

# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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**WORSHIP 9:00 AM IN SANCTUARY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKS FOR SUMMER**

Email – [smmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:smmethodistchurch@gmail.com)

Website: <https://stmarysmethodistchurch.com/>

**All checks to the church must be made  
payable to St. Marys Methodist Church**



**Rocky Railway VBS** begins Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
at the church 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:cunninghamsa13@gmail.com).

# Jesus' power pulls us through.



## *July Message*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

Yes, I called you my brothers and sisters because we are a family here. God is our spiritual Father. He leads us always. Jesus said “I will never leave you as orphans. I will give you an advocate.” I am here to tell you this advocate, the Holy Spirit lives in this church. We are strong in our faith, but, as in all families, things happen, rough times come, and we need to pull together. Right now, our church is without a pastor, our human leader. But, let’s not forget God the Heavenly Father is always in charge. God promised to never leave us as orphans he is telling us that we are a spiritual family. He will give us a leader to help guide our church. As this process plays out, we must remain vigilant in our faith. Hold our brothers and sisters accountable to each other to pray more and read our bibles, pay attention to our souls and watch for God. I pray that we as a church will not become lazy in our Christian values. Not having a pastor should make us stronger as we now have to lean on one another to hold everything together. Remember, God is in charge. He has not forgotten us. He is setting his plan for this church in motion.

Elders in the Global Methodist Church are working to bring qualified pastor’s resumes to our committee to find a mutual fit for our church. Pastor Mark Hecht is our presiding Elder from Warren. Pastor Mark knows Pastor Tim Hoover and through him is familiar with our church. Pastor Chris Kindle is now a presiding Elder with the GMC also and is obviously familiar with us. All speak highly of our church and are committed to finding us a good fit. The process is different than before, we may get to interview more than one candidate, and if the congregation and pastor fit well, we may have 20 plus years before we need to search again for a pastor. So, the committee asks for your prayers as they interview and God asks you to be faithful as he works things in his time.

Cathy Nesbitt Lay Leader

Joyce Fledderman SPPRC Chair

Let us pray, We are sorry dear Father that we are imperfect, impatient children. We want what we want, and want it now. But all good things come in your time, when you are ready for us to receive, we pray we will be ready. We are grateful for the family you have provided us and we pray for each other and we pray for this church as we wait patiently for a new pastor. God Speed. Amen .



THANK  
YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank You so much for the beautiful cross necklace. Your love and support over the last 40 years is greatly appreciated!

Cheryl Schwentner

Thank You to everyone who remembered me on my 96th birthday! I enjoyed reading all the cards.

Alice

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the senior gifts and recognition in church. The gifts will definitely come in handy while I'm at school. Thank you to you all for your continued love and support throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Reiter



## 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	



### ST. MARYS PROTESTANT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

IS SEEKING FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE REVITALIZATION  
AND MAINTENANCE OF THE

PROTESTANT CEMETERY ON WASHINGTON ST.

ANY CONTRIBUTION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO

ST. MARYS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

148 TIMBERLINE ROAD

ST. MARYS, PA 15857

## 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**



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Please return Registration Forms to the First United Methodist Church Office at 140 N. St.Marys Street or email to [cunninghamsa13@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamsa13@gmail.com).**



# 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 May—382



**No meal on July 5**

## 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

## CURRENT CHURCH CHAIRS

Ad Board Chair Dave Fitzgerald

PPRC Chair Joyce Fledderman

Finance Chair Laura Horchen

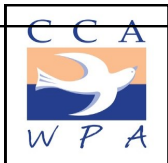
Christian Ed Chair Shawna Grim

Trustee Chair Bob Buerk

Worship Chair Carolyn Hockman

Lay Leader Cathy Nesbitt

UM Women President Sharon Herzing



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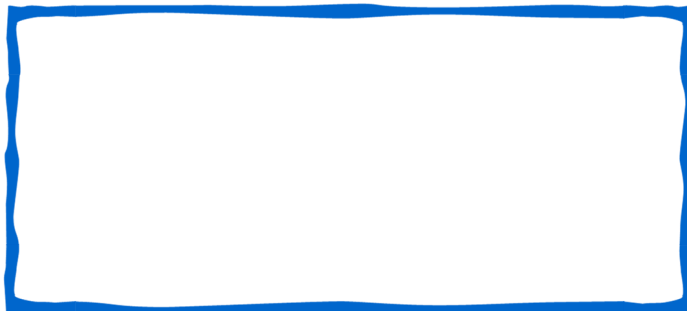
Ready to make an appointment?

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

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### Contact Information

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### Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
8 AM to 4 PM



### **Bowls of Love**

**No meal will be served on July 5.**