



THE GOOD NEWS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ...

We are moving through the Church season of Lent. April 17th will be Easter Sunday, and while that sounds quite a ways off, it will be here quickly! A schedule of our services is located on page 12 & 13 of this newsletter. I especially want to encourage you to take some time for prayer and reflection prior to Easter Sunday. There are a variety of ways to do this. I know not everyone will be able to attend a service in person, but our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services will be available online. Maundy Thursday will be available beginning at noon and Easter Sunday will be available at 10:30am. As always, they are posted to our Facebook pages and YouTube channel. Once posted, they remain available. Our Sunday morning services are also available on 93R Radio on Sunday mornings at 9am.

One of the reasons I feel prayer and reflection are important is because they prepare us for Easter. Without preparation, some of the significance of Easter is lost. Participating in Maundy Thursday or Good Friday reminds us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. Recognition of the sacrifice is critical to truly experiencing Easter. Otherwise, we are in danger of it being just another Sunday except with lilies and new outfits.

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St. Marys UMC

Little Kanawha District

West Virginia Conference

Northeastern Jurisdiction

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With that in mind, I want to share with you a devotion for Good Friday and one for Easter Sunday. They come from Henri J.M. Nouwen, a great spiritual leader and one of my favorite writers. I hope you find them meaningful!

Blessings & Love,
Clare

GOOD FRIDAY — HIDDEN WHOLENESS

“When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’” John 19:30

Your life story is a beautiful and mysterious story and without any doubt your story reveals that you have been wounded along the way. You’ve been wounded because you experienced God’s first love through the brokenness of those who reflected God’s love to you — your father, your mother, your brother, your sister. They are people who loved you to a greater or lesser degree, but who were limited because of the wounds of their own lives. Sometimes they loved you in ways that were painful for you. They wounded you — not because they wanted to wound you, but because they are broken people.

There seems to be a deep breakage within that is often called original sin. Your parents inherited it. So did you and I. We are born to love but we cannot love unconditionally. It is wonderful and it is terrible. You grow because of it and you suffer because of it.

What is important is that you try to accept and integrate the wondrous and incredible mystery: you have been brought in touch with God’s first love through channels that were broken, and through your woundedness you are ushered into the experience of the “first love.” “Blessed are the poor” begins to make sense in this context.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your saving action we have been set free — free of sin, free of all wounds, free of death itself. Amen.

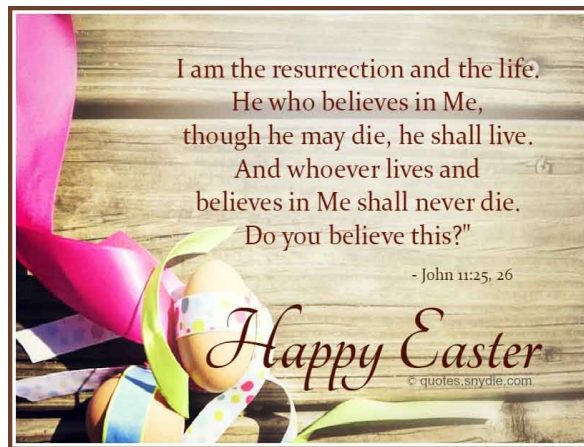
EASTER SUNDAY — BE NOT AFRAID

“The women went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”
Mark 16:8

When you forget your true identity as a beloved child of God, you lose your way in life. You become scared and start doing things, not freely but because of fear. You find yourself preoccupied trying to please others and you lose your sense of yourself. You work hard to avoid rejection, or abandonment, or loneliness and you may cling to people and places more from fear than from freedom. Making compromises you may please people but you lose touch with your original blessing, the deep and everlasting love of God.

Jesus came to announce to you, “Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly.”

Alleluia! Christ has risen, and we are no longer afraid. Amen!



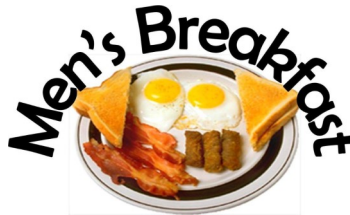
Did you know that our weekly radio broadcast airs on Sunday mornings at 9 AM on 93.9 FM. Our weekly worship video posts at 10:30 AM on our 2 Facebook pages and on YouTube. These are outreach ministries the church supports through its budget. Please share this information!



