



St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

December 2023 Volume 49 Issue 12



SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 8:45AM ADULT CLASS
9:00 AM CHILDREN/YOUTH
FALL/WINTER WORSHIP @ 10:15 AM

Christmas Eve Services

10:15 AM

(NO Sunday School)

Candlelight Service 8:00 PM



**THANK YOU FROM
THE METHODIST WOMEN**

**WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE OF ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH OUR
2023 HOLIDAY BAZAAR. THE MONEY RAISED ENABLES US
TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO MISSIONS LOCALLY,
IN THE U. S. AND AFRICA.**



December Message

Greetings From John and Christine Zimmerman

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are excited for our adventure to begin with you all! We will be arriving in St Mary's on December 4th and setting up the 5th wheel RV at the pavilion. We are excited for ALL that the Lord has in store for us as we spend the month of December with you.

The name of our ministry, "About Face," describes the heart of the ministry in two ways. It borrows from the military term of taking an "about face" and applying it to the local congregation. As we come into church, God calls us to do an "about face" and get out into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. It also relates to the highly relational face-to-face emphasis we promote.

For the month of December, Pastor John will preach through Advent on the powerful theme of "Hope." Christmas Eve will be an opportunity to invite others to come experience the hope that Jesus brings to the world. Also, Pastor John will be available for any pastoral needs that arise. Be sure to call the church office or Pastor John directly at 814-490-4297 if you or a loved one has a need. In the future, we will return to be with you all from April through June of 2024. We will work within the church through preaching, leading Bible studies and small groups, mentoring core

missional leaders, and immersing the whole church with a heart for outreach. We will also build relationships with community leaders, institutions, agencies, and social services; building bridges between the church and community to allow God to unfold opportunities for ministry outside the walls of the church. Our emphasis is on relational development rather than emergency relief ministry. And Pastor John will continue to serve any pastoral needs.

As we start the journey, we are reminded of the scripture in Proverbs 16:9, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." It is exciting to know that even though we have plans, God is in control of the adventure! Be sure to pray for our time together.

Bless,

Rev. John and Christine Zimmerman



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Robert Walker
Given by**

Marlene Pistner
Carol Cunningham
Gerry Frey
Joyce Fledderman
Joe & Bonnie Salvatore
Connie Schreiber
Wayne Himes
Phil & Sandy Hoh
Fred & Diane Krug
Paula Mertel
Tom & Jean Price
Duke & Cathy Nesbitt
Tom & Joanne Bauer
Joyce Campbell
Alvin Pistner & Janet Herzing
Jack & Nancy Walker
Sam & Barb Glatt
Thom & Sandy Hoffman
Jim & Teen Lewis
Brian & Leah Reiter
Connie Amendola
Bonnie & Bill Gausman
Ray Gornati
Jim Horchen Family
Sue Schlimm
Betty Eshbaugh
Tim & Jenny Brem
Gary & Dawn Taylor
Bob & Zita Greenawalt

**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Barbara Patterson
Given by**

Marlene Pistner
Carol Cunningham
Steve & Terry Kunes
Cheryl & Gary Anderson
Alan Scott Lindenmuth
Karen & Michael Kleinschmidt
Paula Mertel
Duke & Cathy Nesbitt
Jim Horchen Family

**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Thomas Schloder
Given by**

Carol Cunningham
Jim Horchen Family

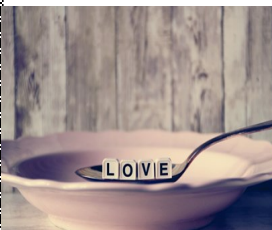
December

Worship Schedule

Dec. 3—Paul Morelli

Dec. 10, 17, 24 Rev. John Zimmerman

Dec. 31—Dave Fitzgerald



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

2023 Methodist Women Monday December 4— Christmas Party

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday following Worship
New Members Welcome!**

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

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**



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ASSOCIATES OF
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

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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,
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those who struggle with cog-
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emotional, and spiritual is-
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*Ready to make an appoint-
ment?*

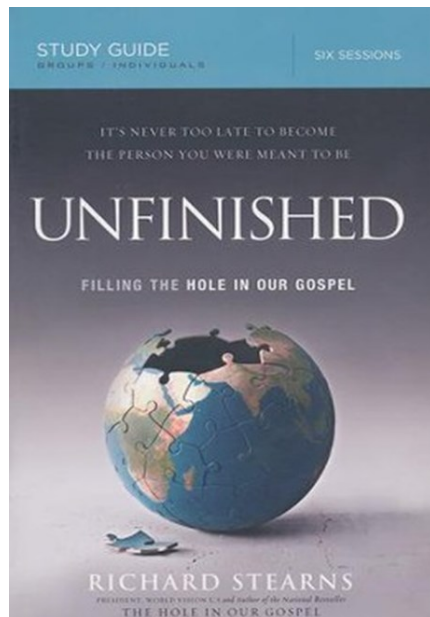
**Call 724-396-1510 or
CCA WPA@gmail.com**

REMINDER

NO Sunday School on Christmas Eve

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING January 7, 2024
ASBURY HALL; 8:45 a.m.



