

# The St. Matthew Messenger



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## From the Desk of Pastor Schroeder:

The weather has turned cooler and with autumn upon us, I am reminded of the cornfield mazes that appear this time of year. There are, of course, entrances and exits, but between them lay lots of turns and dead ends. Visitors pay for a handheld map to follow as they are unable to see over or between the stalks of corn. In some, there are numbered stations along the way, and the challenge is to see if you can visit all the stations and be the first to come out the other end. If you hurry or read the map incorrectly, you will miss a turn and it will cost you time and energy.



For congregations like us who are going through a period of transition, the process of calling a new pastor can feel like negotiating through a maze. What seems like what should be a simple process, we are often feeling like we are walking into one dead-end after another, which causes us to ultimately feel frustrated, angry and tired.

But, what if instead, we were able to engage in a walk of faith using a labyrinth as we go through the period of transition? The labyrinth has been used for centuries as the faithful pursued a holy journey through which God has led God's people from a place of darkness and confusion to a place of light and peace. A labyrinth

isn't a maze, but is a tool that provides an opportunity for meditation and prayer. It has only one path to the center, it has no dead ends and there's nothing to block your view. The path twists and turns back on itself many times before reaching the center, and once at the center, there is only one-way back out. The slow, intentional walking it requires, creates a quiet place on a set path which allows for a level of focus that can be difficult to find in a transition.

We are not traversing this time of transition alone, though. We have each other, and more importantly, we have Jesus, who said in Hebrews 13, "*I will never leave you or forsake you.*" The congregation has also called Pastor Rob Moore to walk with us as the lead interim. He will be joining us starting November 12. So, let us move through this period of transition together with a great sense of faith, hope and a calm sense of peace, knowing that we are going to be just fine and that God will be with us every step of the way. Amen, let it be so.



A huge thank you to our St. Matthew staff for their extra efforts as they covered many duties during our pastoral vacancy.

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**PASTOR ROB MOORE**, currently serving St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carlisle as lead pastor, has happily accepted the St. Matthew offer to serve as our interim lead, beginning November 12!



Pastor Rob began his pastoral journey serving two congregations in Pennsylvania – Tabor Lutheran Church in Kane and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Bradford. Following his time there, he served as the Assistant to the Bishop and Mission Director of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod. While there, he coordinated all new and redevelopment ministries in the synod, developed a communications ministry and led the call process ministry of the synod. After his term as Assistant to the Bishop was over, Pastor Rob served as the Executive Director of Briarwood Lutheran Ministries, a summer camp and retreat center of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod. He left Briarwood to serve as the pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. He left Mount Olive to serve the people of St. Paul, Carlisle.

Pastor Rob is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (Masters of Divinity) and

Penn State University (Bachelors in Speech Communications and Theater). He is married to Lorraine and they have two grown children, Matthew and Mark, and he enjoys riding his Harley.

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SERVES AS OFFICIAL NOTICE** that we will hold our Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 11, immediately following the late worship service (approximately at noon). The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2019 and elect five new council members and a youth representative. All voting (active) members of the congregation are asked to attend this important meeting.

**WE WELCOME** Cody Danner to our congregation as our new seminarian. Cody will be with us through May. If you would like to take Cody and his wife to lunch, he will be available for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month through November, and then again February through May. Please call the church office if you would like to sign up to take Cody and his wife to lunch.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The Thanksgiving Eve service is planned for November 21 at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel UCC, Hanover. There will be displays of the different HACC ministries from 6:30-8:30. A multi-church, combined choir will be singing.

## Thank You Isn't Saying Enough

Thank You to everyone at St. Matthew who helped make the 4<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Hanover Area Community Meal Packing Event such an overwhelming success. St. Matthew can be proud of the event which started here and has grown into a community-wide effort bringing Hanover residents together with those from other businesses, churches, service organizations and more for the singular purpose of feeding the hungry. Thank you to members who contributed, volunteered and prayed, as well as to the entire St. Matthew staff, Church Council and Social Ministry Committee who were solidly behind the event from beginning to end and supported the effort in more ways than you can ever imagine. The Steering/Resource Committee thanks each of you for everything you did to Rise Against Hunger.



**WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT** of the St. Matthew congregation, and welcome your prayers and suggestions toward helping Discovery Place continue to grow and share God's love with local children and families.



Over the summer months, we enjoyed four weeks of Summer Discovery Camp, with many of the children attending multiple weeks. Several of our teachers met to begin work on a new curriculum for our preschool, and we hired some new staff to accommodate the new class offerings. Discovery Place is GROWING!

At this time, we are only accepting registrations for our new Pre-K morning class, as our other classes are FULL!

There are a few ways you can help our preschool continue to grow:

1- Spread the word about our preschool. You can "Like" our Facebook page, and even "Share" it with your friends.

2- Help us during "Fundraisers." Our first "FUNdraiser" night is scheduled for **Thursday, November 8, at Dough and Arrows**. Come out at any time during the evening (4-9 p.m.) and *Dough and Arrows* will donate 15% of their evening proceeds to our preschool! No paper to carry, simply go enjoy some delicious ice cream and cookie dough, and our preschool benefits! Easy and delicious!

Lastly, I am looking for anyone who is **willing to be a preschool substitute**. While oftentimes I can fill in for teachers when they need a sick day, sometimes we have more than one teacher feeling "under the weather" - and this year we have even more staff. I can only fill in for one person at a time, and so I am looking to make a "Substitute List" to keep on hand during cold and flu season. If you are willing to fill in for a morning or afternoon class (classes are 2.5 or 3 hours long), please let me know! The weather is changing, and cold season will be here soon enough. Thank you!

Cheerfully in Christ,

Martha Lobaugh, Director

Office 717-637-1864

Email: [discoveryplace@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:discoveryplace@stmattlutheran.org)

**REACHING OUT** to our college students and military personnel. This year the Evangelism Committee will once again be reaching out to members who are attending college or who are actively serving in the military. This fall we will be sending Visa Gift cards in place of care packages. There is a display in the Gathering Place where you can make a \$10 contribution, or more! Please help us show that we care about our members who are furthering their education or serving our nation. Make a contribution by November 11. Checks should be made payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church," memo "Reaching Out."



**OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS!!**

Terry Badman advised Council that this will be his last year as Co-Treasurer. We are looking for a member of the congregation to step up and take on the shared duties. You will be engaging with and supported by the Finance Committee and the Church Council as a non-voting member. If you think you might be interested and want to learn more, please contact Pastor Kate, David Kurtz, Co-Treasurer, 717-451-7109, or Terry Badman, 717-632-0428. Council will be electing new officers in December so raise your hand and step forward. Bring your talents and experience to serve the Lord's congregation!



Next month's Messenger will cover **December and January**. Please have all articles to the church office by Thursday, November 15. Thank you!

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PERIODIC FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

**As of: September 30, 2018**

Actual Nine Months:		Budget Year 2018	Actual Year 2017
This Year	Last Year		

**PARISH MINISTRY:**

Envelope Giving &  
Other Receipts:

Envelope Giving . . .	\$ 405,265	\$ 391,705	\$ 550,000	\$ 540,743
Other Receipts . . .	89,914	63,227	80,000	96,287
Total Receipts	495,179	454,932	630,000	637,030
Expenses . . .	734,091	633,654	957,000	851,100
Shortfall *	\$ (238,912)	\$ (178,722)	\$ (327,000)	\$ (214,070)

\* When receipts are less than current expenses the "Shortfall" is taken out of requested fund accounts.

**WORLD MISSION:**

Envelope Giving	\$ 51,542	\$ 55,088	\$ 100,000	\$ 78,294
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**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Envelope Giving	\$ 46,098	\$ 49,226	\$ 60,000	\$ 69,772
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With the summer activities and vacations behind us where do we find St. Matthew financially? Our envelope giving is \$13,000 ahead of last year and our other receipts are \$27,000 higher.

Our reported costs are \$100,000 more than this point last year. Renovations to the administrative building heating system and to the library along with the salary and benefit increases have legitimately contributed to the increase in costs.

There are still participation fees, contributions and fundraising proceeds associated with fellowship activities, with National Youth Gathering and with the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary that have not yet been included in these figures. Our overall shortfall will be reduced when these receipts are posted.

