



# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

April 2024 Volume 50 Issue 4

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

## UNDERSTANDING EVANGELISM FOR TODAY

Join us in Sunday School as John & Christine Zimmerman lead our discussion on how we can most effectively share Jesus in our culture today.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL - 8:45AM  
STARTS APRIL 7TH - 5 WEEKS**



## JOIN US FOR A NEW BOOK STUDY

**OFFERED TWICE:**

**MONDAY'S AT 7:00PM**

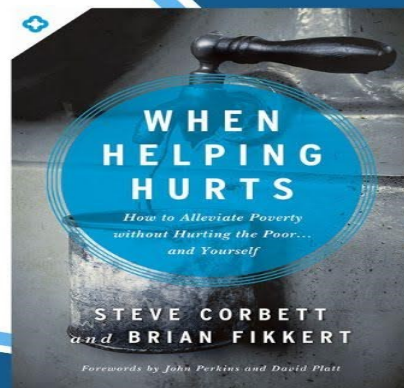
**OR**

**THURSDAY'S AT 9:00AM**

**(BEGINS APRIL 8TH/11TH)**

**FACILITATORS:**

**John and Christine  
Zimmerman**



## April 2024 Newsletter Pastor Message – St. Marys Methodist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This month our adventure restarts with you all! We will be arriving with our RV at the pavilion on April 6<sup>th</sup> and excited for ALL that the Lord has in store for us in the coming months.

Our name "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. It also relates to the highly relational face-to-face emphasis we promote.

We will work within the church through preaching sermons that center on our call to mission/outreach/evangelism, 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.

Beginning Monday, April 8th, 7:00pm, and repeated Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am we will lead a book study based upon the book, *When Helping Hurts -How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself*. We will learn about brokenness in the world, our community, and our very own selves; and God's restoration and healing for ALL that are poor in spirit. This gathering will meet for six weeks. We hope you choose to avail yourself to this teaching opportunity! (You are not required to have the book; however, it will enhance your growth. We will have copies for sale when we get there.)

Isaiah 52:7 proclaims, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Prepare your hearts, minds and feet to be beautiful proclaimers of the good news of Jesus Christ to our St. Marys community. See you soon!

Blessings,





# 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	

We are excited to announce VBS 2024 -  
 Camp Firelight, A Summer Camp Adventure with God!  
 VBS will run Sunday, July 21st thru Thursday, July 25th  
 at the St. Marys Methodist Church Pavilion.

Kids will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid or challenged. They will hear Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Registration forms will be available at the church beginning May 1st.

Anyone interested in volunteering please call or text  
 Sherri Cunningham at 814-541-8939

## 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



## Man to Man

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

**All Men Welcome!**

## 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



### 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



# Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

***MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED***

## EASTER FLOWERS

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of	To the Glory of God
Lesa Lamb, Lori & Cassidy	George Lamb		
Bob & Sandy Buerk	Bob Walker and Philip & Patricia Buerk		
Joyce Fledderman	Charles & Barbara Patterson		
Elwin & Chalene Carr	Loved Ones		
Don & Dee Corp			X
Fred & Diane Krug	deceased loved ones		
Jean Dodrill			X
Ron & Mary Frost	Loved Ones	Our family, church family & friends	
Faye Wittmer	Mary Wenger & Ryan Herman		
Jim Horchen family	Abby Horchen and Hal & Alice Steis		
Thom & Sandy Hoffman			X
Aileen & Bob Mattinz	Parents		
Cindy Schuster	Joseph Schuster	My children - Jolene, Will, Mary & Thad	
Jeff & Linda Johnson	Deceased family members and Alice Steis		
Gabbie Steele	Paula Mertel & Jean Price		
Shawna Grim	Dave Grim		
Mike & Cyndi Rippy			X
Sally Mucrone	Loved ones	Our church family	
Linda & Rick DeLullo	Chuck & Barb Patterson	Our church family	
Julie Cavalline	Eckert & Cavalline families	Our church family	
Nancy Haberberger	William & Elvie Hollobangh		
Chris & Kristin Swasta	Our grandparents Uncle Jim Steinbiser	Our parents	
Dong & Sherri Cunningham			X
Melinda & Joe Gasbarre	Loved Ones		
Jenny Schaut	Dave & Andrey Schaut	Military	
Carolyn & Tim Hockman	Tim's parent, our grandparents	Don & Dee Corp	



**St. Marys Heritage Preservation Group**

**Historic Church Tour**

**Date: Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Time: 1 – 4 p.m.**

**Speaker: Ray Beimel**

**Please join us to learn how faith and community helped to shape our city.**

**Tour Beginning Location: St. Marys Catholic Church**

**315 Church Street, St. Marys, PA 15857\***

**Also on Tour: 1886 Nativity of Jesus Chapel (Former Convent Chapel)**

**Sacred Heart Church**

**St. Agnes Episcopal Church**

**St. Marys Methodist Church**

**Shiloh Presbyterian Church**

**Queen of the World Church**

**Ticket Price: \$10.00 (Includes Bus Transportation & Social to Follow)**

**Tickets available at the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce**

**53 S. St. Marys Street, St. Marys, PA 15857**

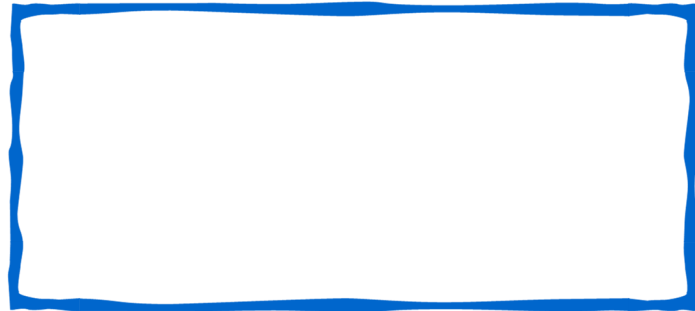
**or contact Jane Olson - [jkolson@windstream.net](mailto:jkolson@windstream.net)**

**\*Please use the Maurus Street entrance and follow the road to the Chapel Side Lot to park your vehicle.**

**St. Marys Methodist Church**  
140 N. Saint Marys Street  
Saint Marys, PA 15857-1236



*Please let us know if your address changes.*

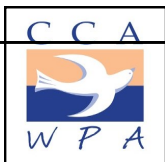


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WORSHIP TIME  
@ 10:15 AM

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



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