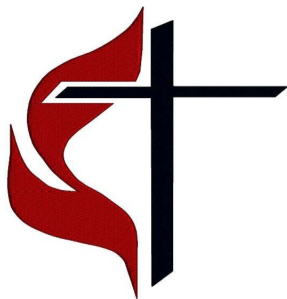




First Family News

May 2022 Volume 48 Issue 5



9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP 10:15AM IN SANCTUARY
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK



SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS
JUNE 12
WORSHIP 9:00AM IN SANCTUARY
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK
SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKS FOR SUMMER

GOING AWAY PARTY FOR PASTOR TIM & NANCY

**SERVICE AT THE PAVILION
FOLLOWED BY A POT LUCK LUNCH**

Sunday, June 5, 2022

10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

Come out and enjoy Sunday Service and a pot luck lunch
and wish Pastor Tim and Nancy farewell.

For the Church Pot Luck, we are requesting...

- Last names beginning with the **letters A-G** to bring a Main Dish
- Last names beginning with the **letters H-R** to bring a Dessert
- Last names beginning with the **letters S-Z** to bring a Salad

Please note that Pastor Tim and Nancy **DO NOT** wish to receive gifts. We will have a basket available for cards so you may express your well wishes in that way.



May Message From Pastor Tim

Embrace the Change, Continue the Journey

Today is the day after the record setting April snow storm. The ground and trees still remain covered in a blanket of white, the pale gray clouds hover overhead offering a glimpse of light and hope for warmer and sunnier days.

None of us needed to be surprised by the storm that released this last gasp of winter. The weather prognosticators all predicted snow would blanket the region. Yet nearly everyone I talked to seemed very unhappy about the latest storm. Despite knowing about the impending storm, we still find it disheartening and discouraging.

The scriptures proclaim many warnings. The Israelites were warned by Moses, Joshua, and the prophets not to worship false idols. God gave the Israelites the Commandments. In exodus 20:4-6, God writes, “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (NIV). God warns the people not turn away, or there will be consequences.

The Old Testament people knew the consequences and still managed to fall away from God’s love, but not His covenant. For this reason, God sent Jesus, His only Son, to pay the price God knew we could never pay. But this did not remove the obligation to remain faithful to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Book of Revelation shares with us the consequences of failing to remain loyal to the Trinity, and to follow the will of God. “Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone who’s name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Rev 20:14-15 NIV)

I write this not to frighten anyone, but to share in the warning. God provided the way to eternal life and for our names to be written in the Lambs Book of life. We must believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We must not run scared when life gets tough, but put our whole trust in God. And finally we must never shy away from proclaiming the name of Jesus.

Over the next several weeks each of us will experience change, and we may be tempted to run away from the change. But we must embrace it. We know change is coming, we understand the process of Itinerant pastors, and we must embrace what comes next in order to grow in our faith and journey with God. May brings with it plenty of changes, flowers bloom, trees begin to leaf, and we prepare our gardens in hope of a bountiful crop in the late summer and fall.

Just like May, we must prepare our hearts and souls for changes that we know are coming. Embrace the change, and continue the journey of faith that leads to sanctification in Jesus Christ.

God bless all of you,
Pastor Tim, Nancy, Ashley and Ian

Lee Appointed to St. Marys UMC Announced: 04-17-2022



About Sang Hak Lee

Sang Hak Lee was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea in a devoted Christian household. He learned how to serve God and His church through observing his grandfather, who planted several churches in Korea in the early 20th Century, and his father, who planted a church in Seoul after the Korean War. He adopted his family's multigenerational calling to extend God's Kingdom and take care of His people.

Sang Hak earned his Bachelor's in Theology at HyupSung University. He has a Master of Theology degree from the Korean Methodist Theological Seminary and a Master of Divinity degree from KangNam University in Korea. He has studied at the Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky for his doctorate. Sang Hak Lee was originally ordained in Korea and has since served in churches around Korea and the United States as a minister and pastor. He has served in Korea in Seoul (a Megacity), Suji (a suburban area), Uljin (a Fishing Village), and Moongyeong (a Mountain village). In the U.S. he has served in various towns in Kansas. He has planted two churches in Uljin and Moongyeong, among other places in Korea.

