

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Hanover, PA**



**Where the Welcome is Wide
and the Love is Real**

Sunday, October 20, 2024



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Where the welcome is wide
and the love is real.

Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or need visual, audio, or mobility accommodations, please let a name-tagged usher know. We're excited about the many ministries of St. Matt's, and we hope you'll find a way to plug in that makes sense for you!

Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Core Values:

Celebrating together in worship

Deepening our faith in Jesus

Engaging children and youth

Walking with our neighbors

Embracing one another as God created us

About today: *We gather as a community for worship around word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.*

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday indoor worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).



Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real.

This is our focus for worship at all of our services through October 27. You are hearing scripture readings that relate to our mission and core values. In these biblical passages we are meeting Jesus in the stranger, joining the voices of all ages in celebration, praying with the apostle Paul for a deepening faith, noticing how the children move from the margins to the center of Jesus' teachings, meeting neighbors in need and discovering that justification by grace is a way of life where the love is real.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

PRELUDE

God Help the Outcasts
Harper, Soloist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

(8:30) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. 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. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for
us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

We Are All One in Mission

ELW#576

Edward



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(10:30) Please be seated.

(10:30) HOLY BAPTISM

At certain points during the service of Holy Baptism, the congregation will be invited to respond following the Pastor's prompts.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome Emerson into the body of Christ and into the mission we share – welcoming all as we share God's love.

(10:30) MUSICAL OFFERING *Sing and Celebrate* Schram
Children's and Junior Choirs

We Will Sing Praise Ailor
Junior Choir

(10:30) *Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of all,
In you, we find welcome and love beyond all measure.
You call us to welcome all as you have welcomed us and to love as you have loved us. As we come together celebrating in worship, deepen our faith in Jesus. As we dwell in your word, teach us to engage children and youth, to walk with our neighbors, and to embrace one another as you created us.
In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen.

(8:30) Please be seated.

THE READING Romans 13:8-10

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your

heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.”³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

SERMON HYMN - Verse 1

Welcome

Zelman

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1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin__ to build a world where
we will share a feast,_ where pride and pow - er
earth and heaven are one,__ a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in,__ _ to
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least,_ _ and
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem,__ where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to
joy will set the ta - ble as we
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



plant the seed of peace,_ sing - ing wel - come,
join our hands to pray,__ sing - ing wel - come,
crea - ture lifts its voice,__ cry - ing wel - come,

wel-come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to
 come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the
 love of God to share _____ 'cause all of us are wel-come here; _
 _ all are wel-come in this place. _____

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

Assisting Minister: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Each petition concludes, *“Lord, in your mercy,”* and the congregation responds, *“hear our prayer.”*

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words “Peace be with you,” and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

(10:30) *Children return from Children’s Church.*

(8:30) MUSICAL OFFERING

Be the Love of Christ
Adult Choir

Showalter

Go now in peace. Go now in hope.

Go now in grace and truth; Walk in the light.

Go now in faith. Go now in joy.

Go now into the world and be the love of Christ.

Go now in peace and be the love of Christ. Amen.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

*We celebrate God’s generosity embodied in this community’s time, talents and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the “first fruits” of your finances. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

To Be Your Presence

ELW #546 – Dufner

1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
ev-er near, al-le-lu-ia!
love ex-pressed,

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things,

**All: Through your goodness and love,
you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
as we walk with our neighbors
and share God's love with the world. Amen.**

