



First Family News

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:10 AM
LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

YOUTH GROUP 6:00 PM

BEGINNING JANUARY 8
FELLOWSHIP TIME
9:45 AM — 10:05 AM
IN CONFERENCE ROOM
OFF NEW KITCHEN

**May You Enjoy The Presence
Of Christ In Your Life
This New Year**

Josh 1:9 (KJV)

**"...Be strong and of a good courage;
be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:
for the LORD thy God [is] with thee ..."**

Settled In Heaven Ministries



January Message From Pastor Lee

Dear brothers and sisters in faith,

I want to give you New Year's greetings with the Words in 3 John verse 2: "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."

In 3 John, "Beloved" to John indicates Gaius. However, to our Lord, beloved indicates us, who believe in Jesus.

There is a Korean contemporary worship song, "You are Created to Receive the Greatest Love." Here are its lyrics.

"You are created to receive the greatest love.
You experience this love in every portion of your life.
From the beginning, God has shown His love to bless you.
As we greet and bless each other, there is fruit of love
Because you are with us, we experience tremendous joy
Let us come before our God with thanksgiving in our heart
You are created to receive the greatest love
You now experience this never-ceasing love
You are created to receive the greatest love
You now experience this never-ceasing love"

Please remember that you are created to receive the greatest love and to love each other.

Jesus said in John 15: 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Then God promises us in 1 John 3:23-24 that "And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this, we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit he has given us."

Particularly, we are created to receive the greatest love and love each other more. Therefore, let's love more people this year.

God showed us His eternal love first. So, let's trust God first.

Even though God doesn't give us what we want, how much we want, or when we want, let's trust that God will do it at the right time because that is the best for us.

I hope you accomplish everything with God's will in this New Year. I pray that God provides you with what you want. I also pray that God fills you with His wisdom, joy, love, and grace in 2023.

May God bless you!

Rev. Sang Hak Lee



**MEMORIAL
IN MEMORY OF
John Murone
Given by**

Jim Horchen Family
Thom & Sandy Hoffman
Suzy Carlson
Ray Gornati
Diane & Fred Krug
Bonnie & Bill Gausman

Tom & Jean Price
Joyce Campbell
Paula Mertel
Linda & Doug Smith
Jim & Christine Lewis

Where does one begin to say "Thank You"?

Our family was so Blessed to have a Church family to go with us on the journey we had with John. The cards the prayers, gifts and the thoughts for us will never be forgotten. A special "Thank You" to the 9:00 am Group people.

John had one wish to be home on Wehler Rd and with a lot of help we were able to do this for him, Our prayers to God were we would not have to put him in a nursing home and Our Saviour would take him peacefully in his sleep. Both of these prayers were answered for us. We know John is in His Heavenly home with Our Lord and loved ones.

Another special Thank You for Pastor Lee and Mrs.Lee for their visits with family and John. These visits were indeed a special time for all of us. We are all so blessed to have these two people in our town and especially at the First United Methodist Church.

So Thank You, Thank You for being with us on our journey.

God Bless and Love Sally, John, Lisa and Frank



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	
Norm	McCoy	763 Johnsonburg Rd	St. Marys	PA	15857	Pinecrest Manor

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.



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 Cathy Nesbitt
UM Women President Sharon Herzing

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Evening 6-7 PM
IN ASBURY HALL 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

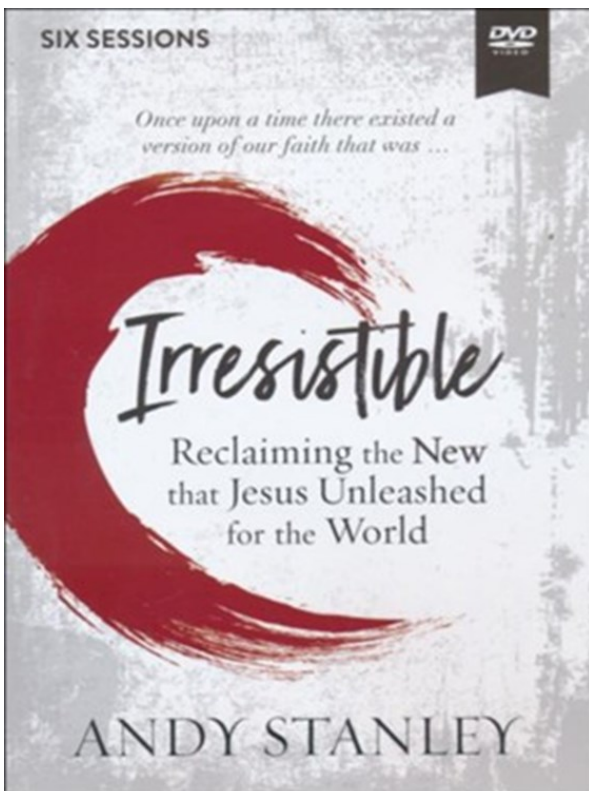
Classes being offered this
school year are
Kindergarten/1st grade,
2nd -5th grade & 6th,7th,8th grade.
These classes meet downstairs.
The Adult Class
meets in Asbury Hall.



