Our Mission Statement
First United Methodist Church of Saint Marys is Christ-centered with open doors. We extend our hands and hearts into the world to alter lives for God’s Kingdom.

United Methodist Women’s Pie Booth
Bavarian Fall Festival

Friday & Saturday ~ September 15 & 16
(no Sunday sales)

Please plan now to bake HOMEMADE pies for our booth. All types of pies will be needed: Fruit Cream Custard
There is a sign-up sheet in the old kitchen for pies. (pies will still be welcome if you forgot to sign-up)

Pies may be delivered to the Church during the week of the Festival on Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Saturday morning from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Any Questions: Please contact Deanne McAfoose at 834.6178 or Carol Cunningham at 781-7401
Please place pies in aluminum pie pans that way we will be able to sell whole pies. Pie tins are available at the Church should you need them.

Proceeds go toward Mission Projects!
Change in today’s world seems almost automatic. Our lives and way of living change nearly every day. As events occur, computers become more capable of taking over everyday tasks, and circumstances in our own lives change the way we think and operate.

Change can be very hard for many people. Just the thought of making a change in their lives causes some to break out or panic. Others rebel against change, and with every bit of their being, attempt to stop it. But change happens and is the only constant in the world.

Abram and Sari had to change their lives when God called them to move from their home to the land God would show them. God never told them where they were going; he just called them to go, and they went. Moses, while tending sheep on a mountain, received God’s call to go to Pharaoh. Moses complained and tried desperately not to go. Moses even shared his speaking disability with God in order to get out of going to Pharaoh. But God prevailed and Moses had to change. Jesus caused change to occur in many people, but the Pharisees and the Sadducees did not want change because it would disrupt their authority and way of thinking. Paul had to change the way the Jews felt about circumcision, declaring that circumcision was no longer required for anyone to enter the Kingdom. This made many Jews upset because it went against the ancient teachings.

Change can be hard, and often times, slow to happen. But change will occur. Our church has been changing. People have been working to adapt with our changes. Beginning this month our church will go through some significant changes. A new way to give your tithe on-line will be presented, where you will have the opportunity to set up your giving and where it goes. We will be providing several opportunities to learn how to use the program to insure your giving goes where you want it to go. Offering plates will still be passed out at each service for those who choose not to participate in the on-line giving program. Worship will look different beginning September 10. We will change from two services to one with Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:15 AM. The Band will be playing once a month during the fourth Sunday of the month. Worship will look different as the offering will follow the message and a Children’s message will be added to the service.

Some of these changes may be difficult for you to fully embrace, but we pray that through time, we will become a stronger family, and get to know each other in a more personal and spiritual way.

One thing that will not change is Jesus’ mission for all of us, “to make disciples.” This one statement must be our guiding principle everywhere we go and with everything we do. As we go forth and make disciples for Jesus Christ, we will be living out our call from God.

God bless each of you,
Pastor Tim, Nancy, Ashley, and Ian
### Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins

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### Remembering......9/11

“I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.”
—Philippians 4:13

### Thank You

**CHURCH,**

A very special thanks for all the prayers and cards during my sister’s illness then going on to be with her Savior,

*God Bless You All, Gerry Frey*

### Active Duty Service Military

**Send a Note of Appreciation**

Ian Hoover  
PO Box 10307  
Fort Irwin  
CA 92320

Brittany A. Bosier  
SPC  
Theater Gateway  
APO-AG 09366

Nolan Sorg  
PO Box 3283  
Fort Stewart  
GA 31315

Baptism  
Michael Peter DeLullo  
Baptized on Sunday, July 30, 2017  
Son to Michael & Ashley DeLullo

### Church Logo Wear For Sale

Proceeds going toward the Campership Fund!

Items are in-stock in the Old Kitchen
HEART TO HEART
Mon., Sept. 11th @ 6:30 PM
Hostess: Dale Breindel
Devotion: Joyce Kneidel

MEN’S GROUP
MAN TO MAN MEETING
Every Wednesday
7 PM @ the Church
Man to Man is a Men’s prayer
and worship group.
All men of the Church are invited
and encouraged to attend.

ESTHER CIRCLE
Esther Circle meetings will be
starting on Monday, September 11
at 7 pm at the Church. We are
studying “ACTS OF WORSHIP” and
this session will be
“A MODEL FOR PRAYER”.
Understand how Jesus prayed, &
pray boldly. Discover how Jesus
taught us to pray & identify ways
we can pray boldly as Jesus did.
Hostesses for the evening are
Vada Liptak and Jan McCoy

OBITUARY
Joel L. Mertel passed away on
Tuesday, August 1, 2017.
He is survived by his wife Paula Mertel.

