

Light from the Ridge



Striving to Grow our Faith and Devotion to God at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

November 2018

Bluegrass Sunday at St. Matthew's

On **November 4th** we will have **one service at 10:15am** when **the Brunner family** will lead us in worship. Holy Communion and lighting a candle in memory of loved ones will highlight this All Saints Sunday worship. Invite your friends!

Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Forum will be held at 9:00am and remember, **Daylight Savings Time** ends on Saturday night.



Stewardship: It's all about the Bread!



We hope you enjoyed the Stewardship Fair in October and are excited about sharing your skills and talents with St. Matthew's! You will be receiving new forms to complete regarding how you can *Share Life's Blessings* with our congregation and beyond. Please bring these completed time and talent sheets to church on November 11th.

Café Group Meets at Starbucks

Café Group Meeting on November 8th! This new group for women has had its first meeting and will gather again on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00pm at the Starbucks in Quakertown. Our conversation will start with the topic of the month found on the ELCA's online magazine, **Bold Café**, created for "young adult women who identify as Lutheran or not." *Café* shares stories about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Although most of the stories are written by women in their 20s and 30s, our group is open to both those who are young in body and young in spirit. Our hope is that we can eventually form two groups: one for those under 40 and those over 40. Check out the resources at boldcafe.org and if you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Heidi or Holly Thorington.

Retirement Celebration for Linda Nice!

On Sunday, November 11th at 9:00am in the Welcome Center we will celebrate the ministry of Linda Nice as she retires from her position as St. Matthew's Ministry Assistant. Please join us for cake and coffee as we honor Linda for her work among us.

Congregation Business Meeting

The annual Congregation Business Meeting will be held Sunday, November 18 at 9:00am. Business items will include election of Council Members and adoption of the 2019 proposed budget. You can find the budget and Council bios on pages 8-11 of this newsletter. All are encouraged to attend.

LYF Trash Pick-up

LYF Trash Pick-up November 11 at 11:45am. Rain date is November 18. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.



Join us on **Sunday, November 25th** as we celebrate the festival of Christ the King with a Hymn Sing. Favorite hymns will be sung in place of our usual liturgy at both services. Come and make a joyful noise!

Keep reading to check out the new Worship times for Christmas Eve!



Read any good books lately?

Over the past couple of weeks I have been listening to the book *The Upside of Stress* by Dr. Kelly McGonigal. (For those who attended the Forum on “Making Stress Your Friend,” McGonigal was the presenter in the video that we watched.) Both the TED Talk and the book have been very helpful to me when considering everyday as well as periodic stress. At the heart of McGonigal’s work is the idea that if you believe that stress is not harmful, the physical symptoms of stress can actually be transformed to help you rather than hinder. It may seem a bit nutty at first, but she has the data to back up her theory.

For me, there have been some great take-aways that have had an impact on how I view daily ministry. McGonigal defines stress as “what happens when something you value is threatened.” As an example, I was feeling a healthy amount of stress the night before the Stewardship Fair. Would people show up? Would they have fun? Would we be effective in sharing information about various ministries in the congregation? There were a lot of unknown variables, but what was it that was causing me stress? At the heart of things on Saturday night, was a concern for the Church Council who had agreed to try something new and different. But after analyzing it a bit, I came around to the idea that we had all agreed on a plan for the Fair and I wasn’t the only one responsible for making it fly. I was a part of a team! Remembering those things helped to transform anxiety to excitement.



As I have continued to listen to McGonigal’s book I have been interested in the ways that her work affirms some of the things we do at church. For example, when you are under stress, your body releases the hormone oxytocin. This chemical gives you energy in the face of stress but it also motivates you to connect with others- to seek out connections with family and friends. I believe, that when the church is on top of its game, it can be one of the places where we manage our stress. Luther called it “the mutual conversation and consolation of the brothers and sisters.” When we gather on Sunday, when we touch base by phone or even when we “like” things on Facebook, we make connections. And those connections can help us deal with daily life. Knowing that we are not alone is of vital importance.

