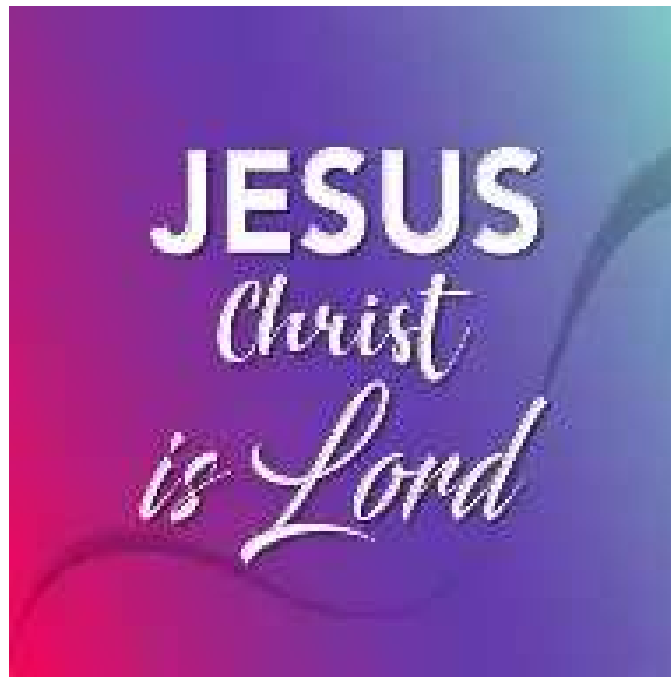


St Matthew's Community Church

May 2026



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

On aging, regrets, grace, growth, wisdom, peace...

It was a late Friday night and four eighteen-year-olds were returning from a trip to Hicksville, Ohio. The purpose of the pilgrimage was to consume a quantity of 3.2% beer available in Ohio to those past their eighteenth birthday. I was one of those teenagers.

At one point when enough beer hit bladders, we pulled into a housing subdivision under construction on the northeast side of Ft. Wayne. As we finished relieving ourselves, one of the guys picked up a rock and threw it at a house under contraction; the rest of us followed suit. I don't know if my rock did any damage, but even in the state of impaired reasoning, I immediately felt a sense of shame and regret.

At that point, I made the decision that if I made a mistake in the future, and boy howdy did I make them; it would be my mistake not influenced by the actions or decisions of someone else. As I approach that four score age, this is only one of numerous regrets I have. People have been hurt by things I said or did or failed to do.

As I review my life, I have gained some wisdom and discernment as well as an appreciation for the value of others. Many of those lessons were learned as the result of one of those regrets.


In the process, I have tried to forgive those who offended me, and I believe with success. My hope is that those I victimized were able to

forgive me. Whether or not they have is less important than my forgiveness by my sovereign Lord.

It has taken many years of a slow and sometimes difficult process to change who I was to who I am. The catalyst, the power, the change agent has been the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of Christ. And praise God, He is not yet finished.

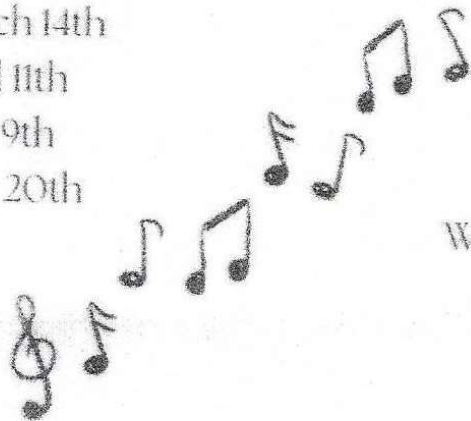
I have told my congregation that we are sinners in need of a savior. I am the only paid sinner in that church. Lord, Hosanna, come save me. If I have hurt you, I am begging you to forgive me.

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

Contacts:
Mike Overdeer
mwoverdeer@gmail.com
260 229-0233

Bev Ballard
nanyballard@gmail.com
260 609 2172



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

Trustee Report

A big thank you to John and Nancy Austin for planting new plants around the north side of the church.



Thank you to Greg Greaf for replacing lots of light bulbs in the church.



A big thank you to Betty Ormsby for putting together our newsletter so people know what is going on with our church.

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

Troy Center

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

May 2026

Words From Your Ad Board Chair

It's that time of year when the signs come out - the garage sale signs! There are sales happening almost every weekend. People get tired of their "things" and want to get rid of them. What better way than to have a garage sale. Make a little money and clean up the house.

There is another sale that we should all do. I know I need this one. Isn't it time we all look within ourselves and see what we need to get rid of? What about that anger towards someone else? What about some of those bad habits? When we clean house, we don't need to find a buyer. We already have a savior who did that for us, Jesus Christ. It's not always easy to admit to something in our lives. It is important that when we finally do, it's time to get rid of it and give it all to God our Father. Just like getting rid of something in a garage sale, give it away and don't look back. It will be like lifting a heavy weight off your shoulders. So, I challenge all of you. Take one thing in your life that is weighing you down.

Pray about it and give it to God. I am so thankful that we have a God who loves us so much and will never leave us. Even in those tough times, remember, God is always there.