MEMORIALS GIVEN BY
Vada Liptak, Carol Cunningham
Ray & Beth Gornati, Mr. Arthur Dietz
M/M Mike Shutika, M/M Chuck Hahn
Thom & Sandy Hoffman
Ted & Dorothy McGown
Bill & Doris Schaefer
Robert & Sharon Egan
Doug & Linda Smith, Mary Kay Lenze
Captain & Mrs. John & Mila Bauman

OBITUARY
Robyn L. Robinson passed away on
Saturday, August 19, 2017.
Survived by Robert & Arlene Robinson

OBITUARY
Sandra (Feile) Nelson passed
away on Friday, July 21, 2017.
She was Robert Nelson’s Wife

MEMORIALS GIVEN BY
Vada Liptak

MEMORIALS GIVEN BY
Richard & Lois Sadley and
Ed & Brenda Cunningham
In Memory of Betty Hoffman
September is “Open House” Month
First United Methodist Church

 Invite or bring a Friend to Church Services with you.
 Share in God’s Glory and Gift.

Sunday Church Services:
Sunday School Hour:  9 AM-10AM
Sunday Worship Service:  10:15 AM

Church Address:
First United Methodist Church
140 N. Saint Marys Street
Saint Marys, PA  15857-1236

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Join us for our first Fellowship Luncheon in Asbury Hall on Tuesday, September 19th. Everyone is invited. We will eat at noon. Come early to fellowship and meet your Church Family. Feel free to join us during your lunch break. Bring a cold or hot dish to share. Let’s get to know each other by gathering together for a time of friendship and enjoyment. Host and Hostesses are YOU !!!

SCRIPTURE READERS NEEDED during Church Service
Youth and Adults are welcome. See the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

THE GREAT DATE NIGHT  Featuring Mark Cable
Sat., Sept 23 @ 7 pm / in FUMC Asbury Hall
TICKETS $25 COUPLE; $12.50 SINGLE ~ Christian Comedy & Music

The Great Date Night is a fun and effective Dating Event /Marriage-Building Event / or Just Bring a Friend. Come out and enjoy some insightful, everyday-life songs along with Mark’s off the wall sense of humor. Couples will get to laugh, unwind and be encouraged to make and keep their relationship Christ-centered and a top priority - truly a “great date!” Refreshments being Provided.

Contact the Church Office for Tickets. 834-3016
GUARDIAN ANGEL CENTER

364 MAIN STREET, KERSEY, PA 15846
OPEN EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER,
MARCH, APRIL, & MAY

“THE GUARDIAN ANGEL CENTER SEeks TO SUPPLEMENT CLOTHING NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILIES QUALIFY FINANCIALLY. THESE NEEDS ARE MET THROUGH THE RECYCLING OF GENTLY USED ARTICLES AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW CLOTHING ITEMS WHICH ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AT NO COST. THE GOAL IS TO SUPPORT ELIGIBLE FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO CLOTHING FOR SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS.”

Documentation of financial need is required.
Typical documentation would be Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) (food stamp) card or WIC registration.
Call 594-0815 for additional qualification information.

DRUG TAKE-BACK MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY

The Elk County Sherriff’s Office and District Attorney are pleased to announce a Drug Take-Back / Medicine collection Day will take place at the St. Marys Senior Center on Tuesday, September 12 between 11 am and 1 pm.

Items Accepted: Prescriptions, Prescription Patches, Over-the-Counter Medications, Vitamins, Samples, Medications for Pets.

Bring all unused medications to the St. Marys Senior Center on September 12 and deposit them where instructed.
First United Methodist Church

**PRE-SCHOOL 2017~2018**

Accepting Applications for Enrollment

The First United Methodist Church in St. Marys is currently accepting applications for our Pre-School for the 2017-2018 school year. Our highly qualified Staff includes a Teacher & a Teacher’s Aide.

Class is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am - 11:30 am

Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained by August 15, 2017. Enrollment is limited.

Packets in the Church Office 814.834.3016.

