



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 MARCH 2

9—NOON

PRE ORDER LIVER DUMPLINGS BY TUESDAY FEB. 27TH

CALL LINDA @ 814-594-4550 OR

CHURCH OFFICE @ 814-834-3016

IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

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



March 31

Easter Sunday Worship

10:15 AM Melissa Sylvis

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)



March Message

As I write this page for St Marys Methodist Church newsletter, I all too well know that I am finishing up my second temporary assignment with you as Evangelist. I am thinking about what “last things” I would like to leave with you to inspire you to “keep on” ... to stand steadfast ... to be about the work of our master, Jesus as His disciples. I read an article about what the apostle Paul was willing to die for by Spurgeon and I want you to think about it as you vision for life with your new pastor and the church in St Marys as you move forward for Jesus

After the apostle Paul leaves Ephesus he says: “The Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me:” Paul recognized the dangerous road ahead of him; apparently he had received many words of prophecy telling him of this danger already. Yet he was not set off the track by danger, but was willing to lay down his life for the gospel of the grace of God.

i. Nor do I count my life dear to myself: Paul thought of himself as an accountant, weighing carefully the credits and the expenses; and in the end, he does not count his own life dear to him, compared to his God and how he can serve him.

ii. So that I may finish my race with joy: Paul thought of himself as a runner who had a race to finish, and nothing would keep Paul from finishing the race with joy. Additionally, Paul speaks of my race – he had his race to run, we have our own – but God calls us to finish it with joy.

iii. This shows that even at this point, Paul had his death in mind. It would be many years until he actually died, but he considered that what he did with his life now was worth dying for. In the words of Spurgeon, he preached a gospel worth dying for. It is a worthy challenge to any preacher: Is the gospel you preach worth dying for?

- The gospel of moral reform? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of save yourself through good works? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of social action and improvement? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of religious traditions? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of merely having spiritual conversations? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of mystical mumbo-jumbo? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel seeking the church of true hipness? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of self-esteem? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of ecological salvation? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of political correctness? Not worth dying for.
- The gospel of emergent church feel-goodism? Not worth dying for.

iv. “Yet there used to be a gospel in the world which consisted of facts which Christians never questioned. There was once in the church a gospel which believers hugged to their hearts as if it were their soul’s life. There used to be a gospel in the world, which provoked enthusiasm and commanded sacrifice. Tens of thousands have met together to hear this gospel at peril of their lives. Men, to the teeth of tyrants, have proclaimed it, and have suffered the loss of all things, and gone to prison and to death for it, singing psalms all the while. Is there not such a gospel remaining?” (Spurgeon)

This is the thought I want to leave with you brothers and sisters in St Marys Methodist Church:

“Is there not such a gospel remaining?” ... is your church, your Ecclesia, your “called out ones to an assembly” ... your disciples gathered to worship and make disciples ... is your passion, vision, and efforts to pursue a gospel message worth dying for? My prayers as you move toward, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday is that you have such a gospel remaining! Blessings ...paul



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	

March Meeting

AD Council March 26 6:30 PM



Man to Man

The men meet on
Wednesday **7:30 PM**
In Conference Room

All Men Welcome!

March 10



Time to Spring Ahead



REMINDER

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

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

Methodist Women President Sharon Herzing

2024 Methodist Women Looking Ahead

Rummage Sale—Friday & Saturday, June 7 & 8 (Note this is a week earlier than usual.)

***Please remember as you are spring cleaning to save items for the sale!**

Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 23
Women's Christmas Party Monday, December 2

Sharon Herzing—President
Melinda Gasbarre—Vice President
Marci Rogers—Secretary
Deanne McAfoose—Treasurer
Lesa Lamb—Public Relations

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday following Worship
New Members Welcome!

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

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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Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING February 25, 2024
ASBURY HALL 8:45 a.m.



All Things New

All Things New: Heaven, Earth, and the Restoration of Everything You Love by, John Eldredge, offers a simple, but life-changing study on the topic on heaven. It's built on a simple idea: heaven is *not* the eternal church service in the sky. In fact, "the renewal of all things" (Matthew 19:28) means that all we hold dear shall be renewed - music, art, food, laughter...yes, everything you love so much here on earth.

Sessions include:

- The Hope of Renewal
- Creation Made New
- Your Story Told Rightly
- What We'll Do in the New Earth
- The Power of Our Hope

Exercise Class with Cindy

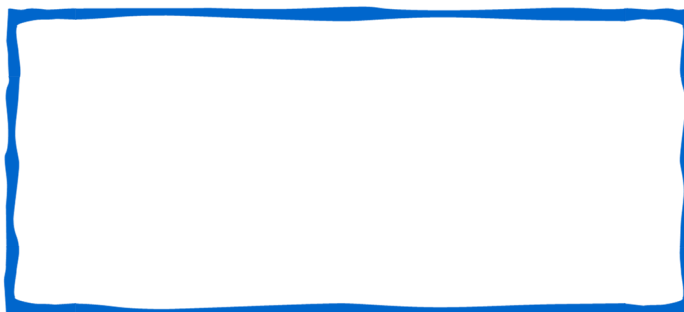
Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am in Asbury Hall. Each class will begin with a devotion, then some warm up stretches. If you are new to exercise class you don't have to be intimidated. Everyone can work at his or her own level and she will make 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!!



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