



First Family News

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UMW PIE BOOTH

FALL FEST Friday & Saturday September 16 and 17
at the park on Depot Street
(no Sunday sales)

Please plan now to bake **HOMEMADE** pies for our booth.

All types of pies will be needed: Fruit Cream Custard

There will be **sign-up sheets** in the old kitchen
and in the Welcome Center
for pies and for booth workers.
(pies will still be welcome if you forgot to sign-up)

Pies can be delivered to the church on
Thursday Sept. 15, 8:00–12:30 & 1:30–4:00
Friday Sept. 16, 8:00–12:30 & 1:30–4:00

Phone Mindy Gasbarre at 335-3686
anytime if you have a question.

September Message From Pastor Lee

Let's choose what God wants

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
(Psalm 37: 3-6)

We always have to make choices in our lives. Sometimes, those are very important matters in our lives, but sometimes they are not. Even though a choice may not be important in our lives, we worry about those decisions seriously and spend too much time on them. For instance, I have the experience that I spent time choosing food for lunch: a hamburger, any kind of Mexican food, a Chinese buffet, or Korean food. Sometimes, I spend time deciding whether to have a cheeseburger, a single burger, or a double burger.

Particularly, after summer, most people return to their routine lives. So, they probably have more time to choose something for their lives.

The American poet Robert Frost talked about this in his poem "The Road Not Taken."

This poem talks about choices in life. In this poem, the poet comes to a fork in the road in the woods. Both paths are very similar and overlaid with untrodden leaves. The poet chooses one and says that he will take the other another time. However, he already knows that it is not going to be easy to take the other one later. Then, he says at the last part of the poem: "I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

When I read this poem, I focused on a part of the last stanza, "I took the one less traveled by."

In Genesis 13, there is a story about Abram and Lot. God asked Abram to leave his country for the land that God would show him in Genesis 12:1. When they get there in chapter 13, the land was not enough for both, Abram and Lot's sides. Due to this reason, there was often strife between them.

So, Abram suggested in verse 8 that there be no more strife and said in verse 9 "Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left."

As you know, Lot chose the better land, actually around Sodom and Gomorrah, but these areas were destroyed later. It means Lot's choice was not good for him and his family.

Jesus says in Matthew 7: 13-14; "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

We have to remember that when we meet a fork, sometimes, it is much better for us to pick the one that people use less or that narrow. Here is the reason: The choice God wants is not related to any kind of visible richness or visible relaxation. The choice is not always easy. The choice is not always obvious.

I hope we can choose the right things that God wants for us, so that we can prepare not only for our future in this world but for our eternal lives.

May God bless you!

Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
BETH GORNATI**

GIVEN BY
Ron & Faye Witmer
Sharon Herzing
Suzy Carlson

**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
GLENDA GROSCH**

GIVEN BY
CAROL CUNNINGHAM



**SEPTEMBER
MEETINGS**

**STAFF PASTOR PARISH
RELATION'S MEETING**
Tuesday, Sept.6
@ 7 PM

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Monday, Sept.12
@ 6:30 PM

TRUSTEE MEETING
Tuesday, Sept.13
@ 7 PM

FINANCE MEETING
Tuesday, Sept. 20
@ 7 PM

**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.

Today's Blessing

We are all blessed again
today with the gift
of life.

Thank GOD and let's
make something
good today.

Help others who need it.
Think of others who are
less fortunate.

One small positive
thought in the morning
can change your
whole day.



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
Alice	Steis	190 Taft Road	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!

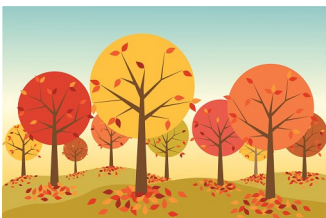
Scripture Readers Needed

Please sign up in the old kitchen
for September/October.



CURRENT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHAIRS

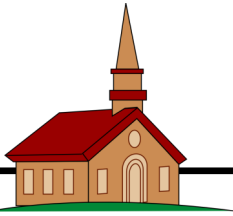
Ad Board Chair Dave Fitzgerald
PPRC Chair Joyce Fledderman
Finance Chair Laura Horchen
Christian Ed Chair Shawna Grim
Trustee Chair Bob Buerk
Worship Chair Carolyn Hockman
Lay Leader Carol Cunningham
UM Women President Sharon Herzing



REMINDER

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





**FALL/ WINTER WORSHIP TIME
WILL BE 10:15 AM BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 11**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume
September 18th at 9:00 AM.
Classes being offered this school
year will be
Kindergarten/1st grade,
2nd -5th grade & 6th,7th,8th grade.
These classes will meet downstairs.
Also an Adult Class
will be held in Asbury Hall.

Sunday School Assistant(s) needed

We are still in need of assistants (not teachers) for our Sunday School
Classes. 2 or more adults are needed for each class. please contact
Shawna if you are able to help.



Youth Group

Kick off for Youth Group
Sunday Sept. 18 5:30– 7:00 at the Pavilion
Prepare for Games, Fun and Fellowship.
Grades 6 through 12 welcome!
Bring a friend (even if they don't attend our church)!
Supper will be served....Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Parents welcome to stay!



**Join the
Youth Group**



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 July
Bowls of Love served a total of 303 meals***

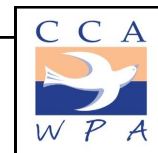
Exercise Class with Cindy

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



**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING
ASSOCIATES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**



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Counseling Associates (CCA) is to
provide excellent, accessible, and comprehensive
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Ready to make an appointment?

Call **724-396-1510** or CCAWPA@gmail.com

**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



**United Methodist Women
Annual Fall Tureen Dinner**

Monday, September 26 Asbury Hall

Social Hour: 5:30

Tureen Dinner 6:00

Meat and rolls will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share and
your own table service.

Speaker—Jonathan Orris M.S.

Christian Counseling
Associates of W. PA.

Mr. Orris holds offices hours
at our church.

All Women Welcome!!



Please do NOT bring anymore
jars to the church. We are in the
process of getting rid of
what we have.

Thank You



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