



# 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

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



# May Message

## THE TRANSFORMER

A number of miles from the Los Angeles basin there is a river. The river has been dammed up and through the genius and innovations of engineers, they have put together a dam that has, in its process of working, housed electricity---hundreds of thousands of volts that are fed into the Los Angeles basin. And if you were to go to the plant, the source, and follow the lines that come into the city, you would come to various transmission plants along the way that would be marked "Danger, High Voltage." "No trespassing. Danger." Hundreds of thousands of volts are available in energy for your home, but who needs a hundred thousand volts, unless that person want to burn up his home? Knowing that, the engineers have built transformers into the system—not transmitters, but transformers. And the transformer does nothing more than break down into meaningful units, just the electricity you need.

I have in my home another example of a transformer. Around our Christmas tree we put a train. We have a great time putting it together every year. And there's a little tine unit called a transformer on the train set, and it breaks down the 110 volts from the wall to even less. Why, if you plugged the train straight into the outlet, that thing would go (pzzzttt!) for one second and be burnt to a crisp. But the transformer breaks it down to where the little tiny train, whose engine can be held in your fist, can just putt putt putt all around the track and entertain us for hours on end—all that because there's a little transformer that dispenses the electricity at the needed level.

We celebrate Pentecost this month and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church. When the Holy Spirit (transformer) comes, the Spirit will take the majestic truth of God and will dispense it just the way you need it, give it to you with handles that you can take and use. It is the Spirit's delight to take the full truth of God and make one thing meaningful for one person and another thing meaningful to another. That's the work of the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit never makes a mistake. The Holy Spirit gives you just what you can handle.

May you experience the Holy Spirit and God's truth in your life this month.

God Bless,  
Pastor Bob

Grace and peace to you,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

Amy and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the many prayers, cards, and kind expressions of care I received during my recovery from kidney surgery. Your support was a tangible reminder of God's enduring love at work through this community of faith.

I missed you all deeply during my time away, and it is a true joy to be back among you. I look forward to seeing you in worship and continuing together in the life we share in Christ.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Bob



# Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



Jean Dodrill	DuBois Nursing Home	212 South Eighth St.	Dubois,	PA	15801	Rm. 215-2
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	

## Memorials

### In Memory of Patricia Johnson

**Gary Rigard**

**Aileen Mattuiz**

**Sally Murone**

**Marlene Pistner**

**Diane & Fred Krug**

**Tom & Jean Price**

**Paula Mertel**

**Joe & Bonnie Salvatore**

**Richard & Priscilla Phillips**

**Vance & Nicole Vanorder**

**Mike & Patty Pearson**

**Tom & Deb Young**

**Frances Flaherty**

**Jim Horchen Family**

**Roger & Nancy Marton**

**Bill & Bonnie Gausman**

**Jim & Marlene Benini**

**Ann & Melvin Caskey**

**Sherri & Doug Cunningham**

**Jim & Teen Lewis**

**Nichols Portland, Inc.**

**Janet McCoy**

**Brian Smith and Family**

The family of Patricia Johnson would like to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, flowers and support in the passing of our beloved mother.

## May Meetings

SPPRC Meeting  
 Tuesday May 5 @  
 Pavilion following  
 clean up.

## CHOIR RECOGNITION

Sunday May 16  
 Join us for  
 refreshments  
 following worship

## **2026 Methodist Women**

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

### **Looking Ahead**

**Rummage Sale**—Friday & Saturday, June 12 & 13

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

**Drop off at pavilion beginning May 26**

**Picnic at the pavilion** Monday June 29, 5:30 pm

Bring covered dish. Table setting & beverages provided.

Speaker to be announced

**Fall Tureen** September 28

**Pie Booth** September 19 & 20

**Annual Holiday Bazaar** Saturday, November 21

**Women's Christmas Party** Monday, December 7

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## **SMALL GROUPS**

Meet

9:00 AM Monday in conference room

6:30 PM Monday

3:00 PM Thursday in conference room

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

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The 75th Annual National Day Of Prayer is Thursday May 7, 2026. This also coincides with America marking its 250th year. This is not a coincidence and feels like a Sacred Invitation from God for His people to humble themselves and return to wholehearted dependence on Him.

The clergy and people of Elk County will gather together at the Methodist Church Pavilion, 871 South Michael Road, St. Mary's, PA at 6:00 PM for a Prayer Service joining together with tens of thousands of prayer gatherings from coast to coast.

This years theme is **GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS, SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS**. The theme is based on King David's passionate prayer after bringing The Ark Of The Covenant to Jerusalem. "Tell of His Glory among the nations, His Wonderful Deeds among all the peoples." I Chronicles 16 24.

Plan now to come and join in this National Day Of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

God calls His people to lift their eyes beyond the moment and Anchor their prayers in both History and Hope.

