



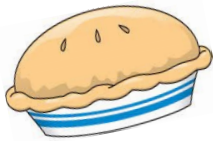
St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

August 2024 Volume 50 Issue 8

Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver
SUMMER WORSHIP @ 9:00 AM

**August 6 Onboarding
Dinner Meeting
5:30 Asbury Hall
RSVP by July 28**

Methodist Women PIE BOOTH at FALL FEST



Friday & Saturday September 20 and 21
at the park on Depot Street
(no Sunday sales)

Please plan now to bake **HOMEMADE** pies for our booth.

All types of pies will be needed: Fruit Cream Custard

There will be **sign-up sheets** in the old kitchen
and in the Welcome Center
for pies, for booth workers and set up/tear down help.
(pies will still be welcome if you forgot to sign-up)

Pies can be delivered to the church on
Thursday Sept. 19, 8:00–12:30 & 1:30–4:00
Friday Sept. 20, 8:00–12:30 & 1:30–4:00



**Phone Mindy Gasbarre at 335-3686 Or
Patty Pearson 814-512-2945 or 814-834-4867
anytime if you have a question.**

August Message

From the Pastor's Study

As I write this piece for the newsletter, at home I am surrounded by boxes, crates, tape, and packing material. It looks like they will be a part of my life at least for the next couple of weeks.

I couldn't help but think about the Israelites and their move from Egypt to the Promised Land. When they get to the Red Sea, I see the scene in the movie *The Ten Commandments*, where Moses raises his staff, the waters' part, and everyone marches across in almost straight lines. It is well choreographed and organized. What a great moving experience!

But when I read Exodus 14 & 15, I see a little more chaos (a little more like us). There is pleading and panic, fire and smoke, strong winds and darkness, clogged wheels and fear. There the people of Israel are on one side of the Red Sea. There is chaos. And, there the people of Israel are on the other side of the Red Sea, safe and sound with the Egyptian Army destroyed. God was with them on one side of the Red Sea. God brought them through the chaos. And, God was with them on the other side to take them to the Promised Land.

I know that God has been with you and with me as we have moved through this time of waiting and chaos (chaos at least for me) to get to this wonderful moment. Many wonderful blessings have been experienced. I know that God will be with us as we arrive at St. Marys Methodist Church. I can hardly wait to see all the wonderful things that God is going to do when we labor together for God's Kingdom in St. Marys!

Look around, God is doing great things among you! We can hardly wait to see! Amy and I are excited about meeting and getting to know each one of you!

God Bless,
Pastor Bob



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
Kenneth Schwentner
Given by**

Carol Cunningham
Joyce Fledderman
Jim Horchen Family

SPPRC Meeting
August 13 @ 7:00
AD Council
August 27 @ 6:30



Anyone who is volunteering with children is encouraged to complete clearances and the ministry safe program

If you have questions please contact Diane or Shawna

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



**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**
At pavilion

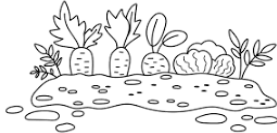
All Men Welcome!



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	



Gardeners!

Please remember the Christian Food Bank this growing season if you have an excess of fruits and/or vegetables that could be distributed to local recipients. The food bank (located at 817 S. Michael St.) is open every Thursday from 8-3:15.

Thank you so much for your consideration.



Thank You!

Konner Horchen would like to thank the church for the graduation gifts he received. It is much appreciated!

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting VBS with your generous contributions for snacks at VBS!

These kids sure can eat a lot!

Thanks Again!

Laura





Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3

Camp Firelight VBS was a great success!!! We had 50-56 kids attending every day! Some highlights were making crosses and lightning bugs with Jessica in crafts; s'mores and ice cream sundaes with Laura at snacks; water freeze tag and calming the storm with a parachute with Justin at games; learning new songs with Counselor Gabbie; and in Bible story, along with Counselor Missy and LuLu the Lightning Bug, learning a new lesson everyday on trusting God!

I cannot even begin to thank everyone for making VBS another successful and fun year! From Doug and his brother building the set; my family for spending hours setting up; Shawna making sure we all had safe sanctuary training and keeping us on schedule; Diane for working with me on a weekly basis for months preparing for VBS; Priscilla and the registration crew getting the kids signed in every night; the craft, snack, game, music and bible story crews; our surprise guests, Russell and Kevin; and the camp guides taking care of the kids all week! I truly cannot thank the camp guides enough!!! We have had years that we were short volunteers in this area. This year we had all our normal crew return and lots of new help and you all made the week so fun for the kids! I hope and pray you all come back again next year!

We also had 10 youth helping with VBS this year. These teens have all been through our vacation bible school and wanted to come back to help! The number of teens coming back to help grows every year. This is God at work in our church!

A special thank you to Pastor Bob and Amy. Vacation Bible School started the first week they were here and they jumped right in to help anywhere needed. I know everyone enjoyed getting to know you some this week.

