



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

LIVER DUMPLING AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

9—NOON

PRE ORDER LIVER DUMPLINGS BY TUESDAY OCTOBER 17
CALL CAROL @ 814-781-7401

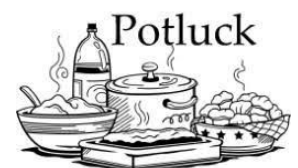
*******DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS NEEDED*******

POT LUCK LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sunday, OCTOBER 22

Beef/Rolls & Beverages provided

PLEASE BRING A DISH OF YOUR CHOICE TO SHARE
AND COME FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER





October Message



Embracing our place in the Global Methodist Church

First, I want to say, WOW! Each pastor and speaker who has come to fill our void as we await our new pastor has been so complimentary to our staff and congregation. The welcoming, acceptance and help has been encouraging to them and our music has been uplifting. All are willing to return as needed and one stated, had he met us 20 years ago he would have sought a position here. We will need to keep it up as we have a few more to welcome until we finally meet our pastor.

Next, I want to provide a copy of one of Pastor Mark Hecht's slides from his Q&A time with the congregation in September. Pastor Mark was very encouraging about our plans and ability to thrive. Pastor Mark had presented one slide reminding us of why we chose to disaffiliate:

1. We believe the UMC fails to uphold and even rebels against its own doctrine and discipline.
2. This decision is in response to the now long-standing tensions within our denomination to change doctrine regarding Biblical authority as set forth in the Book of Discipline.
3. The disunity within the UM denomination is a distraction to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
4. Our local church autonomy has been diminished by United Methodist Conference hierarchy. Our real property and assets are held "in trust" and controlled by the Conference Administrators.

So with the disaffiliation behind us, it is time to embrace our place in the Global Methodist Church (GMC). To do that I believe we need to make ourselves more familiar with the GMC. Let's start with the mission statement "The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly." Continue reading the newsletter to view the vision, core confessions, and more.

I also want to encourage you to get involved in the media and publications of the GMC. The webpage can be accessed at <https://globalmethodist.org>. The webpage contains information about the mission, vision, beliefs, governance, and leadership. There are articles to read, videos to watch, a copy of the "Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline" and much more. Speaking of that book, we also have a binder copy of the book at the church for anyone to borrow if you prefer to read hardcopy. For those who scroll Facebook – friend the page "The Global Methodist Church." Additionally, the GMC has a newsletter that can be subscribed to through the website. This weekly newsletter "Crossroads" can be received free of charge through your e-mail account.

Stay in touch with your fellow congregants. We have a pot luck luncheon coming up this month. We are open to more fun things to do to. Maybe you are a planner/organizer and want to get something in the works. Meanwhile, pray for our church and the Global Methodist Church. Pray for our fill in speakers and pastors and keep our future pastor in your prayers.

See you Sunday.

Joyce Fledderman





**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Sherry Simon**

Given by

**Carol Cunningham
Fred and Diane Krug
Jim Horchen Family**



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Dorothy Carlson**

Given by

Jim Horchen Family



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Alice Steis**

Given by

**Shirley Wendel
Connie Amendola**



**Thank
You!**

The family of Alice Steis would like to thank our church members for kind words spoken, cards, food and memorials. A special thank you to Carolyn Hockman for taking care of the sound board, Ray Gornati for setting up the church prior to the service, and Cheryl Schwetner for providing the organ music. Special thank you to the women who provided the cupcakes at the luncheon and especially Bonnie Gausman, Sherri Cunningham and Jenny Schaut for taking care of all the kitchen duties during the luncheon. We have such an awesome church and we are proud to be members of such a caring, giving church. Thanks again and God Bless!!



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
George Lamb**

Given by

Connie Amendola



Baptism held Sept. 3, 2023

**Asher James Meyer
Infant son of
Sydney Pontzer and Levi Meyer**

**October
Worship Schedule**

- October 1—Paul Morelli
- October 8—Paul Morelli
- October 15—Paul Morelli
- October 22—Rev. Jon Swart
- October 29—Rev. Jon Swart



Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday following Worship
New Members Welcome!

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



**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATES OF
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

*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 ac-
credited institutions. They are
active in
their local faith communities,
have a heart for God,
and are gifted in serving
those who struggle with cog-
nitive,
emotional, and spiritual is-
sues.

Ready to make an appoint-
ment?

Call **724-396-1510** or
CCA WPA@gmail.com

October Meetings

Trustees—7:00 pm Tues., October 10
Ad Council—7:00 pm Tues., October 24

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

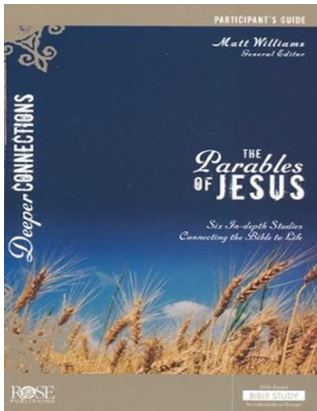
Food Donations for the
Christian Food Bank
can be put in the box in the old kitchen or
brought into the church office.