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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
LEADER: SHAWNA GRIM

BEGINNING, January, 2023
ASBURY HALL



Irresistible, Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed For the World

Once upon a time there was a version of our faith that was practically . . . **irresistible**. What did first-century Christians know that we don't? In this six-session study, Andy Stanley will invite you to embrace the version of faith that, against all odds, initiated a chain of events resulting in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen. A version we must embrace if we are to be salt and light in an increasingly savorless and dark world. Two thousand years ago, Christians risked persecution and death for the sake of their faith. What would happen if 21st-century believers followed their lead? Taking you back to a time when Christianity couldn't be ignored, marginalized, or eradicated, Stanley shows how the early church turned the world upside down---and how we can recover that same faith.

Andy helps us consider the faith modeled by our first-century brothers and sisters who had no official Bible, and little chance of survival. What made their faith so irresistible? Andy will invite you to embrace the faith that caused the most significant cultural transformation the world has ever seen and how Jesus's arrival signaled that the Old Testament was fulfilled and its laws reduced to a single verb - **love** - to be applied to God, neighbor, and enemy.

JANUARY MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 3 7:00 PM—SPPRC Meeting

Thursday, January 5 6:30 PM— Disaffiliation Meeting
All Church Members Welcome

Tuesday, January 24 6:30 PM—AD Council Meeting



Several Additional people needed to fill vacancies in our
Communion Steward schedule.

Help prepare for Communion 3 x's /year.

For more information contact Lesa at 814-834-6402 (evenings).

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

9:00 AM—MONDAY IN Asbury Hall

6:30 PM— MONDAY IN Asbury Hall

4:00 PM— THURSDAY IN Conference Room

CONTACT Carol Cunningham or Joyce Fledderman

New Members Sunday January 8

New Members Accepted During Worship
Please Contact the church office (814-834-3016) or
Pastor Lee for more information



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 November**

**Bowls of Love served a total of 393 meals and during
December 237 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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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



Christmas Flowers 2022

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Jeff & Linda Johnson	Deceased family members		
Jeff & Linda Johnson		Veterans	
Jim Horchen family	Abby Horchen		
Bill & Paula Swasta	Parents		
George & Lesa Lamb	Jeff Lamb		
George & Lesa Lamb	Our parents		
Bill & Bonnie Gausman	Paul Grabofski		
Bill & Bonnie Gausman	Janice Molella		
Marlene Pistner			X
Bob & Sandy Buerk	Phil & Pat Buerk		
Joann Johnson	Bill Johnson		
Carol Cunningham	Merle Cunningham		
Carol Cunningham	Parents		
Priscilla & Richard Phillips	Our parents & siblings		
Ron & Faye Witmer	Mary Wenger		
Ron & Faye Witmer	Ryan Herman		
John & Sally Murone	Loved Ones		
Don & Dee Corp			X
Mike & Cyndi Rippy	Vada Liptak		X
Gabbie Steele		Richie & Karen Lewis	
Tim & Carolyn Hockman	Parents & grandparents		
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Tim & Carolyn Hockman		Pastor Lee & family	



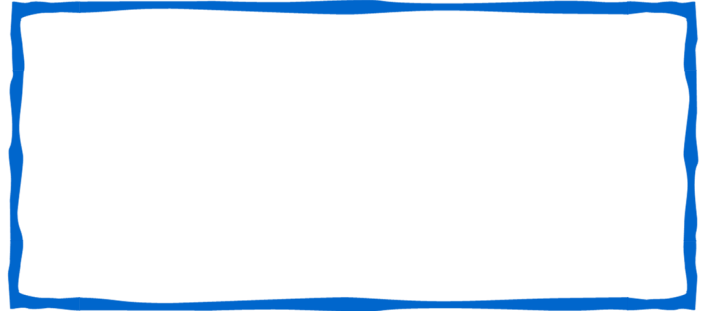
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At Your Service

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.