McGonigal also says, “Sometimes when you are in the middle of a stressful situation, you need to shift your mindset. Research shows that reflecting on your values in moments of stress can help you cope. [At a university study in Ontario]... participants were given bracelets that said, **Remember the values.**” Having previously written about three things they valued such as compassion, equality, reliability, or faith, the participants were encouraged to look at the bracelet when they were feeling stressed and to think about their most important values. Reorienting their mindset, if only briefly, helped the participants find the meaning behind their stress, lessening or even eliminating it.

I have all kinds of reminders in my office, my home and even on my wrist. Tiny Flat Jesus is on my frig and on my keychain orienting me to remember I am not on my own. God is with me and I have a community that supports me. I have a couple of bracelets and some artwork that reminds me that joy is something I value deeply and I should not let fear keep me from feeling that joy. And then there is the stack of old Bibles in our living room that speak of the values of faith and family.

Jesus, in all his cleverness and wisdom, provided us with other signs. Water, bread, wine and the cross all serve to remind us of grace and forgiveness. They signify that we are loved and that nothing can separate us from God’s love. So, what’s important to you? Those things, the things worth fighting for, may lead to stress, but they are also the things that give life meaning.

That’s what I’ve been reading lately. How about you?

Pastor Heidi

Year to Date Giving Statements

Year to Date giving statements have been prepared and have been emailed to all members for whom the church office has email addresses. For those members who have no email on file, your statement has been printed and mailed. If you do not receive a statement by either mail or email, please contact Sharon Myers at skmyers320@comcast.net or the church office.

Being Grateful

“Gratitude, at its deepest and perhaps most transformative level, is not warm feelings about what we have. Instead, gratitude is the deep ability to embrace the gift of who we are, that we are, that in the multibillion-year history of the universe each one of us has been born, can love, grows in awareness, and has a story. Life is the gift. When that mystery fills our hearts, it overwhelms us and a deep river of emotions flows forth — feelings we barely knew we were capable of holding.”
+ Diana Butler Bass

<u>Financial Update</u>		
<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>YTD 9/30/18</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Current Fund Income	\$ 243,258.82	\$ 269,838.00
Current Fund Expenses	\$ 269,632.60	
Current Fund Balance as of 9/30/18	\$ (23,054.82)	
<u>Benevolence Income</u>		
ELCA/Synod	\$ 20,912.45	
Lutheran Charities	\$ 330.00	
World Hunger	\$ 1,293.00	
Lutheran Community at Telford	\$ 2,514.00	
FISH	\$ 2,755.51	
Meals on Wheels	\$ 1,586.00	
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ 670.00	
Bear Creek	\$ 280.00	
Global Barnyard - Sunday School	\$ 414.18	
Misc.	\$ 125.00	
Installation Offering	\$ 528.00	
Behner Emergency Fund	\$ 100.00	
Total Benevolence Income	\$ 31,508.14	
<u>Mortgage Fund Income</u>		
	\$ 26,273.20	\$ 64,800.00
Mortgage Fund Balance as of 9/30/18	\$ 7,447.33	
<u>Building Project/Capital Campaign</u>		
2018 Donations	\$ 37,681.40	
Building Project Fund Balance as of 9/30/18	\$ (21,737.09)	
Unmarked Triplex envelopes will be distributed as follows: 80% Current, 10% Benevolence-ELCA, & 10% Mortgage		
Thank you for sharing the blessings God has given you		

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Head Start Christmas Giving

Coming soon is the Head Start Christmas Giving Program. As in past years, we will gather the special Christmas gift wishes of the children and families of the Head Start program located at St. Matthew's. You will have an opportunity to make Christmas a little brighter for program participants by giving them Christmas gifts. Watch for a Christmas tree and wish lists in the round room.