For any questions or additional information, contact Co-treasurers Terry Badman, 717-632-0428, or David Kurtz, 717-634-5367.



**GROWING ST. MATTHEW BLESSINGS** is the title of the 2018 Stewardship Commitment Sunday which is November 18. Letters and commitment cards will be sent out to each household and everyone will be asked to prayerfully consider how much of their treasure they will give to St. Matthew in the coming year. But what does it mean to grow St. Matthew Blessings?

Pick up a dollar bill. What do you see? I see a tool God has given us or blessed us with. How will you use this tool? Part of it can be used to contribute to your living expenses. Part of it can be used as a blessing to our congregation. With it you can send youth to the National Gathering, pay the electric bill so we don't have to worship in the dark, have a children's choir, and pay the pastor's salary so we can hear God's Word and feast on the Body and Blood of Christ. When we share the tools God has given us, it affects so much more than yourself or your family; it affects us all.

We have the tools given by God but as St. Paul tells us in first Corinthians only God can cause growth. No one feels they have enough. Our wants and desires can become a bottomless pit leaving us to want more and more. Part of our discipleship is paying attention to those differences between wants and needs. When we give sacrificially as Jesus gave, we learn to rely on God more and be changed into the disciples we were meant to be.

This growth is not easy or painless, growth never is. Like a child learning to walk, we can fall a lot. But also like a child, we get right back up and try again. Growing our blessing is not just about what we will do but what God will do through us.

So how will you grow into being a blessing this year? Will you grow your blessing by a dollar a week? Five dollars a week? Or will you promise to give weekly even if you are not here every Sunday, keeping that blessing and giving double or triple when you do come? Will you commit to try to tithe more than four times a year?

Before you decide, ask God, ask your family, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. This requires you and your family to have a heart to heart talk with God in prayer, then fill out your commitment card on November 18 and join us in Growing St. Matthew Blessings.

*Rev. Cindy Chambers*  
Co-chair of the Stewardship Committee

### **ANGEL TREE**

Once again the Social Ministry Committee will have an ingathering of Christmas Gifts through New Hope Ministries to be distributed to those who otherwise may not have any Christmas gifts. The Christmas tree will be displayed in the Gathering Place during the month of November. Please remove an ornament, purchase the gift, and return the gift **unwrapped** with the ornament attached and placed under the tree by **December 2**. Social Ministry Committee will deliver the gifts to New Hope in time to be delivered to Hanover area families by Christmas. We are also collecting Wal-Mart gift cards in the amount of \$20 for the HUD residents. Please take the gift cards to the church office by **December 2**. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of families and making this year a brighter Christmas.



*Social Ministry Committee*

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council**  
*Special Meeting Minutes*

September 5, 2018

A special meeting of the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Present: Terry Badman, Laurel Bell, Jeremy Bucher, Kit Cur- len/ David Kurtz, Lynelle Livelsberger; Debbie Riddle, Bill Ritter, Jody Ruhlman, Linda Sanders, Pastor Kate Schroeder. Excused/Absent: Matthew Faust; Nina Kessler, Nancy Leister, Doug Stambaugh, Lori Unger.

The purpose of this special council meeting was to meet with Bishop James Dunlop and the Rev. Rob Blezard for instruction on how to proceed after Pastor Yeiser's resignation. They informed us of the next steps in procuring an interim pastor, as well as the protocol for calling a new pastor to begin after an interim period.

Pastor Schroeder advised that she did not want to be considered for the lead position, but would be willing to serve as interim lead. Pastor Schroeder left the room while council discussed and voted. Council members decided that a another pastor would serve as lead during the interim period. Pastor Blezard plans to bring an interim candidate to our September 25 council meeting. Compensation is based on the Synod guidelines and level of experience. The interim's contract is usually for one year with option to renew. The contract may be terminated with thirty days' notice by the church, the Synod office, or the interim pastor.

Bishop Dunlop and Pastor Blezard advise assembling a call committee after the interim pastor has been in place for about 3-4 months.

The call committee will complete a ministry site profile, and may do survey work through the congregation. Currently there about twelve pastors retiring yearly and this year there will be only three seminary graduates, but the scope of our search will reach beyond our synod borders.

