



St. Matthew United Church of Christ

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Dear Friends,

As most of you know our computer in the church offices was attacked and encrypted by Ransomware. This means that all of our document history has been wiped away because it has been encrypted. So all of our digital history of Temple Tones, correspondence, photos and Worship Programs are lost and cannot be retrieved. All of this means a huge amount of additional work for Carolyn Clark our Administrator to not only set up new systems, but to keep copies of materials going forward. For the most part our accounting and church giving files appear to be intact, but need to be upgraded with new software.

All of this carries a cost to the tune of about \$1400 for the computer and software upgrades. You are therefore strongly encouraged to help us meet these necessary additional expenses by contributing as heart leads you.

Most of the burden for sorting this entirely, and setting it right again has fallen on Carolyn. In addition we were fortunate, that members like Doug Price and Will Doyle were there to suggest the best way to manage these matters, and to purchase a new computer and software to move forward.

Join me in thanking them for stepping up and keeping us moving forward and help underwrite these new expenses.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Gene Bartell





April Birthdays

2 – Jewel Howard	18 – Stacy Bartell
2 – Sharon Bengston	19 – Kerry Schulze
4 – Amy Fletcher	23 – Yolonda Luckey
12 – Zachary Fletcher	29 – Alfred Taylor
14 – Linwood Herring	

April Anniversaries

12 – Larry & Carolyn Marciniak
15 – Louis & Phyllis Plack

May Birthdays

6 – Linda Price	14 – Alexis Fletcher
9 – Ben Price	22 – Robert Wancowicz
22 – Pansie Deane	

May Anniversaries

20 – Keith & Elaine Niemeyer

Are we missing your Birthday or Anniversary? Please let us know! Your "Special" day is a great way to shout about the many blessings He has given to you ☺

Calendar of Events

- May 2 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- May 4 – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM
- May 7 – Worship and Communion service, 10:30AM
- May 9 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- May 11 – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM
- May 14 – Worship Service, 10:30AM
- May 14 – Mother's Day ☺
- May 16 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- May 18 – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM
- May 21 – Worship Service, 10:30AM
- May 23 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- May 25 – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM
- May 28 – Worship Service, 10:30AM
- May 29 – "Memorial Day"
- May 31 – Compline Service, 8PM
- June 1 – Music Ministry Dinner, Location TBA
- June 4 – Pentecost Sunday, Worship 10:30AM.
- June 6 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- June 7 – Compline Service, 8PM
- June 8 – No rehearsal-season ends!
- June 11 – Worship Service, 10:30AM
- June 13 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- June 18 – Worship Service, 10:30AM
- June 18 – Father's Day ☺
- June 20 – Bible Study, 10:30
- June 25 – Worship Service, 10:30AM
- June 27 – Bible Study, 10:30AM
- June 28 – Compline Service, 8PM
- June 30 – 31st General Synod, here in Baltimore! June 30-July 4!!

EVERY Sunday is Fellowship Sunday with people joining together at 10AM for light refreshments. Worship Service & Sunday School then follows at 10:30AM. Come and join us ☺



*Remember Mom on
"Mother's Day",
May 14, 2017 ☺_*

Help volunteer to host the weekly Sunday Fellowship! Kudo's to everyone that helped with our Fellowship time last month! But here comes yet another month! Anyone can select any available Sunday by signing up in the rear of the church. It's easy.... a cake or a couple dozen donuts = FELLOWSHIP 😊

