

St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church

Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk



Summer Comes to a Close

Summer draws to a close, and we continue our study in the Gospel of Matthew each Sunday through the month, where we encounter more of our Lord's parables. My hope and prayer is that each of you found time during this summer for rest and refreshment during these hot, humid months. We certainly have—between the beach, community pools, and the blessing of air-conditioned homes and cars. Thank you, Lord!



Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.

If you missed VBS this year, you missed a wonderful time - we enjoyed a wonderful week in July full of stories and crafts. Thank you to Judy Scheidt for once again coordinating all the VBS activities so our children could learn that God's love is a gift for all people. The children visited St. Paul in the dungeon, met the emperor's guard Brutus, and heard anew how Jesus came to save the world and offer eternal life to everyone. They also spent time imagining life in a cave with early Christians and gained a glimpse of what it might have been like to hide their faith.

God has blessed our congregation with many gifted people, and those gifts were on full display during VBS. May God continue to bless St. Matthew as we prepare to enter a new season—a season of harvest in the coming months. Stay safe, and keep serving the Lord faithfully as we work together to further His kingdom.

In Christ,
Pastor Kelly

Comments from the President

The following are comments from the July 12th Vestry meeting.

Financial Secretary Report

The PNC Bank Statement for the period 30 May through 30 June 2026 and QuickBooks offering deposits for this same period reconcile.

Total General Fund Offering deposits are \$22,683.65. Total deposits for Designated Funds are \$3,399.12, which includes \$2,992.76 assigned as Preschool funds. Total deposit for the PNC Statement period designated above is \$26,082.77.

The 2 nd Quarter 2026 year-to-date Financial Offering Statements will be issued mid-July 2026.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings – As of June 30, 2026

Joseph Fund (CD) \$70,000

LCEF Steward Account/All Access \$246,031.66 (Interest – \$504.51)

PNC Checking \$50,139.85

Designated Funds:

Capital Improvements \$3,371.81

Music Fund \$1,683.38

Thrivent \$1,181.18

Preschool \$2,992.76

Youth Activities \$555.86

VBS \$288.76

Memorials:

Nancy Jamerson \$500

Ukraine Relief \$750

Disaster Relief 0

Ethiopian Pastor \$40 (Check for \$540 sent, July 8, 2026)

Ethiopian Church \$200 (Check for \$200 sent July 8, 2026)

Hearts for Jesus 0

Seminary Adopt-a-Student \$398.07.

Total General Fund Income for June: \$22,001.65

Total General Fund Expenses for June: \$7,946.90

Net General Fund Income for June: +\$14,054.75

Note: Large Utilities bills - \$460.71.

Pastor's Report:

1. Total
 - a. Services conducted – 2
2. VBS remembered – thank you for all your hard work to our Lord & Savior.
3. Sunday School begins September 13 th – adult choose the RCL text to study based upon the 3 year lectionary.

Board of Elders Report:

1. 19 greeting cards were sent in June.
 2. Meals on Call provided 1 meal. Thank you to those who provided meals.
 3. Additional Worship Assistants needed.
- Thank you as always, to the faithful group of Worship Assistants at St. Matthew.

Board of Church Property Report:

1. Remodeling of Pastor's office and Linda's office continues.
2. Recent heavy rain resulted in leaks in the Great Hall.
3. One of the air conditioning units required repairs and may need major repairs.

Board of Christian Education Report:

Judy Scheidt was not able to attend and report on VBS. Several Vestry members who were involved with VBS provided the following statements. The children were very well behaved. They participated in all the events and games and were deeply involved with the story of "Paul and the Underground Church". We had three groups of 5 children which was a good "student to instructor" ratio.

Thanks to the ladies who served the meals, to the group leaders and those who played acting roles. To everyone who helped set up and take down tables and VBS material. And a very special Thank You to Judy Schedit who once again did a fantastic job organizing everything.

Outreach Report:

VBS marketing wrapped up successfully this year. Compared to last year, our Facebook ads reached fewer people overall, resulting in fewer ad views. Since I adjusted the campaign objective this year to focus on event responses rather than link clicks, it's difficult to make a direct comparison between the two years. Even so, I'm pleased with the overall results and feel the marketing effectively helped promote VBS and generate awareness within the community. In addition to VBS promotion, the church website continued to receive regular updates to keep information current, and the monthly church newsletter was prepared and distributed as scheduled.

Social Concerns Report:

From July 19th to August 9th , we will be collecting items for the Huber Heights Schools. A list of items needed will be on a table in the narthex.

Ladies Guild Report:

Advertising for this year's Bazaar (November 14 th) will start going out. Booth rentals will also start coming in.

