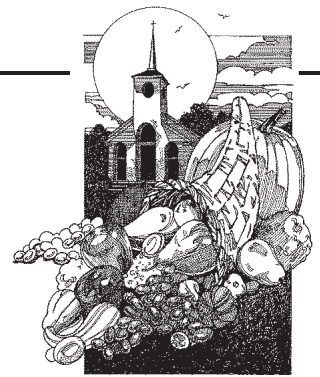


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Stewardship Dinner, November 5, 2006

Mark your calendar for the evening of November 5, 2006 for a Stewardship dinner at St. Matthew sponsored by Church Council. Come out to enjoy some good scripture, a good meal, fellowship, and an update from Council. Please look for additional announcements on the Church website, in the weekly bulletin, and mailings. Volunteers will be needed to prepare covered dishes!

Questions? Contact Council President Rick Graham at 610-543-1192. **See you on November 5th!**

Worship and Music



"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me to drink. Whoever believes in me as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow within him." – John 7:37



We come to worship each week to be filled and refreshed in the word of our Lord. We then can share His message of love and caring to all we meet. Each service Pastor brings us the message from God. The Laity, Choirs, or "Gifts of Praise", also prepare to communicate God's message with prayer or song. How blessed we are, to have such devoted "Children of God", to make sure we receive the message God intends for us to hear.

The Adult Choir, Youth Choir and Children's Choir are preparing for a very busy Church Season. Thank you to the Choirs and all who served for Reformation Sunday services. The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday November 22, 2006 at 7:30 with several Confirmation students serving as assistants. Sunday November 26th is "Christ the King Sunday", followed by the 1st Sunday of Advent on December 3rd. Sunday December is also the beginning of the New Year for the Church Year.

"Gifts of Praise" are music leaders on the 3rd Sunday of each month for both services. They had the privilege of playing at the home of Rick and Doris Lord. "Gifts of Praise" also were one of the praise bands who performed at the Thrivent Event on September 24th. There is talk that a new bass player will be joining the group.

The Worship and Music Committee Coordinators have been working hard to make sure that there are greeters, lay readers, ushers and acolytes for all of the services. Again, we are blessed to have such devoted "Children of God".

In His service,
The Worship and Music Committee

November 2006

Worship Schedule

 **November 5**
All Saints Sunday

8:15 & 11 am

Word & Sacrament

9:30 am SCS

10:30 am Children's

Choir Practice

1 pm Confirmation Class

5 pm Stewardship Dinner

7 pm Youth Group



November 12

8:15 & 11 am Service of the Word

9:30 am SCS

10:30 am Children's Choir

Practice

November 19

8:15 & 11 am Word & Sacrament

9:30 am SCS


 10:30 am Children's Choir
Practice

Social Ministry Packing
Thanksgiving Baskets after 11 am
Worship Service

1 pm Confirmation Class

7 pm Youth Group

November 22

 Thanksgiving Eve
7:30 pm Word and
Sacrament



November 26

Christ the King Sunday

8:15 & 11 am Word & Sacrament

9:30 am SCS

10:30 am Children's Choir
Practice

Mutual Ministry

ATTENTION: this article is being run again due to the important omissions from the article in the September *Evangel*, please read again.

The Mutual Ministry Committee feels the congregation would benefit by reading the following article from Model Constitution for Congregations of the E.L.C.A. 2005:

A GUIDE TO MUTUAL MINISTRY

Definition - Mutual ministry is a mission-oriented enterprise that is characterized by a broad vision of ministry and a healthy practice of mutuality.

Mission-oriented- The committees' focus is not solving the personal psychological, or spiritual problems of the pastor. Nor is it a "complaint department" for the members of the congregation.

Broad vision of ministry- Ministry is the act of service to others in the name of Jesus Christ, the calling of all the baptized and our life's work. The congregation is where we are called to ministry. Because pastors are trained and ordained, they have a unique responsibility for the right proclamation of the gospel, however they share that responsibility with every Christian.

Healthy practice of mutuality- By using the gifts of the Spirit, we are all called to empower and equip one another's ministries for the sake of the mission. Therefore, the mutuality is not between the pastor and the congregation, but among all the people including the pastor. True mutual ministry serves not the pastor or the congregation but the mission of the congregation. It is the shared work toward a common goal - the building up of the body of Christ.

Small group approach to develop mutuality- It is important that a healthy relationship be formed among the members of the committee, so that they can work more honestly and rigorously with one another. Healthy relationships encourage and enable confidently within this small group with its unique purpose- focusing on the mission of the congregation.

Ministry tasks of scanning and response- Through observation, bible study, and information gathering, the committee evaluates the life of the congregation and its mission. In response, they may share their observations with the council and offer suggestions or may be kept internally, within the committee.



