

October 4, 2020 World Communion Sunday 8:30 & 10:45
~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

GATHERING

WELCOME SMBTS FAMILY & GUESTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #95

PRELUDE Guitar Instrumental Gary Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Please Pray with Me:

All: All-loving Father God, by your word you have sent your beloved one, Jesus. By your grace you have united us in Him and called us your children. Forgive us, Lord, for we often cannot understand so great a love. By your Holy Spirit, deepen our faith. Intensify our zeal. Unite us that we may bear witness to all the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"* #348

CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS (See Insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Hallelujah"* Gary Thomas

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

*SCRIPTURE *"Matthew 28:16-20"*

SERMON **"Witness"** Pastor Hurley

REFLECTION *"It Is Well with My Soul"* Edward Gillenardo

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (A sung response)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *"Here I Am Lord"* #593

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Onward Christian Soldiers"* Edward Gillenardo

** Indicates to stand if able*

The flowers this morning are given by
Gary & Alice Ward in celebration of our son, Joseph Ward's 27th Birthday
And
Grant & Anita Angeny in loving memory of our nephew Jeffrey Sabotta



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

Pastor Mike Hurley
(302) 537-1402 – Church smbts@verizon.net

302-947-0858 – Pastor's home



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 4, 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 **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.

Praying for Our Nation – Please join us on Thursday's starting Oct. 1st, from 1 – 2 pm in the Chancel, at the foot of the Cross for prayer and intercession on behalf of America. Bring your Bible and wear your mask. All 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.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13th, the UMW will meet at noon in Clendaniel Hall. In light of COVID restrictions, since refreshments will not be served, bring your lunch and a beverage to enjoy fellowship with the ladies before the program. After lunch, the program entitled "Lighting the Way Through Partnership" will be presented by Doris Ann Pierce and our guest speaker will be Jessica Clark representing the Asylum Seekers Project. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

We are now accepting donations of **non-perishable food items**. You can bring them with you to church **each Sunday**. Your donations go to the Pyle Center and are distributed to those in the lower Sussex County who are experiencing difficult times. Check those expiration dates.

September Financial Report

	<u>August</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual:	\$ 34,277	Actual:	\$ 220,954
Budgeted:	\$ 22,813	Budgeted:	\$ 237,873

St. Matthews By-the-Sea United Methodist Church

1000 Coastal Highway
Fenwick Island, DE 19944
302-537-1402

smbts@verizon.net

<https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsByTheSea/>



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:30 & 10:45 AM

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 forever.

Amen.

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER (A Sung Response)

Oct. 4, 2020

The Great Commission
Is
Our Great Commission!

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came to them saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mark 16:15-16

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Luke 14:45-48

Jesus opened their understanding, that they comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."

Acts 1:8

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 17:18-20

"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone but also for those who will believe in Me through their word."

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

CELEBRATION OF HOLY
COMMUNION



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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory for ever.

Amen.

**Saint Matthews By-the-Sea
New Member Covenant Service
October 4, 2020**

George J. Bushman (Full Member)
30229 Merganser Way, Selbyville, DE 19975

Edel Anders (Associate Member)
11613 Windward Dr., Unit 8, Ocean City, MD 21842

Frank and Jessie Marden (Associate Members)
1575 Smugglers Cove, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Adele C. Mayfield (Affiliate Member)
30611 Cedar Neck Rd., Unit 2112, Ocean View, DE 19970

David and Linda Lewis (Associate Members)
37357 Shelter Drive, Selbyville, DE 19975

On behalf of the whole church I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

As members of Christ's universal church will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of SMBTS United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in our ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

And now, friends and family of SMBTS, I commend these members to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in SMBTS Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

And now, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen!**

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