



First Family News

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIME
8:45AM ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING
9:00AM WORSHIP
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON BREAK FOR SUMMER

WORSHIP & VBS PROGRAM AT THE PAVILION
FOLLOWED BY A POT LUCK LUNCH

Sunday, August 14, 2022 10:00 AM

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

Last names beginning with the letters A-G to bring a Salad

Last names beginning with the letters H-R to bring a Main Dish

Last names beginning with the letters S-Z to bring a Dessert



August Message From Pastor Lee

New Beginning

A few days ago, I found on my computer a note I had jotted down about how to adapt to a new circumstance. Probably, I read it in an article a few years ago and made a note, because I thought it might be useful at some point.

The article said that to adapt well to a new circumstance, there are six instructions. First, don't wish to be known by others. Just work hard to learn the new circumstance. Second, do whatever you learn from the new place. Third, be patient. Everybody needs time to adjust to a new circumstance. Fourth, do not ignore trivialities in a new place. When people do well for trivial things at the beginning, they can do bigger things well later. Fifth, do not worry about the future or something not happening yet. Sixth, do not worry about any failure. We are not perfect, and everybody can make mistakes at any time. If we worry about our future and failures too much, we will stay on one point and will not move forward.

I recently got here, Saint Marys. Everything is new to me and my family. My family needs time to adapt to these new circumstances. Also, you all need time to adapt to the new circumstance of me as your new pastor. So, let us remember these six instructions to adapt to this new circumstance as we move forward together.

New circumstances can come to us at any time and at any age. One day, I led services at nursing homes, and I shared with the residents about Caleb. In Joshua 14, when Caleb was 85 years old, he challenged Joshua to attack the Promised Land because God promised that land to them long ago. Caleb was willing to begin a new life because of God's promise.

Also, when we read Deuteronomy 34, we learn that Joshua received the command to lead the Israelites from Moses. At that time, he was around 93 years old. He led the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land.

There are common features between them. First, Joshua and Caleb were old men when they found themselves in new circumstances. However, they began anyway, because they knew if God is with them, age was not an issue for them. Second, they had great role models. Moses was a great role model for Joshua, and Joshua was a good role model for Caleb. Third, they trusted and obeyed God fully. Joshua chapter 1 says Joshua lived with and obeyed the Words of God. Also, Caleb believed God's promise fully that the people of Israel would get the Promised Land.

How about you?

Do you trust God fully? Please trust God fully. God is with us all the time in our routine days and in our new circumstances. When we are with God, we will be better even though we may be in a difficult situation.

Do you have a great model for your life? Yes, we have. It is Jesus Christ. He showed us how to serve and obey God, and to love others through His life.

Do you live with Words of God and obey? Even though we have a great thing, if we don't use it or don't know how to use it, it will be unworthy of our lives. Like this, everybody knows that God is good and His words are very valuable for our lives. However, if don't read and follow His directions in our daily lives, those words won't be helpful for our real lives.

Brothers and sisters in faith,

It is time to start again. Do not give up anything because of any condition. Do not be afraid of anything in our lives. Believe in God fully, follow the life of Jesus Christ, and obey His words. At that time, we can make something special in our lives. Remember as God promised Joshua to be with him all the time in Joshua 1: 5-9, He will be with us and help us accomplish our goals for Him and for us.

God bless you!
Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
BETH GORNATI**

GIVEN BY

KRIS KRONENWETTER
SMAHS CLASS OF 1972
JOSEPH VOLLMER
DEB HAYDEN
JOYCE CAMPBELL
PAULA MERTEL
CAROL CUNNINGHAM
THOM & SANDY HOFFMAN
MRS. DAVID GRIEGGS
MIKE & SUSAN RETTGER
DARRELL & JUDY DUBLER
JIM HORCHEN FAMILY
DAVE & NANCY PLOWS
CHUCK & KELLY MATTSON
JIM & SHARON LONG
LARRY & SUZIE SPERRY
CINDY & MIKE RIPPY
FLOYD & DEANNE MCAFOOSE
MARY THORWART
TOM & JEAN PRICE
PASTOR TIM & NANCY HOOVER
JIM & CHRISTINE LEWIS
Mary Ann & Dean Glover
Joyce Fledderman
Jean Dodrill
Bob & Betty Walker
Stephen Shaffer
Fred & Diane Krug
Doug & Linda Smith
Roy & Michelle Krise
Kathy & Mike Reuscher
Gerry Frey
Julie & Dave Gornat
Jim & Gae Colligan
Cindy Schuster
Bill & Bonnie Gausman
Dennis and Marci Rogers