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.

Paul Morelli is offering this study to our church.
If you are interested please sign up in the old kitchen
Date and time to be determined pending interest.

WITNESS THE WAY YOU ARE WIRED

Ever wonder why we need to “witness”? Ever feel like you can’t because you are not a Billy Graham? Ever feel you are totally inadequate to share your faith? Then this group study is just for you. This is not your father’s evangelism! We will start with the “why” of faith sharing then we will look at biblical examples of six different styles of evangelism based on characters right from the pages of the New Testament. You will find out how God has uniquely gifted you to share your faith easily and effectively while being yourself. This is not a step by step “how to” course but a whole new way to live a life of faith sharing that comes naturally. We will take six weeks to unpack this information based on the book “Contagious Faith” by Mark Mittleberg (similar to his earlier book “Becoming a Contagious Christian”) Join us for this six-week experience that will give you a new desire and boldness to witness “the way you are wired”
... Paul Morelli Certified Lay Evangelist (CLM)



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 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 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 August—357

THANK YOU

Patty Pearson and all of the others who helped at the festival pie booth, Mike Pearson for shuttling pies & anyone who helped make/bake pies at church or home and also those who helped set up and tear down our booth. Without all of your help it would not have been possible.

Your Help was greatly appreciated!

Profit amount of \$2,285 from the pie sale will benefit the St. Marys and Ridgway Elementary School Back Pack Program.



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.

PRE-ORDER FORM
IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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Due by Sunday, Nov. 12

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IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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Due by Sunday, Nov. 12

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.**

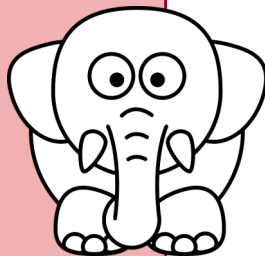
*Large selection of
RADA Knives,
Kitchen Gadgets
and Utensils

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.



VOLUNTEER/ NOMINATION FORM

The PPR/Lay Leadership Committee would like your input in our leadership selection process. Below you will see the various committee/team positions that are opening up in 2024. You may volunteer or nominate yourself or someone else to assist the PPR/Lay Leadership Committee in their important work of raising up leaders for our church family. We are looking for members & attendees that exhibit a love for Jesus & that regularly attend our church.

1. Administrative Council - Provides for the planning and implementing of programming and provides for the administration of its organizational life.

2. Staff/Lay Leadership Committee (Combined Pastor Parish / Nominating Committee) - composed of members, this committee guides the Ad Council on matters of lay leadership, to provide for Charge Conference the names of people to serve as officers and leaders of the ministries of the local church. They shall also reflect biblically and theologically on the work and role of pastor and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities.

3. Finance Committee - shall compile an annual budget and is charged with the responsibility for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by Ad Council.

4. Trustees Committee - provides leadership dealing in manners related to the property of the local church.

5. Christian Education Committee - shall develop and provide educational opportunities in a variety of settings that help people grow in their relationship with Christ.

6. Fellowship Ministry Area - shall provide planning and support for fellowship.

7. Substitute Teachers – for Sunday School.

8. Worship / Sanctuary Arts – to help beautify the Sanctuary and to assist in aspects of worship.

9. Representative to Conference – shall represent our church at conference.

10. Lay Leader - a member of every committee, the Lay Leader, along with the Pastor, serves as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the local church and of the annual conference.

Please place completed Forms in the Tray in the Welcome Center.

Extra Forms are also available in the Welcome Center.

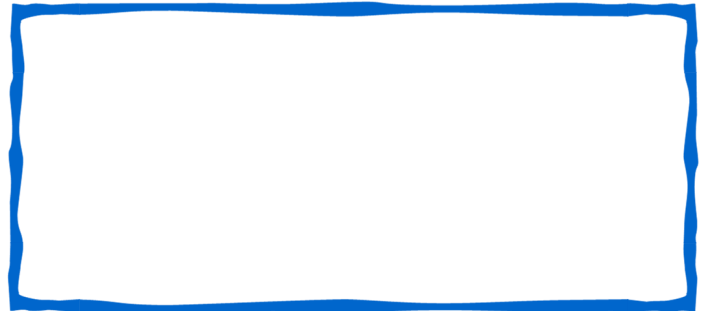
THANK YOU!

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Please let us know if your address changes.

Contact Information

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FALL/WINTER WORSHIP TIME
@ 10:15 AM

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

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8 AM — 4 PM

