

THE GOOD NEWS



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"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to use this space this month to update you on my illness. As you may know, in January I was diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment caused by Early-onset Alzheimer's Disease. I am doing well now and see myself serving for many more years but will only continue to serve as long as I can be effective.

One of David & I's hopes was that I could receive treatment for the disease. There are lots of lifestyle changes that help brain health that I have implemented in my life. There is currently only one FDA approved treatment drug for the treatment of amyloid plaques. Insurance will not approve the use of this drug, so I began to look for a clinical trial I might be able to participate in. I have been accepted into a clinical trial at the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute at WVU Hospital in Morgantown. We are excited about the possibility of this treatment slowing the progression of the disease.

There are some accommodations for treatment that I will need to make. I will be receiving treatment for 3-4 days once every 28 days. I will be receiving treatment for 12 months and then followed by the medical team for 5 years. On the week of treatment, I will be unable to record worship. My mom, Rev. Patricia Jarvis, has volunteered to record worship that week and preach. Keith White has agreed



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to provide pastoral care of the congregation on treatment weeks and substitute for mom when needed. I am thankful for their help and support.

I will be unavailable during the treatment days but plan to otherwise work as I regularly do. I'll keep you updated on treatment days and weeks. Our family has been praying that whatever is in my best interest will occur and we see this as an answer to that prayer. I ask now that you pray for my safety in this trial and that it will successfully slow the disease progression. Your support has been a great gift to David & me, and we appreciate you! Some have asked how you can best support us. As I mentioned, prayers are so important. We will also be boarded Abram, our dog. If you'd like help with his care by sponsoring a night or two of that, we would appreciate the assistance.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you might have, I'm happy to answer them.

Blessings & Love, *Clare*

PLEASE JOIN US!

After a couple of postponements due to the Pandemic, our Retreat Day with consultant Jennifer Crow and helpers has been rescheduled for **Saturday, August 27th** from **9 AM - 4 PM.**



Why is your participation important? The future of our church is coming. The reality for us (and many congregations) is what we are currently doing is not sustainable into the long-term future. We simply don't have new members in numbers that will sustain our missions and budget. And what our church does in the community and beyond is vital! So let's explore the future together proactively instead of just reacting to what comes! This is an opportunity for us to plan for the future of our church, so she remains

strong and vital. Your voice in that conversation is valuable and we hope you will mark your **calendars for a day of collaborative fun and visioning.**

CHURCH AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT



On **Sunday, October 2nd from 4-5:30 PM**, Rev. Mike Linger, Director of the House of the Carpenter in Wheeling, WV and Rev. Neil Leftwich, our District Superintendent, will be leading a workshop at our church in the fellowship hall on connecting churches with the community specifically through partnerships with schools. This is a conference wide project which has been proven successful in Wheeling and is being shared with other churches in our conference.

In this workshop we will be gathering to equip the church for reaching out to the school. The hour & a half we spend together will include:

- ♦ *Developing our understanding of current student needs*
- ♦ *The biblical/theological underpinnings for this type of ministry*
- ♦ *Building and working in collaborative ministry*
- ♦ *How to begin building a relationship and engaging with your local school*
- ♦ *Some ideas of ways churches are ministering with schools*

The workshop is based on the book, The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships by Jake McGlothlin. Clare has free copies of the book if you'd like to have one in advance of the workshop.

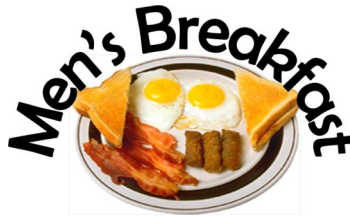
Everyone is invited to attend and you are welcome to bring a friend, teacher or others who are interested in getting involved with our community. This event is supported by our local Pleasants Area Ministerial Association and other churches in the area are planning to attend. What a great way to form a partnership with sister churches and strengthen ministry to our children and youth.



United Methodist Men

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

All men are welcome



The UMM have no meetings in June, July & August.
They will resume Sunday, September 18th at 8 AM.

