

St Matthew's Community Church

June 2026



Church Ice Cream Social

June 6th 4-7

Choir Practice – Tuesdays 6:30PM

Atoned 4 Praise Band Practice, Wednesdays at 5:45 PM except the Wednesday
after we sing

Wednesday Emmaus 4th Day Group – 2pm

Wednesday Disciple Bible Study

at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM led by Pastor Doug

Sewing Circle 10:30am-3pm Fridays

Youth – Sundays 6-7:15 pm

Our Mission – To share the love and grace of Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life and conform to the character of Christ.

A Word from your Pastor

Thoughts on love and giving and getting...

This is in no way an article about stewardship. My promise is that you can give without loving; but you can't love without giving, and giving sacrificially. As I write this, I am still glowing from the Good Friday/Easter influence. Then I was hit by that pause in my life that occurs every Memorial Day.

We are a charitable civilization. We drop a dollar in the red kettle at Christmas, round up at the gas pumps, are compelled to donate by TV commercials to crippled children, homeless animals, victims in war-torn countries and sick elephants. Our very giving nature also make us easy marks for countless numbers of scams.

People of great wealth give huge amounts to worthy charities, and some establish foundations that will continue to contribute after their deaths. Their motivations differ greatly. At time, the deed is to curry favor or political influence. Sometimes it is to leave a lasting favorable mark. Perhaps there are tax considerations. At times the amounts tendered seem enormous, but does it hurt? Is it sacrificial giving out of love?

Memorial Day always reminds me of what I have – wife and child, grandchildren, career, home, friends, hobbies, rights and freedom. I have these things because so many twenty-year olds had them taken away in the service to our country. What they did is sacrificial giving in the highest sense. No one gives to that extent without loving someone or something. Their sacrifice protects your freedom but does not save your soul.

Jesus reminds us to love our wives as He loved His church and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That kind of love requires service and sacrifice. Jesus said He came to serve, not be served; and He did just that at every


opportunity. Furthermore, His willingness to go to the cross for our sins demonstrates the greatest example of sacrificial love there is.

I have a very good Christian friend who is a church-hopper. He loves the Lord, but he moves from church to church looking for the “perfect” one. Not always, but usually his motivation for moving is dissatisfaction with the pastor. He doesn’t realize they are human beings and therefore sinners on both sides of the pulpit. Although he attends three Bible studies each week, he stopped going to church for some time.

When I questioned him, he stated “I get more out of the Bible studies.” I told him you should because you are fed by God’s word. I told him study of Scripture is where you get; worship is where you give. You give the Lord His well-deserved honor, thanks, and glory because you love Him. He loved you first.

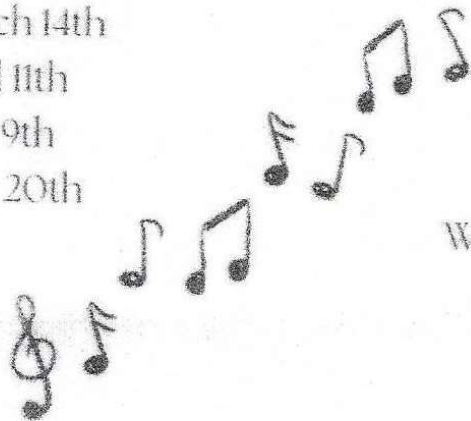
Of course he countered with, “Can’t I worship on my own?” Of course, then I responded, “Yes, but individual worship cannot generate the power of corporate worship.” So, what does all this mean? If you are not fed constantly by the work of God in the Bible or you spiritually starving. And if you love God give of your resources, your service, your time and yourself. Oh, and yes, give til it hurts; that is sacrificial love.

Pastor Doug



250TH CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICES

All practices are at:
Columbia City Church of the
Nazarene
506 N Main St
9:30 am to 11:00am
Saturdays
March 14th
April 11th
May 9th
June 20th



Whitley County Community
Choir
Celebrating the 250th
Anniversary of the USA

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Emmaus 4th Day Group meets 2:00 – 2:45 on Wednesdays

Trustee Report

A big Thank You to Greg Greaf for getting the elevator buttons put in better spots for the doors to open.

Thank you to our greeters each Sunday for holding the door open and helping people with rollators and walkers to get in.

Anyone wishing to donate an item to the church must get approval from the Trustees. We will no longer accept anything dropped off. This includes any kitchen items.