THANK YOU
THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR THE
prayers, cards, kindness. funeral
service & luncheon during this difficult time.
It is very much appreciated.

Ray Gornati & Family

THANK YOU

We would like to THANK our Church Family
for cards, prayers and concerns for John as he
is recovering at home. It is truly a Blessing so
many have reached out to us at this time.

God Bless You All and Love
John, Sally and Family.

**AUGUST
MEETINGS**

**STAFF PASTOR PARISH
RELATION'S MEETING**
Tuesday, Aug. 2
@ 7 PM

TRUSTEE MEETING
NOT YET SCHEDULED

FINANCE MEETING
Tuesday, Aug. 16
@ 7 PM

AD COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, Aug. 23
@ 7 PM



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	

Man to Man

The men meet on
Wednesday evenings
at **8:00 PM** at Pavilion
All Men Welcome!



Scripture Readers Needed

Please sign up in the old kitchen if you
are able to read during
Sunday worship.

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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
Worship Chair Carolyn Hockman
Lay Leader Carol Cunningham
UM Women President Sharon Herzing

Bowls of Love

Every Wednesday 4 PM-4:30 PM

DONATIONS OF DESSERTS APPRECIATED

For info or to volunteer please contact

Carol Cunningham 814-781-7401

***During the month of June**

Bowls of Love served a total of 331 meals*



2022 United Methodist Women Looking Ahead

Monday September 26—Fall Tureen

Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:00

September 16 & 17 Pie Booth at Fall Fest

Monday October 24—Meeting 7:00

Wednesday Nov. 16—Set up for Bazaar

Friday Nov. 18—Help needed for baking and pricing

Saturday Nov. 19 Bazaar

Monday December 5—Christmas Party

We are excited to announce our first **Community Vacation Bible School** that will take place this summer. Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Faith Baptist Church, The Benazette 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.

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



Christian Ed Meeting Thursday
Aug. 18 @ 6:30 PM

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

Acolyte Training

Children Grades 1st–8th Please sign up to be an acolyte. Training will be held after church Sunday, August 7. Sign up Sheet in old Kitchen



Sunday School Teachers / Helper(s) needed

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers & Helpers to begin this Fall. Current teachers are willing to be flexible as to what age group they teach, and lots of help is available if you are unsure how to get started. 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, please call Shawna Grim or the Pastor .

**Have you seen the Little Free Pantry Box out by the church entrance?
Give what you can.....Take what you need....**

Who is Little Free Pantry for? LFP is for those who want and/or need to give. LFP is for those not easily able to meet everyday food and personal needs. LFP is for a hungry kid after school or a home cook who forgot to buy an onion. LFP is for everyone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

**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

Exercise Class with Cindy

Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am 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



2022 Vacation Bible School Registration Form



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Childs Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Age: _____ Grade going onto: _____
Home Church: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Child's Doctor: _____
Allergies: _____

My child, listed above, has my permission to participate in the Vacation Bible School program at the First United Methodist Church's Pavilion on So. Michael Rd. in St. Marys, PA the week of Aug 8 -Aug 12. My Child has permission to be photographed or videotaped to be used on video screen on the web and / or on any other media. All children must be signed in and out daily by a legal guardian.

While we strive to ensure a wholesome, safe and closely supervised environment for the children in its care, The First United Methodist Church and its volunteers cannot be held liable and I will not hold them liable for any unforeseeable accidents or injuries which may occur during Vacation Bible School.