Sang Hak served as the president of Cozy Mind, an organization that supports children and senior citizens who live alone in Korea. He was the pastor of the Christian High Schools' Union, the representative of a Counseling Clinic, and a Camp Director for a college students' summer retreat camp of the Korean Methodist Church.

Sang Hak Lee is a licensed Sexual Violence Counselor and Domestic Violence Counselor by the Ministry of Gender Equality & Family Republic of Korea. He was fully trained for the overseas mission hosted by the Korean Methodist Church in Seoul, Korea.

At the Great Plains Conference in Kansas and Nebraska, Sang Hak was a member of the Connecting Council and the Convener of the Mission Alignment Team. He also acted as a member of DCOM and was a Network leader in the Salina District.

Sang Hak's passion is for ministry and aspires to extend God's Kingdom on Earth and to make and support disciples of Jesus Christ. His spiritual gifts for ministry are preaching, pastoral care, and building up discipleship programs.

He is married to Jong Youn Lee and they have two daughters: Ye Joo and Ye Gang Lee. Ye Joo is a law student at Columbia Law School in New York City, and Ye Gang is a freshman at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS.



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
JOANNE STAKE
(MARCIE ASSETTA'S MOTHER)**

**GIVEN BY
PASTOR TIM & NANCY HOOVER**

Congratulations

Gabbie Steele
We are so happy to have you as a
member of First UMC

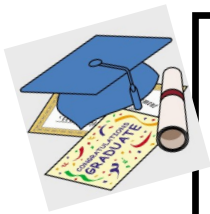
MAY MEETINGS

TRUSTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 10
@ 7 PM

FINANCE MEETING
Tuesday, May 17
@ 7 PM

AD COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 24
@ 7 PM

**PASTOR PARISH
RELATION'S MEETING**
Thursday, May 26
@ 7 PM



Graduation Sunday will be on Sunday, May 22, 2021

Celebrate with our graduates and their families on Sunday, May 22.
If you have or know of a High School or College graduate, please
complete the form below and return it to the Church office *before* May10,
2022. Questions, contact the Church Office.

Graduate's Name:

Parent's / Guardian's Names:

School Graduated From:

Plans after Graduation:

Awards, Accomplishments, and Recognitions:

Anything special you'd like to share with the Congregation:



Send a Note to Our Shut-Ins



Chuck	Patterson	785 Johnsonburg Rd.	St. Marys	PA	15857	Elk Haven
Barb	Patterson	785 Johnsonburg Rd.	St. Marys	PA	15857	Elk Haven
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
Denise	Chicola	479 Chestnut Street	St. Marys	PA	15857	
Anita	Vollmer	Sunrise Road	St. Marys	PA	15857	



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SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

May 18, 19, 20 7-8:30
in Asbury Hall
Conducted by Rev. Megan Miles

REMINDER

Food Donations for the
Christian Food Bank
can be put in the box in the old kitchen or
brought into the church office.

CURRENT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHAIRS

Ad Board Chair Dave Fitzgerald
PPRC Chair Joyce Fledderman
Finance Chair Laura Horchen
Christian Ed Chair Shawna Grim
Trustee Chair Fred Krug
Worship Chair Carolyn Hockman
Lay Leader Carol Cunningham
UM Women President Sharon Herzing

2022 United Methodist Women Looking Ahead

June 17-18—Ladies' Rummage, Bake Sale, & Lunch
June 27— Annual Picnic Bring a Tureen to share



VBS Meeting 6:30 pm Monday May 16



Man to Man

The men meet on
Wednesday evenings
at 7:00 PM at church
All Men Welcome!

Kane District Conference
Sunday May 1 3-5 PM
At FUMC

Pavilion Clean UP



On Wednesday May 18 at 6:00 we will have a clean up night at the pavilion. Lots of help is needed to make this project quick and easy. Pizza and drinks will be provided!

We have many reservation for the pavilion this summer along with a couple tentative dates to have worship there. It is such a blessing to worship the Lord in nature.

