



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 Mother's Day to all women that nurture, guide,
teach and protect children everywhere!
You are loved!**



May Message

Newsletter: May 2025

MY FINAL THOUGHTS ON HOPE

The Christian community knows that God is Lord of history, that he will ultimately win the victory over evil, that nothing human persons can do will ultimately thwart his creative purpose for the world. This means, first of all, that **we have something to look forward to**. Even in the worst of times we know that there is a future in which God will work out his purpose for the world he has created.

In the second place, our Christian hope means that **we have something worth waiting for**. One of the things we discover about life is that God's time is not always our time. We find out that waiting may be required of us and that waiting can be one of the genuine signs of our faith. We learn patience, knowing that "not yet" can be a creative word from God for our life in the world. Finally, our Christian hope means that **we have something to do**.

Our hope encourages us to move into the world and work with all our strength to identify with the movement of God's life into the future. This means standing with Jesus to preach good news to the poor, proclaim the release to the captives, and to set at liberty to those who are oppressed. It means marching with Martin Luther King, Jr. Until we are free at last. It means creating something beautiful for God like Mother Teresa did by sharing Christ with the homeless and the dying. We move into the world, ministering to others as if the future depends entirely on us, knowing that, in the end, it depends entirely on God. This is our hope.

Because of this, the story of any human life, at any given point in time is an unfinished story. I feel that I am a work-in-progress and that my life has changed profoundly in my ministry. Furthermore, we do not know what undiscovered country lies ahead of us, what joys and sorrows await us, and what companions we will meet along the way. But we do know that God can be trusted.

In my own unfinished story, the thread that has held my life together this far, God's presence, continues to hold. When I think about how his gracious presence has guided me and protected me in the past and enabled me to find meaning for my life, I know that the future is secure and that I can look forward to it with great expectations.

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

God Bless,
Pastor Bob

**Memorials in Memory of
Shirley Wendel
Given by**

Jim Horchen Family
Richard Serianni
Fred & Diane Krug
Joyce Fledderman

CHOIR RECOGNITION

Sunday May 18
Join us for
refreshments
following worship

**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 Rippey or the Church Office.
Thank You for your willingness to help fill this need.**



Thank You

A heartfelt thank you for your prayers, cards and support during my recovery. I am richly blessed to belong to such a loving, caring family.
A special thank you to Pastor Bob for the much appreciated visit.

Thank you all,
Nancy Martin

**CURRENT ST. MARYS METHODIST
CHURCH CHAIRS**

Ad Board Chair Dave Fitzgerald
SPPRC Chair Sherri Cunningham/
Dennis Rogers

Finance Chair Laura Horchen
Christian Ed Chair Shawna Grim
Trustee Chair Bob Buerk

Worship Chair Carolyn Hockman Lay Leader Cathy Nesbitt
Methodist Women President Sharon Herzing
Mission Outreach Evangelism (MOE) Joyce Fledderman

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



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.

**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
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



Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



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|------------------|----------------------|-----------|----|-------|--------------------|
| Jean Dodrill | 282 South Eighth St. | Dubois, | PA | 15801 | The Village Rm 227 |
| Patricia Johnson | 231 Dagus Mines Road | Kersey | PA | 15846 | |
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| Gary Wonderly | 185 Center Street | St. Marys | PA | 15857 | Elk Towers Apt 608 |
| Anita Vollmer | Sunrise Road | St. Marys | PA | 15857 | |



Baptism April 6, 2025

Tatiaunna Yost and her children, Nolan Papa & Noah Papa
Congratulations and Welcome!



Man to Man

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

All Men Welcome!

MAY MEETINGS

Meeting begin at 6:30 PM

May 6—SPPRC

May 13—Mission Outreach (MOE)

May 20—AD Council

Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BAKERS FOR MAY

MAY 7— LAURA H., KRIS K., DIANE K. NANCY M., JANET M., PAULA M.

May 14 —Sally M., Cathy N., Patty P., Marlene P., Jean P., Cyndi R.

May 21— Marci R., Jenny S., Shirley S., Cindy S., Cheryl S., Michelle S.

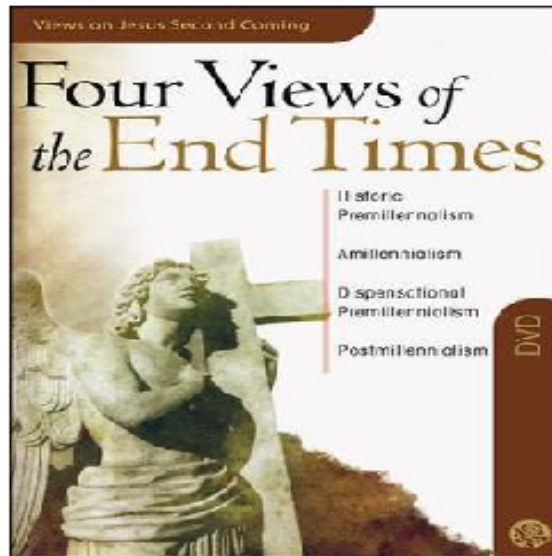
May 28— Carol S., Dee C., Diane D., Linda D., Margie F., Joyce F.

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

2025 Methodist Women

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

2025 Program
Books Available
in old kitchen

Looking Ahead

Rummage Sale—Friday & Saturday, June 13 & 14

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

Picnic at the pavilion Monday June 30, 5:30 pm

Program—CAPSEA Bring covered dish.

Table setting & beverages provided.

Fall Tureen September 29

Pie Booth September 19 & 20

Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 22

Women's Christmas Party Monday, December 8

Rummage Sale—Friday & Saturday, June 13 & 14

*Please remember as you are spring cleaning to save items for the sale! HELP will be needed to prepare for sale and also baked goods needed for bake sale.

For questions, please call Sharon @ 814-335-0984.

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!

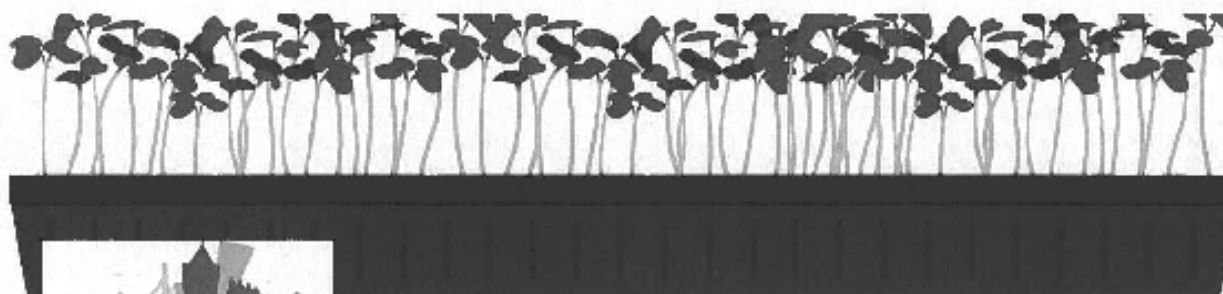
Space is limited, so RSVP today to secure your spot.



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:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XK25WGW>



parents & teachers
community education center



Penn State Extension

Master Gardener

CEC
Community Education Center
of Dickinson County

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues., Wed., Thurs.
8-4

Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

WORSHIP
10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adults @ 8:45 AM
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Monday May 26, 2025

**MEMORIAL
DAY**

