



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

**Maundy Thursday Service
with Silent Communion 7:00 PM
Good Friday Service 7:00 PM
Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 AM @ Pavilion
Easter Morning Breakfast 8:30 AM in Asbury Hall
Easter Morning Worship 10:15 AM in Sanctuary**



April Message

Newsletter: April 2025

THOUGHTS ON HOPE ... PART 3

No matter how much we say about our daily dying, however, the death of our physical body is the real problem for many of us. The apostle Paul called death “the last enemy to be destroyed.” It is an enemy because it comes to assault and terminate our life and everything our life means to us. Or so it seems. Is there any hope that we will live again?

The New Testament’s answer to this question is crystal clear. The God who gives us life here on earth will give us life after death. Moreover, the God who has given every form of life here on earth an appropriate body can be trusted to provide us with a spiritual body for the next life. (1 Corinthians 15:35-36) When the physical body returns to the earth, God “clothes us” in a new body appropriate for our continuing life with him.” It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.” (1 Corinthians 15:44)

One day when John Quincy Adams was eighty years of age, a friend met him on the streets of Boston. “How is John Quincy Adams?” the friend inquired. “John Quincy Adams himself is very well, thank you. But the house he lives in is sadly dilapidated, it is tottering on its foundations. The walls are badly shattered, and the roof is worn. The building trembles with every wind, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it before long. But he himself is very well.” With the passing of the years, the house we live in, our physical body, begins to show signs of wear and tear. But God’s resurrection power makes it possible for us to continue to live in a new house, “a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” (2 Corinthians 5:1) What reason do we have to suppose that any such spiritual body will be forthcoming to replace our present physical body? Anticipating the question, Paul replies, “He has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.” (2 Corinthians 5:5)

As I grow older, all of this is becoming more important to me, both the daily dying and the death of the body. It is just as important to me as ever to live fully into the present moment, but in each present moment I am conscious of moving toward an unending future with God. This awareness makes me more eager than ever to begin new adventures and to continue growing, knowing that the creative element in every experience will live on as part of my true self for the rest of this life, and into the next.

Thankfully,
Pastor Bob



A "Special Thank You" to all the Church. Thank you all for the phone calls, cards, prayers and support for me in the past few months. I feel so much better and was so nice to get to Church on March 9th. Also a Special Thank You for my drivers and to know they would take time out to drive me to Warren for my treatments is so greatly appreciated. We indeed have a wonderful Church Family and all are to be Praised. I must confess I have had doubts (as we all do), but don't ever doubt our God's Love for each of us. Especially with the Lent season here open
Your hearts to Him.

Again Thank You words seem so small but so greatly appreciated.
God's Blessing to all of You. Love and Peace Sally

The Church received a thank you card from Kathy and Mike Reuscher. They were on our prayer chain for quite some time as Mike had some health issues.

They are very thankful for all the prayers during his illness and ask for continued prayers as Mike is hoping to have a knee replacement some time in the future.



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.**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 AM at our pavilion.

This community-wide event has been very, very well attended.

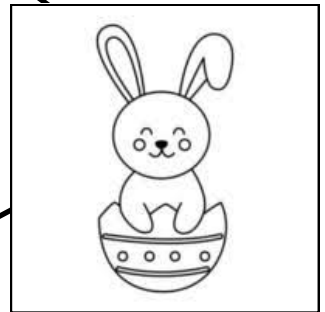
Because we hide over 3,000 eggs, we need help filling the eggs.

On Sunday, April 6 at 3 pm we will be having a fill the eggs event in Asbury Hall.

Much help would be appreciated! Any questions, please contact Laura Horchen.



EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY APRIL 19 @ 11:00 AM
At Church Pavilion
for ages 10 and under



Mark your calendars for this summer's
Vacation Bible School Program —**MAGNIFIED!**

Join us as we discover the **BIGNESS** of God
in the smallest of things beginning
Sunday, August 3rd thru Thursday August 7th.



Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins

Jean Dodrill	282 South Eighth St.	Dubois,	PA	15801	The Village Rm 227
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	

Maundy Thursday

Service at 7:00 PM with Silent Communion.

Silent Communion is a period of quiet reflection and prayer. You may come into the sanctuary anytime between 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

EASTER BREAKFAST

This year we will be having Easter Morning Breakfast at 8:30 am.

Please join us for this special time to of fellowship on this joyous day!



Man to Man

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

All Men Welcome!

APRIL MEETINGS

Meeting begin at 6:30 PM

April 15—Trustees

Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BAKERS FOR APRIL

APRIL 2— MARY ANN G., CAROLYN H., SANDY H., LAURA H., KRIS K., DIANE K.

