791)

A Fall Conference Gathering will take place at our very own St. Matthew's on October 9th. More information about the meeting will be available later. All Women of

St. Matthew are encouraged to attend. The programs are great and full of information. And the homemade treats are always good! Mark your calendar to join us.

Even though our individual meetings have stopped for the summer, our duties continue. Circle Leaders should have the schedule and you can contact them for information.

Gardenia Circle has Altar Care for the month of July.

All Women of St. Matthew are invited to join our WELCA congregational unit. We gather once a month for a brief business meeting, Bible study and refreshments. This is not only a great way to make and build friendships, but also to serve St. Matthew with both church and community outreach. Come join us!

Have a great summer!

Sue Trout

610-534-0232 (home)

610-331-1581 (cell)

Communications Committee

Sunday Morning Announcements

The topic of this month's article is solely about the Sunday morning announcements. During the last several Council meetings the subject of announcements was discussed and we are presenting to you a modest change in procedures. We, as a council, expect you will appreciate the changes as an attempt to have more timely communications to the congregation.

Once a month, at the first Sunday, a Council member will address the congregation before worship services and distribute any pertinent news from the previous Council meeting. Council members will be present to entertain questions or comments after the worship service. During the other weeks of the month the assisting minister or the Pastor will read any other announcements.

If you have an important announcement that should be read please be certain to have your written message

in the announcement folder located in the sacristy (next to the altar) fifteen minutes before services begin.

We are hoping that these modest changes in procedures will yield an increase in timely communications. The idea is to respond to your requests for more news from your Council.

See you in Church.....bring a friend!

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael J. Joniec

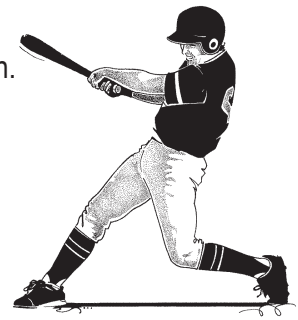
St. Matthew Men's Softball

Games 19 and 20 to be determined and will be played the week of July 3rd and July 10th.

Playoffs will begin the week of July 17th. Quarter-Finals will be the week of July 17.
Semi-Finals will be the week of July 24. Finals are the week of July 31.

See the weekly church bulleting for more details.

Coach: Ken Firth



Continuing Prayers of Healing



Alberta Simonin

Arlene Bixler

Ashley

Ben

David

David Klooster

Dennis Porter

Ethan Bedwell

Ethel Thomas

Gladys Farkas

Helen Wilson

Jacob Johnson

James Black

James Stanton

Jason Pheelps

Jimmy

Joan Hueston

Joanne Ryan

Joe Bucolo

John Sassano

Liz Chaffin

Marcia Mikeska

Mary

Mary Black

Mel Schucker

Mike Young

Mildred Edwards

Minnie Williams

Nadine Simon

Noah Sharp

Rick Lord, Sr.

Ruth Martin

Sam

Susan Maxwell

Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.
Serving in Air Force

Jacob Johnson
Marines in Iraq

Steven Buxton

Remember Our St. Matthew Homebound

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers, by your greeting cards, by your telephone calls and by your visits.

Mrs. Mildred Edwards
1323 Grant Avenue
Woodlyn PA 19094
610-833-1039

Mrs. Jane Evans
214 W. 21st Street
Chester, PA 19013
610-874-9068

Mrs. Gladys Farkas
800 Avondale Ave.
Wallingford PA 19806
610-872-4001

Mrs. Ethel Heaney
Wallingford Nursing
Home
115 S. Providence Rd
Wallingford PA 19086

Mrs. Rose Lynam
Prospect Park Health &
Rehab Facility
815 Chester Pike
Prospect Park,
PA 19076

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Wallingford Nursing
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Room 229A
115 S. Providence Rd
Wallingford PA 19086
610-566-1298

Mrs. Naydeen
Simon
925 Catherine Ave.
Woodlyn, PA 19094
610-586-6984

Mrs. Julie Surotchak
320 Lakeview Ave.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Ms. Elizabeth Wood
Masonic Home
Lafayette East
Room 1902
Elizabethtown,
PA, 17022



July Birthdays

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Tina Blocksom | 11. Jamie Philipp | 21. Katie Mikeska |
| 4. Betty Mossor | 13. Lisa Byrd | 23. Michael Gale
Thomas Hickey |
| 5. Dot Wilson | 15. Bev Petka | 26. Jim J. Lynam |
| 6. John Dietrich
Melanie
Mandos | 16. Samantha
Baldino | 28. David Breingan
Shelby Klooster
Brandon
Klooster |
| 7. Leah Graham | 17. Shirley Firth | 29. Marilee Jones |
| 9. Jody Troyan | 18. Chuck Petka,
Sr. | 30. Dan Gale |
| 10. Lee Krah | 19. Jim Abt | |

If anyone has been left out please call the church office. Thank You!

July Anniversaries

7. Tom & Niki Reeves (22)
9. Pat & Linda Johnson (12)
10. Lee & Madelin Krah (52)
10. John & Carol Dietrich (25)
12. Dan & Marcia Mikeska (26)
13. Dave & Sue Trout (34)
15. Jim & Julie Lynam (45)
Jim & Anita Abt
(11)
17. MaryAnn &
Thomas Bedwell
(30)



Pastor's Hours



Pastor Nancy Brown will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 to 3 pm and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Based on Ministry needs office hours are subject to change.

Please call for an appointment.

Emergency Contact Number:

For an accident, illness or hospitalization please contact Pastor Brown by calling 610-833-5515.

St. Matthew Information



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Monday – Thursday, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

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Evangel Articles

August *Evangel* articles are due **July 10th**. Please e-mail them to TinaBaldino@aol.com or drop a copy off at the church office. **Thank you!**

Serving Our Church This Month . . .

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Readers	Flower Delivery
2	Ethyl Snyder	Vicki Quinlan, Helen Keyes, Dawn & Michael Joniec	Helen Keyes	Linda Graeff
9	Nancy Radweonuk	Jody Troyan, Janet Francesconi, & Jill Schott	Dawn Joniec	
16	Couwels Family		Mike McFadden	
23	Bert Drake		Sam Jones	
30	Jean Larsen	Peggy Lozier, Vicki Quinlan, Marilee & Dan Jones	Linda Graeff	

Don't wait to be asked . . . Volunteer!!!