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

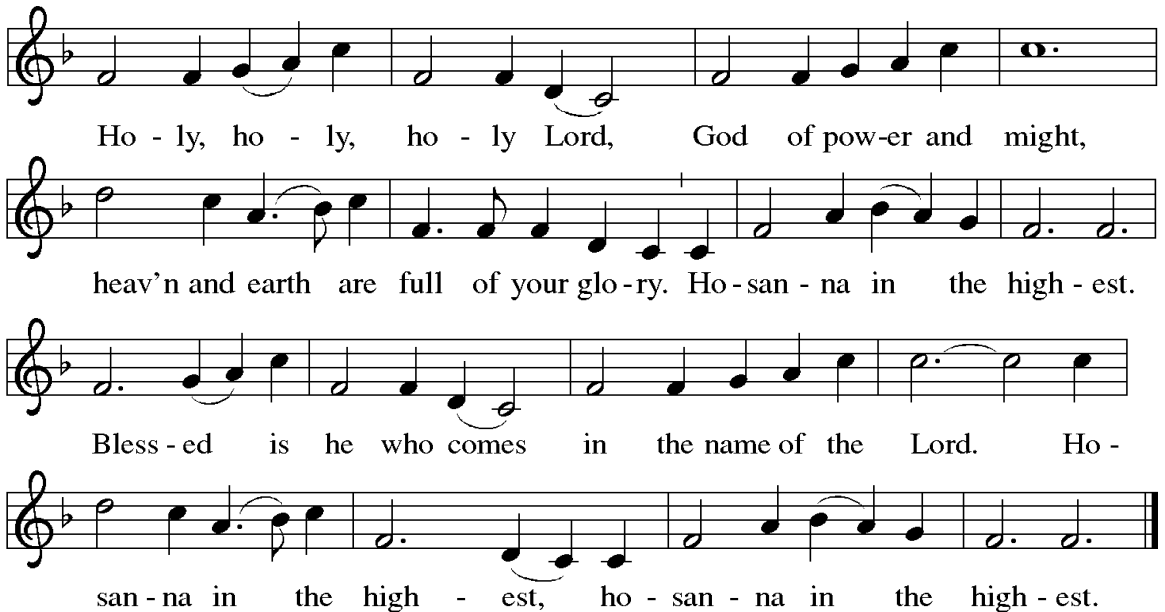
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(10:30) Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in three ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.

Individual packets are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.

If you are unable to come forward, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.

Continuous manner – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, “The body of Christ, given for you”, and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) “The blood of Christ, shed for you”, and drink it.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

IN-PEW COMMUNION

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

(Pause)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine)

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to embrace one another with your love and peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

**ELW#325
Schourner**

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1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Celebrate Life

Red

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM on Sunday morning at 10:30 is Emerson Rose Mai, daughter of Brady and Brooke Mai, with sponsors Brandon and Kelsey Dreamer. We welcome Emerson into the earthly body of Christ with membership here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

- Musicians (8:30) Harper, Adult Choir
..... (10:30) Harper, Children’s and Junior Choirs
- Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
- Altar Guild Doris Deitzel, Anna Marchio
- Assisting Minister..... 8:30 Amy Beck, 10:30 Randy Kline
- Children’s Church Leader..... Melissa Smith
- Communion Assistants 8:30 Kelli Reed, Lee Baughman
..... 10:30 Phil & Sue Covert
- Communion Preparers..... 8:30 Erika Kovacevic, Kelli Reed
..... 10:30 Gary Kyp, Chris Myers
- Couriers..... 8:30 Kelli Reed, Lee Baughman
..... 10:30 Carolyn Markle
- Greeters 8:30 Steve & Penny Rutters, Ardis Kunde
..... 10:30 Bob & Kit Curlen, Doris Deitzel
- Lector 8:30 Penny Rutter, 10:30 Tom Shultz
- Live Stream Doug & Jane West
- Ushers 8:30 Team 9 – Tim Peck, Hunter, Tyler
..... Elijah, Aaron, Addyson, Landen
..... 10:30 Team 1 - Tom Shultz, Bob & Kit Curlen, Sean Huston,
..... John Mancini, Linda Wheeler
- Welcome Place Mary Jones

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wetzel by Dorothy Schriver and family; in loving memory of Jean Bollinger by her daughter Kim Beard.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God.