There should be opportunities for our congregation to meet, greet and hear his/her preaching, followed by a congregational vote. The candidate must pass with at least a 2/3 vote.

The interim pastor will remain neutral in our decision for a permanent pastor throughout this process, although Pastor Schroeder will have input.

Laurel Bell  
Secretary

## Church Council Motions

August 28, 2018

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting; passed.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 special council meeting; passed.

**MOTION** from Finance: To move forward with PNC to [A] change checking accounts to reduce bank fees; to [B] enter into an arrangement that will facilitate online giving through the St. Matthew website through the use of mobile devices, and the ability to donate with credit cards while on site in the church; and to [C] apply for an organizational credit card account with cards for the Senior Pastor, Pastor, the Minister of Christian Education, the two Administrative Assistants, Steve Bell, Dirk Wildasin, and a trusted individual from the Youth Group; passed.

**MOTION** from Finance: To approve the June Special Needs request of \$2,000 for World Hunger, \$1,000 for SpiriTrust, and \$1,000 for HACC; and July Special Needs request of \$2,000 for World Hunger and \$1,000 for SpiriTrust; passed.

**MOTION** from Finance: To purchase a new AED per request to replace the current AED in the Administration Building and to include the expense on General Miscellaneous budget line 900-05; passed.

**MOTION** from Property: To sell the existing fence on Ebay; passed.

**MOTION** from Social Ministry: To allow an informational table for the Meal Packing Event in the Gathering Place beginning September 2 to October as necessary until goal is met; passed.

**MOTION:** To table the discussion on valet parking until the next church council meeting; by Jeremy Bucher seconded by Bill Ritter; passed.

**MOTION** from Personnel: To add the Monday after Easter as the 10<sup>th</sup> paid holiday for St. Matthew employees; passed.

**MOTION:** To adjourn, by Bill Ritter; seconded by Deb Riddle; passed.

## PASTORAL ACTS

September 16 - October 21, 2018

### Baptism

October 14 – Ava Grace Rahe, daughter of John and Courtney (Wolf) Rahe with sponsor Rooney Wolf

October 21 - Kaylee Brooke Golden, daughter of Randy and Lisa Golden, with sponsors David and Rebecca Bergstresser

### Deaths

October 4 – Raphael Lewis (Smoke) Sanders

October 8 – Nancy Ruth (Fowble) Gamber

October 11 – Francis (Roller) Jacoby

### Weddings

October 13 – Chad and Cristy (Sanders) Eline

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Beginning in 2019, there will be one set of offering envelopes for each giving unit. The current green set of envelopes, representing Future Capital Improvements, will be incorporated as part of the white set of envelopes. The format for the “new” envelopes will be as follows:

Parish Ministries	\$ _____
World Missions	\$ _____
Special Needs	\$ _____
Future Capital Improvements	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

The new envelopes will have wording similar to that of the current envelopes. The color will remain white with the addition of a green border. Your envelope number will remain the same and the 2019 envelopes will be available for pickup beginning in December of this year.

There are several reasons for this change. Having only one set of envelopes per giving unit rather than two sets will result in an annual cost saving exceeding \$1,500. In addition, there will be substantial time savings for each of the volunteer counting teams on Monday mornings and similar time savings will result each week for those individuals who enter the amount given on each donor's records which is a necessary step for the preparation of year-end statements. Please call the church office, 717-637-7101, with any questions.

**THANK YOU** to those who helped with the neighborhood garden this year. We had a great yield of veggies that were used by New Hope Ministries. We are grateful for your help.

*Gail Mummert and the  
Social Ministry Committee*

**A DAY AT THE BEACH** is the theme for our annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 26, 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. All women of all ages are invited to spend a day at the "beach" with Bible study, worship, our special speaker (to be announced), a craft and our famous lasagna lunch with dessert bar. Please bring a dessert if you are able—everything else will be provided. Bring a Bible, a note pad and something to write with, too! Friends and relatives are welcome to attend with you. Please complete the registration form and return it with your \$15 check to the church office by Sunday, January 20, 2019.

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**A DAY AT THE BEACH WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one or both: [ ] meat lasagna [ ] vegetable lasagna

Please enclose with your \$15 registration check made payable to: "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" with "women's retreat" on the memo line.