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Church Council - 7 PM

September 13, November 8

Trustees - 5 PM

September 11, November 13

Finance Committee - 6 PM

October 11

Staff-Parish Relations - 6 PM

September 14, November 9

Charge Conference - 1 PM, Monday, October 3rd

United Methodist Women News



United
Methodist
Women

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

AUGUST

Executive Committee - Monday, August 1st at 5 PM
Circles - Monday, August 1st at 6 PM
Program: ***For Everything There is a Season***

SEPTEMBER

Executive Committee - Monday, August 29th at 5 PM
Circles - Monday, August 29th at 6 PM
Program: ***Let Go***

***Collection for SMHS students -- see page 40 in your book.
(Have items by August 29th)***

***Begin saving personal size toiletries for EVE Women's Shelter.
(Bring them to the October meeting.)***

**Saturday, September 10th - Fall Meeting
Little Kanawha District UMW
First Ravenswood UMC, Ravenswood, WV**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
IN OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY.**

Brothers in the Cross



**Will be bringing their unique style
of all original Gospel music to:**

STOUT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

34th and Broad Street Parkersburg, WV

SUNDAY AUGUST 14th 3:00 pm

Some describe their music as Doo-Wop, some call it pop while others have even referred to it as "Northern Gospel". However, all leave calling it refreshingly different and are blessed by the inspirational lyrics, vocal harmonies and music style that takes them back to the 50's, 60's and 70's.

The Brothers write and arrange all of their music and just completed their 5th CD project.

The Group has been performing together for over 20 years. Their unique style has enabled them to share their ministry at a variety of events including festivals, conventions, community organizations....in addition to regular church sings.

The group consists of:

Larry White ...Tenor (and group Leader); Bruce Reed...Lead Vocalist; Chris Terpenin...Bass;
Alan Shearer...Baritone; and Rick White...Sound Engineer.

FREE Gospel Music concert,
featuring Multi Dove Award winning and Grammy nominated artist

CHRISTIAN DAVIS



Bring your
lawn chairs!

Saturday, August 20th, 7:00 pm

at the St. Marys Marina

(rain location, First Baptist Church of St. Marys)

Organized by the Pleasants Area Ministerial Association

Sponsored by: The Pizza Station, St. Marys Hardware, Ingram's Funeral Home,
Ruble Insurance, and Frontier Insurance

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!

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

July 3	\$4,136.00
July 10	\$3,119.00
July 17	\$3,535.00
July 24	\$1,215.00
July 31	\$2,710.00

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON ONLINE

July 3	41	151
July 10	50	67
July 17	43	132
July 24	24	134
July 31	25	170

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$101,396.95

YTD needed for our Budget - \$106,759.35

Custodial Account Balance - \$1,568.52

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 world!

Clare will be on a Clergy Retreat
Monday, August 8th - Friday, August 12th
If you need assistance during that time,
please contact Keith White. Thank you.

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of June

Total Donations: 225

Total Customers: 720

Total Families receiving services: 98

(Gabriel Project - 10, total of 10 children)

(food - 208 individuals)

(utility assistance - 2)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$6,673.20

Total Donations to NN: \$2,892.00

Total Expenses: \$9,509.54

Number of Volunteers this month: 15

**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:

***August 12th, September 9th, October 14th,
November 16th (Wednesday), & December 9th***

It is the Spirit that sheds the love of God abroad in their hearts, and the love of all mankind; thereby purifying their hearts from the love of the world, from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. It is by Him they are delivered from anger and pride, from all vile and inordinate affections.

--John Wesley

Birthdays

AUGUST

Carol McFadden	8/3
Diane Braun	8/4
Jacob Lemley	8/5
April Braun	8/5
Karen Wilson	8/6
Suzanne Rouse	8/6
J.R. Simonton	8/7
Kayellen Ferrell	8/8
McKenna Ferrell	8/8
Allie Carpenter	8/8
Grant Barnhart	8/8
Paul Nichols	8/12
Bill Carder	8/13
Mark Barnhart	8/14
Webb Carpenter	8/15
Lee Ogdin	8/15
Rodney Johnson	8/16
John Carpenter	8/17
Ginger Poling	8/18
Kyle Davies	8/18
Margaret White	8/18
Drew Poling	8/19
Rebecca Davies	8/23
Matt Simonton	8/24
Joette Fetty	8/24
Myron Rolston	8/24
Susan Armstrong	8/24
Courtney Colyer	8/25
Bill Norman	8/27
Sally Bogard	8/28
Nancy Carpenter	8/28
Steve Barksdale	8/28
Lee Ann Shingleton	8/30
Tad Light	8/31
Melissa Johnson	8/31
Clare Sulgit	8/31

