



First Family News

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS JUNE 4

WORSHIP 9:00AM IN SANCTUARY
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK
SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKS FOR SUMMER

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE, BAKE SALE, & LUNCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ST. MARYS COMMUNITY YARD SALE

June 16 & 17 at Pavilion
Friday 8am - 5pm & Saturday 8am - 1pm (bag sale)
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(SEE DETAILS INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER)

United Methodist Women's Picnic Monday June 26 6:00pm at Pavilion

Bring a covered dish to share. Table setting and beverages provided

Program: Backpack Program
South St. Marys St. Elementary School
Hostesses: Executive Committee

June Message From Pastor Lee

Dear brothers and sisters in faith

About a year ago, my family came here, to First United Methodist Church in Saint Marys, PA. It was totally a new beginning because it was my first ministry in PA. Then, a year passed in a flash.

In the past year, I have been thankful for everything. I have been thankful for your continual encouragement and support for my ministry. I was so happy to meet church leaders to discuss our church ministry. We have done many things this past year.

I felt just like Abraham when I left Korea, then Kentucky, and then several churches in Kansas. When God asked Abraham to leave his hometown, relatives, and friends, I guess he might have been nervous, but with his faith, he finally accepted God's request, and he overcame all difficulties in new places.

I don't think I am the same person as Abraham and my faith is as strong as Abraham's. He is an example of good faith in my life who I admire and respect in my faith. However, I believe God always gives us challenges of faith in our lives that we can overcome.

So, my family has moved to various places although we didn't know those places well. Then we recognized that we were right. God led us to a right place for my family and ministry. At Saint Marys First UMC, we have had such a great time since we came here last year.

Also, as I sometimes told several church members, our feeling is that we have been here for a long time even though we have been here only for a year.

However, as with all journeys, this special experience at Saint Marys First UMC is coming to an end. While goodbyes have a certain element of sadness, let us remember that every end can be a beginning of something new. I think this should be our attitude in this situation because God is taking care of us now, even though we will be separated.

Therefore, I want to say several things now. First, please remember that you all are so special. Each one of you is so special and this congregation is so special. Also, you are different from other congregations. Because you are special, please build up your own special spiritual strength before God and the community in this area.

Second, Saint Marys First UMC is not a few people's organization. Please remember that this church is not only God's group, but it is your own group. Therefore, please help and encourage each other in the church. Also, try to work together to accomplish your spiritual goals.

Third, please have a clear vision for this church. Think of what you want to be before God and the community. What the character of Saint Marys First UMC should be before God and people, and what your strategies for developing your faith and community should be. I think if you can have these answers, you can have a clear vision for your future.

In conclusion, Jong Youn and I want to thank you for accepting us as your pastor and pastor's wife and for all we learned from you. We won't forget your support for us. We will remember all gifts and blessings you have provided. We will cherish our memories of you and our time together. Thank you for being part of our lives and allowing us to be a part of yours.

May God bless you!

Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Joyce Meloni
Given by
Carol Cunningham
DeAnne McAfoose
Joyce Campbell
Kathleen Wehler
Beverly Erich
Geraldine Dodrill**

Thank you Pastor and Mrs. Lee and my church family for all the prayers, cards and the many acts of kindness shown before and after my recent hip replacement surgery. I feel very blessed to be part of such a caring and compassionate church.

God Bless You All!

Paula Mertel

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Without help many aspects of the church are impossible. If you can volunteer your time for any of the following, please see Pastor Lee, or call the church office.

Screens—If you can send an email or click through social media you would be able to help with screens. With more volunteers you would only have to help out about once a month.. Training would be provided.

Audio— This area provides support of the Facebook Live. Many people who cannot come to church enjoy watching online. You would also adjust the mic volume for pastor. Training would be provided and again the more volunteers we have would balance out how often you would be needed.

Scripture Readers—Each week Pastor Lee provides a scripture and it is made available to the reader on Wednesday. There is a sign up sheet in the old kitchen so you may choose the date that works best for you.



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	

Father's Day Sunday, June 18



Man to Man

The men meet on
Wednesday evenings
at **7:30 PM** at Pavilion
All Men Welcome!