[ ] Yes, my husband (or other male family member or friend) will be able to help prepare, serve and clean up our lunch.

Time available: \_\_\_\_\_



**Our *Advent Social***

will be held on ***Sunday, December 2.***

Lunch will be served at 12 noon.



**Please come and share in fellowship & a delicious lunch.**

Our menu is homemade Chicken Potpie.

We will prepare our Advent wreaths and have a craft for all ages.

Please sign up in the Gathering Place or call the church office to sign up

so that we have enough food for everyone!

(No tickets required - Free-will offering)

(Don't forget to dress casually for church!)



**THE ST. MATTHEW ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK**

We are excited to announce the Annual Christmas Cookie Walk. This year it will benefit our global mission outreach. Please plan to attend this fun event and invite your family and friends.

Saturday, December 1, 2018  
Fellowship Hall  
9:00 – 11:00 (or until sold out)



Here's how it works: At the door you will be able to purchase an empty 8"x8"x3" box for \$10. Then once inside, you are free to fill it with a large variety of homemade cookies, baked by our own St. Matthew members and their friends.

All proceeds will benefit our global mission outreach.

*St. Matthew Global Mission Team*



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - Members and friends who wish to honor or memorialize a loved one by placing a poinsettia in the chancel this Christmas are asked to **complete and return the form below with \$11** per listing to the church office. The memorials/honorariums will support shipping costs for Bibles for India.

**The deadline is Monday, December 3. Please print clearly when filling in names.**

2018 Christmas Poinsettias  
I/We wish to (please check one)  
 Honor  Memorialize

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person to be memorialized or honored)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Your offering envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

Please include \$11 per listing and make check payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church."  
**Deadline is Monday, December 3.**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**A SHADES OF IRELAND TOUR** is being planned for October 16-25, 2019. That may seem like a long time away, but now is a good time to consider joining this tour. Brochures are available at the Hospitality Desk and in the church office. There will be a travel presentation by a Collette representative on Thursday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now.

**A DAY AT THE BEACH** would not be complete without a lunch to share! Since this is a day for our women to relax, we are looking for men to volunteer for kitchen duty. Even if the women in your life are not attending, you may still come out to put lasagnas in the oven, put salad ingredients into bowls and put out the place settings. (See, you don't even have to really cook—just heat up!) We'll also be looking for a "coffee guy" to keep us in coffee and hot water for tea during the morning. If you are available for kitchen or coffee duty on January 26, please contact Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 or [jdavisaim@stmatthlutheran.org](mailto:jdavisaim@stmatthlutheran.org).



**ST. MATT'S LUNCH-OUT** will make a return trip to the pizza/salad/pasta/dessert bar at Infinito's on Thursday, November 8. Everyone is invited to meet at 11:45 for conversation over lunch. No reservations are required.



**YOUTH GROUP** welcomes all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders to these amazing events in November and December! Some are just for youth, but others

include our whole St. Matthew family. Check us out! We'll help out in lots of ways at the Meal Packing Event on **November 3**. You may sign up to be here for either the 10:00 to noon or the 1:00 to 3:00 packing shifts. Help is also needed before and after to set up the tables and funnel stations and to unload and load the Rise Against Hunger truck. Registration details are in the bulletin, this Messenger and on the St. Matthew website.

**Sunday, November 4** and **December 2** will be regular YG meetings in the Youth Suite (rooms 303 and 304). Hang out with friends while having fun with faith-filled adventures!

**November 16-18** is the Annual Youth Group Retreat at Camp Nawakwa. Registration information has been mailed to you. This year's theme is "Extreme Sports!" Even if you have no athletic abilities, you'll be able to exercise your "faith muscles!" Use the Youth Drop Box in the Gathering Place to return your registration form and check.

**FAMILY FAITH RESOURCE ROOM** holds an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 4, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Our Christian Education committee has transformed the previous 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School room into a space for our teachers, parents and others interested in Christian Education with children. The room is equipped with puppets, Legos and more to give children hands-on ways to express their faith. There are books and other printed resources for parents to borrow or take home to help share faith with their children.

