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**THANKS**  
WITH A GRATEFUL  
**HEART** 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**We Worship Every Sunday at 10:00 am**  
**Visit us at [SouthOzoneParkChurch.org](http://SouthOzoneParkChurch.org)**



Greetings Church family,

As we enter into the “busy” holiday season – COVID-19 testing, shopping, traveling, baking, entertaining, eating and drinking, we may not get the opportunity to look back at the year we've lived through. But if we do, we would realize that we have had some celebrations as well as some challenges - we have gained some new family and relationships and have lost some along the way.

So, I urge you to pause, slow down and reflect with gratefulness for still being among the living; and remember those who are no longer with us - obviously due to this global pandemic. With heavy, broken, grieving, and grateful hearts, we acknowledge the gift of each other and the bonds forged over the year.

May God bless you, your time together, the food and fellowship and most of all, your families with health, safety and wellness in this season and beyond. Amen



## ***The Messenger***

*November 2021 Edition*

In this season, we also give thanks to the Pfeifer family for the Memorial Gifts (for Bill) dedicated to replacing the inside step threads and refinishing. Thanks to Scott Campbell and Moses Khargie for the installation.



And New Carpet for the sanctuary !



***December 19 — 4th Sunday in Advent.***



Join us for a special fellowship as we dedicate our **New Sanctuary Roof** and thanking God for the blessings of the season. It is a great time to be the Church—yes, *we hope to be indoors!*

# REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

Yes, we resumed in-person Worship Services at 10 AM every Sunday. We maintain strict COVID-19 safety protocols of safe-distancing from fellow worshippers and require a mask to be worn inside the building. Come, taste and see the glory of worshiping in community!

Email us at [stjstm@aol.com](mailto:stjstm@aol.com) or call us if you have questions regarding worship or if you do not get our weekly email blasts. “Like us” on Facebook to get these updates when posted. Video recordings of **Sunday Worship** are posted on our website for your viewing: [www.SouthOzoneParkChurch.org](http://www.SouthOzoneParkChurch.org)



*...Still Wanted !*

As we resumed in-person worship services, there is a need for **Ushers, Lectors and Assistant Ministers**.

Please contact Pastor Dabee or the Church Office and indicate your willingness to help make worship a welcoming experience for everyone in attendance. Thanks in advance !



We would like acknowledge everyone who has continued to contribute their offerings towards the ministry of our Church. For those of you who are wondering how to make your contributions, you may:

1. Mail-in your Offering Envelopes to the Church—see a “Special Offering” Envelope enclosed. Our Roof is being replaced.
2. Drop off (please, Checks only) your Offering Envelopes in our mail slot on the side door or
3. Contribute via your PayPal Accounts...  
<https://www.paypal.me/StJamesStMatthews>

## *“New Sanctuary Roof ”*



On August 4, 2020, Hurricane Isaias caused major damages to our Church roof. We had to replace the entire roof at the cost of \$35,000. We are thankful to our generous donors who contributed Easter Memorials Gifts towards this project and to the legacy of Flo Haas through Thrivent. We plan to offer a special blessing and dedication of the new roof on Sunday, December 19, during 10 AM worship.



There is a **Special Congregational Meeting** scheduled for **Sunday, December 5, 2021** to examine and vote on our **2022 Proposed Church Budget**. The meeting will be held immediately following the 10 AM worship service and all are invited to attend. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions.



**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

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