Exercise Class with Cindy

Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am at the pavilion. 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 his or her 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

Now Meeting at the Pavilion





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 April—329**

Congratulations!

Congratulations and Thank You Cheryl Schwentner

Thank You for providing beautiful music and special
music accompaniment for over 40 years!
Your dedication is very much appreciated and
does not go unnoticed!

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

Senior version of Jesus Loves Me
(Found on Facebook)

A church in Atlanta was honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium.

Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me...

The only thing that would comfort was this verse....

"Jesus loves me this I know.

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong,

We are weak but He is strong.....

Yes, Jesus loves me....

The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,

Though my hair is white as snow

Though my sight is growing dim,

Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..

YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,

With my hand in His I'll go

On through life, let come what may,

He'll be there to lead the way.

(verse 2)

When the nights are dark and long,

In my heart He puts a song..

Telling me in words so clear,

"Have no fear, for I am near."

(Verse 3)

When my work on earth is done,

And life's victories have been won.

He will take me home above,

Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?

Have I ever told Him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say,

That I love Him every day.

If you think this is neat, please pass it on to your friends.

If you do not pass it on, nothing bad will happen,

but you will have missed an opportunity to "reach out and touch" a friend or a loved one.

God Bless Us All!!!! AMEN!

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BAKE SALE

Bake Goods and Treats of all kinds are greatly needed & appreciated. Please drop them off by Noon on Thursday, BY 4PM Friday or by 9AM Saturday at the Pavilion.

RUMMAGE SALE

Items may be dropped off beginning Monday 6/12, Tuesday 6/13 or Wednesday 6/14 the week of the sale at the Pavilion. (NOT BEFORE)

All donated clothing must be new or like new.

Should you need to bring your items sooner, please place them into boxes and contact Sharon Herzing. 781-3584 or 335-0984

HELP NEEDED

Set Up: 8-12 Monday—Thursday "JUST SHOW UP"!!

MEN are needed to help Saturday at 2 to tear down.

Help is needed by everyone throughout the Sale.

Contact any of the United Methodist Women.

LUNCH MENU AVAILABLE ALL DAY

PLEASE WATCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ANY UPDATES

Spread the word! — this sale is open to the public.



2023 Vacation Bible School Registration Form



Rocky Railway VBS will begin on Sunday, July 9th thru Thursday, July 13th, Rain or Shine from 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m.

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

Childs Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Age: _____ Grade going onto: _____
Home Church: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Child's Doctor: _____
Allergies: _____

My child, listed above, has my permission to participate in the Vacation Bible School program at the First United Methodist Church's Pavilion on So. Michael Rd. in St. Marys, PA the week of July 9th – July 13th. My Child has permission to be photographed or videotaped to be used on video screen on the web and / or on any other media. All children must be signed in and out daily by a legal guardian.

While we strive to ensure a wholesome, safe and closely supervised environment for the children in its care, The First United Methodist Church and its volunteers cannot be held liable and I will not hold them liable for any unforeseeable accidents or injuries which may occur during Vacation Bible School.

In the event of an emergency, if I cannot be reached, I give my permission for my child to receive emergency treatment at any hospital or emergency care center.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Children must be age 4 ~ entering 5th Grade

Please return Registration Forms to the First United Methodist Church Office at 140 N. St.Marys Street or email to cunninghamsa13@gmail.com.



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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.



**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATES OF
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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

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

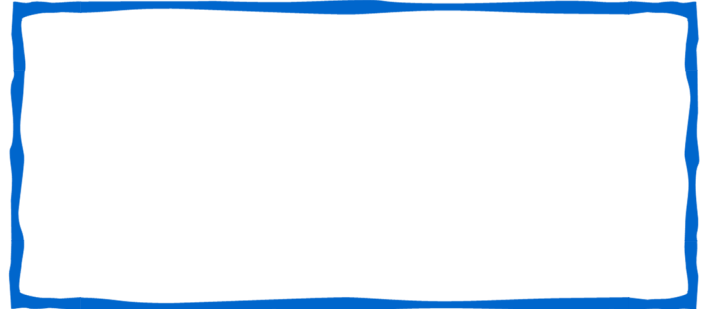
or Joyce Fledderman



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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.

