



# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

July 2025 Volume 51 Issue 7

Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

WORSHIP 9:00 AM  
FOR SUMMER

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER



## **The Methodist Women**

**Wish to thank anyone who helped in any way with the  
Rummage Sale, Bake Sale and Lunch.**

**It was a huge success!!**

**Thank You!**

**You are so appreciated!!**

We will once again be having the pie booth at the  
Fall Fest, Friday & Saturday, September 19-20.  
Sign up sheets for pies (all types) and booth workers  
will be in the old kitchen.



# July Message

Newsletter: July 2025

## FREEDOM

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” – Galatians 5:1*

As we gather around picnics, fireworks, and parades this Independence Day, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this great nation. We celebrate the courage of those who fought for liberty and the enduring vision of a people determined to live free. Our national freedom is a gift—hard-won, deeply cherished, and worth protecting. But as believers, we know there is a deeper freedom that shapes our lives: the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

Paul writes in Galatians 5:1, “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” This is not the kind of freedom that simply releases us from oppression or external control. It is a freedom that breaks the chains of sin, sets our hearts free from guilt and shame, and invites us into the abundant life of grace. It is not a freedom to do whatever we please, but the freedom to live fully as God intends—with love, purpose, and service.

As Christians living in a free country, we have a double blessing—and a double responsibility. On the one hand, we should use our freedom to pray for our nation, participate in its life, and help it become more just, more compassionate, and more faithful to its ideals. On the other hand, we are called to use our spiritual freedom to build up the Kingdom of God. That means serving others, sharing the good news, and letting our lives be a testimony to the transforming power of Christ.

So this Fourth of July, wave your flags, light your sparklers, and give thanks. But don’t stop there. Let your celebration also be a recommitment—to stand firm in Christ’s freedom and to use that liberty to bless both our nation and God’s Kingdom. In doing so, we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and live as faithful stewards of the freedom Christ has given.

God Bless,  
Pastor Bob



## 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	Elk Haven Nursing Home	St. Marys	PA	15857	

### Memorials

#### In Memory of Calvin Grabofski

Joyce Campbell  
Joyce Fledderman  
Cindy's Exercise Group  
Darrell & Judy Dubler  
Clare Horchen  
Joe & Bonnie Salvatore  
Sharon Herzing  
Diane DeLullo  
Rick, Vicki Glover & Andrea  
Gale & Carol Schneider  
Cindy Schuster



### Man to Man

The men meet on  
Wednesday **7:30 PM**  
@ Pavilion

**All Men Welcome!**

### July Meeting

VBS Meeting  
Monday July 21 @ 5:30

### SUMMER WORSHIP AT PAVILION

SUNDAY JUNE 29—BRING A FRIEND!  
SUNDAY JULY 27—REV. JON SWART  
SUNDAY AUGUST 10—VBS PROGRAM  
SUNDAY AUGUST 31—LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Church Family,  
We thank you all for your support, your kind words, cards and prayers.  
Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by all of us. It is wonderful  
to belong to such a caring church.

Thank You,  
Calvin Grabofski Family



### **Congratulations Graduates**

Jason McAnany SMAHS  
Parents—Doug & Stephanie McAnany

Mitchell Reiter University of Pittsburgh  
B.S. Accounting  
Parents—Brian & Leah Reiter

Kristopher Wells Jeff Tech  
Parents—Brian & Cassandre Hanes

Maggie Hanes SMAHS  
Parents—Brian & Cassandre Hanes



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.**

## Congratulations and Welcome



Jacob Bolden  
Lucie Bolden  
Clint Fledderman  
Joseph Hanes  
Valerie Mahaney  
Juliet Meyer  
Raylynn Milner  
Kody Nesbitt  
Anthony Ruffner  
Rocco Ruffner  
Robert Steele  
Betsey Trumbull

## 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](mailto:CCAWPA@gmail.com)

## **2025 Methodist Women**

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

### **Looking Ahead**

Summer Picnic—June 30  
Fall Fest Pie Booth—September 19 & 20  
Fall Tureen—September 30  
Planning Meeting—October 27  
Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 22  
Women's Christmas Party Monday, December 8



### **METHODIST WOMEN PICNIC**

Monday June 30 5:30 PM @ Pavilion

Bring covered dish to share.

Tabel setting and beverages provided.

Program: CAPSEA

**SEPTEMBER 19-20 PIE BOOTH AT FALL FEST  
WATCH FOR SIGN UP SHEETS FOR PIES AND BOOTH WORKERS**

# Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

***MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED***

## ***BAKERS FOR JULY***

July 3—Dee C., Linda D., Margie F., Joyce F., Mindy G., Mary Ann G.

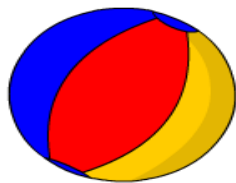
July 9—Carolyn H., Sandy H., Laura H., Kris K., Diane K., Nancy M.

July 16—Paula M., Sally M., Cathy N., Patty P., Marlene P., Jean P.

July 23—Cyndi R., Marci R., Jenny S., Shirley S., Cindy S., Cheryl S.

July 30—Michelle S., Carol S., Marie F., Dee C., Diane D., Linda D.

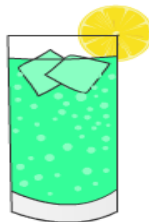
## Summer Word Search Puzzle



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- 1.BACKPACKING
- 2.BASEBALL
- 3.BOATING
- 4.BIKINI
- 5.CAMPING
- 6.FLOWERS
- 7.ICE CREAM
- 8.OCEAN
- 9.PICNIC



- 10.RELAX
- 11.SUN
- 12.HEAT
- 13.HOT
- 14.SANDALS
- 15.SWIM
- 16.TRAVEL
- 17.VACATION
- 18.WATERMELON



[www.MyPartyGames.com](http://www.MyPartyGames.com)

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