April 9—Nancy M., Janet M., Paula M., Sally M., Cathy N., Patty P.

April 16— Marlene P., Jean P., Cyndi R., Marci R., Marie F., Shirley S.

April 23— Cindy S., Cheryl S., Michelle S., Carol S., Dee C., Linda D.

April 30—Margie F., Joyce F., Mindy G., Mary Ann G., Carolyn H., Sandy H.

March 15, 2025

Reference: National Day Of Prayer, Thursday, May 1, 2025

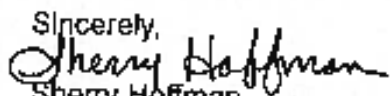
The 74th Annual National Day Of Prayer is fast approaching. In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day Of Prayer into law into the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day Of Prayer. The National Day Of Prayer is not a Church event. It is a public gathering and stands as a testament to the country's reliance on and belief in the power of prayer. It unites Americans from different backgrounds to seek guidance, peace and prosperity for the nation.

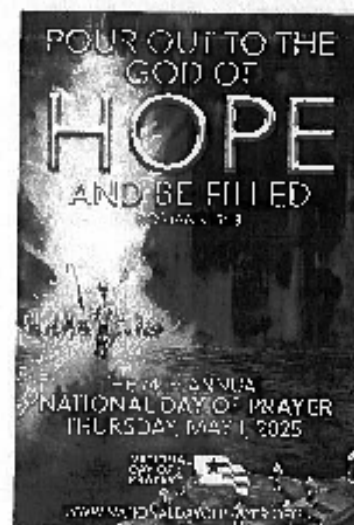
The theme this year is "Pour out to The God Of HOPE and be filled." Based on The Bible Romans 15:13 "Now may The God Of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in Hope by The Power Of The Holy Spirit." ALL OF US NEED HOPE.

Please accept our invitation to join together with millions of Americans at more than 35,000 prayer gatherings across our nation. There is a 2025 National Prayer that will be read at every prayer event written by NDP Task Force President, Kathy Branzell.

On Thursday May 1, 2025, the clergy of Elk County will gather to hold an Elk Countywide Prayer Service being held at the Methodist Church Pavilion, 871 South Michael Road, St. Marys, PA at 8:30 PM. During this Service we will be praying for our Government, Leadership, Military and Veterans, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and Medical Community, Education, Families, Churches, Businesses, and Media and Revival. This is a time to pause, reflect, and appreciate what we have while recognizing how lost we are without God in our life, The One Who Hears and Answers our prayers.

We hope and pray you will be able to join us for this very important time, for Our God Is Faithful. "Let us hold unswervingly to the Hope we profess, for He Who Promised Is Faithful." Hebrews 10:23.

Sincerely,

Sherry Hoffman
National Day Of Prayer Task Force
Elk County, PA

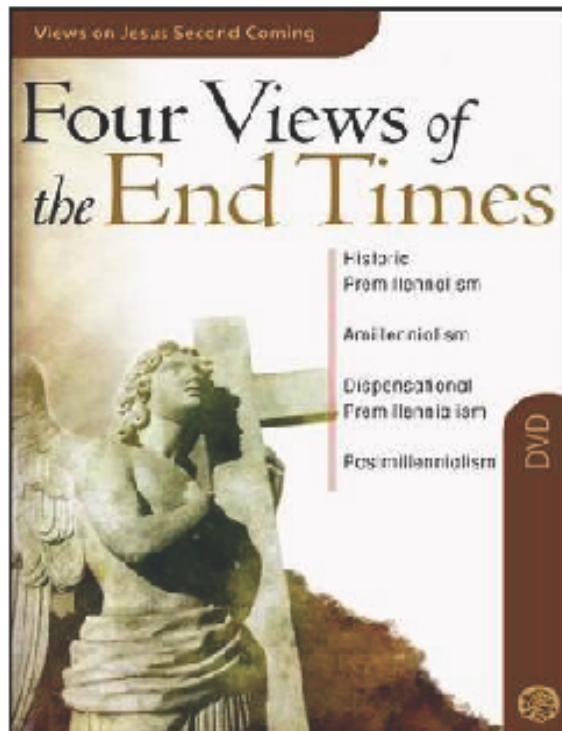


ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING APRIL 27, 2025

CONFERENCE ROOM



Four Views of the End Times

For nearly 2000 years, Christians have wondered when Christ will return again. When he ascended into heaven, his disciples asked about the timing. The scriptures have many passages that refer to this important event. In this study, we'll explore what the Bible actually says about the end times that lead to the return of Jesus Christ. The differing ideas that divide believers into four major points-of-view are examined. This study shows four different Revelation time lines and tackles Dispensational Premillennialism, Postmillennialism, Historic Premillennialism, and Amillennialism. For each view, the study includes a definition, supporting Scriptures, a time line of the view's popularity, and a sampling of Christian leaders supporting that view. Common questions and answers are handled as part of each session, so you don't need to be the expert.