St. Matthew's Caroling

Come & Join us as we spread some holiday cheer! Sunday, December 9 we're going Caroling! Join us following 10:15 worship for a soup & sandwich lunch; then we'll head out to sing. Looking for anyone willing to "Make a Joyful Noise" and spread some holiday cheer. Come & enjoy lunch & fellowship even if you can't go caroling. Look for sign ups, or contact Becki Wieder (RSWieder@gmail.com / 267-424-5364)

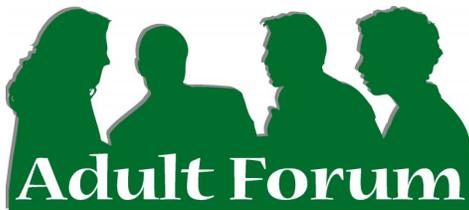
Mark your calendar: February 9, 5:30pm Chili/Mac & Cheese Cook-off; June 15 Iron Pigs baseball game

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings here at St. Matthew's once again on December 5, 2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129. Please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Building Use

For those who wish to use the facility for family gatherings, baby or bridal showers, meetings, dinners, etc. we have documents outlining acceptable usage, fees (if applicable), expectations for cleaning after an event, etc. Availability is on a first come, first served basis. The document is available on the website for anyone who is looking for a place to gather, both members and outside groups.



Adult Forum

- 11/4 Christianity Cults and Religion, part two, led by Linda Heckman
- 11/11 Retirement Celebration for Linda Nice
- 11/18 Congregation Business Meeting
- 11/25 The work of the SPCA led by their staff member Natalie

Support Youth Ministry!

Please consider purchasing \$20, \$50, or \$100 Giant or Landis grocery cards. Youth receive 5% of every dollar. Also purchase \$4 Wawa hoagie coupons—good for a shorti hoagie; cheaper too! Youth receive \$1 of every coupon sold. See Susan Lear or Katie Schnaath for grocery cards and hoagie coupons.

MUSIC BOX

Sun 11/4	Brunner Band
Sun 11/11	Women's Ensemble
Wed 11/14	Bell Ensemble, 6:30pm Choir, 7:15pm
Sun 11/18	Bob Podraza, vocal
Sun 11/25	Choir

Penridge FISH Pantry Donations

Making donations to FISH is one way that you can share God's love with our community! Here are some items that are always welcome on the shelves at the food pantry.

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| 100% fruit or vegetable juice | spaghetti and other pasta | spaghetti sauce |
| rice and rice mix | canned fish or meat | beans |
| canned chili and stew | canned fruits and vegetables | dried fruit |
| pancake mix and syrup | cold and hot cereals | dry potatoes |
| gravy and broth | soups- all kinds | cake mix and frosting |
| flour and sugar | condiments and spices | cooking oil |
| peanut butter and jelly | coffee, tea and hot chocolate | diapers sizes 4,5,6, |
| diaper wipes | bath soaps and shampoos | laundry detergent |
| cleaning products | all paper products | gluten free and diabetic foods, |
| feminine hygiene products | shaving items | deodorant and toothpaste |

PLEASE PICK UP ONE OF OUR NEW FISH FOOD BAGS AND FILL IT UP!

Thank you!

Thank you to St. Matthew's Church, Lindee Fitting and Chris Frock for giving the altar flowers to the homebound on October 14. Thanks also to Sharon Andress for delivering these beautiful flowers and for taking the time to visit with me. Marian Beer

Thank you to all who participated and donated to the Penridge CROP Walk. We had 11 walkers and have raised \$1,000 so far!

Thank you to all who participated in Harvest Home Sunday. St. Matthew's donated 737 pounds of food (and pumpkins) to Penridge FISH!

Remember your loved ones and add beauty to the sanctuary by ordering poinsettias for Christmas Eve.

They will be available for you to take home after the service you attend.