United Methodist Men

Meet on the 3rd Sunday morning for breakfast
at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

All men are welcome



UPCOMING BREAKFAST MEETING

No April Meeting

May 15th

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Church Council - 7 PM

May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8

Trustees - 5 PM

May 15, July 10, September 11, November 13

Finance Committee - 6 PM

April 26, July 13, October 11

Lay Leadership and Nominations - 6 PM

May 25, July 20, August 10

Staff-Parish Relations - 6 PM

June 15, September 14, November 9

United Methodist Women News



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

The unit meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at 6 PM
in the Chapel
(executive committee meets at 5 PM).

APRIL

Executive Committee - Monday April 4th at 5 PM

Circles - Monday April 4th at 6 PM

Program: ***The Land Shall Observe a Sabbath***

MAY

Executive Committee - Monday May 2nd at 5 PM

Circles - Monday May 2nd at 6 PM

Program: ***Celebrate the Little Stuff***

YOUR INVITED

West Virginia has the nation's highest per capita rate of children in foster care. We invite you to become part of a church-led foster care movement that is bringing new ideas and practices to West Virginia.

The **All In Foster Care Summit**, features national and state child welfare leaders.

Summit Featured Speakers

Neal Brown - Head Football Coach, West Virginia University

Jason Johnson - Director of Church Mobilization and Engagement at
Christian Alliance for Orphans

Lynn Johnson - President and Founder, ALL IN Fostering Futures;
Former Assistant Secretary for U.S. Health Services'
Administration for Children and Families

Chestnut Ridge Church - Morgantown, WV

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

8 AM - 4:30 PM

Register and find additional information at cmvww.org

ST. MARYS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LEADERS

2022

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Max Powell, Chair	Clare Sulgit	Keith White
Randy Nutter	Gary Loughner	Beverly Stutzman
Pat Mays	Karen Conaway	Judy Nutter
Carla Conaway	Louise McLaughlin	Melissa Carder
Diane Braun	George Little	Bill Carder
Al Thacker	Suzanne Rouse	Margaret White
Rick McCullough	Jim McKnight	Pam Hamilton
Mike McGee	Sheila Hickman	

MEMBERS OF STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Melissa Carter, Chair	Lori Barnhart	Brian Westfall
Richard Conaway	Tim Ambrose	Keith White
Frank Ennis, Vice-Chair	Beverly Stutzman	Bryan Poling

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Diane Braun, Chair	Carol Carder	Mindy Hadley
Danny Davis	Robbie Evans	Al Thacker
Sherie Poling	Keith White	Max Powell
Randy Nutter	Beverly Stutzman	Clare Sulgit
Melissa Carder	Liz Loughner, Vice-Chair	Gary Loughner
George Little		

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Clare Sulgit, Chair	Gretchen Himmeger	Karen Conaway
Jim McKnight	Karen Carpenter	Sharon McGee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

George Little, Chair	Sue Morgan	Mae Lewis
Andy Hickman, Vice Chair	Doug Poling	Gary Loughner
Liz Campbell, Secretary	John Davies	Tim Ambrose
Clare Sulgit		

THANK YOUS

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank You! Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries to fulfill the mission of the Church through evangelism and church growth. And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries.

United Methodist missionaries come from many places and backgrounds, witnessing and serving in dramatically different locales and cultures, engaging in a range of activities and professions as pastors, educators congregational and leadership developers, regional coordinators for UMCOR, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors.

Thank you for actively partnering with Global Ministries as we move forward in establishing over four hundred new congregations and faith communities in nations around the world. I ask that you pray that others will participate in this exciting movement of the Spirit through evangelism and church growth.

Grace & Peace,
Roland Fernandes, Global Ministries General Secretary
Supporting: Malawi Provisional Annual Conference

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pleasants County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., we would like to thank you for your generous donation. We were beyond thrilled to be the recipient of this money. This will be used for the construction of our next home which is currently underway on Chestnut Hill Road. This contribution helps us make it possible to meet our mission to provide safe and affordable housing for families in Pleasants County. PCHFH is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization and a member in good standing of Habitat for Humanity International.