TV shows and movies throw around words such as Antichrist, Great Tribulation, Rapture, 666, and the Second Coming of Christ, but what do the Scriptures say? The differing ideas that divide believers into four major points-of-view are examined in the Four Views of the End Times.

- Dispensational Premillennialism
- Amillennialism
- Postmillennialism
- Historical Premillennialism

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

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**Lunch with the Lord
Thursdays during Lent Noon—1**

**April 3rd Pastor Bob
April 10 Fr. Thomas of Sacred Heart
& St. Marys Parish**



**Reservations can be made by
Calling 814-834-7861 ext 1**

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE for Methodist Women

As you know, the Methodist Women is a group of women in our church that fellowships and works together throughout the year. Our Mission Statement is "We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to Experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ and to expand missions throughout the world." All the money we raise goes to mission work.

We have always maintained a membership record since our beginning here in 1940. We want to update our book and sign up new members. **All women in our church .congregation are welcome.** So if you've been attending in recent years, or maybe you've been here for decades, please consider "officially" joining our group by signing the membership book.

You're under no obligation to participate in every activity. Our next work event will be the Rummage Sale on June 13 & 14. Set up June 2-12. Our next fellowship event will be the Women's Picnic at the pavilion on Monday, June 30.

Call the church office or Marci Rogers, 814-834-4608, membership secretary, to join and sign the membership book.



Wild Ways: Family Fun with Nature, Teamwork & Communication!

May 19, 2025

4:15pm-6:15pm

Location: Bennett's Valley Community Center

Cost: FREE!

Get ready for an exciting outdoor adventure with the Bennett's Valley Community Center, the Community Education Center, and Keystone Elk Country Alliance (KECA)! Families will work together, explore nature, and build teamwork skills through a variety of fun, interactive stations.

Families will move through engaging activity stations designed to strengthen teamwork, communication, and problem-solving—all with a nature twist! Whether you're navigating challenges, learning about local wildlife, or working together to complete fun tasks, this event is sure to bring families closer together while connecting with the great outdoors.

- ✓ Engaging team-building activities
- ✓ Fun nature-themed challenges
- ✓ Learn about wildlife and conservation
- ✓ Quality family bonding time

This event is perfect for all ages and encourages families to step outside, work together, and have fun!

Space is limited, so RSVP today to secure your spot.



RSVP by March 31st using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5TY93K>

Questions: Contact Courtney Rieger at courtney@communityedcenter.com or Call 814-781-3437



Green Thumbs & Tiny Greens - A Family Gardening Adventure!

May 22, 2025

3:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Various stations, Start at CEC, then Dickinson Children Center, and end at Boys & Girls Club of St. Marys

FREE for families!

Join us for Green Thumbs & Tiny Greens, a hands-on, family-friendly event where kids and parents can discover the magic of microgreens! In partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of St. Marys, Dickinson's Children Center, the Community Education Center, and Penn State Extension Master Gardeners, this event will take families on an interactive journey to learn about and grow their own nutrient-packed microgreens!

What to Expect:

- ✓ Visit local organizations and participate in fun, hands-on activity stations
 - ✓ Learn how to plant and care for your own microgreens
 - ✓ Take home your very own microgreen growing kit
- ✓ Wrap up the experience at the Boys & Girls Club, where you can sample a delicious microgreens snack prepared by the Cooking Club!

This is a great opportunity to learn, grow, and taste something new as a family!

Don't miss out on this fresh and fun experience!

RSVP by March 31st using the following link:

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parents & teachers



Penn State Extension

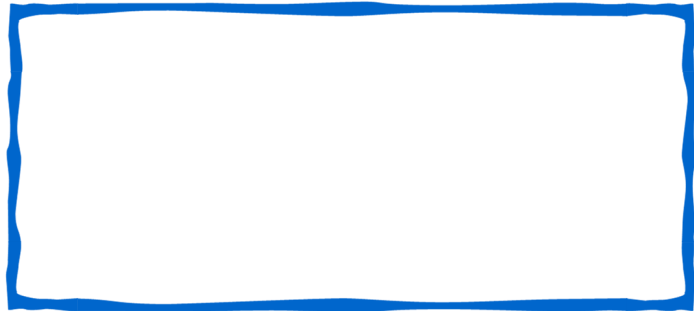
Master Gardener



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