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**NEW FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

First United Methodist Church starting Sunday, Sept. 10

- **Sunday School Hour:** 9 am — 10 am  (Sunday School Kick Off!)
- **Sunday Worship Hour:** 10:15 am — 11:15 am  (one service)

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**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Christian Counseling, in a basic sense, acknowledges that a person’s faith plays a vital role in the healing of emotional or behavioral problems. Therefore, this type of counseling intentionally seeks to make faith a significant part of the “treatment” process. In whatever problem is faced, Christian Counseling acknowledges that Jesus Christ can powerfully work in our lives to bring about healing and relief. We provide a full range of services to those who need counseling for any individual, marital, or family concern. When desired, psychiatric referrals for medication management are available for those who struggle with more serious emotional problems. Ready to make an appointment? Call: 724-396-1510 or CAWPA@gmail.com
Inspiration Soup Station, September 2017

Bowls of Love Menu and Servers

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Menu: Beef Vegetable Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Dessert
Servers: Tom Heindel, Faye Witmer, Jan & Norm McCoy, bill O'Dell

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Menu: Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert
Servers: Dixie Himes, Shawna Grim, Connie Amendola, Patty Hassleman

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Menu: Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Dessert
Servers: Ron & Mary Frost, Bob & Betty Walker

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Roll, Dessert
Servers: Norma Geer, Mary Ann Glover, Brenda Weissenfluh, Lori Burke

If you are unable to serve, please contact:
Pat Johnson (814.834.3184) or Vada Liptak (814.834.2230).

We need people to serve and clean up on Wednesdays with Bowls of Love. A sign-up sheet is located in the Old Kitchen and in the Welcome Center of the Church. For more info, please contact Vada Liptak at 814.834.2230.

Dessert Donations Needed and Appreciated
New Bible Study

JOHN WESLEY’S SERMONS

10 Weeks
Began on Aug. 30th
Held on Wednesdays @ 9 am & on Thursdays @ 7 pm
Sign-Up Sheet in the Old Kitchen
Facilitator: Pastor Tim

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS to be held in ASBURY HALL

Begins Sunday, September 10th / GOD AS HE LONGS FOR YOU TO SEE HIM

Please sign up for this class in the Welcome Center or Old Kitchen
Facilitator: Shawna Grim. See you there!

How Would You Describe God?

How would you describe your best friend? How about your spouse or your children?
When we know people well, our descriptions of them are richer and fuller than of those we know as mere acquaintances. So how would you describe God? And how does your view of God impact your life?
God is often described as all-knowing, all-living, and all-powerful. But are there other traits sometimes overlooked? What is God really like? Can you put his eternal attributes into words? Join Chip Ingram in this fascinating series about the seven attributes of God: His goodness, sovereignty, holiness, wisdom, justice, love, and faithfulness. As you begin to see God for who He really is and what His true desires for your life are, it will change the way you pray, the way you live, and the way you think about the world around you. This series includes the following messages:

- God As He Longs For You To See Him
- Seeing God With 20/20 Vision
- Is Your God Too Small?
- The Goodness of God
- The Sovereignty of God
- The Holiness of God
- The Wisdom of God
- The Justice of God
- The Faithfulness of God
- The Love of God

JUMONVILLE RETREAT

Strangely Warmed...
John Wesley, The Holy Spirit and You
Friday, Oct. 6 - Sunday, Oct. 8
Embracing our Supernatural Wesleyan Heritage
For more Info
www.jumonville.org/event/renewal
724-518-1898
2017 United Methodist Women Schedule

September 15 & 16 ~~ Pie Booth at Bavarian Festival
   (175 Anniversary Parade Downtown - Celebrating St. Marys on Saturday, Sept. 16)
September 25 ~~ Tureen Dinner, Program: Cassidy’s Zimbabwe Mission Trip
October 23 ~~ Meeting
November 15 ~~ Set up for Bazaar
November 18 ~~ Bazaar, 9 am - 2 pm
December 11 ~~ Christmas Party

ZIMBABWE PRESENTATION

Cassidy Burke will be doing a presentation of the Youth’s mission trip to Zimbabwe at FUMC Services on Sunday, September 17 at the 10:15 am Service.

FUNDRAISERS FOR THE FAIRFIELD CHILDREN’S HOME IN ZIMBABWE

Cassidy Burke and the other nine youth on the Mission Team are raising funds in their home churches to help the Fairfield Children’s Home in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Monetary donations are being accepted. Collection boxes are in the front and in the back of the Sanctuary. This project will be ongoing. All checks should be made out to the First United Methodist Church with “orphanage” marked in the memo.