We accept no state or federal funds for the construction or repayment of our homes or in our repair projects. All monies toward the construction and repairs are raised through donation, fund raisers and repayment of the mortgages for our current mortgages. This is in addition to the minimum required hours of sweat equity to the construction by the mortgagee. We believe that families should have hand-up but not a hand-out in breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

We extend our gratitude for your gift of sharing and helping make the dream of home ownership affordable for a deserving family.

Sincerely, Beth Mankins, Treasurer

CELEBRATION OF MISSION

We are participating in Celebration of Mission Event again this year. The Little Kanawha District is collecting for Heart & Hand House and House of the Carpenter. Read on for more information.

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

The House of the Carpenter has finished construction of the Toni and Nancy Bedway Center for Youth in summer of 2020. As a result, the wide variety of ministries are expanding. We are currently serving over 1,100 people every week. The ministries are categorized three ways:

- ⇒ **The Ministries of Mercy:** These programs meet basic needs and include the Food Pantry, Weekend Backpack Program, Utility Assistance, Underwear Room, Christmas Kids, School Supplies and more.
- ⇒ **The Ministries of Transformation:** These programs seek to educate and provide opportunities for people to improve their quality of life and include Cooking programs, Pathways to Success, Communities of Transformation, Anchor 2.0, Learning Lab, Literacy Camp, LEGO Camp, Guitar, multiple Dance Classes, Archery, and Art Classes.
- ⇒ **The Ministries of Spiritual Formation:** These programs are designed to not only introduce people to faith but to help disciple them in their journey. These programs include the morning devotions, Bible Study, Specialty Camps such as basketball, Summer Camp, Day Camp, a Theater Program and more.

NEEDS:

This year the HOC is seeking donations for two of our most requested items:

1. ***Personal Care items:*** Soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene, toothbrush, toothpaste.
2. ***Cleaning supplies:*** Dish soap, laundry detergent, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner.

**Visit our new website at: www.houseofthecarpenter.com
Facebook using: [houseofthecarpenter01](#)**

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

Heart and Hand House, established in 1965, aids more than 1,700 low-income families in Barbour County, WV, annually with: food; layette and infant-care items; limited financial assistance; clothing; hygiene and cleaning items; home repair & construction (summer); backpack and summer feeding programs; and a Christmas Basket distribution. We also operate two thrift stores, one in Belington and one in Philippi, as well as the Barbour County Community Garden Market, also located in Philippi.

NEEDS LIST:

1. ***Backpack Program:*** cheese or peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, fruit/applesauce cups, oatmeal packets, macaroni and cheese (individual servings), granola bars, juice boxes (100% juice preferred).
2. ***Food Pantry:*** peanut butter, breakfast foods, corn bread mix, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn), stuffing mix and other side dishes.
3. ***Layette/Infant Care:*** diapers, crib linens, receiving blankets, clothing, towels, washcloths, powder, lotion, shampoo, bibs, bottles, etc. (see our website for full list).
4. ***Hygiene Items:*** shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, razors, brushes, combs, Band-Aids, toilet paper.
5. ***Cleaning Items:*** laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish detergent, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, rubber gloves, paper towels, trash bags.
6. ***Office:*** copy paper, trash bags (13 gal. & 33 gal.), toilet paper, paper towels.

**Visit website at: www.heartandhandhouse.org
Facebook using: heartandhand**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH AND
LEAVE THEM IN THE TUBS. DONATIONS ARE DUE BY
APRIL 27th. THANK YOU!**

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

March 6	\$5,370.00
March 13	\$5,054.39
March 20	\$2,600.10
March 27	\$3,980.00

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON ONLINE

March 6	65	56
March 13	48	86
March 20	61	48
March 27	46	119

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$45,607.44
YTD needed for our Budget - \$44,770.05

WAYS TO GIVE?

Thank you for faithfully supporting ministries here at St. Marys United Methodist Church. We have several ways you can give your tithes and offerings. You can put a check in the mail to PO Box 100; you can drop off your tithes at the church office when we are open during the week; you can set up bill pay on your personal checking account or you can go to the church's web page (smwvumc.com) and press the green "give" button that takes you to Tithe-ly.

Tithe-ly is a secure online giving platform you can use for a onetime offering or a revolving donation. It is directly deposited into the church's account. It automatically adds the service fee to your offering, but you can opt out of that if you'd prefer. The church is notified of each donation so the counters know to credit it to your giving for the year. Again, thank you for your faithful giving of tithes and offerings. It is making a difference in the

I would like to thank everyone that sent cards and especially the prayers for me in the death of my brother William Harris.

