



First Family News

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULT CLASS 8:45AM—9:45AM
CHILDREN/YOUTH 9:00AM
FELLOWSHIP TIME
9:45AM —10:05AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:10AM
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK
CHOIR PRACTICE
11:30AM —12:30PM
YOUTH GROUP 6:00 PM



Sunday April 2
10:10 AM



Good Friday Service
with Communion

April 7
7:00 PM



Easter
Sunday April 9

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
at the Pavilion
6:30 AM (Dress for outdoors)

EASTER SERVICE
in Sanctuary
10:10AM
(no Sunday School)

April Message From Pastor Lee

Dear brothers and sisters in faith,

On March 19, Sunday, several people told me the spring of 2023 would begin on the 20th of March. I hope it is real.

Spring is the season when all living things come to life. Spring also gives us fresh energy for our lives. Particularly, this season is very special to all Christians because of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The Bible testifies that Jesus died, was brought back to life, and became the first fruit of resurrection to show eternal hope for every believer. If so, what kinds of lessons can we get from the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

First, we can see that Christianity is the living religion. According to Matthew 28:7, Jesus has risen from the dead. This scripture proves Jesus' Resurrection. Also, there is no denying this fact, because people have been testifying about it for more than 2,000 years; because there were many witnesses to see or meet Jesus Christ after he rose from the dead; because there is no tomb for Jesus, even though there are tombs for most founders and saints of many religions, such as Buddha from Buddhism, Confucius from Confucianism, Mohammed from Islam, and a great philosopher Socrates. Also, the Bible says that Enoch (Genesis 5: 21-24) and Elijah (2 King 2:1) didn't experience death, but they didn't show the victory of the resurrection. However, Jesus showed us the victory of the resurrection. Therefore, we need to remember that Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die (John 11:25)."

Second, it shows us our religion is the religion of the Word. If Jesus' resurrection just happened accidentally, it would have been nothing to our faith. However, because Jesus rose from the dead as the Bible said, it is so meaningful to us. The resurrection of Jesus was predicted in the Bible, and Jesus rose from the dead as was predicted. Christianity is the revealed religion. The word, "revelation," means something that is considered to be a sign or message from God. By the Word, this world was created. By the Word, Jesus Christ was born; by the Word, Jesus Christ was crucified; then by the Word, Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

These words are leading us to be saved from sins. These words are giving us the eternal hope. These words are changing us to be new people in faith. Therefore, we need to be humble before these words, the Word, and follow them.

Third, the resurrection of Jesus gave the disciples of Jesus hope. After the death of Jesus, all disciples went back to their hometowns and stepped back from the mission field. However, they met Jesus and were changed. How were they changed? Disheartened disciples received hope and courage and became more courageous. They bravely delivered the gospel to the people under the swords and lances of Roman soldiers and were martyred. What did change them? It was the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed people. It gave hope to disappointed people and courage to the discouraged.

In this season, I hope you are encouraged through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ; that you get hope and courage from it; that your lives are changed by his Resurrection; that you experience its victory.

May God bless you!

Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Norman McCoy
Given by**

Paula Mertel
Jean Dodrill
Keith Lyons
Judy Sterrett
Pat Johnson
Janet Lyons
Brian & Kimberly Lyons
Nathan & Anne Lyons



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Linda Smith
Given By**

Pat Johnson
Quala-Die Fellowship Fund



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
TONY SORG**

TOM & JEAN PRICE

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	To the Glory of God
Sally Murone & family	John Murone & loved ones	Pastor & Mrs. Lee	
Don & Dee Corp			X
Karen & Richie Lewis		Youth Group	
Joan Johnson	Bill Johnson		
Thom & Sandy Hoffman			X
Carol Sweitzer	Beth Gornati		
El & Charlene Carr	Loved ones		
Doug & Sherri Cunningham			X
Kris Kronenwetter			X
Joyce Fledderman		Grandchildren	
Carol Cunningham	Merle Cunningham & Parents	Bowls of Love crew	
Ron & Faye Wittmer	Mary Wenger & Ryan Herman		
Marlene Pistner			X
Fred & Diane Krug	Loved ones		
Mike & Cyndi Rippy	Linda Smith		
Susan Kunkel	Don Kunkel, Walter Jr. & Gerry Ames		X
Bob & Sandy Buerk	Philip & Patricia Buerk		
Gabbie Steele	Susan Kunkel		
Priscilla & Richard Phillips	Our parents & siblings		
T.J. & Ashley Steele	Pat & Phil Buerk	Bob & Betty Walker	
T.J. & Ashley Steele		Anna Kopp	
Dennis & Marci Rogers	Our mothers		
Sherry & Matt Colello	Joann & Art Eckert Edith & Metty Colello		
Shawna Grim	Dave Grim		
Pat Johnson	Loved ones		
Jim Horchen family	Abby Horchen		
Carolyn & Tim Hockman	Tim's parent, our grandparents	Don & Dee Corp	



Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins

Barb	Patterson	785 Johnsonburg Rd.	St. Marys	PA	15857	Elk Haven
Thressa	Brock	185 Center Street	St. Marys	PA	15857	Elk Towers, Apt. 404
Gary	Wonderly	185 Center Street	St. Marys	PA	15857	Elk Towers, Apt. 608
Alice	Steis	190 Taft Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	
Anita	Vollmer	Sunrise Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	

2023 United Methodist Women Looking Ahead

June 16-17—Ladies' Rummage, Bake Sale, & Lunch
June 26— Annual Picnic at Pavilion Bring a Tureen to share

UMW Rummage Sale Friday June 16 & Saturday June 17 in conjunction with the St. Marys Community Yard Sale

Time to get your items ready to donate for the UMW Rummage Sale. If you are spring cleaning and would like to donate items to the rummage sale, Sharon will store them until the sale.

Please call her to make arrangements

AFTER May 1. 814-335-0984

We will also need helpers for set up, clean up and bakers for the bake sale, and workers during the sale.





Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

DONATIONS OF DESSERTS APPRECIATED

For info or to volunteer please contact

Carol Cunningham 814-781-7401

Meals given in January—239, February—257

Disaffiliation Update

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in church conference, our church voted to approve the terms of disaffiliation from the UMC. Immediately afterwards our church voted to join the Global Methodist Church. We would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting and for your support. The application to join the GMC will be sent later this week. Our next step will be to officially change the name of our church to the St. Marys Methodist Church along with a lot of legal documents. On June 14, 2023, at the Western PA General Conference, there will be a special vote to approve all churches that will be leaving the UMC. We've been told there are approximately 260 churches leaving UMC in Western PA. It's been a long process and we thank everyone for the support we've been given.



Man to Man

The men meet on
Wednesday evenings
at 7:00 PM at Church
All Men Welcome!

CURRENT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHAIRS

Ad Board Chair Dave Fitzgerald
PPRC Chair Joyce Fledderman
Finance Chair Laura Horchen
Christian Ed Chair Shawna Grim
Trustee Chair Bob Buerk
Worship Chair Carolyn Hockman
Lay Leader Cathy Nesbitt
UM Women President Sharon Herzing

Do you know of a youth who will be graduating from High School or College this year?



Please let the church office know so that we can plan for Graduation Sunday.

Graduate's Name:

Parent's / Guardian's Names:

School Graduated From:

Plans after Graduation:

Awards, Accomplishments, and Recognitions:

Anything special you'd like to share with the Congregation:

Exercise Class with Cindy

Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am in Asbury Hall. Each class will begin with a devotion, then some warm up stretches. If you are new to exercise class you don't have to be intimidated. Everyone can work at their own level and she will make modifications for those who are unable to get down on the ground by doing chair exercises. (Please bring a mat or beach towel.) Everyone is welcome, all ages, male or female. You do not need to be a church member to attend, find a friend to attend with you or make a new friend! Come join in!!

You may contact Cindy with questions at 814-321-4256



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth group has been busy having fun! This year we've played games, made cards for Christmas and Valentine's Day for nursing home residents, went bowling, held a hoagie sale and spaghetti dinner, and plan on going to the movies to see Jesus Revolution together. We also plan to help with the Easter Egg hunt. The spaghetti brought us to our goal of attending the Moses Show! We are so grateful to the ladies who volunteered their time to make the spaghetti for us and the church members who've supported us this year.

FUMC Youth Members



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Evening 6-7 PM

IN ASBURY HALL GRADES 6-12

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES,
DEVOTION AND SNACKS
WE WELCOME ALL MEMBERS
AND NON-MEMBERS
BRING A FRIEND!

THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH IS
OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten/1st grade,
2nd -5th grade & 6th,7th,8th grade.

These classes meet downstairs
at 9:00 AM

The Adult Class
meets in Asbury Hall at 8:45 AM

OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

First United Methodist
Church of Saint Marys is Christ-
centered with open doors. We extend
our hands and hearts into the world to
alter lives for God's Kingdom.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