During our Open House, Miss Jan will be sharing some of these resources especially for parents and grandparents. Have you ever asked your child, "What did you do in Sunday School?" and hear "Nothing." She will give you ways to ask the question to hear what really happened! Also, she will give tips on how to make getting to Sunday School easier for your family. Oh, yes, there will be coffee and tea from the new coffee/hot water maker and awesome snacks!

**A CHILDREN'S SERMON** will be offered on Sunday, November 18, at both services. It's also the day of the Everyone's Birthday Party, so there just may be a theme there! All children in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will be invited forward immediately following the reading of the gospel. Parents or other care-takers are welcomed to accompany children and share in this time together.



**HOLY BOWLERS** welcomes new bowlers any time to our Bible study and bowling on the first and third Thursday of each month. From "Gutter Guys/Girls" to "Strike Kings/Queens," all skill levels are invited for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Bible study begins at 1:00 in the Party Room. Miss Jan leads the study using the lessons for the up-coming Sunday. Then we bowl at 1:45 until about 3:30. Three games, including shoe rental, is \$5.00. We'll see you at South Hanover Lanes!

**CYBER WOMEN** usually meet the third Monday of each month at Panera, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 19. We use the on-line magazine, *Café*, to start our conversation. You may find it at [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org). Women of all ages are welcome!



# Calendar of Special Events

## November

- 3 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Meal Packing Event - Fellowship Hall
- 4 All Saints Day
- 7 Healing Service at SAW
- 10/11 Women of the ELCA Thank Offering weekend
- 11 11:45 a.m. Congregation Meeting - Nave
- 16/17/18 Youth Group Retreat
- 17/18 Commitment & Try-A-Tithe Weekend
- 18 12:00 p.m. Every Member Birthday Dinner – Fellowship Hall
- 21 No SAW
- 21 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Eve Service - Emmanuel UCC
- 22/23 Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!



## December

- 1 9:00-11:00 a.m. Cookie Walk - Fellowship Hall
- 2 12:00 p.m. Advent Social - Fellowship Hall
- 7 6:00 p.m. Discovery Place Christmas Program – Fellowship Hall
- 8/9 Winterfest - Synod event for youth
- 8 10:45 a.m. Trip to Longwood Gardens
- 9 3:00-5:30 p.m. Hanging of the Greens, dinner at 5:00
- 16 9:15-10:15 a.m. Children’s Christmas Pageant – Fellowship Hall
- 16 2-4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins
- 16 6-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party
- 22/23 Regular worship schedule



- 24 Church Office closes at Noon
- 24 **Christmas Eve Services:**
  - 6:00 p.m. Family Service
  - 7:45 Nativity Recital
  - 8:00 Candlelight Communion
  - 10:30 Nativity Recital
  - 11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Carol Service
- 25 & 26 Church Office Closed - **Merry Christmas!**
- 30 11:45 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
- 31 Church Office Closes at Noon
- 31 7:00 p.m. Mini-Ministers Puppet Show – Fellowship Hall



*Happy New Year* ❄️ *Happy New Year* ❄️ *Happy New Year* ❄️

## January - 2019

- 1 Church Office Closed - Happy New Year!
- 18 7:00 p.m. Joseph Martin Concert (by free ticket)
- 19 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hal Leonard Workshop
- 26 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Women’s Retreat (Upper Room)



## February 2019

- 10 2-4 p.m. Puppet Marathon – Fellowship Hall
- 14 6:00 p.m. Travel Presentation for Ireland trip – Fellowship Hall



**JOIN US FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** St. Matthew Birthday Dinner presented by our very own Christian Fellowship Committee! We will celebrate every member's birthday - yes, all 12 months on one day, Sunday, November 18. We will join together following the 10:45 worship service at approximately 12 noon. The menu will include spaghetti with our salad bar with Pixie dressing and toppings, bread and cupcakes for dessert.



Come celebrate this special day! Sign up in the Gathering Place. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of lunch.

If you are able, please bring a dollar store gift, wrapped, to play a birthday game. Don't miss this festive occasion on Sunday, November 18!

The Rev. Kathryn Schroeder, M. Div., Pastor,  
717-321-0614 (cell)

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The Rev. Dr. E. Edward Keyser, Cong. Visitation Pastor

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