

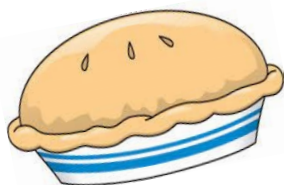
# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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WORSHIP 9:00AM IN SANCTUARY  
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK  
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPT. 10 @ 9:00 AM-  
FALL/WINTER WORSHIP RESUMES SEPT. 10 @ 10:15 AM

## Methodist Women PIE BOOTH at FALL FEST



Friday & Saturday September 15 and 16  
at the park on Depot Street  
(no Sunday sales)

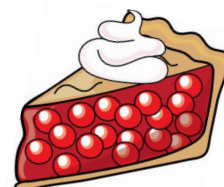
Please plan now to bake **HOMEMADE** pies for our booth.

All types of pies will be needed: Fruit Cream Custard

There will be **sign-up sheets** in the old kitchen  
and in the Welcome Center

**for pies, for booth workers and set up/tear down help.**  
*(pies will still be welcome if you forgot to sign-up)*

Pies can be delivered to the church on  
**Thursday** Sept. 14, 8:00–12:30 & 1:30–4:00  
**Friday** Sept. 15, 8:00–12:30 & 1:30–4:00



**Phone Mindy Gasbarre at 335-3686 Or  
Patty Pearson 814-512-2954 or 814-834-4867  
anytime if you have a question.**

# August Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Christians we are told to always be prepared. Scripture tells us that we must always be ready to tell others the good news.

“Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront and encourage with patience and instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2

Summer time for me is camping. I love being outside with family and friends enjoying all that nature has to offer. Over the 4th we were on such a camping trip. Early in the morning the whole family (about 14 of us) were gathered for breakfast. As we enjoyed the food and conversation I spoke up and said I’ll clean this up later—I’m going to church, does anyone want to come with me? First Duke said he would go then my nephew, next my son and before I knew it the bed of our pick up was full and away we went.

Arriving at the chapel, a couple had just gotten off their golf cart and was trying to get in, but the door was still locked. We stopped before parking and we all decided the preacher must be running late. Soon another golf cart pulled up and dropped people by the door. The lady driving pulled down by me to park. We struck up a conversation but were interrupted by my husband who was telling me “You might be giving the sermon today.” I replied, “We’ll see, the pastor’s just a little late.” The look of fear must have swept over my face and the lady with whom I was talking said the gentleman I brought down is a preacher. Relief replaced the fear!

My nephew got the keys for the chapel and we all went inside—It was a very good turn out for the camp ground but still no preacher. I went over to the pastor and asked if he would like to give us a sermon. He replied, “I can give a sermon but if I have a choice I prefer to listen to the guy behind me—he’s a pastor too!

As I looked at the gentleman behind him he was smiling and his eyes were twinkling. He looked at me and said, “Jesus told me to be prepared for today. I didn’t know what I had to be prepared for but I knew to be prepared so I just happen to have a sermon!” He picked up his tablet and went to the front of the chapel, his wife went to the piano and played Amazing Grace—we all stood and sang along to her beautiful music. When the song was over he instructed us to take our seats—after a short prayer he got right to his sermon preaching on good and evil. Illustrating it with pieces of his life. He was an eloquent speaker, everyone was focused on him and his every word. The kids didn’t even shift in their seats, he had their full attention!

God gave everyone in that chapel a very memorable Sunday and we thank Pastor Lloyd for listening to God’s voice and being prepared!

Let us pray—

Dear Lord, we thank you for the special people that touch our lives and we pray that we too will listen to your voice and be prepared to do your will. Amen

Written by Cathy Nesbitt



**MEMORIAL  
IN MEMORY OF  
Alice Steis**

**Given by**

Joyce Campbell  
Carol Cunningham  
Joyce Fledderman  
Diane & Fred Krug  
Wanda Sharrow  
Bonnie & Bill Gausman  
Steve & Terri Kunes  
Doug & Sherri Cunningham  
DeAnne McAfoose  
Jean Dodrill  
Nancy Marton  
Thom & Sandy Hoffman  
Paula Mertel  
Jean & Tom Price  
Joe Vollmer  
Dave & Cindy Marconi  
Mike & Kathy Reuscher  
James & Valerie Shaffer  
Vickie Weinzierl  
Dee & Don Corp  
Clare Horchen  
Raymond & Mary Ellen Frank  
Virginia Roberts  
John & Barb Samick  
Richard & Mae Serianni  
Jeff & Theresa Hoy  
Ray Gornati

**MEMORIAL  
IN MEMORY OF  
Alice Steis (cont.)  
Given by**

Kris Kronenwetter  
Fran Kirkland  
Paula Hansen  
Harold & Grace Johnson  
Calvin Grabofski



**MEMORIAL  
IN MEMORY OF  
George Lamb**

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Jim Horchen Family  
Clare Horchen  
Claire McGonigal-Potter  
Patricia Keebler  
Sue Schlimm  
Ray Gornati  
Kris Kronenwetter



**MEMORIAL  
IN MEMORY OF  
Joyce Meloni  
Given by  
Jean Dodrill**

## AUGUST MEETINGS

7:00 pm  
TUES., AUG. 1 -SPPRC

7:00 pm  
TUES. AUG. 8—TRUSTEE

The devil knows your name  
But calls you by your sin.  
God knows your sin  
but calls you by your name.