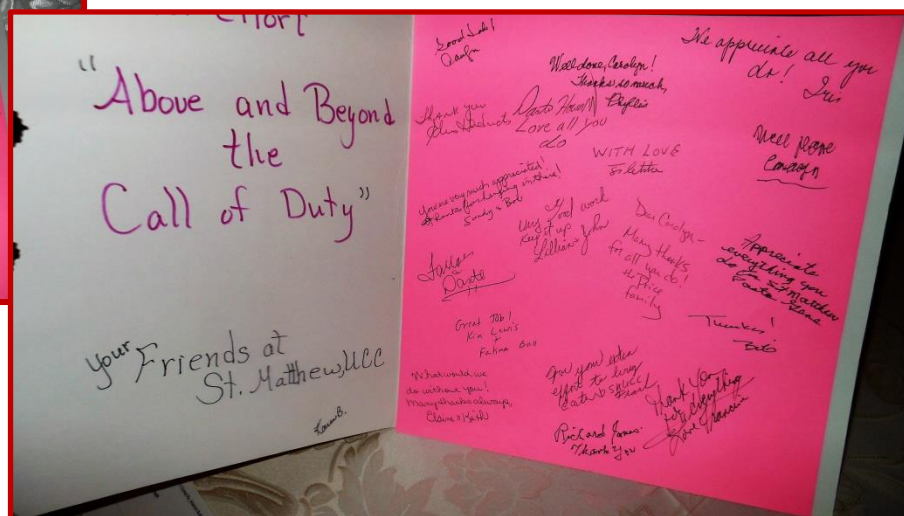


<i>May</i>	<i>Hosted by:</i>		<i>Hosted by:</i>
7		21	Richard Jones
14	Sandy Wancowicz	28	<i>We need you here!</i>

Check out the Worship Assistance schedule for May & June to see when you will be helping. Don't see your name or would like to volunteer? Give the office a call, 410-235-3738! Please remember to secure a substitute, if you are unable to be there on your assigned Sunday. Always know there are not any age restrictions if you would like to assist in the worship service 😊

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS	GREETER	Tower Bell Ringer
May 7 Comm Asst Carolyn Marciniak	Jewel Howard	Richard Jones & Alfred Taylor	Quiana Mondowney	Dan Beasman
May 14	Iris Ciorca	Norma Smith & Richard Jones	Dante Howard	Frank Cimino
May 21	Farrah Howard	Linwood Herring & Raymond Herring	Iris Ciorca	Ben Price
May 28	Dorothy Foos	Will Doyle & Edris Hendricks	Elaine Niemeyer	Luke Salyers

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June 4 Comm Asst Edris Hendricks	Quiana Mondowney	Alfred Taylor & Richard Jones	Jewel Howard	Dan Beasman
June 11	Norma Smith	Dante Howard & Alfred Taylor	Francine Lane	Ben Price
June 18	Francine Lane	Linwood Herring & Raymond Herring	Fletcher Little	Sharon Abraham
June 25	Elaine Niemeyer	Norma Smith & Edris Hendricks	Dante Howard	Luke Salyers



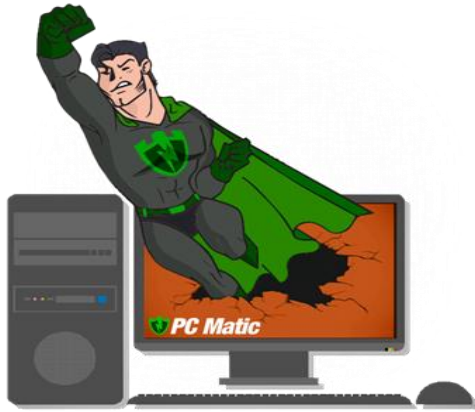
*A little thing happened at work one day! Everyone knows how great it feels to come back from vacation, feeling refreshed and good about yourself. You just even breath better! BUT, this time when I came back I was met by the demon himself, that was out to cripple me and bring me work like I had never known before. This little demon had a name too...."Mr. Ceber Ransomware"! This was the first time we had met, but I knew he was big time trouble. Everything that I knew that was ever good, was gone forever! This invisible evil one destroyed everything in the computer here at St. Matthew, and to make matters worse, the calendar said Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter were here! Ugh!! But with all the agony and unending work, the little congregation of St. Matthew got together and signed this card, with many well wishes for me ☺ It was a nice surprise on the morning after Easter! Many thanks to all!! The work and hours continue, but maybe soon I'll see that light at the end of the tunnel. If you see Doug Price, make sure to give him thanks too! He was **THE** one who came to the rescue....he left his job and came in to figure out what to do. We should now start calling him Dr. Price! He diagnosed the problem, prescribed the treatment, and performed an emergency operation to rid us of the evil one!!*

In times like this
I am reminded of
James 1:2-4.
BUT, I have to
admit I didn't
think of
pure joy then 😊



So.....What do you know about “Ransomware”??

Having experienced just what can happen to any of us, please let me share with you just what this Ceber Ransomware is all about. Don't ever think that this would never happen to you, because we now know it CAN! Here is some information that I recently obtained:



“Fox News reports that there is a rash of ransomware hitting the United States. These attacks will only continue to grow in intensity and frequency. It's not just consumers being attacked. Corporations, small businesses and even government agencies are having their computer files held ransom - even local police! “

Example: “Ransomware Victim Pays \$599 and Remained Hacked After clicking on a malicious ad.”and “PA State Senate Ransomware attacked Pennsylvania senators, who were then unable to access their computer networks and data after ransomware took over.”and “Another Urology Clinic is Victimized. In late 2016, the Metropolitan Urology Group was hit with ransomware.”

Ransomware continues to increase in popularity for two reasons: 1) Victims are paying it. 2) Advances in technology are making attacks easier. Regardless of the type of ransomware, the overall concept remains consistent – extort the PC user by encrypting their most important data.

“50 percent of ransomware victims experience repeat attacks”

Since April 3rd, when little St. Matthew was attacked by this Ransomware, I have received 4 repeated attempts of Ransomware---each time the same subject, “package delivery notification”! I now know this evil comes by way of email. It comes disguised to imitate a legitimate email. Please take this warning!! If you do not know the person sending you an email, or if the subject matter doesn't look right, don't open it. Put it in your “trash”, then go to your “trash” and remove it permanently from your computer. We live in times when so many people are evil. Make sure you have a hard copy back-up that is not attached to your computer, and most importantly have a good security system installed.

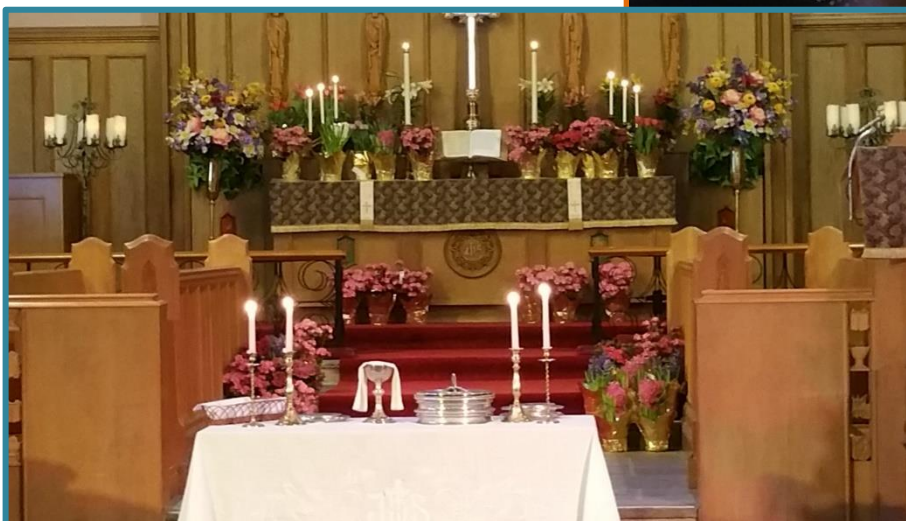




Remembering Easter
Sunday, April 16th

A gorgeous Sunday
morning it was 😊

The Old Rugged
Cross became the
Cross of Glory!



The Easter flowers
filled the church with
fresh colors of



Outside, the Howards
stole the show!!



Mom & Dad, Dante &
Farrah, Daughter &
sons, Gerard, Jewel,
and Sharard

....and how about
these beauties right
across the street!!



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Every Sunday!

10:00AM for fellowship

10:30, Worship Service!

**"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here."**

**Come and join us every Sunday.
Get to know God and Learn of Jesus"**

