



# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 8:45AM ADULT CLASS  
9:00 AM CHILDREN/YOUTH

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP @ 10:15 AM



## **METHODIST WOMEN**

## **HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

### **Saturday November 18**

### **9:00-2:00**



See all the details in this newsletter!



## November Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish my words could adequately explain the incredible experience I had at the Allegheny West Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (GMC) that I recently attended in Columbus, OH. So far, I've attended seven annual conferences for our church and this one was like nothing in the past. It was a gathering of over 1200 Spirit-filled, Jesus-loving, Bible-believing, warm-hearted, evangelical Christians worshiping and working together in a way that I had never experienced in prior conferences. There was very little looking back, the conference is looking forward. It all felt good. Thank you for letting me represent our church at the very first annual conference for the Allegheny West Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church. It was well worth the 5-hour trip to Columbus, and 5 hours driving back. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

When talking about conferences within the GMC, the terminology can sometimes be confusing, especially if you are new, because the term is used to describe types of meetings and is also used to represent geographical sections of churches. Let me try to explain.

- A "Charge" conference (meeting) is held once a year at each local church within the GMC. We had ours on October 29.
- An "Annual" conference (meeting) is held once a year where all churches in a within a geographical conference meet. For us, it's all churches within Allegheny West Provisional Conference that includes all of Ohio and the western portion of Pennsylvania. It's the conference meeting, I just attended. There are numerous GMC geographical provisional conferences around the world.
- Next year will be the first "General" conference (meeting) of the Global Methodist Church. Two or three delegates chosen from each geographical provisional conference around the globe will attend. This is when the current Transitional Book of Discipline and the GMC organizational structure will be finalized. The GMC wanted to wait until most of the churches were disaffiliated, to have a broader representation.

I had a chance to speak with Jeff Greenway, President Pro-Tempore, at the conference and expressed my appreciation for all efforts and support for our church, and for the Christ-centered leadership displayed at the conference. Although there is still a lot of work to be done before the general conference next year, the GMC leadership is most capable.

When I think about the annual conference I just attended, look all the hard work that was done this year for the disaffiliation process, all the hard work that is done constantly by so many people within our church, seeing how much the GMC has stepped up to help our transition to a new pastor, seeing our attendance remaining strong, and the positive attitude of our Christ-centered members, it's obvious the Holy Spirit is present in the St Marys Methodist Church. I couldn't be happier, prouder, and thankful to be a member. We are truly blessed.

Thanks everyone and have a great Thanksgiving.

Dave Fitzgerald



## Thank You!

We would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards for the passing of Richie's mother, Dorothy Lewis.

Richie & Karen Lewis



## November Worship Schedule

November 5—Paul Morelli &  
Rev. Jon Swart

November 12, 19, 26 —Paul Morelli

## November Meetings

SPPRC—7:00 pm Tues., November 7

Trustees—7:00 pm Tues., November 14

Finance—7:00 pm Tues., November 14

AD Council— 7:00 pm Tues., November 28

Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday following Worship  
New Members Welcome!

Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday 6:00 PM  
New Members Welcome!



**1:00 pm  
Saturday**

**Nov. 25**

Everyone  
Welcome to join  
in and help  
Beautify the  
Sanctuary for the  
Holiday Season

**Bazaar Prep    Help Appreciated**  
**NO EXPERIENCE Necessary!! On The Job Training!**

Monday, Oct. 30 at 8 am ~~ Noodle Making  
Wednesday, Nov..1 at 4:30 pm ~~ Making Pumpkin Rolls  
Saturday, Nov..4 at 9 am ~~ Making Apple Dumplings  
Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 9 am ~~ Cut Vegetables, Hot Dog Sauce  
Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 1 pm ~~ Rivoli Soup Making  
Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 9 am ~~ Vegetable Soup Making  
Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 pm ~~ Rivoli Soup Making  
Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 pm ~~ Setting Up for the Bazaar  
Thursday, Nov. 16 at 9 am ~~ Ice Sugar Cookies  
Friday, Nov. 17 at 9 am ~~ Baking  
Friday, Nov. 17 at 5 pm ~~ Pricing & Set Up  
Saturday, November 18 ~~ Annual Bazaar 9 am to 2 pm



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**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**



**REMINDER**

Food Donations for the  
Christian Food Bank  
can be put in the box in the old kitchen or  
brought into the church office.