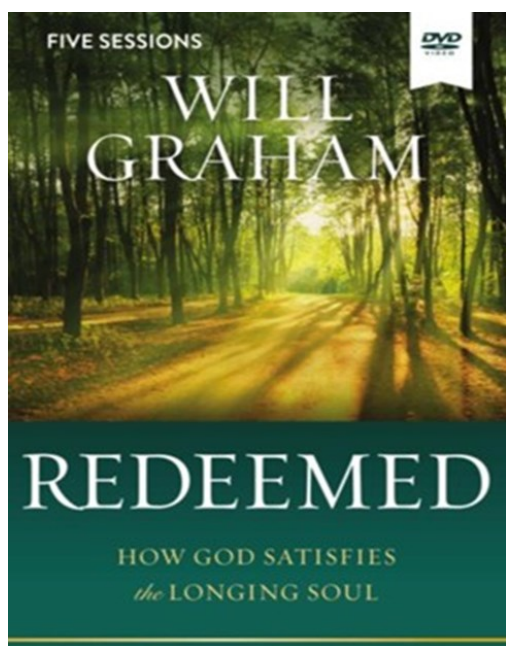
Please consider lending your time to help out.



TWO ARE BETTER
THAN ONE, BECAUSE
THEY HAVE A GOOD REWARD
FOR THEIR LABOR, FOR IF
THEY FALL, THE ONE WILL LIFT
UP HIS FELLOW;
BUT WOE TO HIM WHO IS ALONE
WHEN HE FALLS, AND
DOESN'T HAVE ANOTHER
TO LIFT HIM UP.
ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
ASBURY HALL**

**Begins May 1, 2022
LEADER, SHAWNA GRIM**



Redeemed: How God Satisfies the Longing Soul

Will Graham is the grandson of renowned preacher Billy Graham and son of Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. Will shares stories and teachings from his life about what it means to be redeemed in Christ. As Will has traveled the globe, he has observed that deep longing inside each of our souls: we are all *hungering* for something.

Sessions include:

- A New Understanding of God's Love
- A New Freedom from the Past
- A New Heart and Purpose
- A New Outlook on Difficulties
- A New Longing to Share Christ

**SIGN UP FOR MATERIALS IN THE OLD KITCHEN. PLEASE
INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO ORDER A BOOK.**



**Sunday School Teachers / Helper(s)
needed**

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers & Helpers for a Junior/Senior High Class to begin this Fall. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us in this need. Our children are our greatest treasure. Teaching them about Jesus is a necessity and you can play an important role in sharing the Light of the World with them. If you are able to help, call Shawna Grim or the Pastor. Current teachers are willing to be flexible as to what age group they teach, so if you would prefer a different group please let Shauna or Pastor know of your interest.

**Activity Bags for Children
available in the back entryway.
Each bag contains hand sanitizer & tissues.
Feel free to take your
drawings or pictures home.**



**OUR CHURCH 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.**

We are excited to announce our first **Community Vacation Bible School** that will take place this summer. Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Faith Baptist Church, The Benezette Methodist Charge, and First United Methodist Church will join together at the FUMC Pavilion to hold **Rocky Railway VBS** beginning Sunday, August 7th – Thursday, August 11th. At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through life's ups and downs.

Our next VBS planning meeting will be held on Monday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. For anyone that is volunteering for VBS, **Safe Sanctuary Training will be held on the following dates at First United Methodist Church and you will need to attend one session.** If you are unable to make one of these sessions, we are working on scheduling a make-up date.



May 18th – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

May 19th – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

May 20th – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for VBS please contact Sherri Cunningham at 814-541-8939 or cunninghamsa13@gmail.com.



Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-5 PM

DONATIONS OF DESSERTS APPRECIATED

For info or to volunteer please contact
Carol Cunningham 814-781-7401

***During the month of March**

Bowls of Love served a total of 318 meals*



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

“When God Created Mothers”

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

What's it for?"

