

## **Celebration of Holy Communion:**

### **Confession and Pardon:**

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.*

*We have failed to be an obedient church.*

*We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.*

*Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

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

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,*

*Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave Birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.*

*On the night in which He gave Himself up for us he took bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the Forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, Now and for ever.*

***Amen.***

*And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray.*

***THE LORD’S PRAYER***

***CELEBRATION OF HOLY  
COMMUNION***

GATHERING

WELCOME SMBTS FAMILY & GUESTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"* **Page 95**

PRELUDE *"Now the Silence"* Edward Gillenardo

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *"The Apostles' Creed"*

Leader: Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is one true Church, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.\* The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* **Page 496**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Brother James' Air"* Edward Gillenardo

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

**All: Lord, hear our prayers.**

\*SCRIPTURE *"Luke 18:9-14"*

SERMON **"PRAYER"** Pastor Hurley

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *"Seek Ye First"* **Page 405**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"A Summertime Postlude"* Edward Gillenardo

*\* Indicates to stand if able*

The flowers this morning are given by  
Anne Hodges in Loving Memory of her husband, Woody Hodges  
and by  
JoAnn Strawser, to the Glory of God



**Welcome to St. Matthews by-the-Sea United Methodist Church**

**Our Vision:** "To be a loving community that supports all people in finding new life in Christ."

**Our Mission:** "To offer our service, facility, and church programs to meet the needs of our community and beyond so that lives are transformed to the glory of God."

Sandy Pierce – Worship Leader

Debby Dudley – Director of Music Ed Gillenardo – Organist/Pianist

Administrative Assistant – Sandy Donnelly

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

**Welcome to St. Matthews By-the-Sea.** It is our hope that during our time of worship you will experience the presence of the risen Christ. **If you are worshipping with us from the parking lot, please tune in to 100.5 FM on your radio!**

**The Office is Closed on Monday for Labor Day!**

**The Prayer Group is once again meeting in person at the church every Monday at 9:00am** for an hour of praise and supplication. The **Prayer Group invites** all who believe in the power of prayer to join them and bring your mask!

**The Crafty Ladies** will start meeting again on **September 8, 2020 in Clendaniel Hall at 9:30 am.** Bring your crafts that you made or your ideas that you had during COVID. It's also not too early to start collecting your used books, jewelry and white elephant items for the Christmas Bazaar on November 13 – 14, 2020.

The **UMW** will hold their September meeting at **John West Park in Ocean View on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Noon.** Bring your own picnic lunch and drink. All ladies are welcome!

**Attention all SMBTS walkers!** We will have another opportunity to fight hunger just by continuing to do our daily walks! Each walker will obtain sponsors to contribute to **CROP Hunger Walk.** The walk will be done individually or small family groups from Sept. 20 - Oct 18, 2020 following our local guidelines. 25% of donations remain in Sussex County for our local food pantries. So, get ready! Challenge: \$1.00/mile x 20 miles (for 2020) x 20 sponsors = \$400.00!!! Details coming soon. ☺ Sandy Pierce

**BYKOTA Adult Sunday School Class** will begin to meet in person (**masks are required**) in Clendaniel Hall with social distancing on **Sunday, September 13, 2020 @ 9:30 am.** We will finish Isaiah and start the book of Jeremiah. All are welcome!

August Financial Report

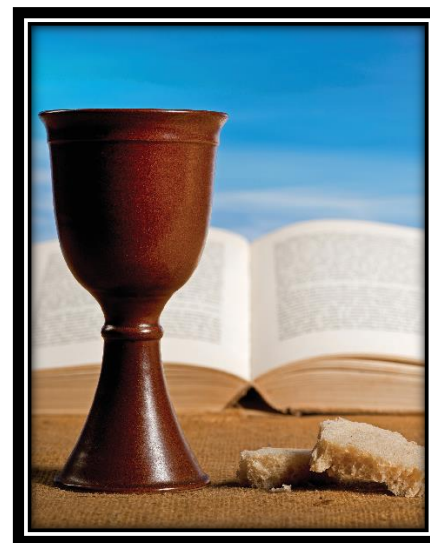
	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual:	\$ 32,226	Actual: \$186,677
Budgeted:	\$ 34,002	Budgeted: \$215,060

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Communion Sunday

*Sunday, September 6, 2020*  
**8:30 & 10:45 AM**