Campus Connection

St. Matthew continues to keep in touch with the students who are continuing their post high school education. The list is growing, and we now have 13 students included. Students tell us of their appreciation for the continuing attention from St. Matthew. Below is a list of the students in Campus connection for this school year. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank You,

Janet Francesconi

Dave Breignan - A Freshman at the University of Pittsburgh

Gil Breignan - A Junior at Brown University

Tom Hickey - A Freshman at Elizabethtown

Ben Mandos - A Sophomore at Temple University

Courtney Marino - PA Institute of Technology

Kat McDonald - A Sophomore at West Chester University

Amy Mikeska - A Sophomore at Penn State, Delco

Amanda Moser - A Sophomore at Susquehanna University

Sarah Moser - A SENIOR at Penn State University

Dave Pezzano - A Freshman at Berklee College of Music

Stephanie Philipp - A Freshman at DCCC

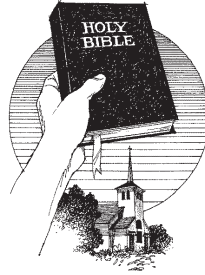
Mary Kate Surotchak - A Junior at Temple University

Sandy Troyan - A Junior at Roanoke College



Christian Education

We would like to acknowledge the many folks who helped make the cake bake held on September 24th a great success. Thank you to all the bakers who donated the delicious cakes and cookies, as well as to those St. Matthew members who purchased them!



A special thanks to Jody Troyan for overseeing the whole event and to Janet Francesconi for assisting. The efforts of these people brought forth a total of \$400.35! Thrivent is contributing \$300.00 and this amount is being matched by an anonymous donor. The total of these funds will pay the bulk of the cost of new curriculum for the fall.

In many cases the summer seems to have been extended into early fall, so we will report next month on the SCS attendance. It's still not too late for any child to join us on Sunday morning. We are sure they will enjoy sharing songs and learning with others. Teachers are reporting the children are showing great interest in the new material!

As this article goes to press, we are preparing to celebrate Reformation Sunday. Upcoming also is the October 22nd teachers meeting, when we will be discussing crafts for Hanging of the Greens. Preparing this Evangel article on Oct. 3rd, Christmas still seems far away, but time goes fast

and it is essential that we organize events ahead of time. IF you have an idea you would like to share, or if you would like to help out with a craft, please contact Ginny Jones at 610-833-5640.

In his service,
Ginny Jones



"A Spiritual Renewal Bible Study"

Prayer guides us! Come, let us read scripture, pray and be renewed in our spirits

*** Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm ***

November 1 and 8

December 6 and 13

and

*** Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am ***

November 2 and 9

December 7 and 14

(The same study will be offered at both gatherings.)

Come and invite others to come with you.

All are Welcome!

Pastor Nancy B. Brown

Poinsettia Order Form

It's already time to order poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary during the holiday season. Please have your orders in to the church office no later than **December 3**.



I (we) would like to share in the decoration of St. Matthew by placing the following:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ @ \$8.00 per plant. Total \$ _____ enclosed

Check One: I will take my Poinsettias I will leave my Poinsettias for our Homebound Members

Make checks payable to St. Matthew.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 3, 2006!



At this time of Thanksgiving, let's remember to count our blessings. Everyday!

The Fall Conference Gathering was held on October 9th with 26 ladies in attendance from 6 different churches in the Delaware Conference. Cindy Messerole of "Carol for Heart" gave an inspirational talk about having a healthy heart and warning signs of heart problems. Thanks to Marge Troyan for coordinating this event and to all the women of St. Matthew that helped to make the evening a success.

The women of St. Matthew met in their individual circles in October. The devotional lesson was "acting boldly with gentleness". A special "birthday offering" was taken and the money collected will go towards two special wish gifts that will be purchased for children at the Silver Springs school. We will also collect stocking stuffer items for the children. All donations can be placed unwrapped in the box at the back of the church by November 26th.

Our Christmas Outreach will once again be the Mother's Home in Darby. Our Angel Tree will be in the back of the church after the December 6th General Meeting. Anyone in the congregation can make a donation or purchase a gift. We will also be

collecting toiletries to give to the young women. (soap, shampoo, disposable razors, etc.)

A Pollyanna and cookie exchange will be held on December 6th at the General Meeting at 7:30PM. The gift should be no more than \$10.00 or home-made. (Please no food gifts) Please bring 3 dozen cookies for the exchange: some for the meeting, the remainder to be given to the shut-ins. **ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!! BRING A FRIEND.** Even if you don't participate in the cookie/gift exchange we'd love to have you join us.

Pastor Brown will be giving an Altar Training Session November 12th following the 11:00AM Service. Anyone in the congregation that is interested in Altar Care should let her know. WELCA membership has gotten smaller and more help is needed.

Circle Meetings for November are:

Lily - November 7th at Carol Dietrich's home (610-521-1393)

Saffron - November 6th at Jeanne Sach's home (610-876-2889)

I am thankful for the continued support and encouragement I receive from all of the women at St. Matthew!