It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius, " said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

— Erma Bombeck, [When God Created Mothers](#)



Spiritual and Prayer Preparation for the Church during Pastoral Transition

Day 1: Prayer to prepare my heart (Psalm 139:24, Psalm 51:1a;10)

Omniscient God, you know when I sit down and when I rise. You understand my thoughts from a distance. Search me now and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. Lord, have mercy according to your loving kindness. Remake my heart and renew my Spirit, so that I may know and do your will.

Day 2: Prayer for discernment and wisdom (James 1:5a; 3:17)

Generous God, today I come asking for wisdom and wise judgement that comes from above. I believe when I ask without doubting, you will give generously and without finding fault. Reveal to me all that is pure; peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, capable of bearing good fruit, impartial and sincere. So that all of my ways will be pleasing to you. Amen

Day 3: Offer Support (Isaiah 53:1)

Like the birds hovering overhead, so may the LORD of hosts so protect First United Methodist Church and our Pastor Hoover and Pastor Sang Lee. The LORD will protect and deliver us, he will spare and rescue us. As a bird from heaven may I support Pastors Hoover and Lee and our church to accomplish God's will. Amen

Day 4: Prayer for unity in body of Christ (Psalm 133:1; 1 Cor 12)

How good and pleasant it is when your people live together in unity. Help us remember we are all baptized by one Spirit to form one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Cause us to celebrate the many parts that have been placed in this church, every one of them, just as you wanted them to be. May First UMC have no divisions in this Body, but have equal concern for each other. May we never be found saying one to another, I have no need of you. Amen

Day 5: Prayer for Pastors Hoover and Lee and their families (Matthew 6:26-30)

As the Father in heaven cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, may God care for Pastors Hoover and Lee. Care for their basic needs, take away their worries and clothe them in your glory. Give them such faith so it overflows to share the treasures of heaven with First UMC and Harbor Creek. Amen

Day 6: Prayer for Blessings on Congregation (Psalm 66:8)

Bless our God, First UMC. Let the sound of our praises for our gracious Lord be heard May blessings of heaven fall upon First UMC and may we share God's salvation to our community and all the world. Amen

Day 7: Praise and thanksgiving to God (Isaiah, 25:1; Psalm 150)

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, all glory and honor belong to You, and You are worthy of my praise. I praise you in the sanctuary; I praise You in your mighty heavens; I praise You for the acts of power; I praise your forgiveness, peace and love. If I don't praise the rocks will cry out. Let all my breath – Praise You Lord.



Exercise Class with Cindy

Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Wednesday at 8:00 am in Asbury Hall.

Beginning May 17 she will be holding classes every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:00 at the pavilion. Each class will begin with a devotion, then some warm up stretches. If you are new to exercise class you don't have to be intimidated. Everyone can work at their own level and she will make modifications for those who are unable to get down on the ground by doing chair exercises. (Please bring a mat or beach towel.) Everyone is welcome, all ages, male or female. You do not need to be a church member to attend, find a friend to attend with you or make a new friend! Come join in!!

You may contact Cindy with questions at 814-321-4256

What is Memorial Day

(From Wikipedia)



Memorial Day (originally known as **Decoration Day**^[1]) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.^[2] It is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.^[3]

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.^[4]

Many cities and people have claimed to have first celebrated the event. In 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic called for a "Decoration Day", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military: Armed Forces Day (which is earlier in May), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, and Veterans Day (on November 11), which honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.^[5]



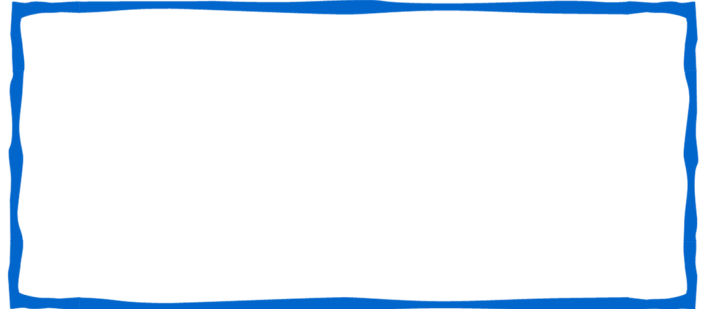
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REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

MEMORIAL DAY