9:00 AM—MONDAY IN Asbury Hall

6:30 PM— MONDAY IN Asbury Hall

4:00 PM— THURSDAY IN
Conference Room

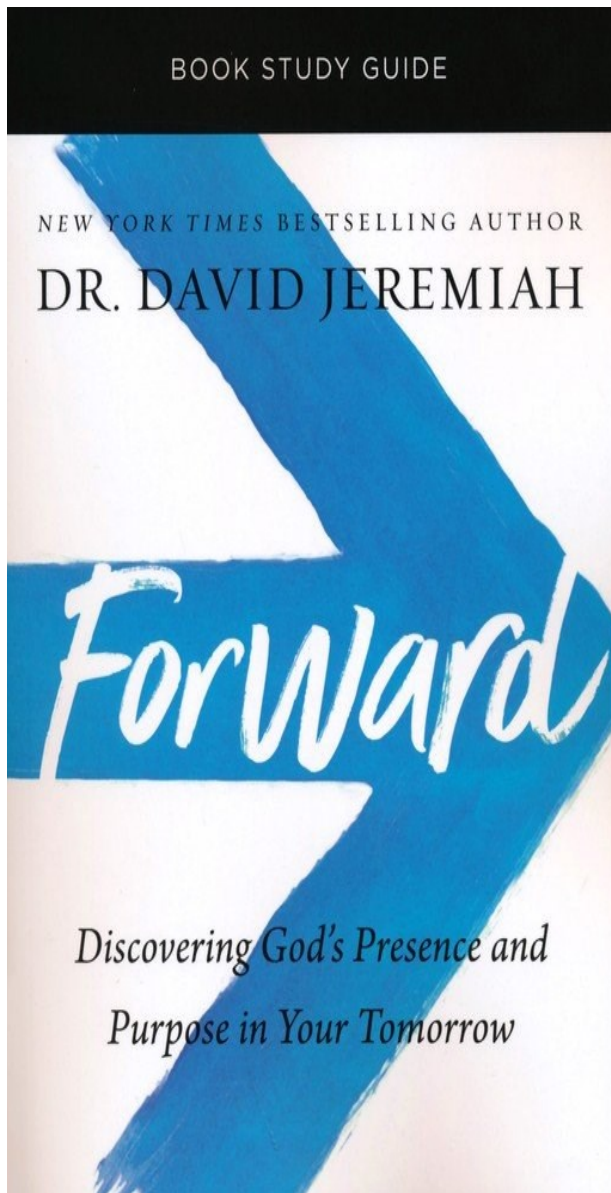
CONTACT Carol Cunningham
or Joyce Fledderman

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING April 23, 2023

ASBURY HALL



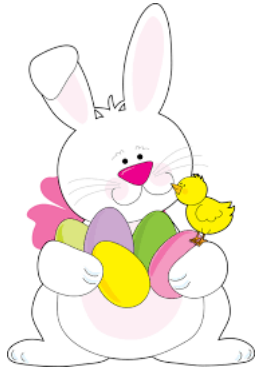
Forward by Dr. David Jeremiah

In **Forward**, Dr. David Jeremiah examines Philippians 3:12-14 and offers six practical insights with a step-by-step plan for letting go of what's behind you and discovering God's plan for seizing tomorrow.

Relying on previous good deeds or dwelling on past sins can be self-defeating. How can we put former things behind us and press on to the abundant life God promises us in Christ?

Anchored in Paul's words from Philippians 3, Jeremiah's strong biblical teaching coupled with real-life stories help you move toward a better future and learn how you can move past failures or sins and fulfill God's purpose for your life.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR GREAT DISCUSSION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE GOD'S WORD TOGETHER! SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS AND MATERIALS IN THE OLD KITCHEN.



EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY APRIL 8 @ 11:00 AM
At Church Pavilion
for ages 10 and under



Rocky Railway VBS begins Sunday, July 9th - Thursday, July 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the FUMC Pavilion.

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through life's ups and downs.

Registration Forms will be available May 1st in the Church Office.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for VBS please contact Sherri Cunningham at 814-541-8939 or cunninghamsa13@gmail.com.

Jesus' power pulls us through.



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The mission of Christian Counseling Associates (CCA) is to provide excellent, accessible, and comprehensive counseling from a Biblical worldview.

Our counselors are experts in the field of clinical mental health and highly trained from accredited institutions. They are active in their local faith communities, have a heart for God, and are gifted in serving those who struggle with cognitive, emotional, and spiritual issues. .

Ready to make an appointment?

Call **724-396-1510** or CCAWPA@gmail.com



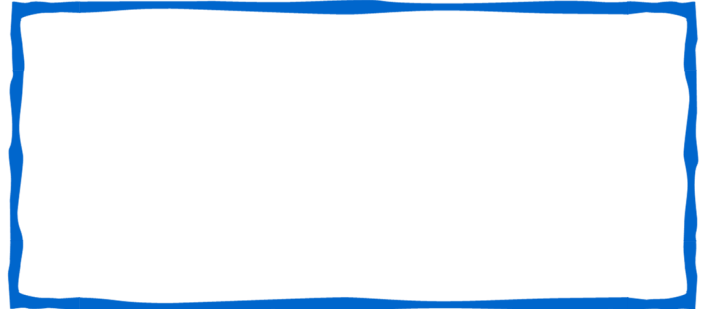
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Please let us know if your address changes.



At Your Service

The Reverend Sang Lee

"PASTOR LEE"

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8 AM to 4 PM

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To Post anything on the Church's Facebook page, please email or call Pastor Lee or the Church Office.