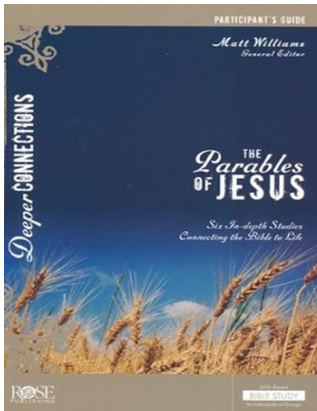


**Sunday School**  
**8:45 AM Adult**  
**9:00 AM Children/Youth**



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**  
**LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM**

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 29, 2023**  
**ASBURY HALL: 8:45 a.m.**

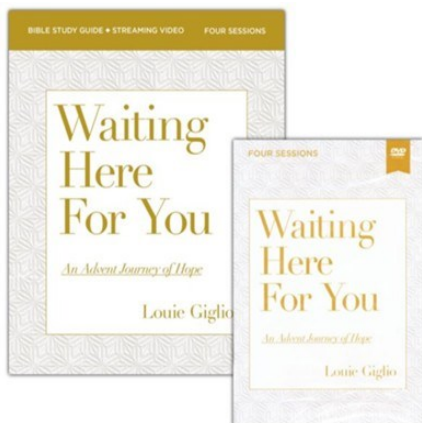


The Parables of Jesus  
Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. This Deeper Connections series will give you new insights into His parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life. With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, this study will help you get the most out of The Parables of Jesus, both in our Sunday School Class and in applying what you learn to your life.

Join us for this very insightful study on the parables of Jesus.  
Sign up in Asbury Hall for materials.

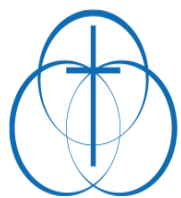
**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**  
**LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM**

**BEGINNING DECEMBER 3, 2023**  
**ASBURY HALL: 8:45 a.m.**



Waiting Here For You  
The story of Christmas is one of waiting. It is a story of how the people of Israel waited years and years for the promised Messiah to arrive. But the story of Christmas is also one that reveals how God works during seasons of waiting-times in which he is developing us to carry out his plans in our lives. Waiting Here for You takes you through the Advent season of waiting with hope. Join us on a journey that brings you back to the truth that nothing is ever wasted when it comes to God. Sessions include:

- God Is Working While You Wait
- God Will Use Your Waiting
- Waiting on God and with God
- God Is Waiting for You



# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Methodist Church's logo brings together in its three circles the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who alone we worship. **The circles intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ, the symbol of our deliverance from our slavery to sin and fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe.** As a whole, the logo communicates God's sending of the church into the world. The sky blue color reminds us that even though Global Methodists live all around the world, they are all united together in God's great creation.



Children and Youth Sunday School Classes painted and decorated pumpkins that included a poem explaining the symbols painted on the faces.





## 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	

### 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



### **Man to Man**

The men meet on  
Wednesday **7:30 PM**  
In room off new kitchen

**All Men Welcome!**

### 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 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 Church**





## **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 October—328**

## **FROGGY STITCHERS**

(the Froggy Stitchers meet in Asbury Hall on Thursdays)

The Froggy Stitchers Quilt Club have finished their community project for 2023. This year they chose to make quilts for Pinecrest Manor. . We are happy to report that we delivered 15 bed size quilts to Pinecrest. They were very happy to receive our quilts to be given out to patients.

We also continue to make comfort quilts for people who are being treated for cancer or other serious illnesses. This has been an ongoing project for our club. We are happy to report that we have given well over 40 quilts through the years.



## **2023 Methodist Women Looking Ahead**

**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**



# METHODIST WOMEN'S BAZAAR

Saturday, November 18, 2023~~ 9 am — 2 pm / Lunch Eat In or To Go & Bake Sale All Day!

ORDER DEADLINE ~~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

If Possible, please pick up all pre-order items by 1 pm the day of the Bazaar

*The following items may be pre-ordered by contacting Sharon (814-781-3584) or Mindy (814-335-3686)*

_____ Pumpkin Roll	\$15.00	_____	
_____ Noodles (now a 10oz. bag)	\$4.00	_____	
_____ Hot Dog Sauce, pt.	\$6.00	_____	
_____ Chicken Rivoli Soup, qt.	\$7.00	_____	
_____ Beef Vegetable Soup, qt.	\$7.00	_____	
_____ Sticky Buns (6)	\$6.00	_____	
_____ Sweet Rolls (6)	\$6.00	_____	
_____ Pumpkin Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Apple Cranberry Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Apple Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Blueberry Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Strawberry-Rhubarb	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Blackberry Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Pecans (Plain) 16 oz.	Price Unavailable		—
_____ Pecans (Choc. covered) 12 oz	Price Unavailable		
TOTAL	\$ _____		

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Methodist Women's  
**2023 Holiday BAZAAR**  
Saturday, November 18 9:00—2:00

**BAKE SALE information:**

Donations of items for the bake sale can be brought into the church Friday, Nov. 17 by 5 or early Saturday morning before 8:30.

NO cookies please.