Sue Trout

Home (610-534-0232), Cell - (610-331-1581)

Flower Ministry

For many of us, participating in the Flower Ministry of our church gives us an opportunity to purchase flowers that will adorn the altar, honor or remember a loved one, and extend God's love to the homebound, hospitalized, or nursing community. This is a very important and loving ministry of this congregation and we give thanks to God for all that witness in this way.

Fresh cut flowers in the sanctuary are expressions of beauty in God's creation, joy in Christ, and frailty of humanity. *"All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades"* (Isa. 40:7-8). These flowers adorn the altar at all the seasons of the

church year except Lent. Traditionally, flowers along with other symbols are absent in the worship space during the Lenten Season to help the congregation absorb more of the penitential character of the season.



As the church prepares to begin a new year, please review the flower schedule for 2007 by calling the Church Office (remembering that flowers will be absent from our worship space during Lent).

God's blessing to all in your witness to God's love.

Worship and Music Ministry



All Saints Sunday, November 5th

It is our tradition to remember all those who have passed in the last year from All Saints Day to November 1st. Those fondly remembered are:

*Mildred Cianci , John Modesti,
Augusta Cline, George Whitton,
Rebecca Sanborn, Gladys Farkas,
Donald Ellis, Jr., Mildred Edwards*

Continuing Prayers of Healing



Alberta Simonin	Helen Wilson	Marcia Mikeska
Arlene Bixler	James Black	Mary
Ashley	Jason Pheelps	Mary Black
Ben	Jean Martino	Mel Schucker
David	Jimmy	Minnie Williams
Dennis Porter	Jim Simon	Nadine Simon
Ethan Bedwell	Joan Hueston	Noah Sharp
Ethel Thomas	Joanne Ryan	Nancy Kalbach
George Bonas	Joe Bucolo	Pat Biank
	John Sassano	Rick Lord, Sr.
	Kathie Gilbert	Ruth Fanelli
	Karl Saunders	Sam
	Liz Chaffin	Susan Maxwell

Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.	Jacob Johnson	Brian Weaver
Air Force	Marines in Iraq	Air Force in Iraq

Social Ministry

On September 29th we again held feeding of the homeless. Many thanks to all who contributed their time in making casseroles, salads, desserts, etc... Also, thanks to Mike McFadden who puts feeding of the homeless together.

On November 19th we will be packing food baskets once again for five families. If anyone would like to donate a turkey, it would be greatly appreciated.



God bless and peace be with you,

Marilee Jones

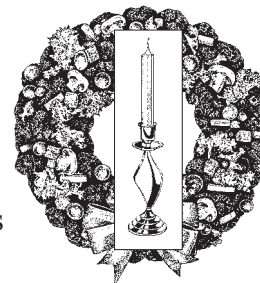
Thanksgiving Eve Worship



Please join us on November 22nd, Thanksgiving Eve, at 7:30 p.m. for Word & Sacrament.

Advent Begins

In just days we will enter the season of Advent. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, please join us each Sunday for worship starting on December 3.



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

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

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

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

Ruth Martin
Sunrise Assisted Living
324 W. Lancaster Ave
Rm 311
Malvern PA 19355
610-644-5504

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



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

November Birthdays

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| 2. John Lynam | 16. James Simon | 26. Lew Riess |
| 4. Harry Doggett | 17. Evelyn Petka
Trudy Powell | 28. John Blair, Sr. |
| 5. Daniel Jones | 18. Mariah Robinson | 29. Benjamin Mandos
Patrick Quinlan |
| 7. Joan Firth | 20. Cindy Mandos | |
| 8. Ginny Todd
Amber Dwyer | 22. Betty Calise | |
| 11. Dave Trout | 22. Kate Doggett | |
| 13. David Jones | 23. Christopher Baer | |
| 14. Helen Klooster | 25. Lauren Firth | |



November Anniversaries

- 6. Bill & Sally Breingan (24)
- 11. Jim & Trudy Powell (28)
- 12. Michael & Linda Miller (12)
- 14. Charles & Bev Petka (14)
- 15. Jody & Marge Troyan (31)

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.

St. Matthew Information

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Monday – Thursday, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

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Website: www.StMatthewWoodlyn.org



Evangel Articles

December *Evangel* articles are due **November 15th**. 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 8:15	Greeters 11:00	Ushers 11:00	Lay Readers 8:15	Lay Readers 11:00	Nursery
11/5	Lee & Madelin Krah	Tom Reeves	Layne Graff, Bert Drake, Sharon & Rick Graham	Jerilyn Iacono	Patty Caber	Anita Abt
11/12	Tom & Maryann Bedwell	Ethel Snyder & Betsy Facht	Ken Flatau & Barbara Cerbus	Patrick Quinlan	Erin Robinson	Denise and Keira Wagner
11/19	Joe Rebarchak	Janet Lincoln	Graeff Family	Ray Schott	Sue Trout	Marilee Jones
11/22	Thanksgiving Ev	Ken & Ginny Flatau		Confirmation Class		
11/26	Helen Keyes	Chuck & Diane Hutton		Helen Keyes	Ken Flatau	Layne Graff

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