In the event of an emergency, if I cannot be reached, I give my permission for my child to receive emergency treatment at any hospital or emergency care center.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Children must be age 4 ~ entering 5th Grade

Please return Registration Forms to the First United Methodist Church Office at 140 N. St.Marys Street or email to cunninghamsa13@gmail.com.

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How does Little Free Pantry differ from other food pantries?

- The LFP is small, limiting its quantity and variety. Bricks-and-mortar food pantries are better at meeting pervasive need.
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- But some fall through the cracks. The LFP is a safety net.
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- For example, many bricks-and-mortar food pantries require an application. Most have hours of operation. Anyone may access the LFP at any time.
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- Additionally, bricks-and-mortar food pantries are service providers, those who use them, “clients.” LFP dissolves that professional boundary. Whether giving or taking, everyone approaches the LFP the same way, mediating the shame that accompanies need.
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- LFP is a centrally-located reminder of our neighbors’ need that creates neighborhood space for exercising compassion, trust, and mutual aid.

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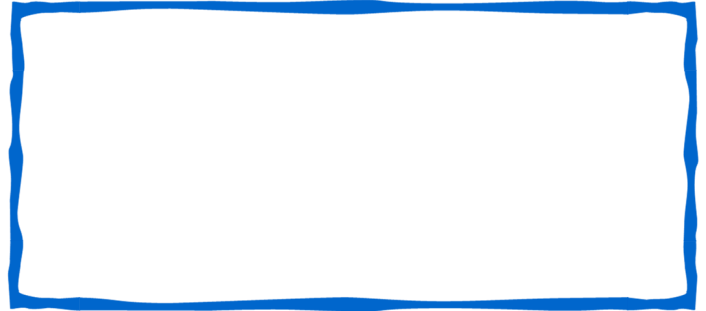
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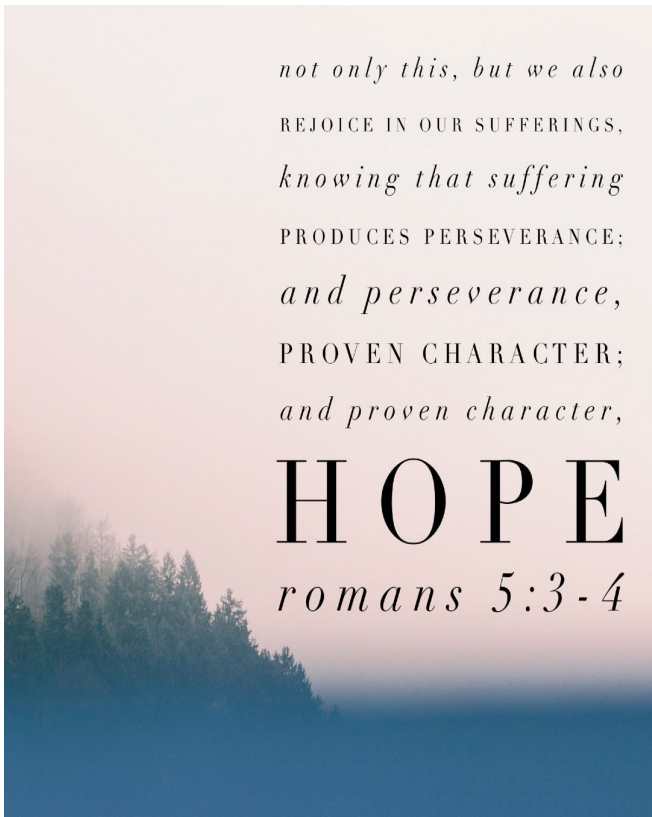
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Please let us know if your address changes.



*not only this, but we also
 REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS,
 knowing that suffering
 PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE;
 and perseverance,
 PROVEN CHARACTER;
 and proven character,*

H O P E
romans 5:3-4



At Your Service

The Reverend Sang Lee

“PASTOR LEE”

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
 8 AM to 4 PM

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 WITH CURRENT EVENTS**

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMC15857/>

To Post anything on the Church’s Facebook
 page, please email or call
 Pastor Lee or the Church Office.

