



St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver

WORSHIP 9:00 AM FOR SUMMER
BEGINNING SEPT. 14 SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS 8:45 AM
CHILDREN/YOUTH 9:00 AM
WORSHIP 10:15 AM



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.**

September Message

Newsletter: September 2025

FALLING BACK INTO THE GROOVE

One thing that I love about Fall is that it is like a fresh start. I remember as a child starting a new grade a school and getting a fresh start and all the anticipation of what was coming. It was a special time in my life. I have that same feeling every year as we start Sunday School and get ready for the Fall Festival. What wonders does God have in store for us?!

The Hayden Planetarium in New York City ran an advertisement in the New York newspapers inviting those who would like to make the first journey to another planet to submit an application. Within a matter of days, over 18,000 people applied. These applications were then given to a panel of psychologists, who upon reviewing them concluded that the vast majority of those who had applied wanted to start a new life on another planet because they were so discouraged by life on this one.

What is so wonderful about life in Christ Jesus is the blessing of starting over. The blessing of laying down our past and burdens is one of the greatest things about the Christian life. It is like getting a fresh clean sheet of paper on the first day of school. And when we get into a rut we can just go to our friend Jesus and start over.

Maybe you are feeling like you are in a rut right now. Take a moment and pray and seek God's direction. Think about starting fresh this fall with joining one of our Sunday School Classes or participating in the Methodist Women group. I know God wants to open heaven and pour out his blessing upon you! So until next month hope you have a great fresh start.....

God Bless,
Pastor Bob





Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



Jean Dodrill	DuBois Nursing Home	212 South Eighth St.	Dubois,	PA	15801	Rm. 215-2
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 Joe Gasbarre
 Jim Hochen Family
 Joyce Fledderman
 Marlene Pistner
 Nancy Marton (Bowls of Love)
 Carol Cunningham (Bowls of Love)
 Methodist Women
 Deanne McAfoose
 Gerry Frey (Bowls of Love)
 Patty & Mike Pearson



Man to Man

The men meet on
 Wednesday 7:30 PM
 @ Pavilion

*Except Sept. 10 in Conference Room

All Men Welcome!



THANK YOU

Many thanks for the cards, phone calls, visits, lunches and dinners. I enjoyed every single one of them!

Beverly Simchick

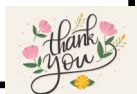
**Sept..14—Sunday School
 teacher & Acolyte recognition**

**Sept. 28 Reception following
 worship with job fair**

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards during my surgery and recovery. I really appreciate all the prayers, they really helped me get through the surgery!

Thank you so much,
 Jenny Schaut



September Meetings

SPPRC Meeting
 Tuesday Sept. 2 @ 6:30

MOE Meeting
 Tuesday Sept. 9 @ 6:30



Psalm 34:3 'Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.'

We had another fun year at Vacation Bible School with 61 kids attending! We had wonderful games, crafts, music, snacks, and Bible stories all week and ended the week with a full pavilion Sunday morning for the VBS program and a wonderful picnic afterwards! Thank you to TJ, Ashley and family for the delicious hamburgers and hotdogs!

Thank you to each and every person that helped make VBS week possible. From making the set, decorating, registration, teaching Bible stories and music, crafts, games, snacks, shepherding the kids to each activity, and everyone that supported the program in any way; this program is not possible without you all! We have an amazing church family that always shows up when needed!

Our mission this year was Camp Penuel East located in Eldred PA. We raised \$539 dollars and a big box of activity supplies and freeze pops for their summer camp! The check and supplies will be delivered in the next week or two but they have asked that I express their thanks and gratitude to Pastor Bob and the entire congregation for this support!

One of our VBS Bible Stories was Mark 10: 13-16, Jesus blessing the Children. We learned that Jesus welcomes and cares about the children and God loves the children. One of the things I love most about our church is how our congregation loves and welcomes children. From the children's sermon each week, Sunday school, ushering, acolytes, making pumpkin rolls, working the Holiday Bazaar, singing in the choir, and Vacation Bible School, it is clear our congregation loves, supports and includes our youth and children in all aspects of our church. As we head into fall and Pastor Bob starting a new Youth Group, I am sure our church will have more opportunities to love and support our youth!

