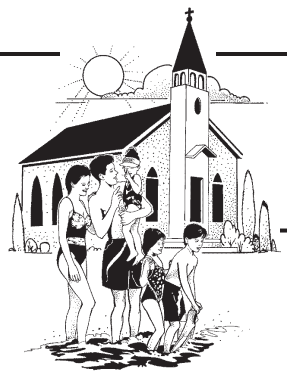


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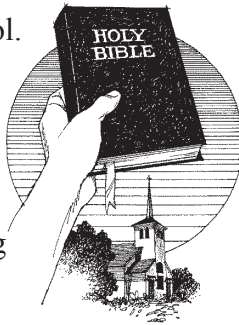
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**August 2006**

## Christian Education

Eighteen children attended Vacation Bible School. Although few in number, the children were mighty in spirit as they sang and clapped for Jesus. Crafts and refreshments added to the lessons taught. Thanks to Dan Lozier, Mary Sue Conlon, Linda Hickey, Linda Graeff and Jerilyn Iacono for making this happen.



## Upcoming Events

We are planning a massive outreach to children here at St. Matthew and in the community by sending out invitations to attend our Sunday Church School. Postcards will be sent out in late August; if you would like to help us defray the cost of this effort, there will be a box in the back of the church for stamps and or money donations.

Much needed new curriculum has been ordered for Grades 1 through 6. To help defray the cost of this, we are planning a cake bake on Sunday, September 24. Master fundraiser, Jody Troyan has agreed to handle this for us. Thrivent for Lutherans has been contacted and agreed to match dollars raised. Please support this effort.

Vicki Quinlan has agreed to teach 5th and 6th grades for Sunday Church School. We appreciated Vicki donating her time and efforts to this need.

We are fortunate to have very dedicated teachers, but there are times when they need someone to fill in for them. Linda Hickey has agreed to be on our substitute list. If you are available to help out now and the, please contact Ginny Jones.

Watch the Evangel in the months ahead and we will try to keep you informed as to what is going on in our Sunday Church School.

In his service,  
**Virginia Jones**

## Worship Schedule

### August 6



9:30 Word &  
Sacrament  
**Women's Service**

### August 13

9:30  
Service of the Word

### August 20



9:30  
Word &  
Sacrament

### August 28

9:30  
Service of the Word



**Please join  
us for our  
Women's  
Service**

**August 6th  
9:30 am**

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

## WELCA

Hey Everyone! I hope you're all enjoying summertime - the corn and tomatoes will be here soon! Everything looks so green and lush. What a wonderful season this is.

Donna Surotchak was our delegate to the June 17th Convention in Sumneytown. There were 79 women in attendance and she said it was a great day. Bishop elect Claire Burkat was a speaker. The theme was women's health and keeping yourself healthy. Donna attended a class on heart disease, learned about the risks and what can be done to prevent it. Board members and officers were elected. Thanks Donna for volunteering to be our delegate.

Just a reminder that the Women's Service is August 6th. Contact Pat Caber if you would like to participate. Her number is 610-595-1791.

Our Fall General Meeting will be held on September 6th at 6:30PM. We'll have a covered dish dinner and the dessert will be provided by the Advisory Board. All women of St. Matthew are invited to attend this dinner and meeting. This is a nice evening out and a great way to make new friends. If you have been considering joining WELCA or want to know what we do, come join us! If you need transportation to the meeting, please contact me.

Mark your calendar for October 9th. A Fall Conference Gathering will take place at our church. More information will be available at a later date.

Individual Circles will meet again in October. Even though we don't meet in the summer, our duties continue.

Lilly Circle has Altar Care for the month of August.

Have a Great Summer! See you in September!

**Sue Trout**

610-534-0232 (home)

610-331-1581 (cell)

## Communications Committee

Oh man...what a joke! Here's another article that's just a bunch of wishful thinking and speculation about a future that's uncertain, at best! All this financial wrangling, splintered affiliations, bureaucratic procedures, lack of interest, insufficient help to accomplish tasks.....it's impossible to get anything done, right?

Wrong. As far as the website is concerned it's becoming more dynamic as it responds to ongoing events quickly. And get this! The main office email address is changing soon to: [stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net). Make a note of it! It's an attempt to save thirty dollars per month.

How about some ideas from you about what this committee could do to help our church. We are looking for an image that would describe us, kind of a self portrait.(like for

instance, instead of the picture of the church building we use a picture of somebody helping the homeless, or dealing with youth activities, or teaching the young, or music as worship, or adults meeting and discussing topics, etc.) We need something to use in conjunction with our popular logo for future use in print, website, and collateral materials. You know, we are still contemplating an "identity program" which will include stationary, labels, pamphlets, postcards, etc. The idea is to have a unified, never changing appearance so that anyone receiving something from St Matthew, Woodlyn, will instantly recognize our materials. With all the changes in email and website our current materials are obsolete because they are incorrect.

Events come and go.....activities go on....but still there is extremely little

contact with this committee to publish. Maybe one of the suggestions you would have is to pull the plug and save the fees incurred on website and email?