Unfinished: Filling the Hole in Our Gospel

Despite knowing the truth and having a relationship with Jesus Christ, many Christians feel like something is missing. They read the Bible regularly, participate in church life and community and give of their time and resources, but still lack a sense of purpose and mission in their daily lives. If you're feeling like something is missing, you may be right.

Richard Stearns, president of World Vision and author of *The Hole in Our Gospel*, believes that what many Christians need is a reawakening of God's purpose and passion in their lives. In *Unfinished: Believing Is Only the Beginning*, Stearns explores the invitation God offers to each of us to be a part of His greater work in the world. Sharing lessons from Scripture and inspiring stories of how real people are making a difference, *Unfinished* will show you that God has a dream for this world that Jesus called the kingdom of God. Discover how the journey into your heart's cry for significance and purpose can be answered by uniting with God's vision for His eternal kingdom.



REMINDER

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

THEMES FOR ADVENT

December 3—1st Sunday of Advent—HOPE
December 10—2nd Sunday of Advent—LOVE
December 17—3rd Sunday of Advent—JOY
December 24—4th Sunday of Advent—PEACE

THOM HOFFMAN
CHOIR DIRECTOR
2012
ST. MARYS
METHODIST
CHURCH

KIM NELSON
CHOIR DIRECTOR
2012
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHERYL SCHWENTNER
PIANIST
2012
ST. MARYS
METHODIST
CHURCH

ANNE MEYER
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR
2012
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

St. Marys Methodist Church & Shiloh Evangelical Presbyterian Church PRESENT:

The First
NOEL

A Christmas Cantata

SUN. DEC. 10TH

3:00 PM

WRITTEN BY
JOE E. PARKS

REFRESHMENTS
FOLLOWING



SHILOH EPC

217 WASHINGTON ST.

ST. MARYS, PA 15857

EVERYONE WELCOME

814-834-3300
shilohtrushy@gmail.com

ST MARYS AREA 29th ANNUAL

Christmas
DAY DINNER

Monday, December 25th, 2023
Deliveries Only

RESERVATIONS FOR DELIVERIES

**Please call Carol at 814-781-7401
by December 22**

VOLUNTEERS AND FOOD DONATIONS

Please call Ed at 814-594-8063

MONETARY DONATIONS

Can be made to:

CNB Bank

133 Washington St.

St. Marys, PA

***We all know someone,
neighbor, family, or friend,
who would enjoy a
Christmas dinner!***



Lights of Love is back.....We will be placing lights on the evergreen tree outside the Church by the stairway entry on the Parsonage side of the Church Building during the Advent Season. We invite you to participate by giving a “light” to be placed on the Lights of Love tree in honor of or in memory of — those you love and cherish.



For a donation of \$5 per person / light, we will put a light on our tree. Given By, In Honor Of, and In Memory Of.

All proceeds will go to support upcoming youth program.

Please send the bottom portion of this form along with check or cash to:
St. Marys Methodist Church, 140 N St. Marys Street, St. Marys, PA 15857.

I WISH TO GIVE A LIGHT IN

[] IN HONOR OF [] IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY:

(Name(s))

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to St. Marys Methodist Church
(in the memo: Lights of Love)





Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



Patricia	Johnson	231 Dagus Mines Rd	Kersey	PA	15846	
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

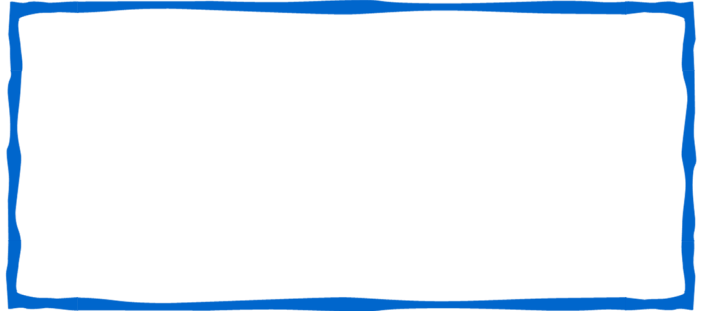


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Please let us know if your address changes.



FALL/WINTER WORSHIP TIME
@ 10:15 AM

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

