



St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

BEGINNING SEPT. 8—FALL/WINTER WORSHIP @ 10:15 AM

BEGINNING SEPT. 15 SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:45AM ADULT CLASS

9:00 AM CHILDREN/YOUTH



ALL DAY FUN!! PIG ROAST
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7
MORE INFO INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER



Methodist Women PIE BOOTH at FALL FEST

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

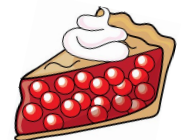
Please plan now to bake **HOMEMADE** pies for our booth.

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.

September Message

James Arminius

It has been a wonderful summer, and it seems to have gone by so fast. Many of us are already back in our fall routines or will soon be there. The joys of the summer adventures are drawing to a close and it is time to get back to the basics of life at school, at home, and at church.

One of the things that I was able to do over the summer was catch up on some reading. I spent many hours this summer reading about the heroes of the Christian faith. There were saints, singers, martyrs, teachers and preachers.

I had the chance to read about and remember James Arminius this summer. He was born in 1569 in the Netherlands and was part of the Dutch reformation. His teachings had a great influence on John Wesley and the Methodist movement.

The slogan associated with Arminius was *Libertas Voluntaria*, which means roughly "freedom & voluntary." What was really at stake for Arminius was that we had free will. That as Christians we choose Jesus Christ and there are those who can say no to Jesus. The opponents of Arminius were strict Calvinists who believed that the doctrine of predestination meant that Jesus came only to save a special group of people referred to as the "elect." Arminius understood that Christ died for all and that salvation was available to all not just the elect.

It was this sense that Jesus died for all that led John Wesley to adopt Arminius' beliefs and preach the gospel to everyone. John Wesley would preach at the entrance to coal mines, in town squares, and even from on top of his father's grave.

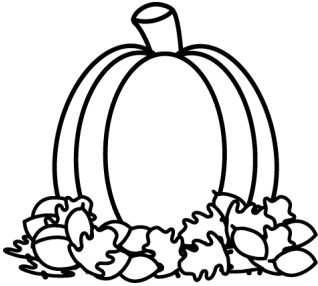
My hope is that as you are setting your routines for the fall, you will remember James Arminius and the power of freedom, the freedom to choose. I pray you will choose to honor Jesus, not only on Sunday, but every day of the week. I pray that you will choose to invite someone to church or share your faith story so that they might know God's love in their life, too.

Pray for me as I try to do those things. And, I will be praying for you to choose wisely too.

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

SEPTEMBER MEETING

7:00 PM—SPPRC MEETING



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



Opportunities to Serve

1 Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”

Some Opportunities to Serve:

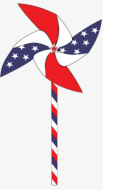
1. Sign-up for service as an Acolyte
2. Sign up for service as an Usher.
3. Sign-up to serve by reading Scripture
4. Sign up to serve by running Screens
5. Sign-up to help for the upcoming pie booth at the Fall Fest
6. Bake a cake or cookies for Bowls of Love
7. Help with the Pig Roast. For more info see Sandy or Bob.



Man to Man

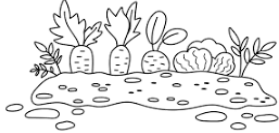
The men meet on
Wednesday **6:30 PM**
In Asbury Hall

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.



Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 4—SALLY M., CATHY N., PATTY P., MARLENE P.

SEPT. 11—JEAN P., CYNDI R., MARCI R., JENNY S.

SEPT. 18—SHIRLEY S., CINDY S., CHERYL S., MICHELLE S.

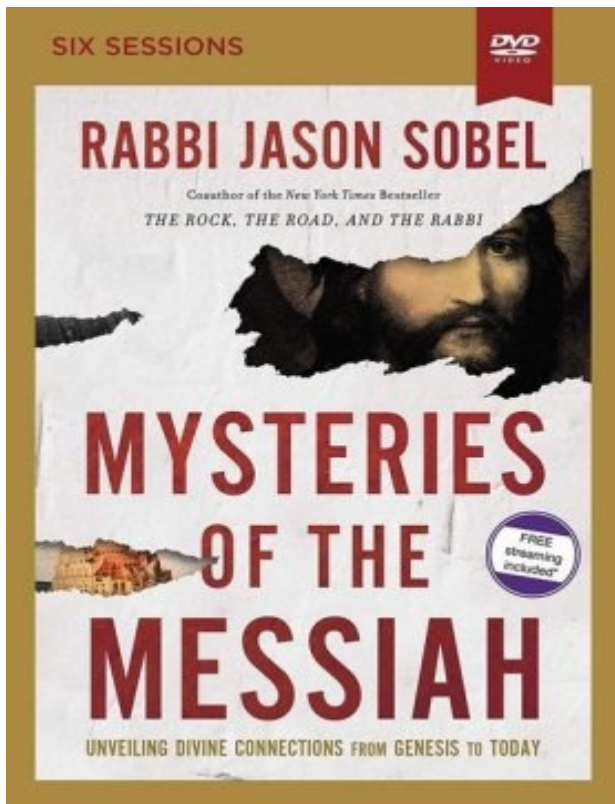
SEPT. 25—CAROL S., DEE C., LINDA D., MARGIE F.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2024

ASBURY HALL



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



**Sunday School Resumes
Sunday Sept. 15
Adults at 8:45 am
Children/Youth at 9:00 am**

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



The Ladies have begun making pies and cookies.
If you would like to help call Sharon for dates/times.
814-335-0984

Fall Tureen Monday, September 30
Asbury Hall **All ladies welcome!**

Social Hour 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Bring covered dish & table service Meat & rolls provided.
Hostess—Executive Committee
Program—To Be Announced

RUMMAGE SALE

As you are cleaning closets or paring down your spaces,
keep in mind the Rummage Sale.
If you have items you would like to donate now, please call Sharon.
She will even pick them up! Give her a call at 814-335-0984



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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*The mission of Christian
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 accredited institutions. They are active
in

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

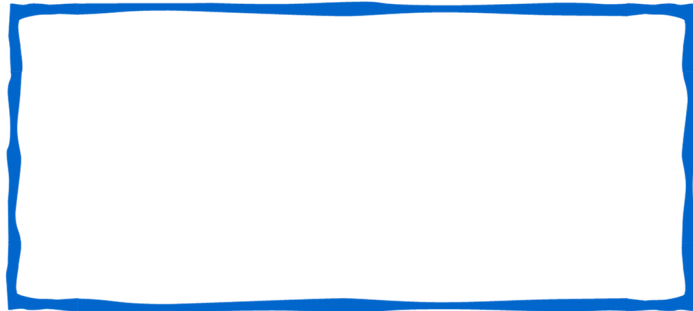
Ready to make an appointment?

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

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Please let us know if your address changes.



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WORSHIP TIME

10:15 AM FOR FALL/WINTER BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 8

Sunday School resumes September 15 @ 9:00 AM