If you see something that needs to be fixed, or if you have any questions, please let one of the trustees know.



HANDICAPPED PARKING IS EAST OF THE BIG FLAG AND AT THE NORTH END OF THE SIDEWALK.

Thank you all for being patient with us as things are still being done and need to be done. It's a big job.

Trustee Board members are Dan Becker, Ken and Brenda Boyd, Greg Greaf, Sharon Heaton, Tom Horner and trustee chairman Patty Jagger. God Bless, Patty Jagger Trustee Chairman

If you are a greeter, please remember to ask visitors to sign in, provide them with a name tag, and give them a visitor's bag. The bags are by the entry to the front door.

Thanks!

Mission for this month

Multi-County Medical Outreach

If you have any questions, please contact John Austin at 260-402-7417.

June 2026

Words From Your Ad Board Chair

The month of June is the start of many projects our wonderful church family provides for our community. The first Saturday in June and August will be the ice cream socials. This is a Women's Group event that has been going on for many years. However, our church family has always been supportive to make these days successful. Make sure you are signed up to help. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be here before we know it. Put the dates on your calendar, July 6-10. This is for all kids from K-12....and yes, I said even the older ones. The youth group decided they want to have events throughout the whole year, not just during the school year. They will have a class during VBS so if you know a young person that should be attending, encourage them to come and try it out. We would love to see more kids in our church. Speaking of more kids, John Austin is working on a carnival to encourage families and their children to show up for a fun day, with hopes that it will encourage them to start attending St. Matthew's on a regular basis. Tentative date is August 29. Let John know you are willing to help out. We are also planning to have the cookout and car show like we did last year. More info on that will be forthcoming.

God wants us to expand our ministry to people in our community. That is why we have these events. The hope is when others see who we are and what we do, it will encourage them to become part of our family. Keep smiling and others will notice.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3

Blessings to All!
Your sister in Christ,
Jan Greaf

Worship Committee

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.—Psalm 95:6.

I grew up on a farm in southern Whitley County. For several years we raised sheep and had a herd of about 100 ewes. There was plenty of work to go around and so I helped when I was available (after homework was done). I helped with feeding and watering them, throwing bales and breaking them open for fresh bedding, sometimes bottle-feeding the occasional "orphaned" lamb who had been rejected, and moving the herd from pasture to pasture. In the evening we would bring the sheep in from the pasture and into the barn where they would safely spend the night. After all, even in the 1960's there were dogs who would roam at night and were a serious threat to the sheep. Moving the sheep was so much easier than moving cattle or hogs, who had to be "driven" from behind by prodding. Sheep, as stupid as they were, would follow you if they knew and

trusted you. They even would come from far out in the pasture if they heard your voice calling "Heeeeere sheepy, sheepy, sheepy!" They sometimes would run to you, knowing you brought them into the safety and warmth of the barn. But they had to be close enough to you to be able to hear your call. The Lord is our shepherd, the one who provides our care and shelter. Stay close enough to Him to be able to hear His voice.

June 2026 will provide many opportunities for us to worship the Lord our Maker, our Good Shepherd. We will have Pre-Service Singing on Sunday, June 7 and will celebrate Holy Communion after the sermon. This will also be the day of our annual Graduation/Promotion Recognition. Atoned4 will provide our worship music on Sunday, June 14. On Sunday, June 21 there will be Pre-Service Singing and we will also celebrate Fathers' Day! June 28 will be the last Sunday of the month, and the choir will be performing during the service. We also will recognize Independence Day that will be celebrated the following Saturday. May we thank the Lord for our nation and our freedoms, and pray that with his help we will remain "One nation under God."

Is there anyone interested in providing a "special" presentation or performance on a Sunday morning in order to glorify the Lord and to enhance our worship? If you are interested in doing so, please contact Dana Jagger, Leah Jagger, or Pastor Doug. We would love to hear from you!

The next Worship Committee Meeting will be held at the church on Monday, June 22 at 5:30 pm.

Blessings to you all! Warm Regards, Dana Jagger, Worship Committee
Chairman



St. Matthew's Women

President Sally Hull

Our Ice Cream Social is coming up soon. The date for that is June 6th. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for you to volunteer food or when you can help serve.

Being a farmer's daughter and wife, I have always loved farming and being on the farm. The smell of fresh new mown hay in the fields, and the sound of dirt on your boots as you walk a field that has been freshly tilled. It is the simpler things in life that make life special. Caring for and being with God and nature on a farm or in your garden is truly a gift.