**Help is needed around 5pm Friday for packaging & pricing baked goods & candies.**

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

***FUDGE AND CANDY***

ARE ALWAYS NEEDED...on plates and ready for us to weigh is very helpful. Also muffins, brownies, Rice Krispy Treats, and Cupcakes (on trays/plates, ready to be priced).

“specialty” baked goods

(like bar cookies or candy topped baked goods)

Call Lesa at 834-6402 with any questions.



**Tell Your Friends**

***“Pre-packaged”***  
**COOKIE WALK**

Delicious home made cookies will be available for you to select from. Packaged by variety in half dozen or dozen boxes.

All Day Lunch  
Foods will be available to go or eat in.  
Just place your order at the Bazaar.

**NEED to Borrow**

Large Tupperware containers— put your name on them (bottom and lid). Glass jars **NOT** needed

**DO NOW, Please**

\*Sign up in the old kitchen for the grocery items that are needed.

See the list on the following page.

\*Pass pre-order forms to your friends and family.

Forms are due by Sun. Nov. 13 or phone

Mindy @ 335-3686 or Sharon at 781-3584.

If possible, please pick-up your pre-orders by 1:00.

Help is needed to **set up on Wed. Nov. 15** at

6pm and to begin tear down before 1pm on

Nov. 18. **Men also needed.**

***PRE-ORDER FORM***  
***IN THIS NEWSLETTER***

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***Due by Sunday, Nov. 12***

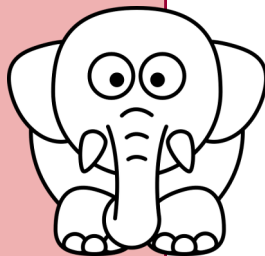
\*Large selection of  
RADA Knives,  
Kitchen Gadgets  
and Utensils

Shop at our **WHITE ELEPHANT** table loaded with lots of new and like new items for your Christmas gifting — or for a little something for yourself.

Donations collected on the stage beginning Oct. 31.

Requesting “nice” items. *This is not a rummage sale*

**Help is needed with pricing on**



# MW Holiday BAZAAR

Saturday, November 18

9:00—2:00

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## NOODLE MAKING

8:00 AM on

Mondays

Oct. 16, 23 & 30

*no “experts” needed—  
on the job training  
provided!*

The following items are needed for **baking & soup making**. Look for the sign-up sheets in the old kitchen.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### PLACE IN THE KITCHEN by Monday, Nov. 13.

40 # potatoes (donated)	2# shelled walnuts
50# onions	4 large heads of cabbage
40 # carrots	14 stalks of celery
1, 3# can of decaf coffee (donated)	2 gallons Whole milk
6, #10 cans of crushed tomatoes	5—12 pack cans Pepsi,
15# frozen, cut green beans	Diet Pepsi, Sprite, Orange,
	Root Beer

### PLACE IN THE KITCHEN by Wednesday, Nov. 16.

5 pkgs. Hamburger buns  
5 pkgs. Hot dog buns  
5 pounds BUN length hot dogs (donated)

***Please remember to bring your items in on time.***

### Making Rivoli Soup

Tues. Nov. 14 1:00 PM

Wed. Nov. 15 5:30 PM

## Methodist Women Christmas Party

Monday, December 4 in Asbury Hall

Social time at 5:30

Buffet Dinner at 6:00

Catered buffet — \$10 per person. Reservations with payment are due to Deanne McAfoose (834-6178) **by Sunday, Nov. 26.**

*You must have a reservation and reservations are binding.*

*Name(s) and phone number are required if leaving a voice mail.*

Gift exchange—Bring a wrapped \$10 gift

There will also be a collection for Wesbury Home & CAPSEA.

*All ladies that attend SNMC are welcome to attend.*



**Early reservations  
MUCH Appreciated!**

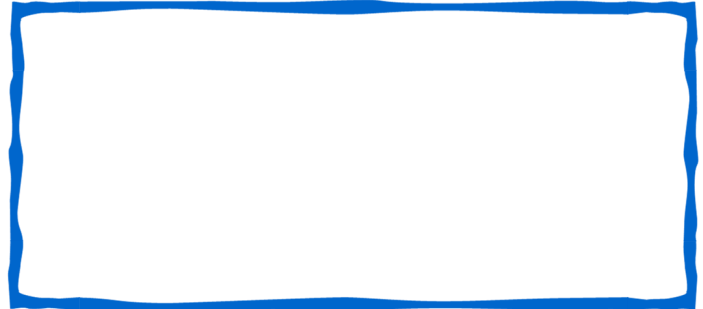


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*Please let us know if your address changes.*

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FALL/WINTER WORSHIP TIME  
@ 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES FOR  
ADULTS @ 8:45 AM  
CHILDREN/YOUTH @ 9:00 AM

**Sunday**  
**November 5, 2023**