Thank you to everyone in the church that donated the supplies for our snacks at VBS and who donated to our VBS Mission - The St. Marys' Boys and Girls Club.

I cannot name everyone for fear of missing someone, but It takes our whole church family to pull this week off. It's a lot of work, but if we just brought one child to know Jesus this week or one young person going through a tough time thinks of this week's Bible Verse, all the work was worth it. We are so blessed to have the very best church family!!! Thank you to each and everyone of you.

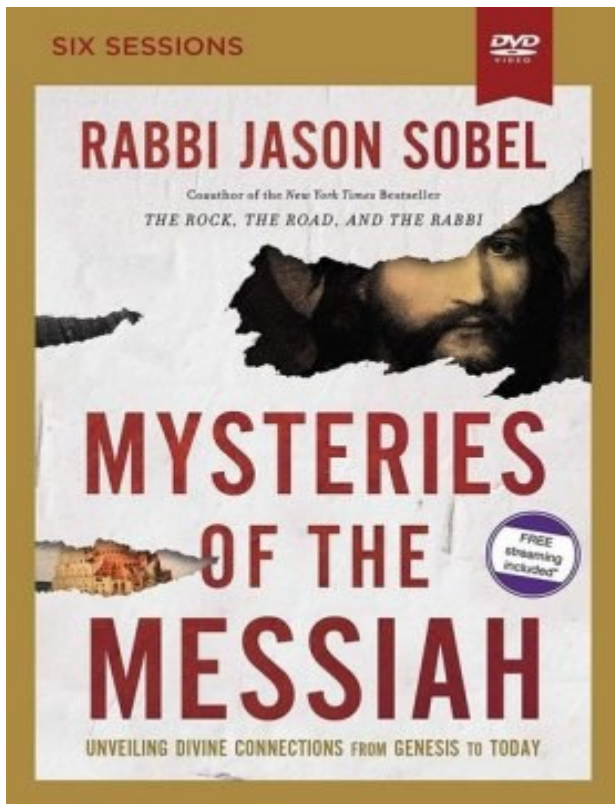
I hope to see you all back at VBS next year! I know Gabbie has already set her timer and is counting down the days!!!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

ASBURY HALL



Join us for this exciting study! Sign up for the class and materials in the old kitchen.

Mysteries of the Messiah

Are you settling for half the story? Highlighting connections that have been hidden from non-Jewish eyes, Rabbi Jason Sobel will connect the dots between the Old and New Testament, helping you see the Bible with clarity as God intended.

Most people do not understand how the Bible fits together—even people of faith. Too many Christians accept half an inheritance in that they are content to embrace merely the New Testament. On the flip side, Jews often experience this by embracing only the Old Testament. But God has an intricate plan and purpose for both.

In *Mysteries of the Messiah*, Rabbi Jason Sobel, raised in a Jewish home in New Jersey, but now a follower of Yeshua, pulls back the curtain to show the many connections in Scripture hidden in plain sight. Known for his emphatic declaration "but there's more!" he guides readers from the story of creation through Revelation to see the passion and purpose of the Messiah, the Torah, and several of the patriarchs and prophets.

God's Word, written by many people over thousands of years, is not a random selection of people and stories, but they have intricate connections. Rabbi Jason connects the dots for readers, helping them see with clarity what God intended.

In the *Mysteries of the Messiah*, Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel helps you understand how the Bible fits together as a *whole* to offer one complete picture of Jesus. You will discover what the Old and New Testament reveal about who God is, how he relates to us, and what he is doing today in the world. Sessions include:

- **Finding Jesus in the Story of Creation (22:00)**
- **Finding Jesus in the Story of the Patriarchs (22:00)**
- **Finding Jesus in the Story of Joseph (22:30)**
- **Finding Jesus in the Story of Moses (23:00)**
- **Finding Jesus in the Story of Ruth and Boaz (22:00)**
- **Finding Jesus in the Story of David (22:30)**

2024 Methodist Women Looking Ahead

Pie Booth at Fall Fest September 20 & 21
Fall Tureen Monday September 30 All ladies welcome!
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

Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED



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

Merry Widows/Widowers

If anyone is interested in joining the Merry Widows/Widowers for lunch, come and join the group.

The luncheon is held the second Monday of each month at noon.

They meet at the Sacred Heart Social Hall.

The cost is \$10.00 per dinner.

Bring a friend and a food donation for the Food Bank.

Any questions call Mary Kay Frey at 814-834-4859



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in

their local faith communities, have a heart for God,
and are gifted in serving those who struggle with cognitive,
emotional, and spiritual issues.

Ready to make an appointment?

Call **724-396-1510** or CCAWPA@gmail.com

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Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

WORSHIP TIME
9:00 AM FOR SUMMER

Sunday School resumes in Fall