



# St. Marys Methodist Church Family News

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**Rev. Robert F. Zilhaver**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS 8:45 AM**

**CHILDREN/YOUTH 9:00 AM**

**WORSHIP 10:15 AM**



**Easter Sunday April 5, 2026**

Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 AM at Pavilion

Easter Breakfast in Asbury Hall

Easter Service in Sanctuary 10:15 AM



# *April Message*

Newsletter: April 2026

## HOW DO YOU MARK EASTER

This month we will be celebrating the passion of Jesus and Easter. I wanted to share this thought from Joe LoMusio.

“If I were to ask you to describe Easter without using any words, you could only use punctuation marks, which punctuation mark would you choose to describe this Easter for yourself? Maybe this Easter is a comma for you. It makes you stop, pause, think, and listen, but that’s about it. Perhaps today is a downer, a big bold period. You thought you’d feel excited, but instead it seems to be more like empty ritual. You feel like you’re not on the inside, but on the outside...an onlooker.

It was a day when life felt like a period for Jesus’ disciples. He was dead. He was buried. An end to expectations. But wait—news of an empty tomb...the period is no longer a period, it’s a question mark. That’s worse than a period. Now they’re beginning to doubt. Where is He? They’re perplexed. The guards are gone, the stone is rolled away. He is not there. And if not there, where?

An angel speaks, ‘Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and how He must be crucified, and the third day He must rise again.’ Of course they remembered! The periods are gone. The question marks are removed. There is one massive exclamation point!”

May your Lent and Holy Week lead you to the wonderful exclamation point of Easter!!!! Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!!!

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 5
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		
Steve Zimmert	Nelsons Golden Years	137 Oklahoma Cemetery Rd	Dubois	PA	15801	

### Men's Prayer Group

The men meet on  
Wednesday 6:00 PM  
In Conference Room  
**All Men Welcome!**

### April Meetings

SPPRC Meeting  
Tuesday April 7 @ 6:30

AD Council Meeting  
Tuesday April 28 @ 6:30

### The Bells Will Be Ringing

Bell Choir will be starting up again next Fall. Anyone interested in ringing, please contact Margie Fitzgerald at 814-512-0134

## **2026 Methodist Women**

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

### **Methodist Women Looking Ahead**

Rummage Sale—Friday & Saturday, June 12 & 13  
**\*Please remember as you are spring cleaning to save items  
for the sale!**

Picnic at church pavilion Monday June 29  
Annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 22  
Women's Christmas Party Monday, December 8

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## **SMALL GROUPS**

Meet

9:00 AM Monday in conference room

6:30 AM Monday

3:00 PM Thursday in conference room

Contact the church office or any small group member  
for more information.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Monday in

Conference Room

Bring your bible and join in to

Contact Cyndi Rippy for more information

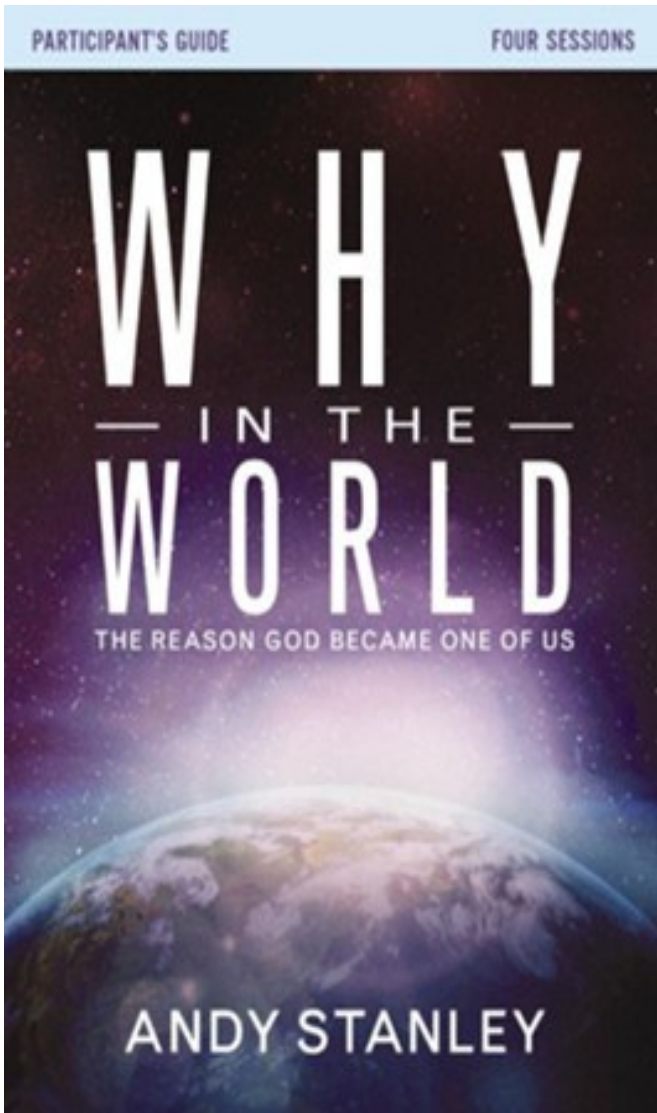


ADULT CLASS

ASBURY HALL

BEGINNING MAY 10, 2026

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM



### **Why in the World Bible: The Reason God Became One of Us**

In this four-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Andy Stanley takes a closer look at one of the unique things Christians believe: God became one of us. Why in the world would God do that? Why would God leave the comfort and recognition of heaven to live on this ball of dirt in a time before morphine and indoor plumbing when the best of conditions barely paralleled the worst of modern-day conditions? Why? We think we know why He died. But what compelled him to live as one of us?