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

The Worship Committee did not meet in April, but here are some reminders for May. Upcoming May events will include observing Mothers' Day on May 10, Memorial Day and Pentecost on May 24, and a Service of Music on May 31. Song request forms for the Service of Music will be in our pews beginning April 12 and need to be turned in by May 10. Detailed instructions for music requests will be included on the form.

With Warm Regards, Dana Jagger, Worship Committee Chairman.

**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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31						

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

JUNE '26						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

JULY '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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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

Dear St Matt's,

On behalf of the youth and its leaders we would like to extend a HUGE thanks!

Here are the participants:

Ryan Jagger, Leah Jagger, Paul Jagger, Dayla Jagger, Julie Riddle, Pat Stanford, Adam Bottles, Emily Bottles, Elaina Bottles Chuck Shafer, Cole Shafer, Tru Shafer, Theil Shafer, Peyton Wigent, Kelsey Hoffman, Lindsay Hoffman.

We went to the ark encounter, creation museum, and Drury hotel over Christmas break.

We had devotions before we left in the mornings and after dinner in the evenings. It was very educational for everyone, teens and chaperones alike. Some said it was awesome, others said amazing. Everyone felt the cold and the enormity!

We all learned something new, but my favorite comment, "it increased my faith."

That is what it was all about!

Thank you again for giving to the Lord, for I am a life that was changed!

Leah Jagger

From The Book of Common Prayer

For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; 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



St. Matthew's Women

President Sally Hull

Our annual Church salad bar was a great success. There were 54 people who attended this year. Which was more than last year. We collected over \$800.00 for the "Children's First Center". Great job ladies!

Our next meeting will be on June 1st at Big G's in Columbia City at 11:00.

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.



MEMORIAL DAY...
...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED
AND DIED FOR OUR
COUNTRY AND OUR
FREEDOM.
MAY YOUR DAY BE
FILLED WITH
MEMORIES AND
PEACE.
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dear ST MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CHURCH (SC601),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2026

19 Households

\$37.74 Total Donations

**Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,
Community Rewards Staff**

See the following page for signing up for Kroger Rewards and donating to St Matthews.

TO SIGN UP FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY CHURCH ON YOUR PHONE

1. If you don't have the Kroger App, go to the App Store to download
2. Either Log In or create a login
3. Click on the three bars at the top right of the screen
4. Click on Rewards
5. Click on Community Rewards
6. Click on Enroll
7. Search for St Matthew's and click on it

It will automatically give a portion to St Matthew's



May Birthdays

Bev Henley – 5/2
Cathy Parks – 5/4
Brook Farber – 5/7
Steve Fry – 5/7
Carmen Bross – 5/8
Deborah Archer – 5/12
Ryan Jagger – 5/12
Cassie Lisle – 5/12
Verlin Dittmer – 5/13
Brent Jagger – 5/14
Jake Felger – 5/15
Sonia Henderson – 5/15
Peggy Conrad – 5/17
Pat Stanford – 5/17
Lee Chaney – 5/26
Cindy Buehler – 5/29
John Austin – 5/29

May Anniversaries



Marcus & Pam Groff - 5/1
Verlin & Connie Dittmer - 5/10
Greg & Jan Greaf - 5/14
Tim & Sally Grisson - 5/14
Doug & Angie Lucker - 5/22
Pat & Tonya Stanford - 5/29
Jason & Hannah Coney - 5/29

Prayer Concerns

Ryan and Hannah Vance
Craig and Allison and all
first Responders
Middle East – Iran War
Our nation and military
President Trump
Pastor Doug
Pam Brady
DeVier Weicht
Ralph Weicht
Addison Felger
Rachel Ormsby
Woman's Emmaus Walk
Sue Williamson
Sandy
Ed
Deb Miller
Rick
Fran Hartman
Jerry
Scott
Brenda
Esther Thompson – not
doing well
Ken and Brenda Boyd
Christa Baine
Jane Bunn
Micci's cousins Michelle
and Bill



Sandy Nemes
Mitch Adair
Joe Hilger
Kayla Pearson
Travis and Natalie Wright
Unsaved
Vander Harrington, 15 yr old
injured in motorcycle accident
Howard Lowen – surgery May 12
Chad Whetstone knee surgery
May 5th
Bonnie – Shirley Radke's sister –
fell
Jeff – Shirley Radke's Son-in-law
Leah's host sister's family coming
to visit
Daniel – lost friend to suicide
April Felger – fall
Indianapolis – lost housing due to
tornado

Condolences

Denny Fry Family
Gale Herron Family

Joys and Celebrations

Addison Felger is
Okay

Paul and Dayla have
moved

Don't Forget!

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

Bible verse



Joke of the Month

Why do churches never
play hide and seek?
Because good luck hiding
when the Lord sees all.

Please send notes of support and encouragement to:

Sandy Barkey
411 N Wolf Rd, Room 111
Columbia City, IN 46725
Phone 260-609-0856

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

Fran Hartman
5833 S Woodstrail Dr-57
Columbia City, IN 46725

The deadline for the June 2026 newsletter will be May 27. If you have an article and/or pictures for the newsletter, email it to Betty at: bettyormsby@gmail.com. Thank you!