*May God bless you,
Martha Poling*

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of January

Total Donations: 133

Total Customers: 610

Total Families receiving services: 69

(Gabriel Project - 14, total of 18 children)

(food - 119 individuals)

(utility assistance - 14)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$6,290.29

Total Donations to NN: \$6,200.00

Total Expenses: \$10,243.97

Number of Volunteers this month: 4

**Volunteers are
always needed,
please call the store
at 304-684-3990 if
you can help.**

NEIGHBOR NETWORK **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Our Neighbor Network partners with Mountaineer Food Bank for a monthly food giveaway. It is held at the Marina beginning at noon. Volunteers are always need and ask to be at the Marina by 9:45 AM. You may also know someone who would benefit from the distribution. Pleasants County residents only please.

Upcoming dates are:

*April 8th, May 13th, June 10th,
July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th,
November 16th (Wednesday), & December 9th*

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation. Your generosity makes a difference to Barbour County families in need. Thank you for caring!

*Brenda W. Hunt, Executive Director
Heart and Hand House, Inc*

Parish-Wide Lenten Study

Our Parish will gather in the Chapel
at 6 PM on Sunday April 3rd
For our last Parish-wide Lenten Study

The **Community Holy Week Sing-Spiration** will be held on

Tuesday, April 12th 6 PM - 8 PM

At the St. Marys Baptist Family Life Center

This is sponsored by the Pleasants Area Ministerial Association.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held on April 14th
at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary
(Online service will be available at noon.)



Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday

8 AM in the Chapel

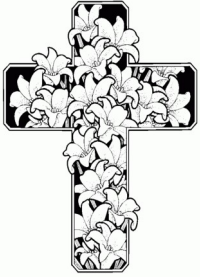
Breakfast following Sunrise Service in Fellowship Hall

Sunday School at 9:30 AM - Worship at 10:45 AM

Online Worship at 10:30 AM

The Chapel will be
open 9 AM - 5 PM
on Good Friday
for prayer.





On Easter Sunday we will have a **LIVE** flowering Easter cross in the Sanctuary. We will cover the wooden cross with chicken wire and you are invited to bring **LIVE** flowers or flowering bushes to decorate it. The cross will be in the Sanctuary this Easter and we'll move it outside after worship for the community to enjoy. *Please bring your flowers at least 15 minutes before worship begins* so our cross can be completed as we move into worship at 10:45 AM.



The church office will be closed on:
Friday, April 15th for Good Friday
and
Easter Monday, April 18th

EASTER LILLIES



The Easter Lilies are \$10 each, & money must be received for the order to be placed. Checks should be made out to St. Marys United Methodist Church. The form and payment may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to: PO Box 100, St. Marys, WV 26170 or given to Deb in the office. Deadline is April 5th. For more information, contact Charmel Radcliff at 304-684-2133.

The forms are located in this newsletters and on the tables in the Sanctuary.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR UKRAINE

How can we help? The UMCOR-United Methodist Committee on Relief has been in communications with partner organizations and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. United Methodist can support international disaster response efforts by either going to the UMCOR website or placing an envelope at your church with **Advance #982450** on the envelope.



APRIL

Victor Bills	4/2
Avry Bennett	4/3
Cady Radcliff	4/3
Billy Maiden	4/3
Elizabeth Miller	4/7
Rachel Jeffers	4/9
Pam Hamilton	4/10
Nick Morgan	4/11
Emme McKnight	4/12
Adam McKnight	4/13
Diane Lanham	4/15
Jay Conaway	4/15
Liz Loughner	4/15
Jennifer Hupp	4/16
Steven Knight	4/16
Lydia Watson Richards	4/17
Alice Nichols	4/17
Tucker Dalrymple	4/20
Rick Hupp	4/20
Russell Loughner	4/20
Catie Wells Hamilton	4/20
Susan Eisenman	4/21
David Hamilton	4/23
Inez Wilson	4/23
Doug Poling	4/24
Emily Carpenter	4/30

