



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



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7:00 pm Wednesday March 5

March Message

Newsletter: March 2025

THOUGHTS ON HOPE ..PART 2

According to the New Testament the mood of the disciples on the eve of the resurrection was one of shocked disbelief and bitter disappointment. At first, they could not bring themselves to believe that it had all ended this way. God had let them down. Then an utterly unbelievable thing happened. Early in the morning on the first day of the week they discovered the empty tomb, and before the day was over, they knew that Jesus was alive! Refusing to trust their own senses at first, Peter and John ran to see the tomb for themselves. Thomas would not believe until he had an opportunity to touch Jesus. But before long they all knew that it was incredibly true. Their Lord had risen from the dead!

At the center of John's gospel, precisely at the turning point between the two major sections, Jesus reveals a vital part of the inner meaning of this resurrection event. "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified," he said. "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but only if it dies, it bears much fruit" (12:23-24). The immediate intent of this statement is obvious, though the disciples missed it at the time. Jesus is saying he has his own death of wheat to face on the cross. He must die if there is to be new growth, so he must die in order to become the risen and triumphant Lord.

But this same principle is telling us something vital about our own lives and about the possibility of living with hope on every level of our existence. The loving God who reveals his presence through Jesus Christ is a God of resurrection power. Everywhere and at all times he is acting through a process of death and resurrection to give us new wholeness of life. He is always working to transform death into life, sickness into health, sorrow into joy, and despair into hope. As I experience this resurrection process at work within me and around me, I can identify with it and move into the future with expectation. This applies to my daily dying, to the death of my physical body and to the dying institutions and structures in the world around me.

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

Thank You Pastor Bob and Church Family for the prayers, cards, and concerns during our recent health issues. We are getting better and prayers are being answered.
God bless you all.

Thank You again,
Jean and Tom Price



CONFIRMATION

There will be a confirmation meeting with confirmands and mentors
March 12th at 7:00 pm in Asbury Hall.

Being a mentor to a confirmand is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact in a young person's faith journey. God can use you to help shape a strong and enduring foundation of faith while also deepening your own walk with Christ. This is a chance to build a meaningful relationship, share wisdom, and witness God's work in both of your lives.

If asked, please prayerfully consider saying yes-you may be surprised by how much of a blessing it will be for both of you!

Regular confirmation Class is from 4:30-6:30 pm each Wednesday starting on March 26th. Parents and mentors are invited to come, but their attendance is not required.

The Mission Outreach Evangelism Committee is compiling a list of church members willing to drive members who are unable to drive to appointments.

If you are interested in having your name added to the list, please contact Mike Rippy or the Church Office.
Thank You for your willingness to help fill this need.

SPPRC NEWS

We were so excited to announce that Diane will continue on as our church's administrative assistant. She has been and will continue to be a blessing to our church. Beginning May 5th, Diane will be moving to a part-time work schedule. She will be in the Church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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ASTRALIS
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

← PRESENTS →

REVERIE



Angela Massey
FLUTE



Paul Aguilar
VIOLA



Ashley Lim
Harp

MARCH 30, 2025

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
200 MARKET STREET
WARREN, PA 16365

4^{PM}

The award-winning musicians of the Astralis Chamber Ensemble; Angela Massey (flute), Paul Aguilar (viola), and Ashley Lim (harp); present "Reverie." The concert will include trios by Debussy and Ravel, a suite by Reger, and a French fantasy by Jean Cras. These artists have received international recognition and are traveling to Pennsylvania to share this program. Join us for an enchanting afternoon of music with the Astralis Chamber Ensemble.



Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



Jean Dodrill	282 South Eighth St.	Dubois,	PA	15801	The Village Rm 227
Shirley Wendel	Edward Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	
Patricia Johnson	231 Dagus Mines Road	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	



Man to Man

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

All Men Welcome!

MARCH MEETINGS

Meeting begin at 6:30 PM

March 11—Mission Outreach Evangelism Meeting

Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BAKERS FOR MARCH

MARCH 5— KRIS K., DIANE K., NANCY M., JANET M., PAULA M., SALLY M.

March 12—Cathy N., Patty P., Marlene P., Jean P., Cyndi R., Marci R.

March 19—Jenny S., Shirley S., Cindy S., Cheryl S., Michelle S., Carol S.

March 26—Dee C., Diane D., Linda D., Margie F., Joyce F., Mindy G.



LUNCH WITH THE LORD

In past years, before COVID, the Lenten Season was observed in many ways throughout the area.

A favorite of many people of all denominations was "The Lunch With The Lord," that was held on Thursday's during the six weeks of Lent.

It's just about an hour of your day to enjoy a delicious lunch, fellowship and a brief talk delivered by a priest or minister of the area.

This Lenten event is being sponsored by the Sacred Heart Social Committee in their Social Hall starting on March 6th and will continue there the entire 6 weeks. A delicious lunch will be served at Noon; then there will be 5 to 10 minutes of a spiritual message to follow.