A 2nd Fundraiser for the Fairfield Children’s Home:
Pre-order forms from Joey’s Bakery are located in this Newsletter and also in the Old Kitchen and the Welcome Center. Ordered items may be picked up at the Church on Thursday, Sept. 21 between 3:00 & 5:30 pm Need extra Order Forms — Forms are setting next to the Fairfield boxes in the Church. Thank You For Your Help! Cassidy Burke

A 3rd Fundraiser: A Spaghetti Dinner will be held Friday, October 13 in Asbury Hall; 4-7 pm.
Fairfield Children’s Home Fund Raiser

Cassidy Burke is holding a fundraiser for the *Fairfield Children’s Home* she visited while in *Zimbabwe*.

The items below are from Joey’s Bakery, Ridgway.

Please place your order with money in the Fairfield box... one in the back vestibule and one in the old kitchen (or give to Cassidy, Lori or Lesa) no later than Sunday, September 10th.

Orders will be available in Asbury Hall on Thursday, September 21st from 3-5:30.

Checks can be made out to Lori Burke.

Any questions, please call or text Lori at 594-0359 or Cassidy Burke at 594-9126.

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During a Saturday morning session, Bishop Moore-Koikoi literally took a leap of faith, climbed over a balcony and dropped on a rope onto the plenary room floor. It was a dramatic prelude to a presentation and her announcement of a four-year initiative to raise $5 million for camping and retreat ministries. The announcement brought people to their feet and many spontaneously walked forward to drop gifts onto the stage at her feet. The total given was $9,251. The following day a previously announced offering for camping and retreat ministries brought in an additional $9,171 for a total of $18,422. Gifts from youth at a pizza party with the bishop added $1,985 to the total.

My friends, camping is one of the best ways to reach our young people in a world that constantly tells them that God is not real or does not exist. Our Bishop has challenged us to come up with $5 million over the next four year to insure all young people who want to go to camp are able. My challenge to you is over the next four years we as First United Methodist Church St Marys pledge to raise $10,000 per year to send our youth to camp. Each Sunday that will require a gift of $193.00. We with God’s help can make this happen and provide a space for our children to grow closer to God and Jesus Christ.
John 14:2-4

New International Version (NIV)

2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."
2018 NOMINATION FORM

The PPR/Lay Leadership Committee would like your input in our leadership selection process. Below you will see the various committee/team positions that are opening up in 2018. You may nominate yourself or someone else to assist the PPR/Lay Leadership Committee in their important work of raising up leaders for our church family. We are looking for members & attendees that exhibit a love for Jesus & that regularly attend our church.

1. Administrative Council - Provides for the planning and implementing of programming and provides for the administration of its organizational life.

2. Staff/Lay Leadership Committee (Combined Pastor Parish / Nominating Committee) - composed of members, this committee guides the Ad Council on matters of lay leadership, to provide for Charge Conference the names of people to serve as officers and leaders of the ministries of the local church. They shall also reflect biblically and theologically on the work and role of pastor and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities.

3. Finance Committee - shall compile an annual budget and is charged with the responsibility for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by Ad Council.

4. Trustees Committee - provides leadership dealing in manners related to the property of the local church.

5. Christian Education Committee - shall develop and provide educational opportunities in a variety of settings that help people grow in their relationship with Christ.

6. Fellowship Ministry Area - shall provide planning and support for fellowship.

7. Substitute Teachers – for Sunday School.

8. Worship / Sanctuary Arts – to help beautify the Sanctuary and to assist in aspects of worship.

9. Representative to Annual Conference – shall represent our church at Annual Conference in June 2018.

10. Lay Leader - a member of every committee, the Lay Leader, along with the Pastor, serves as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the local church and of the annual conference.

Please place completed Forms in the Tray in the Welcome Center.
Extra Forms are also available in the Welcome Center.
THANK YOU!
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Joyce Sorg, Church Secretary
stmarysumc@windstream.net

Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9 AM to 5 PM

Please let us know if your address changes.

Monthly Deadline for Articles
15th of each month, @ 12:00 NOON
You can submit your articles several ways:
Email: stmarysumc@windstream.net
In-Person: Editor’s Box in the hall by the Church Office
Your timeliness is greatly appreciated.
Thank You, The Editor

CHOIR REHEARSAL TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER
The First United Methodist Church’s Choir will resume rehearsing beginning on Sunday, September 10 at 8:30 am.
If you are new or are interested in participating in the Choir, Please contact Thom Hoffman or any Choir Member.

Mark 1:3
“a voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”