MAY

Corbin Bussey	5/1
Wendy Loughner	5/3
Paula Corbin	5/4
William Bullman	5/4
Marci Davis	5/8
Marcia McCullough	5/11
Adam Carpenter	5/11
Cayla Conaway Stephens	5/14
Jan Brewer	5/15
Beckie Barton	5/16
Ethel Ross	5/19
Carla Conaway	5/19
Lily McKnight	5/20
Paul Ingram	5/20
Richard Moore	5/20
David Braun	5/21
Mike McGee	5/21
Todd Lewis	5/22
Jenny Brewer	5/23
Dick Reed	5/23
Jessy Moore	5/25
Sarah Holt	5/26
Margo Ingram	5/26
Nina Ogdin	5/29
Mae Lewis	5/31
Mary Frances Park	5/31



MEETINGS

APRIL

- 9 SPRC - 6 PM
13 TRUSTEES - 5 PM
26 FINANCE - 6 PM

MAY

- 10 CHURCH COUNCIL - 7 PM
15 TRUSTEES - 5 PM
25 LAY LEADERSHIP &
NOMINATIONS - 6 PM

EVERY MONTH

First Mon. - UMW - 6 PM

Third Sun. - UMM - 8 AM

Other Groups Meeting at our Church

- 2nd Mon. Habitat for Humanity 6 PM
& Middle Island Ramblers 4-H 7 PM
Every Tuesday Boy Scouts 7 PM
Every Thursday AA / Al-Anon 8 PM



Do we have you
birthday listed?
Please call the
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if we don't have it!

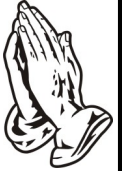
PRAYERS FOR:

Paul Tallman
Betty Moorhead
Brent Payne
Kenadee Antill
Ginger Poling
Joan Robey
Suellen Simonton
Caroline Hill
Margo Ingram
Shirley Seaboy
Carolyn Ashkar
Larry Dew

Martha Hockenberry
Joe & Thomasine Troisi
Benny & Ruth Wagner
Emma Jean Dobbins
Avery Clickenger
Pat Hawkins
Debbie Bailey
Philip Starks
Dwight Davis
Bev Fitzpatrick
Campbell Barnhart
Maddie Collins

Dave Taylor
Art Smith
Terri Gellner Hulls
Eddie Nutter
Mike Davis
Jennifer Furr
Amy Stemple
Johnna Cochran
JD Williamson
Kym Holdren
Evelyn Neely
Duane Larsen

Larry & Deloris Butcher
Dwayne Barnes
John Trunk
John Hess
Smitty Smith
Sara McKnight
Bob Archer
Sheila Scadden
Kenneth Carder
Fran Higgins
David Summers
Merle Rouse



Active Military

Nate McHenry

Vanessa Reese

(Daughter of David Reese)

Evelyn Neely has moved to the Heritage. Why don't you send her a card or give her a call to welcome her to her new place.

304-684-1510

The Heritage, 1809 N.
Pleasants Hwy, Apt. 9,
St. Marys, WV 26170



Margo Ingram has moved to Waterview Point. Why don't you send her a card to welcome her to her new place.

Waterview Point
Room 310
117 Bartlett Street
Marietta, OH 45750

The 2022 Church Information Guide is available at the church.
The June/July Upper Room will be available at the church soon.
Want one mailed to you? Just let us know.

Outreach Ministry Opportunities

- Neighbor Network food pantry needs:
Boxed Mac. & Cheese, small pkgs. of Hamburger & Hot Dogs, Soup Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Syrup, Soup, Instant Potatoes, Crackers, Pork & Beans, Canned Milk, Complete Pancake Mix, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, oil for cooking
- Size 5 diapers for Neighbor Network

Upcoming Dates

<i>April 4</i>	UMW Exec. Committee at 5 PM UMW at 6 PM
<i>April 8</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM
<i>April 14</i>	Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 PM
<i>April 15</i>	Good Friday (Church Office Closed)
<i>April 18</i>	Church Office Closed
<i>May 2</i>	UMW Exec. Committee at 5 PM UMW at 6 PM
<i>May 5</i>	National Day of Prayer
<i>May 8</i>	Mother's Day
<i>May 10</i>	Church Council at 7 PM
<i>May 13</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM
<i>May 15</i>	Trustees at 5 PM
<i>May 22</i>	SMHS Baccalaureate
<i>May 25</i>	Lay Leadership & Nominations at 7 PM
<i>May 29</i>	Ascension Sunday / SMHS Graduation
<i>May 30</i>	Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)

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