



St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

WORSHIP 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:45AM ADULT CLASS 9:00 AM CHILDREN/YOUTH

Happy New Year 2025



January Message

Giving Our Best

Matthew 2:10-11 “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

During the season of Epiphany, I normally reflect on the journey of the wise men. How by faith they gathered all they needed for their search and set out following the star. The Bible talks about when they got close to Jesus and knew that Jesus was near that “they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”

I have been so thankful of all the wonderful things that have happened at St. Marys over the past year and I must tell you I really feel that Jesus is near. I am rejoicing with exceeding great joy and what God was done through you! And I look forward with anticipation to what God is calling us to do in the coming months.

I know that many of you will be praying about your giving to St. Marys and the ministries of God here. I really believe that God is going to lead us into great things in the coming year. God gives us the best, and when we give God our best miraculous things happen.

I would suggest that you honestly consider the resolve these questions to determine your giving commitment to St. Marys in 2025.

- 1) Have I really prayed about my giving until I have received an answer from Heaven?
- 2) Will this be truly sacrificial & the best gift of my family?
- 3) Am I willing to be obedient to the known will of God in my giving?
- 4) Does my heart respond with joy to giving at this level?

I know that if you faithfully do these things God will honor your commitment and like the wise men of old your hearts will rejoice with exceeding great joy!

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

Thank You for so many acts of kindness and so many prayers during our time of shock at our son Paul's death and continued prayer through our sorrow. The prayers are felt.

It is so good to be a part of a praying congregation.

Thank You,

Pete and Joyce Fledderman



JANUARY MEETINGS

All Meeting begin at 6:30 PM

Tues., Jan. 7—SPPRC Meeting

Tues., Jan. 14— Mission Outreach Meeting

Tues. Jan. 21—Trustee Meeting

Tues., Jan. 28 — Ad Council including Corporation Meeting



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. Bake a cake or cookies for Bowls of Love



Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



Jean Dodrill	Johnsonburg Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	Pinecrest Manor
Shirley Wendel	Edward Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	
Patricia Johnson	231 Dagus Mines Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	
Thressa Brock1	85 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	



Man to Man

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

All Men Welcome!

Welcome New Members

Jim Aaron
Marlene Pistner
Beverly Simchick
*We are so happy to have you in
our church family.*

Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BAKERS FOR JANUARY

JAN. 8—SHIRLEY S., CINDY S., CHERLY S., MICHELLE S.

JAN. 15—CAROL S., DEE C., LINDA D., MARGIE F.

JAN. 22—MINDY G., JOYCE F., MARY ANN G., CAROLYN H.

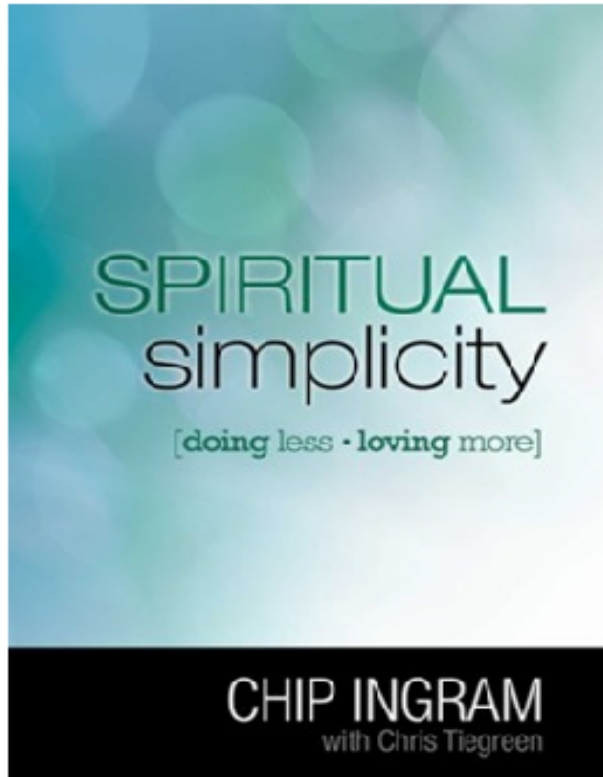
JAN. 29—SANDY H., LAURA H., KRIS K., DIANE K.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING January 5, 2025

ASBURY HALL



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

SPIRITUAL SIMPLICITY

In our frantically driven, complex lifestyle, we suffer from fatigue, little margin, shallow relationships, and fractured families. As a result of this driven lifestyle, our souls are dis-eased—they have a lack of ease. This highly practical, comforting course maintains that it is possible to run the race at a different, more meaningful speed. Not only is it possible; it's absolutely necessary. The key to simplifying life, Chip Ingram says, is to make sure love is your #1 priority. Love redirects our focus and unravels the complex, overextended lifestyle that keeps us ever running but never arriving. In *Spiritual Simplicity*, Ingram explains how to change our love from a noun to a verb and choose to concentrate on what really matters: the people we love the most. If you crave simplicity, yearn for peace and calm, this study is for you. Through biblical teaching and practical insights, author Chip Ingram goes beyond so-called quick fixes and speaks to men and women who know what they need to do, want desperately to do it, but find it next to impossible to break free of the too many good and important things that flood their lives.