Christmas Poinsettias

Use this coupon to order your Christmas Eve poinsettias by December 9. They are \$10.00 each with 4-6 blooms per plant. Please give your money & coupon to the church office or put in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Amount Ordered _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

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November Responsibilities

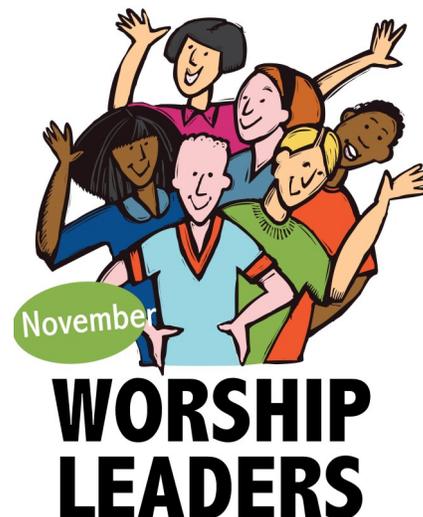
Counters: Teresa Hearn, Becki Wieder; alternate: Sue Robinson
Altar Guild: Joan Price, Brenda Leight, Lois Lutz
FISH Food Delivery Volunteer: Cindy Murphy

11/4 Liturgist: Lisa Rice
Holy Communion Assistants: Donna Lebiezinski, Michelle Fluck,
Tom Hebel
Lector: Lauren Draper
Kids Space Volunteer: Denise Smith
Greeter: 7:45 Donna Buzdygon; 10:15 Holly Thorrington

11/11 Liturgist: Dave Wurster (both services)
Lector: 7:45 Barbara Hess; 10:15 Bruce Seachrist
Kids Space Volunteer: Mary Fowler
Greeter: 7:45 Darlene Hardy; 10:15 Cindy Detweiler

11/18 Liturgist: 7:45 John Cimino; 10:15 Michelle Fluck
Holy Communion Assistants: 7:45 Joyce Koenig; 10:15 Mike VanValkenburgh, Lauren Draper,
Cindy Detweiler
Lector: 7:45 Bob Grasmeyer; 10:15 Becky Kummery
Kids Space Volunteer: Becki Wieder
Greeter: 7:45 Denise Anders; 10:15 Sue Robinson

11/25 Liturgist: Brett Wimmer (both services)
Holy Communion Assistants: 7:45 Mary Fowler; 10:15 Sharon Conrey, Sharon Myers, Cathy Hall-Currey
Lector: 7:45 Tracy Barnes; 10:15 Bud Eichlin
Kids Space Volunteer: Sue Robinson
Greeter: 7:45 Joyce Koenig; 10:15 Brooke Rush



Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship

You are cordially invited to join the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church for their Community Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:30pm. The theme of the worship is "Thanks for the Memories" as Peace celebrates their first 275 years of ministry. If you would like to be a part of the combined choir, contact their church office at 215-257-3294 or e-mail to adminassistant@peace-tohickon.org. Note there will be a choir rehearsal before the service at 6:30pm.

Become a Worship Leader!

Have you thought about being a lector but didn't know how to get on the schedule? Have you ever wondered what it is that the Altar Guild really does? Do you feel like it might be fun to volunteer in the Kids' Space on Sunday? You can sign-up for these and other leadership roles by filling out your time and talent sheet this month. It will be in your Stewardship packet which should be returned to church on November 11th.