## 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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Ready to make an appointment?

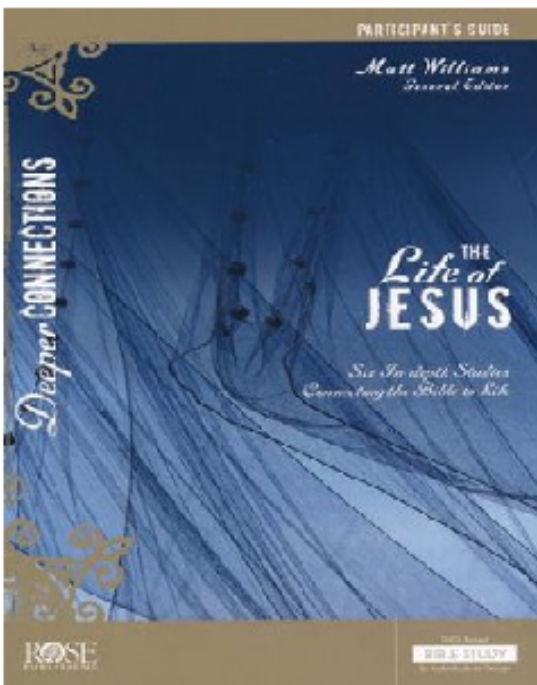
Call **724-396-1510** or [CCAWPA@gmail.com](mailto:CCAWPA@gmail.com)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM**

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**ASBURY HALL**



Join us for this very insightful study on the life of Jesus. It is the beginning of a series which provides an in-depth look at the life, words, and actions of Jesus during His earthly ministry. Sign up in Asbury Hall for materials.

### The Life of Jesus

Jesus' 33 years on Earth were remarkable: filled with miracles, powerful teachings, and extravagant displays of compassion. Jesus' life should be studied and followed, — each session begins in Israel, making it easier to understand the context and Jewish customs that impacted Jesus' life! Enjoy digging deeper into Jesus' baptism, temptation, miracles, and more! Using easy-to-understand explanations, this study features an in-depth overview of key life events—and it even features practical applications that will help you put each lesson into action.

**A short guided walkthrough of the places Jesus stepped.**

Journey to relevant locations in Israel as you dive deeper into well-known Bible passages: The Shepherd's Fields of Bethlehem; Mount of Temptation in the Judean Desert; The City of Capernaum; and much more!

**Easy-to-understand commentary from top professors and experts; Incredible historical insights that will deepen your understanding of these familiar stories.**

**Historical and cultural background**

**An engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning**

**Accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today. Study includes:**

1. **Birthday Surprise: Jesus' Birth**
2. **John Prepares the Way: Baptism of Jesus**
3. **The Victorious Son of God: Temptation of Jesus**
4. **Fishing with the Master: Jesus Calls for the Disciples**
5. **Disease Conquered: Jesus Heals the Sick**
6. **Defeating the Enemy: Jesus Casts Out Demons**



**Sunday School Resumes at  
9:00 am September 10  
For Adults and Children**



## 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
Anita	Vollmer	Sunrise Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	

Thank you to my church family  
for the wonderful  
graduation gifts  
and for all your prayers and  
support through college.  
Your love and support mean  
the world to me.  
Thank you, Lexi Cunningham



**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 June—319.**

## **2023 United Methodist Women Looking Ahead**

**Monday September 25—Fall Tureen**

**Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:00**

**September 15 & 16 Pie Booth at Fall Fest**

**Monday October 23—Meeting 7:00**

**Wednesday Nov. 15—Set up for Bazaar**

**Friday Nov. 17—Help needed for baking and pricing**

**Saturday Nov. 18 Bazaar**

**Monday December 4—Christmas Party**

## **CURRENT ST. MARYS 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**

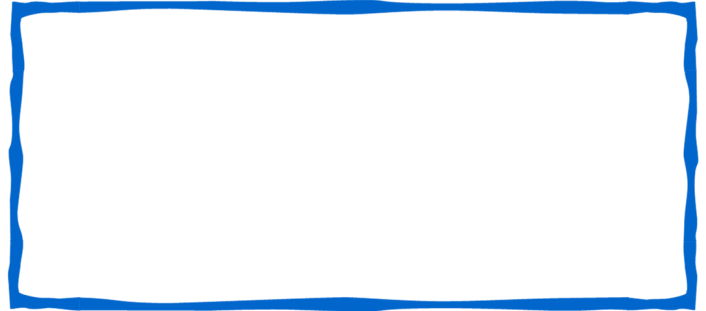
**UM Women President Sharon Herzing**

**St. Marys Methodist Church**  
140 N. Saint Marys Street  
Saint Marys, PA 15857-1236

*Please let us know if your address changes.*

### Contact Information

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TIME WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 10  
  
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### **Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
8 AM to 4 PM

