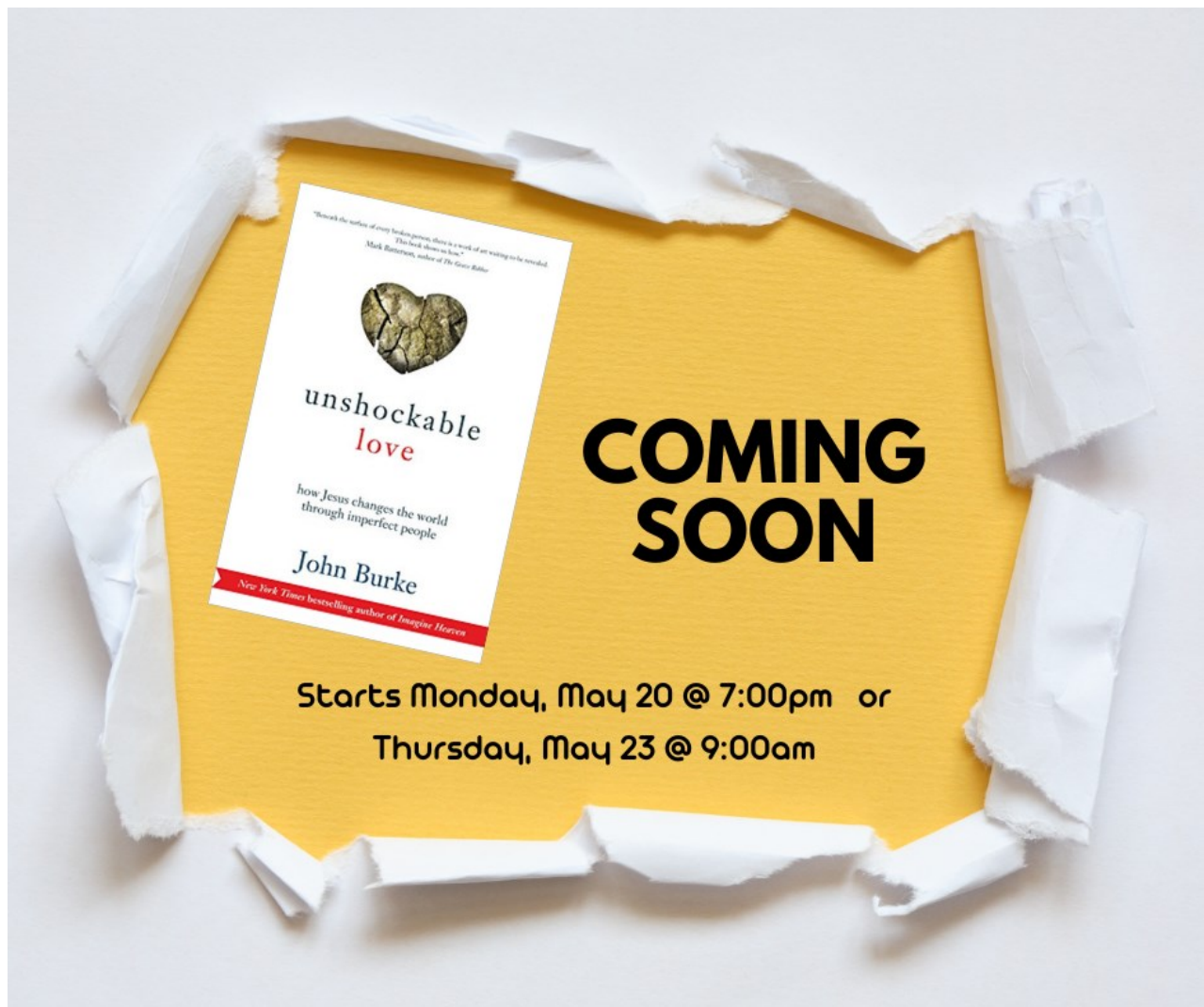




# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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



# *May Message*

## **Equipping Ourselves for Mission**

As we continue to journey together in our walk of faith, let us take a moment to reflect on the call that Christ has placed upon each of us: the call to reach out, to serve, and to share the boundless love of God with those around us. This call to outreach is not merely a suggestion, but a fundamental aspect of our identity as followers of Christ. Jesus Himself declared in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

In embracing this call, we are challenged to cultivate a heart of outreach—a heart that beats in rhythm with the compassion and love of our Savior. This heart of outreach compels us to step beyond the confines of our comfort zones and engage with the world around us, seeking opportunities to serve, to bless, and to share the hope that we have in Christ. It is a heart that sees every encounter as a divine appointment, every person as a cherished soul in need of God's grace.

However, developing a heart of outreach requires more than just good intentions—it requires intentional preparation and equipping. Just as a skilled craftsman hones their tools and techniques, so too must we sharpen our skills and deepen our understanding of outreach, mission, and evangelism. Thankfully, within our church community, there are numerous opportunities for growth and learning in these areas. Christine and I encourage each member of our congregation to prayerfully consider participating in these training and experiential opportunities. Whether you are new to the faith or have been walking with the Lord for many years, there is always room to grow and learn in our journey of discipleship. Watch the announcements for these opportunities!

Together, let us commit ourselves to cultivating a heart of outreach—a heart that beats with the same compassion and love that flowed from the heart of our Savior. May we embrace the call to go and make disciples, knowing that we do not walk this path alone, but in the power and strength of the One who has called us.

Blessings,

Pastor John Zimmerman



## 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	

### Baptism April 14, 2024



Kendall Sue Williams and Cole Francis Williams  
 Kendall and Cole are the children of Jeremy and Erin Williams



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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 Sunday following Worship  
 New Members Welcome!

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



## **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!**

**Picnic at Pavilion** Monday June 24 @ 6:00

**Fall Tureen** Monday September 30

**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

## May Meetings

May 7 — SPPRC — 7:00 PM

MAY 14— TRUSTEE — 7:00 PM

MAY 21—AD COUNCIL — 7:00 PM



Sign Up Sheets in the old kitchen  
for Scripture Readers and Ushers.

## 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



## Exercise Class with Cindy

Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am at the church 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



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**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

**Bowls of Love**

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

***MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED***

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*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

**National Day of Prayer**  
Thursday May 2 6:30 PM  
Methodist Pavilion 871 S. Michael  
  
LIFT UP THE WORLD—LIGHT UP THE WORLD