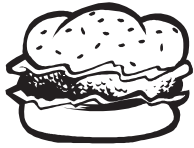
Ever think of a fund raising activity for our church? Let us know. We'll keep you posted on any info that's submitted to us for publishing.

Please help this committee with your suggestions for worthwhile activities. Let's speak, share, and serve together! Email us at: [stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net) Call us at 610-833-5788 and leave a message. Check out the website at: [stmatthewwoodlyn.org](http://stmatthewwoodlyn.org) Watch for the first "Council Update" during August announcements at church (you'll have to be there to hear it!)

Have a wonderful summer!

Submitted by: MJJ

## Social Ministry



Approximately 98 guests enjoyed the hot dog and hamburger picnic dinner at the life center June 30.

Joe R. cooked 132 hamburgers and Marilee Jones cooked 1321 hotdogs. These had been purchased by Mike McFadden with Social Ministry funds and he and the Joniec family served them, along with salads and other items that you all provided. Thanks a bunch!



As of this writing we're planning to provide 5 food baskets for Christmas in July on the 30th.



We are looking forward to September when we will be emphasizing World Hunger, and serving another dinner at the Life Center on Friday, Sept. 29.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Blessings!  
Jean Guss

### Heifer Project!

We have received a **BIG "Thank You"** from Heifer International for the wondrous sum of \$360.00, which was collected by our Sunday School Children and Church Members.

It was used to provide;

Chicks	\$40.00
Ducks/Geese	\$ 40.00
Pig	\$120.00
Rabbits	\$60.00
Heifer	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<b>\$360.00</b>



So many families have been helped by this gift.  
**Way to Go!!**



### Campus Connection

Hope everyone has had an opportunity to see the letter posted on the Campus Connection bulletin board informing St. Matthew that we have received a one-time grant of \$200 from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. We are thankful to receive this money to help us as we continue this new ministry. Keep our eye on the bulletin board – we will be collecting information from our college youth regarding their anticipated activities this summer and will share with the congregation.



### Military Ministry



We would like very much to establish a connection with St. Matthew's families and friends serving our country. Please consider meeting this need to keep in touch and express our appreciation to those performing such an important job. **NO MEETINGS, NO COMMITTEES** — you can organize this as you wish. Ongoing supportive services would be available, if desired. Please think about it. Help to recognize those protecting our Country for US. Please contact Janet Francesconi.

# Continuing Prayers of Healing



Alberta Simonin	David Klooster	Jimmy	Mel Schucker
Arlene Bixler	Dennis Porter	Joan Hueston	Mike Young
Ashley	Ethan Bedwell	Joanne Ryan	Mildred Edwards
Ben	Ethel Thomas	Joe Bucolo	Minnie Williams
David	Gladys Farkas	John Sassano	Nadine Simon
	Helen Wilson	Kathie Gilbert	Noah Sharp
	Jacob Johnson	Liz Chaffin	Rick Lord, Sr.
	James Black	Marcia Mikeska	Ruth Martin
	James Stanton	Mary	Sam
	Jason Pheelps	Mary Black	Susan Maxwell

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## Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.  
Serving in Air Force

Jacob Johnson  
Marines in Iraq

Brian Weaver  
Serving in the Air Force in Iraq

## 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

Mr. Ira Schott  
Wallingford Nursing  
Home  
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



## August Birthdays

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|---|---|--|
| 1. John Bell<br>Jessica Skotleski                                       | 10. Sandra Bell                                 | 25. Ruth Martin                                  |
| 2. Michael Doggett  | 14. Katie Bedwell                               | 26. Sally Wood                                   |
| 3. Rebecca Wilhelm<br>Austin Dwyer                                      | 15. Michele Karpyn                              | 27. Rick Lord, Sr.                               |
| 4. Francine Gale  | 16. Michael Quinlan                             | 29. Dot Ellis<br>Laura Skotleski                 |
| 5. Madisson Klooster  | 17. Janet Francesconi                           | 30. Phyllis Clymer                               |
| 6. Zachary Miller<br>Mary Robinson                                      | 18. Amanda Moser<br>Sam Jones<br>Michael Conlon | 31. Tyler Petka<br>Jim P. Lynam<br>Sarah Simonds |
| 9. Richard Lord III<br>Geoffrey Trout<br>David Bixler<br>Lauren Wiseley | 19. Kathleen McDonald                           |  |
|   | 20. Lauren Hickey                               |  |
|   | 23. Anna Conlon                                 |  |
|   | 24. Keira Wagner                                |  |

## August Anniversaries

1. Jim & Janet Lincoln (30)
7. Ron & Michele Nevin (7)
29. John & Jerilyn Iacono (25)
- Ray & Leslie Schott (3)



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



### 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.

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### Evangel Articles

September *Evangel* articles are due **August 5th**. 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
6	WELCA
13	Susan & Larry Render
20	Fred Sach
27	Don & Dot Ellis

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