The thesis of this study is very simple: Spiritual simplicity will never be achieved by strategic, managerial attempts to control our lives and schedules but through *doing less* because we love more. As you learn the practice of loving people, you will experience a shift from complex to simple, from hurried to peaceful, from "never enough time" to "time enough for those you love." Lasting change is within your reach. This *Spiritual Simplicity* study is for people who already understand what they need to do, want desperately to do it, but find it next to impossible to break free of the complexity of *too many good and important things*.

This study is for people who are tired, overextended, emotionally exhausted, and spiritually drained. Spiritual simplicity will be achieved by *doing less* because we *love more*. Love redirects our focus and unravels the complex, overextended lifestyle that keeps us ever running but never arriving. As you learn the practice of really loving people in your relational network, you'll begin to experience:

1. A shift from complex to simple.
2. A substitute for 'bigger-better-faster-more.'
3. A satisfaction from receiving God's love and demonstrating it to others.



Adults at 8:45 am
Children/Youth at 9:00 am



Poinsettias on the alter Christmas Eve

Given by: In Memory of

El & Charlene Carr in memory of Loved Ones

Jim Horchen family in memory of Abby Horchen and parents

Carol Cunningham in memory of Merle Cunningham & parents

Ron & Faye Wittmer in memory of Mary Wenger and Ryan Herman

Buerk Family in memory Phil & Pat Buerk

Buerk Family in memory of Bob Walker

Dee & Don Corp in memory of our parents

Bob & Amy Zilhaber to the Glory of God

Fred & Diane Krug in memory of our parents

Bob & Aileen Mattiuz in memory of our parents

Marlene Pistner in memory of Bob & Doris Wise

Mindy & Joe Gasbarre in memory of Loved Ones

Susan Kunkel and family in memory of Family

Joyce Fledderman in memory of Loved Ones

Mike & Cyndi Rippy in honor of the St. Marys Methodist Church

Linda DeLullo in memory of Charles & Barb Patterson

Tim & Carolyn Hockman in memory of Parents & Grandparents

Mike & Cyndi Rippy in honor of St. Marys Methodist Church

Jeff & Linda Johnson in memory of all deceased family members and Paul Fledderman

Bill & Bonnie Gausman in memory of Paul Grabofski and Janice Molella





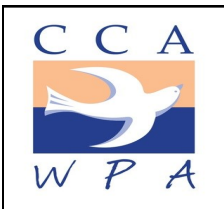
Lights of LOVE

Janet McCoy & Family	In Memory of Norm McCoy
Carol Sweitzer	In Memory of Beth Gornati
Robin Calabria	In Memory of Joseph Calabria, Duke Woodring & Jeanette Gore
Brian & Leah Reiter & Family	In Honor of Tom & Jean Price In Memory of Grant & Janet Reiter, John Bauman, & Doug Price
Mike & Cyndi Rippy	Peace
Joyce Campbell	In Memory of Jim Campbell & Michelle Campbell
Nancy L. Haberberger & Family	In Memory of William & Elvie Hollobaugh
Fred & Diane Krug	In Honor of Our grandchildren Charlie, Calvin & Adelina
Bob & Aileen Mattiuz	In Memory of our Parents
Chris & Kristin Swasta	In Honor of our Parents In Memory of Jim Steinbiser & Our Grandparents
Joyce Fledderman	In Memory Charles & Barb Patterson In Memory of Paul Fledderman
Dandoy Family	In Memory of Chris Dandoy
Shawna Grim	In Memory of David Grim
Jeff & Linda Johnson	In Memory of Vada Liptack In Honor of Pastor Bob & Amy



2025 Methodist Women

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



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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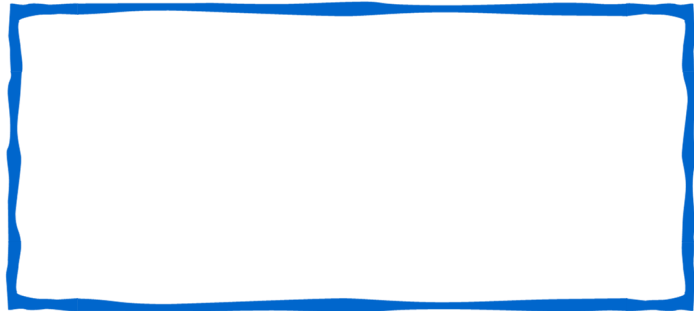
their local faith communities, have a heart for God,
and are gifted in serving those who struggle with cognitive,
emotional, and spiritual issues.

Ready to make an appointment?

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

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