Vice President's Report:

Guest Gift Bag Status:

Start with 20 bags, youth group will put them together.

Mugs:

Provided St. Matthew design to Dayton Stencil, as requested by artisan John Graham.

Needs a die for imprinting mugs.

Initially had some issues with the design complexity, but currently working it out.

Coffee and tea:

So far unable to find a local vendor that sells coffee or tea in individual "sample size" sachets. Will likely use a commercial producer.

Pens:

Design is ready, awaiting more quotes.

Message from Pastor:

Will use an existing welcome card adapted to the gift bags.

Miscellaneous:

Please review the enclosed calendar for activity in August and September.

Jill and I will be out of town July 24th – August 2nd. If you need anything please contact Vice President, Neil Lutz. We should be back at church on August 9th.

Pastor Reagan Contact Information

Pastor Reagan: 614-564-7317 (cell)

k_w_reagan@yahoo.com (email)

If you require pastoral assistance in any way and/or are scheduled to go into the hospital or end up there unexpectedly, please contact me so that I/we can include you in our prayers (unless instructed to maintain privacy) and I can visit you. Your health and well-being is important to all of us!

From the Congregation

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies for the Huber Heights School District are being collected during July/August 2026. A table is set up the narthex and lists are available. School doesn't start until September 8, so we will collect JULY 19 through August 9. Thanks for your help. Any questions see Susan Armstrong or Trish Jordan..

Church Directory Updates

Update Russ & Ann Hill's email and phone numbers. They are in the "Members Out Of Town" section.

See the bulletin board for their letter telling about all the kids.

Russ & Ann Hill	glennorahill@gmail.com
250 Donna Dr. Apt. 6C	Russ – 615-972-7030
Henderson, TN 37075	Ann – 615-681-9931

Also update Kervyn & Janice Mach's address. They are in the "Friends of St. Matthew" section.

Kervyn & Janice Mach
8001 Red Buckeye Dr. (Unit 226)
Tipp City, OH 45371

Newsletter Articles

Newsletter articles are due the 20th of each month. Articles should be submitted to Kary Ellen Berger, by email, at karyellen.berger@gmail.com

Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER: The family of Opal Fisher, Bruce Raymer's aunt, as they mourn her loss; Eleanor Woods; Richard & Trish Jordan; Bill Wise; Pastor Younger; Pastor Scheidt; Chuck & Laurie Miller; Bruce Raymer; Carol Reagan; Elizabeth Karns-Poole; Tom Lingg; Ron Brock; Paul Woods; Andrew; Marita Gabler; Ezra Gonzalez; Linda Moncel, Jay Popkin, Jim Anderson, Alisa Quinn; Sean Bandelier; Drew Gerig, Bob Brown, Lori C, Sandra Gordon, Herman Shie; Tia Mumma, Kristina Hulse, Terry Sedlacek, Kathleen Wahala, Karyn Gilbert, Jerry & Gretchen Maziarz, Lola Watts, Kevin Younger, Gene Poast, Jerry Knapper, John Bowling, Diane Linder, Rodney Werner, Sarah Long, Joe DiGiorgio & James Greening. We ask that you be with those who are away serving our country, all absent members, and those suffering from manmade and natural disasters. We continue to pray for the deliverance of your people oppressed around the world.

Special Dates for August 2026

- Purple Heart Day, August 7, 2026

Those Celebrating Birthdays in August:

Brandon Fennell	August 5
Steve Stapleton	August 5
John Armstrong	August 9
Ian Paul Berger	August 11
Bill Driver	August 11
Virginia Nehring	August 11
Richard Good	August 12
Brad Kirkwood	August 15
Bill Wise Sr.	August 15
Linda Brock	August 18
Lee Siler	August 20
Aidan Cahill	August 21
David Dybvig	August 23
Jaxen Kincaid	August 28

Those Celebrating Anniversaries in August:

James & Kacey Greening.	August 7
Tom & Kim Lingg	August 9
Pastor Mel & Jan Younger	August 14
Ted & Judy Scheidt	August 22

Christian Symbol



SUNFLOWER — The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.

Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

Bible Quiz

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."



Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)



August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	7 A.A., 8 pm	8
9 Holy Communion	10	11 Yarn Matters. 6 pm	12	13 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	14 A.A., 8 pm	15 Courtyard Social, 6:30 pm
16	17	18	19	20 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Article Deadline	21 A.A., 8 pm	22
23 Holy Communion Vestry, 11 am	24	25 Yarn Matters, 6 [pm	26	27 Al Anon, 10:30 a.m.	28 A.A., 8 pm	29
30 Holy Communion	31					

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