



# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

WORSHIP 9:00 AM  
FOR SUMMER



**VBS @ PAVILION SUN. AUGUST 3—THURS. AUGUST 7  
6-8 PM AGES 4—ENTERING 5TH GRADE**



**WORSHIP & POT LUCK AT PAVILION  
SUNDAY AUGUST 10 @ 10 AM  
JOIN US IN CELEBRATING VBS  
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE**



## **Methodist Women PIE BOOTH at FALL FEST**

Friday & Saturday September 19 and 20  
at the park on Depot Street  
(no Sunday sales)



Please plan now to bake **HOMEMADE** pies for our booth.

All types of pies will be needed: Fruit Cream Custard

There are **sign-up sheets** in the old kitchen  
and at the main entrance

**for pies, for booth workers and set up/tear down help.**  
*(pies will still be welcome if you forgot to sign-up)*

**Phone Mindy Gasbarre at 335-3686 Or  
Patty Pearson 814-512-2945 or 814-834-4867  
anytime if you have a question.**

# *August Message*

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## “WHO KNOWS YOU?”

How many times have you said, “There is no one who really knows and understands me?” How many people really do know you? Do they know the person you want them to know, or the REAL YOU?

David said, “O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. (Ps 139:1)” When God searches us, we cannot hide our weakness, mistakes, and failures from Him. Our lives are completely open to God. God knows that which we try to hide from even our best friends.

The all-knowing God knows where we are and what we are experiencing every moment. He knows our loneliness, discouragement, and disappointments. He knows when dear ones forsake us. He knows when our world seems to be falling apart around us and there is nothing we can do. NOTHING TAKES GOD BY SURPRISE.

God knows our ordinary, everyday movements, even our sitting and our standing. God knows our inward thoughts even before they mature in our minds.

God plans our paths ahead. “You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment You know where I am.” (vs 3) The King James translation reads, “Thou...art acquainted with all my ways.”

Not only does God plan our walk, but God accompanies us on it. God surrounds us with His presence. “You both precede and follow me, and place Your hand of blessing on my head.” (vs 5)

Today, God knows us better than any person knows us. God knows us better than we know ourselves. God knows our innermost longings and desires. God knows our motives and our purposes, which often those nearest us do not understand. God knows our weakness and failures, yet God loves us with a steadfast and unchanging love. Not only does God know us as we are, but God knows the potential of what we can be in Jesus Christ. Realizing this, we can say as the Psalmist did, “This is too glorious, to wonderful to believe.” (vs 6)

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	Highland View Rehab	90 Main St.	Brockway	PA	15824 Rm 22
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 Dwight Weaver

Monday Evening Small Group  
Carol Cunningham (Bowls of Love)

### Memorials Given in honor of the Choir Richard & Priscilla Phillips

### Memorials Given in Memory of Thomas Bush

Caro Cunningham (Bowls of Love)

### Memorials

Given in Memory of  
Eva Meisel

Pam & George Schroder (Bowls of Love)  
Paula Mertel (Bowls of Love)  
Tom & Jean Price (Bowls of Love)  
The Stebick Families (Bowls of Love)  
Leah & Brian Reiter (Bowls of Love)

### Man to Man

The men meet on  
Wednesday 7:30 PM  
@ Pavilion



All Men Welcome!

### August Meetings

SPPRC Meeting  
Tuesday August 12 @ 6:30

Christian ED Meeting  
Monday August 18 @ 6:30

AD Council Meeting  
Tuesday August 26  
@ 6:30

SUMMER WORSHIP AT PAVILION

SUNDAY JULY 27—REV. JON SWART

SUNDAY AUGUST 10 @ 10:00 AM —VBS  
PROGRAM & POT LUCK TO FOLLOW

SUNDAY AUGUST 31—  
LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



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.**

## **Bowls of Love**

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

***MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED***

### ***BAKERS FOR AUGUST***

***AUGUST 6—MARGIE F., JOYCE F., MINDY G., MARY ANN G.,  
CAROLYN H., SANDY H.***

***AUGUST 13—LAURA H., KRIS K. DIANE K., NANCY M.,  
JANET M., PAULA M.***

***AUGUST 20—SALLY M., CATHY N., PATTY P., MARLENE P.,  
JEAN P., CYNDI R.***

***AUGUST 27—MARCI R., SANDY H., SHIRLEY S., CINDY S.,  
CHERYL S., MICHELLE S.***

## **2025 Methodist Women**

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

### **Looking Ahead**

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

**SEPTEMBER 19-20 PIE BOOTH AT FALL FEST  
SIGN UP SHEETS FOR PIES AND BOOTH WORKERS in old  
kitchen and main entrance**

### **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)



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THRIVING NO MATTER WHAT HITS YOU

**WEDNESDAYS**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

**September 3 thru October 22, 2025**

**SHILOH  
EVANGELICAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING  
217 Washington Street  
St. Marys, PA 15857

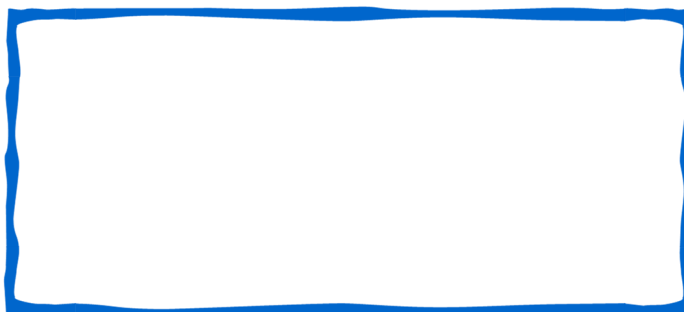
Rev. Scott Wiest  
814-512-3888

Practical lessons from  
the Book of Daniel that  
will help you stand firm  
in your beliefs

Elk County Churches and Citizens Supporting One Another

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

*Please let us know if your address changes.*



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