Sessions include:

- To Communicate and Demonstrate
- Like Son, Like Father
- Classless
- Putting Religion in Its Place

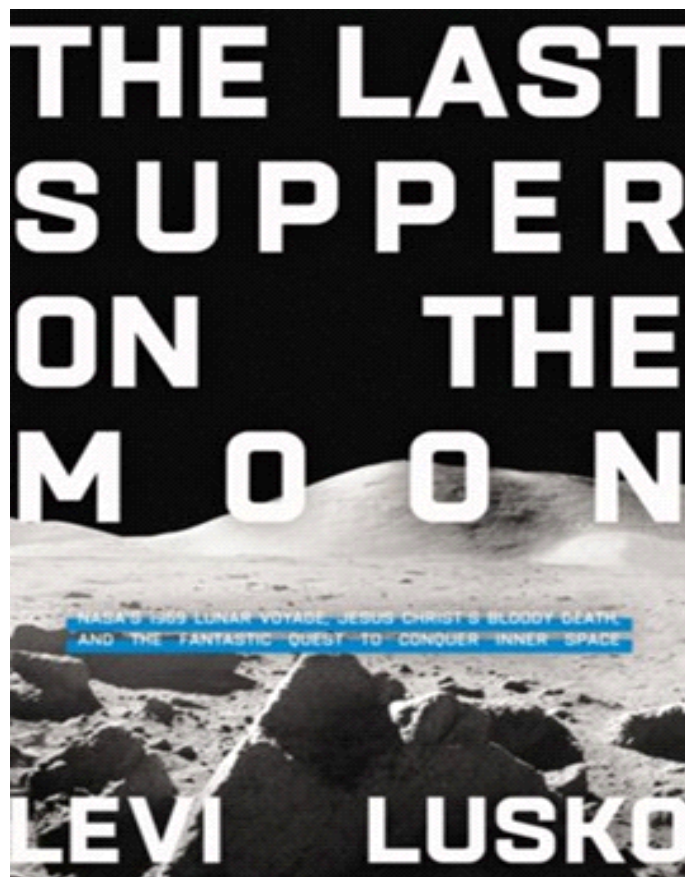
**Please join us for this study. Sign up for the class and materials in the old kitchen.**

ADULT CLASS

BEGINNING MARCH 22, 2026, 8:45 TO 9:45 A.M.

ASBURY HALL

LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM



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### **The Last Supper On the Moon**

If there are places in your heart and corners of your mind that feel just as deep and dark and inaccessible as outer space, this study is for you. Fight as you may, unearthing the happiness and fulfillment you long for can feel nearly impossible.

In Psalm 8 David urges us to consider the heavens, to look up at the night sky. Doing so will help you discover fundamental truths about God. Namely, that—even though his love for you is as beyond comprehension as the farthest corners of the universe—through his Son, you can grab hold of it, and it has the power to transform your inner space.

Bestselling author Levi Lusko shares how you can:

- learn that life is not about "finding yourself" but discovering who Jesus is
- believe that God's love and forgiveness is grander than even your greatest failure
- buck the mundane of everyday life and start dreaming again

Embark on an adventure tracing the words and wonders of Jesus on his trek to the cross. Let *The Last Supper on the Moon* compel you to live with a more profound sense of purpose and a grander view of Jesus, and set you on a trajectory to life, and life more abundantly.

In *The Last Supper on the Moon* video study, bestselling author and pastor Levi Lusko uses 1969 lunar mission as an analogy of God's mission of salvation. This five-session study explores God's love for us by sending Jesus to die for our sins and how the letters to the Revelation churches can help us live with purpose and hope.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin ate the first food and drink ever consumed on the moon---the bread and wine of communion. Using Aldrin's sacred meal as a launching point, Lusko explores how Christ's last words, "I Am" statements, and letters to the Revelation churches can help us live with purpose and hope.

# **Bowls of Love**

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

***MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED***

## ***BAKERS FOR APRIL***

***7 CAKES NEEDED EACH WEEK***

***EACH 9 X 13 CAKE IS CUT INTO 20 PIECES***

April 1— Linda D., Margie F., Joyce F., Marie F., Mindy G., Cassie H.

April 8— Carolyn H., Sandy H., Kris K., Diane K., Susan K., Nancy M.

April 15 — Cathy N., Patty P., Marlene P., Jean P., Cyndi R., Marci R.

April 22— Jenny S., Shirley S., Cindy S., Cheryl S., Michelle S., Carol S.

April 29—Dee C., Diane D., Linda D., Margie F., Joyce F., Marie F.



## **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?

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**WORSHIP**  
Sunday School Adults 8:45 am  
Children/Youth 9:00 am  
Worship 10:15 am

**HE IS RISEN**  
*Forgiven*  
For God so Loved the World  
**LAMB** of God  
**love**  
*He is Risen Indeed*  
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY  
**HALLELUJAH**  
*Eternal Life*  
**Redeemer**  
*my savior*