Please note the new

Christmas Eve
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

5:00pm - Worship "with children in mind"
8:00pm - Worship with Holy Communion

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum 10:15a One Worship Service with Brunner Bluegrass Band, Holy Communion & Candle Lighting 12p Empty Bowl Project at St. Andrew's Lutheran	5 10a Staff Meeting	6 Election Day 7p Council Meeting	7 9a Women's Breakfast @ Dublin Diner 7p Mutual Ministry Meeting	8 7p Cafe group meets at Starbucks in Quakertown	9	10
11 Veterans' Day 25th Sunday after Pentecost 7:45 & 10:15am Worship 9a Celebration of Linda Nice's Ministry in Welcome Center 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum 10:15a Holy Baptism 11:45a LYF Trash Pickup	12	13 7p Boy Scout Troop 7 in room 210	14 9a WELCA Workday Knotting Quilts 6:30p Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17 8:15a Sight & Sound Trip
18 26th Sunday after Pentecost 7:45 & 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion by intinction 9a Congregation Business Meeting in FH 9a Sunday School & Confirmation 11:45a LYF Trash Pickup rain date	19 10a Staff Meeting	20 7p Boy Scout Troop 7 in room 210	21 7:30p Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Peace Lutheran Church	22 Thanksgiving Day Church office is closed	23 Church office is closed	24
25 Christ the King Sunday 7:45 & 10:15am Hymn Sing Worship with Holy Communion by intinction 9a Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Forum	26 10a Staff Meeting	27	28	29	30	Notes:

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
2019 Budget

Current Fund

<u>Current Fund Income</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Offerings	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	2%
House Rentals	\$ 35,100.00	\$ (17,400.00)	\$ 17,700.00	-50%
Endowment Income Support	\$ 44,692.00	\$ 7,835.00	\$ 52,527.00	18%
<u>Total Current Fund Income</u>	\$ 359,792.00	\$ (4,565.00)	\$ 355,227.00	-1.3%

<u>Current Fund Expenses</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Worship & Music	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 8,900.00	7%
Evangelism	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00	67%
Stewardship	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,300.00	10%
Social Ministry	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Christian Education	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,000.00	25%
Activities	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	0%
Salaries	\$ 183,552.00	\$ (12,839.00)	\$ 170,713.00	-7.0%
Staff Benefits	\$ 50,190.00	\$ 11,074.00	\$ 61,264.00	22%
Custodian - Outside Source	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	0%
Seminars	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	0%
Administration	\$ 16,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 15,500.00	-6%
Utilities	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ 28,700.00	-4%
Parsonage Utilities	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	
Property/ WC Insurance	\$ 9,200.00	\$ -	\$ 9,200.00	0%
Property Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	0%
Maintenance-Church	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 10,000.00	28%
Maintenance-House & Grounds	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	0%
Call Process	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ -	-100%
Miscellaneous	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00	0%
<u>Current Fund Expenses</u>	\$ 359,792.00	\$ (4,565.00)	\$ 355,227.00	-1.3%

Mortgage Fund

<u>Mortgage Fund Income</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Offerings	\$ 86,400.00	\$ (792.00)	\$ 85,608.00	-0.9%
<u>Mortgage Fund Expenses</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	
Mortgage Payments	\$ 86,400.00	\$ (792.00)	\$ 85,608.00	-0.9%

Benevolence Fund

<u>Benevolence Fund Income</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Anticipated Offerings	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	0.0%

All offerings are paid out as contributed. The beneficiaries are ELCA/Synod, Bear Creek, World Hunger FISH, Meals on Wheels, & Lutheran Community at Telford.

Endowment Income Fund

<u>Estimated Income</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Hellerick Estate Income	\$ 61,500.00	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ 52,000.00	-15.4%
LCF Distribution	\$ 37,000.00	\$ -	\$ 37,000.00	0.0%
	\$ 98,500.00	\$ (9,500.00)	\$ 89,000.00	-9.6%

<u>Estimated Expenses</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2019 Budget*</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Current Fund Support	\$ 44,692.00	\$ 7,835.00	\$ 52,527.00	17.5%
Where Needed	\$ 32,308.00	\$ 13,665.00	\$ 45,973.00	42.3%
	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 98,500.00	27.9%

*Income received in 2018 is disbursed in 2019

<u>Grand Total Expenses</u>	\$ 568,192.00	\$ 16,143.00	\$ 584,335.00	2.8%
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2019 Congregation Council Nominees (2 year term)

Finance – Brooke Rush

My wife Robin & I have been married for 34 years. We currently live and have raised our three wonderful sons in Hilltown township. I was born and raised in the village of Blooming Glen and was a member of St. Luke's UCC church in Dublin until joining St. Matthew's 28 plus years ago. I have lived here for all of my 60 years and owned a residential construction company for over 38 years, until just this year when I sold my business to another local building company. I graduated high school and have continued my education every day since then.