June is National Dairy Month!

Celebrate the role milk and dairy foods play in nourishing people and supporting healthy communities.

Exodus 13:5

When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites—the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month:

Ezekiel 20:6

On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of Egypt into a land I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most beautiful of all lands.

**St. Matthew's
Community Church
Youth Group**

APRIL '26						
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19- Regular Youth
26- Regular Youth

MAY '26						
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3- Year End Party -
Summer Break!
17- Paige's Crossing 4:00

JUNE '26						
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6- Ice Cream Social
4:00-7:00 Volunteers
needed
28- Youth Destination
Unknown
14- Kayaking + Cookout

JULY '26						
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July 6-10, 2026 - Youth
Vacation Bible Class!
School 6:00 - 8:00
Volunteers needed
12- Swimming Party!

17-23 - HH Fair

AUGUST '26						
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1- Ice Cream Social
4:00-7:00 Volunteers
needed
8- Train Ride 4:00 Angola
* 2026-27 Youth
starts 9/13/26

N., C.C., IN • Q's contact: Ryan: 229-2695 or Julie 229-0738

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

For Travelers...

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Communication Information

PLEASE READ

St. Matthew's communication system-Tel a Home-is a notification system to inform members of items of importance. If you want a text sent out notify Pastor Doug or Sue Williamson. If you want to be included or removed contact Sue Williamson 260-213-9787. **If you want to respond to the text do so by calling, texting, or sending a card to the person mentioned in the text, *please* do not respond to the text as it goes out to the 16 people in your group not to the person who needs the support.**

Ice Cream Social

June 6th 4:00 to 7:00

St. Matthew's Community Church

1460 E 500 N

Columbia City, IN 46725



It's Time to Update Your Directory

**Paul and Dayla Jagger
402 West Columbia Parkway
Columbia City, IN 46725**



June Birthdays

Gary Willson – 6/2
Makaeyla Crowell-Bradford – 6/4
Bob Johnson – 6/11
Steve Lisle – 6/12
Esther Thompson – 6/13
Kevin Jagger – 6/17
Greg Greaf – 6/18
Mary Akers – 6/28
Don Miller – 6/29
Dayla Jagger – 6/30

June Anniversaries



Wes & Lauren Jagger - 6/15
Steve & Cassie Lisle - 6/21
Paul & Dayla Jagger - 6/22

Prayer Concerns

Our Nation and Military
Middle East – Iran War
The unsaved
Christa Baine
Esther Thompson
Fran Hartman
Craig and Allison – all first responders
Pastor Doug and Angie
Martha and Pam Brady
President Trump
DeVier Weicht
Ralph Weicht
Donna Fair
Sandy – Doing Good
Ed
Howard
Rick Kreps
Wendy Hubbard
Chad Whetstone
Brenda
Scott
Phyllis Swick
Indy car drivers and pit crews
Vander Harrington – moved to Riley ICU
Jerry Holle
Devin Keener
Sandy Nemes
Jane Bunn



David Brady
Diane Barrant
Mike Hyndman
Pam Groff
Kayla Pearson
Jeff Blake – lungs
Carl Chalk
Mark Murphy –Nan’s cousin’s husband
Patty Goldsby
Kaden Schnurr
Volunteers - O’Day Road
Joyce Heuer
Patty Shearer - David – Brother-in-law
Karen’s Son Tracy – brain injury
Donna Toole
Steve and Cassie Lisle

Condolences

Joys and Celebrations

Micci’s cousin last day of chemo!
Emily and Ryan are home from WI
Mary Akers Great, Great, Granddaughter

Don’t Forget!

Sign up for Sunday morning cookies. The sign-up sheet is by the front entry door.

Bible verse

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” — Psalm 118:24

Joke of the Month

The Pharisees believe in the resurrection of the dead, but the Sadducees don’t. That’s why they’re sad, you see.

Please send notes of support and encouragement to:

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Columbia City, IN 46725
Phone 260-609-0856

Delores Claxton
616 Opportunity Dr, Apt 404
Autumn Trace
Columbia City, IN 46725

Fran Hartman
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Columbia City, IN 46725

The deadline for the July 2026 newsletter will be June 26. If you have an article and/or pictures for the newsletter, email it to Betty at: bettyormsby@gmail.com. Thank you!