SEPTEMBER

Delores Davis	9/3
Beverly Meadows	9/4
Tami Elder	9/4
Tina Barron	9/6
Ethan Davis	9/9
Kristi Carpenter	9/11
Patrick hooper	9/12
Sara Fetty	9/14
Michael Arnott	9/16
Erin Norman	9/17
Cleve Light	9/17
Steve Poling	9/18
Ruth Blauser	9/18
Bryan Carpenter	9/19
Harry Scadden	9/19
LeAnne Westbrook	9/20
Susan Moore	9/20
Kristen Maiden	9/21
Steven Nutter	9/25
Cyndi Rasic	9/25
Kim Thomas	9/26
Whitney Bennett	9/27
Amber Mayfield	9/29
Christopher Bailey	9/29
Gloria Cox	9/30
Gary Loughner	9/30



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

MEETINGS

AUGUST

- 10 LAY LEADERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS - 6 PM
- 23 FINANCE - 6 PM
- 28 DISTRICT CONFERENCE - 3:30 PM AT NEW MARTINSVILLE UMC

SEPTEMBER

- 11 TRUSTEES - 5 PM
- 13 CHURCH COUNCIL - 7 PM
- 14 SPRC - 6 PM

OCTOBER

- 2 EQUIPPING EVENT (See page 3) 4-5:30 PM
- 3 CHARGE CONFERENCE 1PM

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

PRAYERS FOR:

Paul Tallman
Betty Moorhead
Ginger Poling
Joan Robey
Suellen Simonton
Caroline Hill
Margo Ingram
Shirley Seaboy
Carolyn Ashkar
Larry Dew
Avery Clickenger
Debbie Bailey
Matthew Beard

Martha Hockenberry
Joe & Thomasine Troisi
Benny & Ruth Wagner
Emma Jean Dobbins
Philip Starks
Dwight Davis
Bev Fitzpatrick
Maddie Collins
Dave Taylor
Art Smith
Terri Gellner-Hulls
Eddie Nutter

Mike Davis
Jennifer Furr
Johnna Cochran
JD Williamson
Kym Holdren
Evelyn Neely
Duane Larsen
Dwayne Barnes
John Hess
Smitty Smith
Sara McKnight
Bob Archer

Sheila Scadden
Kenneth Carder
Merle Rouse
Bill Carder
Webb Carpenter
Greg Hill
Mary Brewer
Denise Vandenberg
Rob Wilson
Nancy Forrester
Eleanor Pierce
Paula Duran



*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
Fran Higgins
(Sister-in-law of Al Thacker)*



Active Military
Nate McHenry

2022 Spring Heights Camp Sponsors

Mike & Sharon McGee
Melissa Carder
Bill & Carol Carder
John & Eva Hill Family
Mary Frances Park

Mae Lewis
Gary & Liz Loughner
Beverly Stutzman
Margaret Elder

SMUMC Women
SMUMC Men
SMUMC Youth Group
Ruth Blauser

The 2022 Church Information Guide is available at the church.
The July/August Upper Room is available at the church.
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

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Upcoming Dates

<i>August 1</i>	Backpack Assembly at 3:30 PM UMW Exec. Committee at 5 PM UMW at 6 PM
<i>August 8</i>	Clare at Clergy Retreat (8/8 - 8/12)
<i>August 12</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM
<i>August 18</i>	NN Board Meeting at 3 PM
<i>August 20</i>	Christian Davis Concert (Marina)
<i>August 23</i>	Finance Meeting at 6 PM
<i>August 27</i>	Church Retreat at 9 AM - 4 PM
<i>August 28</i>	District Conference - 3:30 PM
<i>September 4</i>	Return to Regular Services in the Sanctuary - Sunday School at 9:30 AM Worship at 10:45 AM
<i>September 5</i>	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
<i>September 6</i>	UMW Committee at 5 PM UMW at 6 PM
<i>September 7</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>September 9</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM
<i>September 11</i>	Trustees at 5 PM
<i>September 13</i>	Church Council at 7 PM
<i>September 14</i>	SPRC at 6 PM Choir at 7 PM
<i>September 16</i>	AG Fair (Marina) 9/17 - 9/18
<i>September 21</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>September 28</i>	Choir at 7 PM Clare out of town 9/28 - 10/3 (Officiating at a wedding)