Again, thank you all for helping with VBS and making it a special week for the kids in our church and community!

Sherri Cunningham

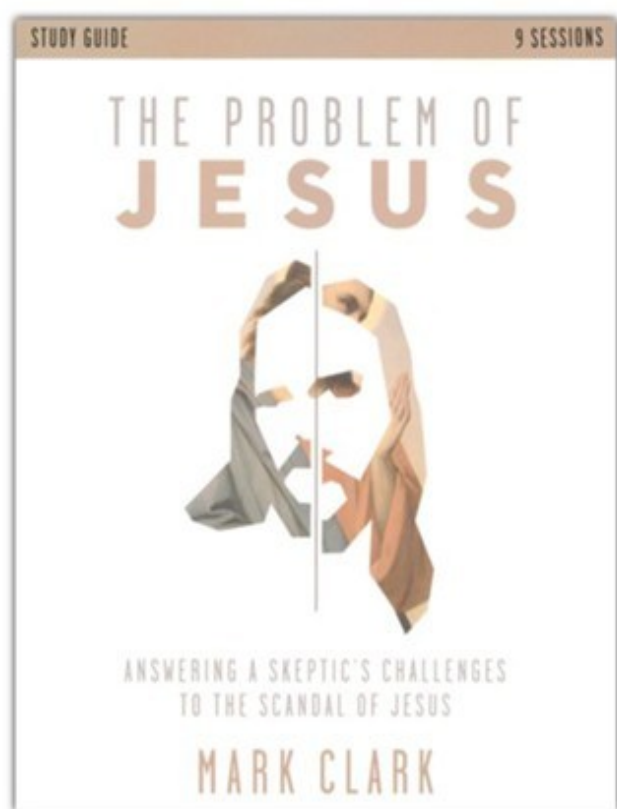
Mark 10:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

CONFERENCE ROOM



THE PROBLEM OF JESUS

Some people applaud Jesus as a good teacher. Others find his words old-fashioned and narrow-minded. Many American churchgoers imagine him merely as a kindly best friend. In this 10-session study, Clark examines the historic Jesus of Scripture--including the evidence that he was real; the cost of following him; and his undeniable claim to be the exclusive path to God.

The Problem of Jesus is an exploration of the person and work of Jesus of Nazareth: his parables, his miracles, his controversial call to discipleship, politics, and challenge to love God above everything else in the world, his seemingly insane claim to be God, and what his death and resurrection actually mean if they did in fact happen - and what it all has to do with our lives. Award-winning author Mark Clark engages with ideas from all realms of study - from Malcolm Gladwell and Jordan Peterson to historians, scientists, and philosophers like N.T. Wright, John Polkinghorne, and C.S. Lewis; from Dallas Willard and Nancy Pearcey to *Star Wars* and *James Bond* and *Pretty Woman* - all to present a fresh and compelling portrait of Jesus, the man, the message, and the mission, who forever altered the course of human history.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
BEGINS**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 AT 9:00 AM .

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

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Ready to make an appointment?

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Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 Carol S., Marie F., Dee C., Diane D., Linda D., Margie F.

Sept. 10 Joyce F., Mindy G., Mary Ann G., Carolyn H., Sandy H., Laura H.

Sept. 17 Kris K., Diane K., Nancy M., Janet M., Paula M., Sally M.

Sept. 24 Cathy N., Patty P., Marlene P., Jean P., Cyndi R., Marci R.

Word Search

Name: _____

Fall Foods



Word list:

ACORN
ALLSPICE
APPLE
BUTTERNUT
CASSEROLE
CHESTNUT
CHILI

CIDER
CINNAMON
CORNBREAD
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRY
FIG
GINGER

GRAVY
NUTMEG
PEARS
PECAN
PIE
PUDDING
PUMPKIN

ROAST
SOUP
SQUASH
STEW
STUFFING
TURNIP
YAM





[UNSHAKABLE]

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

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9:00 AM for Summer

Beginning Sept. 14

Sunday School Adults 8:45 am

Children/Youth 9:00 am

Worship 10:15 am