



First Family News

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WORSHIP
10:10 AM
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

YOUTH GROUP 6:00 PM



Charge Conference
Monday November 7

SPPRC meets at 6:30
Conference begins at 7:00

Everyone Welcome



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday November 19
9:00-2:00



See all the details in this newsletter!



November Message From Pastor Lee



Dear brothers and sisters in faith.

It is a season for thanksgiving now.

As everyone knows, Thanksgiving's background comes from the story of Pilgrims in America. When they arrived here in America, they thanked God for their first harvests, even though there were lots of risks as they settled in a new land.

Because of this story, Thanksgiving is a very meaningful holiday to all Americans, especially to every Christian.

However, I am sometimes so sorry for the current atmosphere of Thanksgiving. Why? Sometimes, I have felt that the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original significance nowadays. It is just another holiday for uniting family members and spending time together in fun and fellowship.

I hope this Thanksgiving will be a great chance for everyone to thank God and recognize the blessings from God.

I think many people forget how grateful life is powerful.

There is a story that shows the power of thanks. It is about a Japanese businessman, Takeda. He was one of the great successful businessmen in Japan, being a major shareholder of more than 100 companies in Japan. However, he was actually famous for being the CEO of Tamago Boro, which is a very popular snack among kids. Known as "egg biscuits," its share of the market in Japan is around 60% of the kids' snack market.

To make the best snack for kids, he had two strategies. The first one was to use eggs of the best quality. The second one was the requirement for employees to say "thank you" to the biscuits, or cookies, when they make them. He said that the wave of positive minds influences the products and that if people can say "thank you" more than 3,000 times a day, their lives will be changed. So, when all employees made the egg biscuits while saying the words "thank you," the quality of the biscuits became the best. According to him, when people say "thank you," they mostly smile so that a positive atmosphere can be formed, making the best quality.

This teaching is not a new idea about thanks, because the Bible already emphasizes "thanksgiving" all the time:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalms 100: 4)

Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5: 20-21)

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

There are so many reasons for us to thank God all the time. The best reason is that He saved us from sin and gave us the great hope of Heaven. Therefore, let's start to thank God in our daily lives. Let's try to make a list of things for which to thank God each day. You will find so many reasons to thank God. How about we think to start with thanks for giving us our lives?

I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with thanks to God.

May God bless you!

Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
DAVID GRIM**

GIVEN BY
Sharon Herzing
Bob & Sandy Buerk



Man to Man

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



Alice Steis (95 years old) and **Joanne Johnson** (90 years old)
Making pies for the upcoming bazaar.
Thank you ladies for your dedication!

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



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	



1:00 pm
Saturday
Nov. 26

Everyone
Welcome to join
in and help
Beautify the
Sanctuary for the
Holiday Season

Sunday November 27

******HOPE******



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Evening 6-7 PM

AT CHURCH PAVILION (WEATHER PERMITTING) GRADES 6-12

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES, DEVOTION AND SNACKS

WE WELCOME ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS BRING A FRIEND!



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

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.

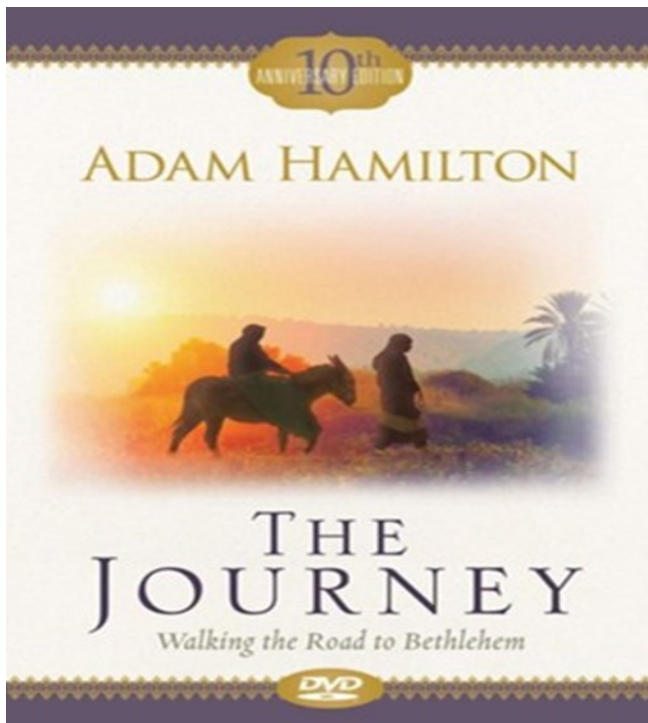
The Adult Class meets in Asbury Hall.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING, DECEMBER, 2022
ASBURY HALL



The Journey

In *The Journey* video Bible Study, Adam Hamilton invites us to the Holy Land to research the customs, practices, and beliefs of the first century in this look at the people and places in the Christmas story.

He travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

Join us for this study based on portraits of the major characters and places in the Christmas story. Hamilton journeyed to the Holy Land to research this project, sharing customs, practices, and beliefs of the first century that open new windows to our understanding of the birth of our Savior.



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 September**

Bowls of Love served a total of 307 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
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

2022 United Methodist Women Looking Ahead

Wednesday Nov. 16—Set up for Bazaar

Friday Nov. 18—Help needed for baking and pricing

Saturday Nov. 19 Bazaar

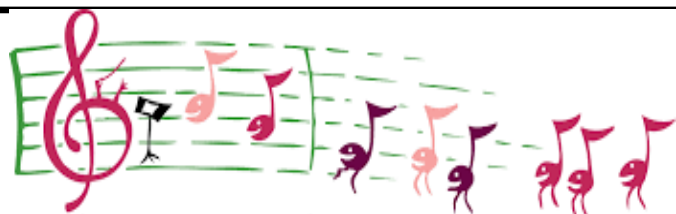
Monday December 5—Christmas Party

November 11



REMINDER

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



Choir Rehearsals Resume

REHEARSAL

Sunday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

CONTACT ADAM WITH QUESTIONS

Looking for New Singers

New



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 _____