I have previously served on the finance team, mutual ministry team, property & grounds team and most recently chaired the building committee for our new Welcome Center. This three-year project will always be one of my proudest achievements at St. Matthew's. I now look forward to using these new facilities to increase our outreach to our ever-growing community. I feel I will bring a well-balanced background to the finance team in the interest of helping our church family be good stewards of our resources, in these ever-difficult times of balancing budgets.

Property & Grounds – Bruce Seachrist

This will be my second two-year term. We just completed remodeling the parsonage and some of the outside work is still in the process of being completed. I maintain all the fields, so they look pristine to keep the outside of the church looking absolutely perfect.

I have been a member since 1979. I am married to my wife, Linda, who has been a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. I spent 40+ years in the retail grocery business and retired in 2014. We have two wonderful children, Lauren and Kyle, a great son-in-law, Chris, and two terrific grandchildren, Mikayla and Hannah. I have been the chair of church building, been a member of the finance team, communion server, and usher. I feel it is a great service to volunteer my time to the church.

Stewardship – Cindy Murphy

My name is Cindy Murphy and I have been a member of St. Matthew's since 2009. My husband John and I have been married for 24 years and we live in Plumsteadville. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Temple University. I worked for a life insurance company in the information technology department for over 37 years. I held many roles with the company and have a strong financial background.

I am currently the stewardship chairperson, serve as an usher, help with Sunday school and I also participate on the Head Start Christmas gift team. I would be honored to continue to serve as the stewardship chair.

Social Ministry – Teresa Hearn

My name is Teresa Hearn; I have been a member of St. Matthew's church for 5 years. I have lived in Dublin with my husband, daughter, and son for 9 years. I am originally from West Virginia, and have lived in Pittsburgh, Florida, and Rochester, NY. I have a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, currently work for Lenape Valley Foundation as a Program Director for a residential site for people with serious and persistent mental illness. I enjoy helping people with mental health and addiction disabilities live a fulfilling and productive life.

My hobbies include quilting, reading, cooking, and traveling with my family. I am a Girl Scout troop leader. I look forward to continuing the social ministry work our congregation has done to help those in our community in need.

Treasurer – Deb Yates

My husband (Skip) and I have been a member of St. Matthew's for 7 years. I have had the privilege to serve at St. Matthew's as chairperson of the worship and music team and treasurer. I find there is great happiness in helping with altar guild, greeting my church family, working with the sound room where ever I am needed as well as serving on the activity and finance teams. The best part about being involved with the church is the wonderful friendships I have come to treasure. My loving husband (Skip) and I have been married for 44 years and we have two children; Rebecca who resides in New Hampshire and Brian of Tinicum. We have 3 beautiful grandchildren which we adore spending time with. We love cooking, landscaping, traveling and spending time with our grandchildren. I also have a life-long love of horses. Our hope is to give back to God for many years to come as our family has truly been blessed.

Worship & Music – Sue Robinson

My name is Sue Robinson and I am a lifelong member of St. Matthew's. I was married here and my children were all baptized here. I have been married to Jeff Robinson for 26 years and we have 3 children (Maddy 32, Anna 22, and Will 19) and two grandsons, Kellan and Brady.

I have been a teacher at Bedminster Elementary School for 32 years, teaching everything from kindergarten to 4th grade and am currently in 4th grade. I have taught quite a few St. Matthew's children over the years! I enjoy traveling, spending time with friends and family, reading a good book, pottery classes, and working in my flowerbeds. I am actively involved in our church having served as a Sunday school teacher, Bible school teacher, Alleluia teacher, confirmation guide and teacher, liturgist, lector, ASP volunteer, on altar guild, bell choir member, member of the transition team, and the worship and music chairperson for the last 2 years.