### Men's Prayer Group

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

### 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

Monday May 25, 2025



### PAVILION CLEAN UP

Tuesday May 5

6:00 pm

Bring rags and buckets

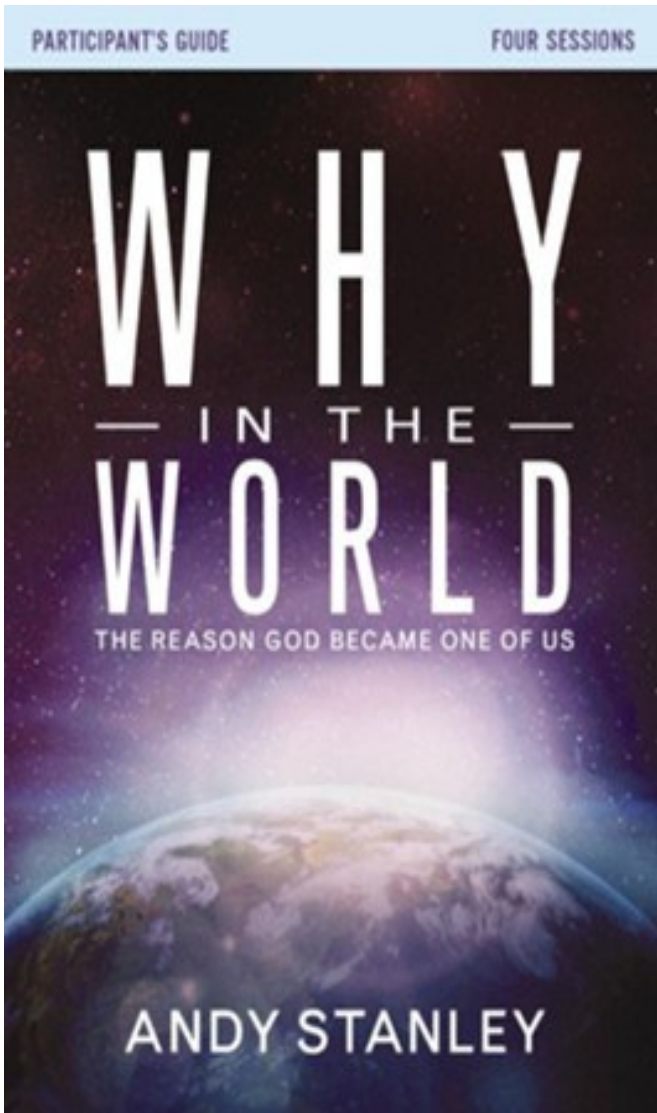
Pizza and Drinks provided

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.**

## EASTER FLOWERS 2026

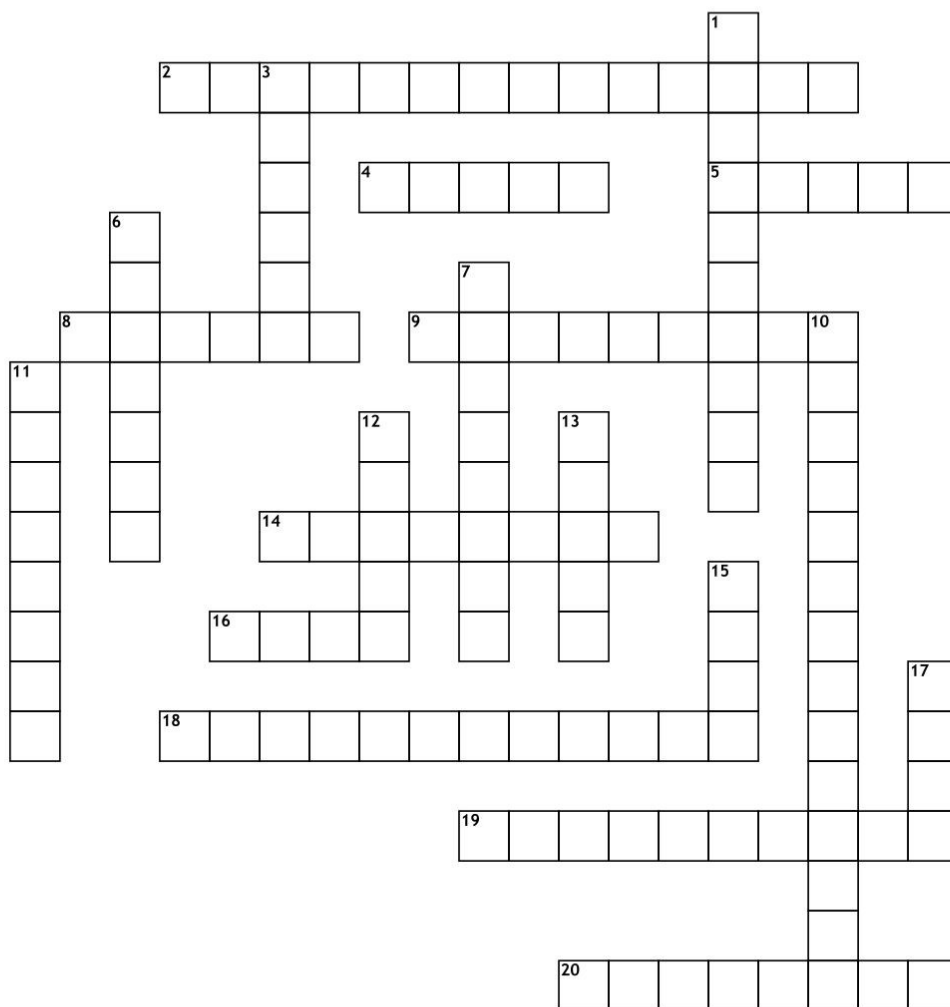
<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>To the Glory of God</u>
Shirley Schneider	Family members		
Bob & Sandy Buerk	Bob Walker, Phil & Pat Buerk		
Chris & Kristin Swasta	Our grandparents, Uncle Jim Steiniser	Our parents	
Cyndi Rippy	Denise Simmons	Monday morning small group	
Ron & Fye Wittmer	Ryan Herman & Mary Wenger		
Lesa Lamb	Loved ones		
Priscilla & Richard Phillips	Our parents & siblings		
Aileen Mattiuz	parents		
Bill & Bonnie Gausman	Calvin & Paul Grabofski		
Carol Grabofski	Calvin & Paul Grabofski		
Kris Kronenwetter		Our military	
Dee & Don Corp			x
Shawn Grim	David Grim		
Jenny Schaut	Calvin Grabofski, Dave & Audry Schaut		
Cassie Hanes			x
Joyce Fledderman	Charles & Barbara Patterson	My grandchildren	
Doug & Sherri Cunningham	Grandparents		
Marlene Pistner	Deceased parents & relatives		
Jeffrey & Linda Johnson	Deceased family members		
Fred & Diane Krug	Deceased loved ones		
Melinda Gasbarre	Joe Gasbarre	Edna Cribbs	
Carolyn & Tim Hockman		Pastor Bob & Amy Zilhaver	x
Sally Murone	Loved Ones		
Sandy Lasher	Robert Kneidel		

