

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
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*"God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." -1 Corinthians 1:9*

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all, especially to any guests worshipping with us at St. Matthew's today. We are so glad that you are here with us! Your presence makes the love of Christ more real to each one of us. As we worship during this season of Epiphany, we are celebrating that the true Light, now born among us, is continually being revealed to a world desperately in need of light to push back the darkness- that this happens not only in our scripture stories but to all people in every time and every place. Epiphany calls us to the work of sharing this Light.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our weekday services, and our regular Sunday worship at 10am. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes. Please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are, so that we may continue to welcome you into our community. All our contact information is listed in this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. **You will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) is not permitted.**) Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.  
*Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina*

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00AM

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

# The Ringing of the Bells

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Music “How can I keep from singing?” Robert Lowry

Processional Hymn #7, The Hymnal 1982  
 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*The people and Celebrant say together*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Song of Praise #135, The Hymnal 1982  
 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People      And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the

world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength- he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”  
The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12 *Said in unison.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**#440, The Hymnal 1982**

**“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”**

## **The Gospel: John 1:29-42**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and

it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

Mother Dina

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed** *all stand and say together*

**BCP 358**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People, Form II**

**BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For ++Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for +Audrey and +Kevin, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, Northumberland. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Mediator, Allentown; St. James, Beldford; Christ Church, Williamsport; and Grace Montessori School, Allentown. For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, we pray for St. Peter Tipere Parish. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially President Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver, our State Representative Mike Stender, and our Mayor Josh Broschious; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, the Sterner family,

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Dawson, Erika, Nancy, Becky, Easton, Ariella, Ereda, Junior, and Brendaly, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Tatum, Carol, Mary, Angie, Danielle, Jane, Dennis, Ruby Faith, Linda, Abby, Beth, Kelsey, Cyn, Karen, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers, all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, especially **Ann, and Jayden**, law enforcement, and first responders. I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially for April, Carol, Mike, Renee, and John.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence.*

I ask your thanksgivings either silently or aloud. *Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence.*  
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

#423, The Hymnal 1982

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

The Presentation of the Offerings

#380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 367 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as

we sing:

**The Sanctus**

**S-129, The Hymnal 1982**

**“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might”**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is

my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with **St. Matthew** and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



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### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### The Fraction Anthem

#333, The Hymnal 1982

**"Now the silence, now the peace"**

*The Celebrant says*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion Hymns

**"I want to walk as a child of the light"**

#490, The Hymnal 1982

**"Healing river of the Spirit"**

#96, Voices Found

F B♭ Am7 Dm F B♭ F

1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.  
 2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,  
 3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.

F B♭ Am7 Dm F B♭ F

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.  
 as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.  
 All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.

F C Dm C Dm B♭maj7

Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,  
 Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.  
 Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind-ing hu - man course,

C Dm Bb F Gm7 Am Gm7 F

we dis-cov - er in your pres - ence peace that world can - not pro - vide.  
 As we meet both friend and strang-er, may we see our Sav-ior's face.  
 till we find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home-ward to our source.

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### Prayer for Spiritual Communion *All pray together*

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### Post Communion Prayer

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*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### The Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only- Begotten One at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

# Recessional Hymn

#780, Wonder, Love, and Praise

“Lord, you give the great commission”

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the  
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my  
 4. Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, am  
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; “I

sick and preach the word.” Lest the church ne -  
 name bap - tize and teach.” That the world may  
 bod - y, this my blood.” Let us all, for  
 what they do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as  
 with you to the end.” Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -  
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for  
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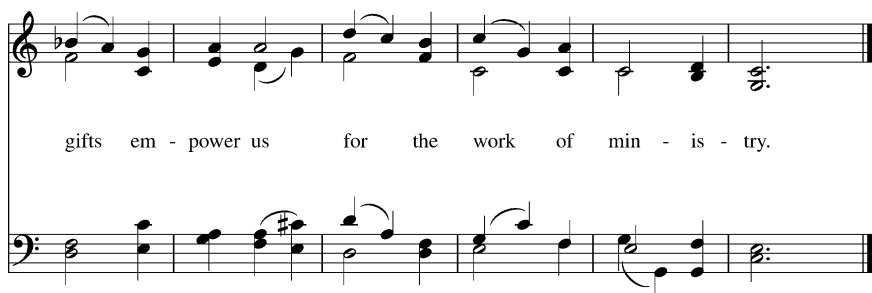
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 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us  
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

*Refrain*



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

With the Spir - it's



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

**The Dismissal**    *The Celebrant dismisses the People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People*    Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Music

“Psalm of Hope”

Felix Goebel-Komala

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; St. Matthew's Choir

Fran Zartman, *Flute*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*

Roy Casey and Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*

David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon and Lector*

AmberLynn Kuczynski, Danny & Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*

Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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**PARISH NOTES for January 18, 2026**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." **Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 108 baby bottoms in January!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message to volunteer. Donations of canned soups, cereals, and canned fruit are welcome. **We fed 49 families in November!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 31, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time to plan a conversation, pastoral visit, or to share any other need you may have. **I love hearing from you!**

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| <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> St. Matthew's is always looking to include new altar servers of all ages for the ministries of: <b>Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.</b> Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!                                                                                      |                                                     |
| <b>CHOIR REHEARSAL:</b> Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - <b>NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                     |
| <b>COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:</b> Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:                                                                                                                                                           |                                                     |
| Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> - Annual Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> - Jerry                       |
| Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i><b>Need Volunteer</b></i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> - <i><b>Need Volunteer</b></i> |
| <b>YOGA CLASSES:</b> Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |
| <b>WEEKDAY SERVICE:</b> Our week-day service will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                     |
| <b>COMPLINE SERVICE:</b> Please join us for these evening services on Wednesdays, 8:00PM, in the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook live. David Hollabaugh will be officiating. Zoom link is listed here:<br><a href="https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88684946715?pwd=xvTfSYXhjJn6ce8ANK1pqbbG6ANeEX.1#success">https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88684946715?pwd=xvTfSYXhjJn6ce8ANK1pqbbG6ANeEX.1#success</a> |                                                     |
| <b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b> Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                     |
| <b>VESTRY MEETING:</b> The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on January 14th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                     |
| <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</b> NO Adult Bible Study this month because of preparations for the Annual Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| <b>ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON:</b> This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18, beginning with a luncheon immediately after our church service. Please do plan to join us for this important day in the life of our church community.<br><b>For our Annual Meeting, we will be serving a main dish, please bring a side dish or dessert.</b>                                |                                                     |

**CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER:** We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM – 6:30PM. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. **\$14.00 a meal/adults (AYCE); \$7.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE. Take-outs a meal/\$12.00**

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00AM-10:00AM.

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information  
Weds., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Wed., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting, 6PM, Social Hall  
Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Annual Meeting after worship  
Weds., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Tues., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>: Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner, 4PM-6:30PM, Social Hall  
Weds., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Sun., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>: Morning Breakfast, 9:00AM-10:00AM  
Weds., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: Wine & Chocolate, 2:00PM-4:00PM, lite refreshments  
Sun., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Scout Sunday

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Martha Bohner, *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee, Lynda Schlegel-Culver.

**SEXTON:** Sharon Baney

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