If you are interested in attending "Lunch With The Lord", please call the Sacred Heart Parish Center 814-834-7861 Ext. 1 to make a reservation. The cost is just a free will offering.

Father Thomas Curry and Father Ignatius Camello of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes were both happy to hear of this Spiritual and social event, since neither had been in the area when it was held in the past.

To avoid making reservations each week there will be a sign-up sheet available for the next week's luncheon.



Father Ben Dagher from Holy Spirit Parish in DuBois will be the first guest speaker on March 6th.

Other speakers will be;

March 13th Father Jeff Noble, Pastor of Queen Of The World Parish.

March 20th, Pastor Missy Smith of Benazette Global Methodist Charge Church

March 27th, Pastor Scott Wiest, Shiloh Evangelical Presbyterian Church

April 3rd, Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver, St. Marys Methodist Church.

April 10th, Fr. Thomas Curry, OSB Pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes.

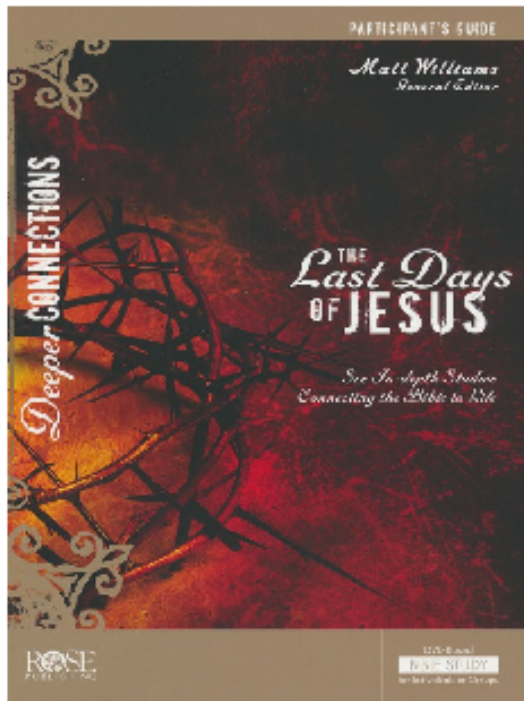
Please consider spending these Spiritual Lenten Thursdays with us.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2025

ASBURY HALL



The Last Days of Jesus

From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His glorious resurrection, the *Last Days of Jesus* study provides a fantastic overview of six major events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection! Each of the six sessions starts out in Israel, showing key locations such as the Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

Taught by leading scholars and professors who offer excellent overviews along with historical and cultural context, this study will deepen your understanding of key Easter events.

Session Titles

- **From Warrior to Servant: Jesus the Messiah**
- **A Glimpse of Glory: The Transfiguration**
- **The Rejected King: The Triumphal Entry**
- **Love to the Full: The Last Supper**
- **The Ultimate Victory: The Trial and Death of Jesus**
- **The Death of Death: The Resurrection of Jesus**

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



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

Elk County Churches and Citizens Supporting One Another



Wednesday

6:00 - 7:30 pm

February 19 thru April 2, 2025

Experience tremendous transformation in these 7 key areas for a healthy life.

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Mental
- Emotional
- Relational
- Financial
- Vocational

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CHRISTIAN
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217 Washington Street
St. Marys, PA 15857**

Questions

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Scott T. Wiest
814-512-3888**

2025 Methodist Women

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

Looking Ahead

Rummage Sale—Friday & Saturday, June 13 & 14

***Please remember as you are spring cleaning to save items
for the sale!**

Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 22

Women's Christmas Party Monday, December 8



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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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
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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.

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Name: _____

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Almsgiving

Prayer

Fasting

Lent

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter

Palm Sunday

Purple

Palm Branch

Forty Days

Jesus

Passover

Foot Washing

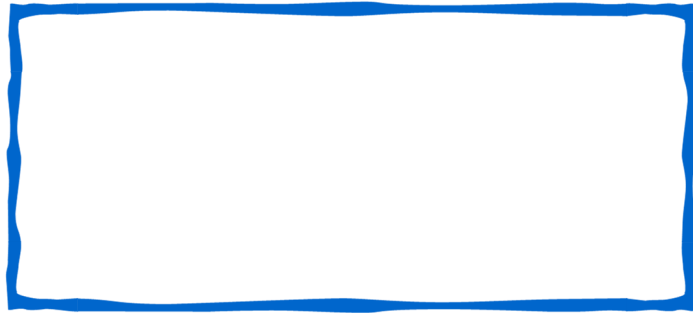
Resurrection

Love



St. Marys Methodist Church
140 N. Saint Marys Street
Saint Marys, PA 1585-1236

Please let us know if your address changes.



Spring Forward Sunday March 9

Contact Information

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**Time to
Spring Ahead**