## People of the Bible

K	Q	F	Q	N	I	V	S	H	D	R	A	M	B	G
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ABRAHAM	ADAM	DAVID
ELIJAH	EVE	GABRIEL
JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
JOSEPH	JOSHUA	MARY
MATTHEW	MOSES	NOAH
PAUL	PETER	RUTH
SAMSON	SOLOMON	

# Bible - Book of Daniel



## Across

2. Daniel gave an \_\_\_ of the words on the wall
4. How many years Nebuchadnezzar was wild
5. One of the words written on the wall
8. The dream interpreter
9. Daniel gets a \_\_\_
14. Where Daniel got thrown into and had faith in God
16. Nebuchadnezzar was symbolised as a \_\_\_\_\_ in his dream
18. What the statue represents
19. The one who took over after Nebuchadnezzar
20. Belshazzar got \_\_\_ after a party

## Down

1. How long Nebuchadnezzar was king
3. How many months did it take for Nebuchadnezzar to go wild
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ men were thrown into the lions den
7. Belshazzar was Nebuchadnezzar's \_\_\_\_\_
10. The King
11. Another word(s) written on the wall
12. A \_\_\_ knocked down the Kingdom in the dream
13. Nebuchadnezzar's \_\_\_\_\_ soon became a reality
15. A magical \_\_\_\_\_ appears during a party
17. Amount of words were written on the wall

# **Bowls of Love**

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

***MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED***

## ***BAKERS FOR MAY***

***7 CAKES NEEDED EACH WEEK***

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

May 6— Mindy G., Cassie H., Carolyn H., Sandy H., Kris K., Diane K.

May 13— Susan K., Nancy M., Jan M., Paula M., Sally M., Cathy N.

May 20 — Patty P., Marlene P., Jean P., Cyndi R., Marci R., Jenny S.

May 27— Shirley S., Cindy S., Cheryl S., Michelle S., Carol S., Dee C.



## **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.*

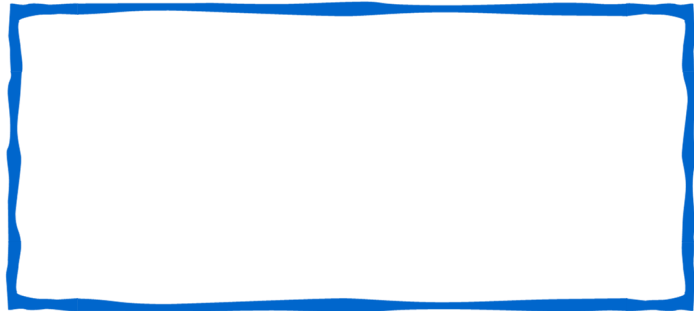
Our counselors are experts in the field of clinical mental health and highly trained from accredited institutions. They are active in their local faith communities, have a heart for God, and are gifted in serving those who struggle with cognitive, emotional, and spiritual issues.

Ready to make an appointment?

Call **724-396-1510** or [CCAWPA@gmail.com](mailto:CCAWPA@gmail.com)

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140 N. Saint Marys Street  
Saint Marys, PA 15857-1236

*Please let us know if your address changes.*



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**WORSHIP**

Sunday School Adults 8:45 am

Children/Youth 9:00 am

Worship 10:15 am

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED**



**ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL**