



First Family News

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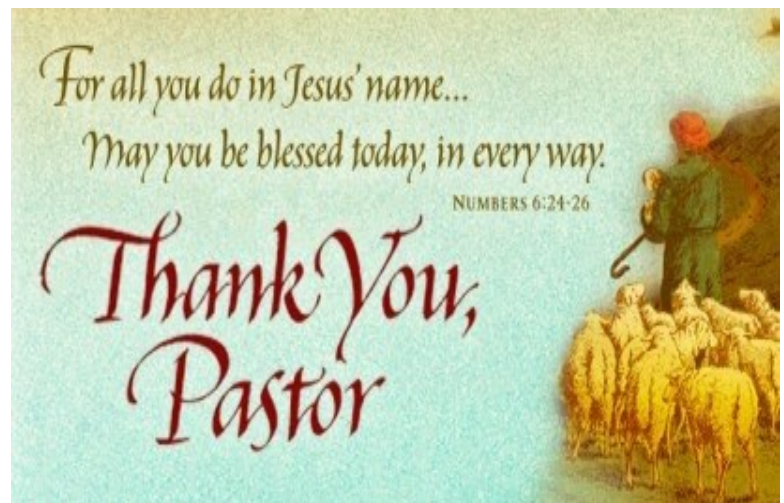


Sunday October 9 Worship will be at the Pavilion (No Sunday School)

The Youth Group will be having coffee and donuts prior to worship beginning at 9:30. Come early and enjoy some fellowship time! Monetary donations will be accepted to further Youth Group Ministries.



Pastor Appreciation Day October 9





October Message From Pastor Lee

The Season of Harvest

As most of you know, I am from Seoul in South Korea. So, I have never experienced farming or working in the fishing industry. However, when I was in the military, we soldiers supported many farmers during several busy farming seasons. Also, because I planted churches in a fishing village and a farm village, I could see what locals did in the ocean and on their farms. But I am still not a good person for farming or any kind of fishing industry.

When farmers plant their crops each year, they expect a bumper crop. They check the weather and the environment to find the right time for planting. Then, they take care of crops. They water them regularly. Sometimes, they spray herbicides or pesticides to protect the plants from weeds or some bugs. They work very hard for a bumper crop at harvest.

However, things don't go as they wish. Sometimes because of unexpected weather, disease, or insects, farmers can harvest less than expected. Although many farmers are disappointed with less harvest than they expected, they will plant again next year because of a hope that the next year won't be the same as this year, or next year may be better than this year.

I think that it is a great lesson for all of us, especially for our faith lives. Farmers are people who can start again, again, and again. Sometimes, I also think that true wisdom comes when we can start over again.

When we meet like that kind of situation – when we have to start over again and again - we need to be careful of cynicism. Cynicism means people distrust or disparage others or their motives. There is no hope, no excitement, and no warm hearts in their lives. They easily ignore others. Also, because of their attitudes, no one recognizes them.

Even though other people may help them with favors, they don't remember those kindnesses and sometimes even betray those people. Everybody may experience the same thing. Look at Jesus Christ. Jesus had always been with His 12 disciples for three years, but one of them, Judas Iscariot, betrayed Him. Although his disciple betrayed Him, Jesus still ordered His disciples, in Matthew 28: 19-20, to make disciples of God. The important thing we have to remember is that even during failure, disappointment, or betrayal, we need to start over again.

Here is a typical reason. When I was in Korea, a famous pro baseball player said that an attraction of all sports, especially in baseball, is that all teams can turn the game around at the last minute. Particularly, in baseball, the game can be turned around with two outs at the bottom of the 9th inning. Yogi Berra, who was a famous catcher in New York Yankees long ago, famously said "It ain't over 'till it's over."

Remember nothing is over till it is over in our lives. As Christians, it is deeply applied to life because God likes it. Please check the lives of Joseph, King David, Hannah, and Ruth from Moab. They all experienced a reversal in their lives.

Therefore, do not disappoint others even though you are disappointed. Like all farmers, let's dream for our future and our church future. Let's have a vision for our lives and church. Then, let's start over again.

At that time, God will help us to accomplish the best. Remember that it is not over till it is actually over, and we can start over any time because God is with us.

May God bless you!
Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
DAVID GRIM**

GIVEN BY

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

I want to express our sincerest thanks for the outpouring of love and support you have shared with us in recent days in response to the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and husband, David Grim. Your countless expressions of support through calls, cards, gifts, food, emails, texts, prayers, and memorials are seeing us through a time when we are reflecting on the loss of David, yet rejoicing that he is with Jesus and no longer suffering.

We miss David, but the love he shared with us, and left with us, will continue to shed that light on our Lord Jesus and remind us to share that Love and Light of Jesus with those around us. That is what David was all about. Thank you again for your kindness and love.

God Bless,
Shawna Grim and Family

**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
BETH GORNATI**



GIVEN BY
Brenda Cunningham

**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.



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	

OCTOBER MEETINGS

**STAFF PASTOR PARISH
RELATION'S MEETING**
Tuesday, Oct. 4
@ 7 PM

Christian Ed Meeting
Monday Oct. 10
@ 6:30 PM

Ad Council Meeting
Tuesday Oct. 25
@ 7 PM

Man to Man



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



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





SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

Classes being offered this school year are
Kindergarten/1st grade,
2nd -5th grade & 6th,7th,8th grade.
These classes meet downstairs.
The Adult Class
meets in Asbury Hall.

October 9
WORSHIP at the Pavilion
10:10 AM (NO Sunday School)

Youth Group

GRADES 6-12

Sunday Evening 6-7 PM CHURCH PAVILION

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES, DEVOTION AND SNACKS
WE WELCOME ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
BRING A FRIEND!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9 SERVICE AT PAVILION
COFFEE & DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE SERVICE BY
OUR YOUTH.

MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO FURTHER
YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY!

THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH IS OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE!



The Youth Group is looking for
pumpkins for decorating
If you have any to donate Please place in
the old kitchen by Sunday October 9.
Thank You!





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 August**

Bowls of Love served a total of 363 meals*

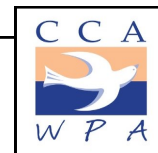
Exercise Class with Cindy

Cindy Schuster is currently having an exercise class each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am in Asbury Hall. 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**



*The mission of Christian
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 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



Looking for New Singers

**Choir Rehearsals
Resume**

REHEARSAL

Sunday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

CONTACT ADAM WITH QUESTIONS



**Choir Members
Welcome!**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19, 2022~~ 9 am — 2 pm / Lunch Eat In or To Go & Bake Sale All Day!

ORDER DEADLINE ~~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

If Possible, please pick up all pre-order items by 1 pm the day of the Bazaar

The following items may be pre-ordered by contacting Sharon (781-3584) or Alice (834-2787)

_____ Pumpkin Roll	\$15.00	_____	
_____ Noodles (now a 10oz. bag)	\$4.00	_____	
_____ Hot Dog Sauce, pt.	\$6.00	_____	
_____ Chicken Rivoti Soup, qt.	\$7.00	_____	
_____ Beef Vegetable Soup, qt.	\$7.00	_____	
_____ Sticky Buns (6)	\$6.00	_____	
_____ Sweet Rolls (6)	\$6.00	_____	
_____ Pumpkin Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Apple Cranberry Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Apple Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Blueberry Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Strawberry-Rhubarb	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Blackberry Pie	\$15.00	_____	(baked or frozen)
_____ Pecans (Plain) 16 oz.	\$12.00	_____	
_____ Pecans (Choc. covered) 12 oz.	\$12.00	_____	

TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____



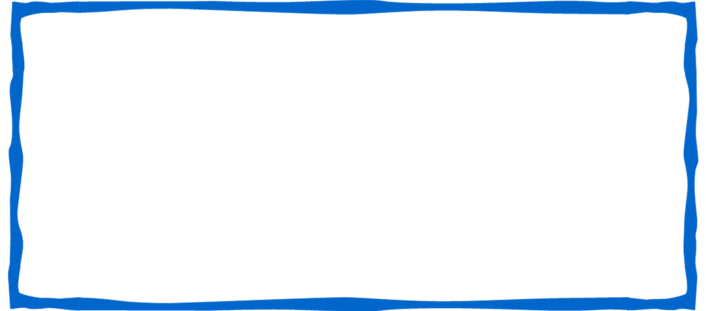
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At Your Service

The Reverend Sang Lee

“PASTOR LEE”

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8 AM to 4 PM

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WITH CURRENT EVENTS**

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