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Shirley Moncrief	Laurel Bell	Dan Weigle
Kathy McMaster	Tom Bell	Nancy Leister
Emily Moul	Brad King	Harold Kepler
Bobbie Lidard	Tiffany Rudisill	Tom Zimmerman
Chuck Ehrman	Crystal Klein	

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning October 20:

Sunday: Luke 10:25-37	Thursday: Hebrews 7:1-10
Monday: Hebrews 6:1-12	Friday: Hebrews 7:11-22
Tuesday: Hebrews 6:13-20	Saturday: Mark 8:22-26
Wednesday: John 13:1-17	

Attendance:	(10/12)	5:00 p.m. Service	34
	(10/13)	8:30 a.m. Service	70
		10:30 a.m. Service	149
	(10/07-10/13)	Online views	161
		Total	414



*Scan to give to
Hurricane Helene
And Milton relief*

WE ALL CAN HELP! One of our ministry partners is Lutheran World Relief, and they are equipped and ready to help those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Check the link to see more information: **lwr.org/hurricane-relief**. You may give in a couple of different ways.

- You can give directly through the link above.
- You may write a check to St. Matthew and earmark it for Hurricane Helene/Milton.
- You may give online via our website www.stmattlutheran.org or through the QR code above



Discovery Place Preschool would like to thank everyone for their donations from the helping hands board. We appreciate you!

Last November we hosted our “Election Day Bake Sale” to benefit Discovery Place Preschool. It was a BIG success, thanks to your donations of delicious baked goods! We predict more voters will anticipate the sweet treats and we will be ready for them. If you are willing to help with donations, we are requesting baked goods to be bagged for sale at 50 cents OR \$1 per baggie (at your discretion). Our preschool is a “nut-free” zone, so please be sure to mark any donations that contain nuts accordingly. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Monday, November 4th. Thank you for your continued support.



SIGN-UP FORMS

Please fill out the pertinent part(s) for you, tear off this page and put in the offering basket or email the church office at *info@stmattlutheran.org*, listing what you are signing up for and the information requested.

See Announcements Page for more details.

_____ I'm interested in joining the Faith Connections teaching team. (Provide name, e-mail, and phone number below)

_____ I'm interested in attending the New Member Orientation Breakfast on October 20. (Provide your name and e-mail below)

_____ All Saints (Provide the information below)

_____ I'm interested in attending the Veterans Breakfast on November 10. (Provide name, e-mail, phone number, and number of people attending)

_____ I'd like to receive _____ e-mail updates and/or _____ newsletter in the mail. (Provide name, e-mail, and/or mailing address)

_____ I am a member of St. Matthew and here is updated contact information.

_____ Name	_____ Phone Number
_____ E-mail	_____ Number of People Attending (For Veterans Breakfast Only)
_____ Mailing Address	_____ Name of Veteran

ALL SAINTS NAMES

(Immediate family members deceased November 1, 2023-November 1, 2024)

_____ Your Name	_____ Phone Number
_____ Deceased Name/Date of Death	_____ Relationship to you

DECEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday, December 15, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Plans are under way for our 2024 Community Holiday Meal and just like 2023, we will need lots of help. The menu will be turkey, ham, filling, corn, potatoes, rolls, and desserts. We will need help setting up, preparing food, serving the meal, clean up, making centerpieces, photographers, and much more. If you are willing to help, please complete the sign-up sheet, or email Amy Beck at Abeck1976@comcast.net.

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COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEAL

Name _____ Phone Number _____
Email _____

Yes, Sign me up for:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking a Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking a Ham | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Centerpieces | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing Other Food (Corn, Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making a Dessert | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up |



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GRIEF SHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, November 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

St. Matthew Upper Room #201

A helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after losing a loved one.

The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season. There is no cost.

For more information or to register, call Pastor Faye Snyder at 717-451-0851 or email nicksong@comcast.net. Deadline November 4. You may sign up below and drop into offering plate until November 3.

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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SEMINAR

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