



# THE GOOD NEWS

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

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St. Marys UMC

Northern District

West Virginia Conference

Northeastern Jurisdiction

During our summer & fall months we are in the seasons of Pentecost and Kingdomtide. The term “Kingdomtide” notes that the lectionary readings for that season emphasize Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom of God. Kingdomtide ends in November with “Christ the King” Sunday, followed by the beginning of Advent. But it is important not to forget the work of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus described in John’s Gospel, *“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you” John 14:26.* Jesus continues on to tell us that He must leave so we can receive the Holy Spirit, *“I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you...When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you” John 16:7, John 16:13-14.*

Sometimes we are so Christ-focused, that we forget that the Holy Spirit is here, working with us and for us so that we might become better disciples. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. The Spirit affirms what is good and pure and true and holy.

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The Holy Spirit also functions as a teacher, teaching us “*everything.*” We learn how to pray with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand and recognize our Spiritual gifts and helps us manifest the fruits of the Spirit. There are even times (and I’ve shared many with you) the Holy Spirit corrects us as we are being guided.

I invite you to look-up the passage in 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 about the gifts of the Spirit and in Galatians 5:22-23 about the fruit of the Spirit. I hope you will spend some time this August praying about what gifts you have and how you will use them in your home, your workplace, your church, and your life; as well as enhancing the fruit of the Spirit. Remember, we are not all given all the gifts, so develop the ones you have a natural inclination for. However, we should be striving towards ALL the fruit of the Spirit. So choose one a week and work on it. And find ways to remind yourself to keep attentive and available to the work of the Spirit.

Blessings & Love,  
Clare

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### **GET BETTER SOON**

Debbie’s surgery went well, and she is home recovering. If you’d like to send her a note, her address is; 795 Greene Street, Newport, OH, 45768

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### **THANKS**

“The men and women at SMUMC have been so good to our program, blessing us with taters and donations. Thanks on behalf of all the seniors you help!” -

***Dave and The Senior Nutrition Board***

*Thank you!*

## UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF WV INC.

The Foundation is hosting another in-person Foundation Academy of Faith and Generosity this year. We hope you will be able to attend. The Academy will take place September 25-27, 2023 at Pipestem Resort State Park. Our keynote presenter is Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership and Senior Consultant, G. Douglass Lewis Center for Church Leadership. His topic is **From Paying the Bills to Serving God's Vision**. Additional sessions will be led by Ken Sloane, Director, Stewardship & Generosity at Discipleship Ministries; Karen Manzcko, Director of Institutional Relationships at Wespeth Institutional Investments; and Foundation Leadership, Rev. Jeff Taylor, President and Kim Matthews, Vice President. Laity and clergy alike are welcome to attend. More information, including cost and a registration link can be found on our webpage. If you have any questions about The Academy or how The Foundation can help you create a culture of generosity within your church, please contact us at [info@umfwv.org](mailto:info@umfwv.org) or 304-342-2113. We hope to see you soon!



*Christian Sympathy  
is extended to the  
friends & family of  
Merle Rouse*



*Christian Sympathy  
is extended to the  
friends & family of  
Beverly Fitzpatrick*



*Christian Sympathy  
is extended to the  
friends & family of  
Gloria Cox*

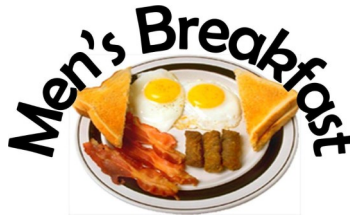
Thanks to everyone for cards, visits, prayers and food during Merle's illness and death. He loved all of you and we do too. God bless each of you - **Suzanne Rouse & Family**



## **United Methodist Men**

Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.

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## **2023 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Church Council - 6 PM**

August 15, November 14

**Trustees - 5 PM**

September 10, November 12

**Finance Committee - 6 PM**

October 10

**Staff-Parish Relations - 6 PM**

November 15

**Charge Conference - 9 AM**

August 27<sup>th</sup> (During worship, then a meal will follow)

# United Women In Faith News



United  
Women  
in Faith

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

## **AUGUST**

Executive Committee - Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Circles - Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Program: ***Working in Community towards Liberation***

## **SEPTEMBER**

Executive Committee - Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Circles - Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Program: ***Who Do You Say That I Am?***

***Collection for SMHS students -- see page 42 in your book.***

***(Have items by September 5)***

***Begin saving personal size toiletries for EVE Women's Shelter.***

***(Bring them to the October meeting.)***

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - Fall Meeting**

**Little Kanawha District UMW**

**First Ravenswood UMC, Ravenswood, WV**

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**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
IN OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY.**

# *Spiritual Practices* **THAT NOURISH YOUR SOUL**

**REV. JANET HARMAN, SPEAKER**

**AUGUST 12 • 10 AM – 3 PM**

*Lunch Provided – Freewill Donation*

**Mount Olivet UMC**  
**162 Fairmont Pike Rd, Wheeling**

Participants will receive free copies of *Dynamite Prayer* by Sue Nilson Kibbey to prepare for the WV Conference Breakthrough Prayer Initiative.

**REGISTER BY JULY 29**

Online: [mtolivetumcwv.org](http://mtolivetumcwv.org)  
Call/Text: Heidi 740-346-8864  
Church: 304-242-3162



**NORTHERN DISTRICT  
WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**



This seminar explores the practices that spiritual seekers and growing disciples have used throughout history to grow closer to God. These spiritual disciplines are the basic components of the rhythm of intimacy that feed the soul. When practiced, Christians are open and available to God's surprising initiative in their lives.

Rev. Harman will provide guidance for you that links the discipline of the Christian faith to the most compelling desires of the human soul. The seminar provides hands-on instruction through spiritual guidance, media, handouts, and conversation.



Rev. Harman is a retired UMC Deacon who has served at parishes in Charleston and St. Albans. She is trained in spiritual formation through the Upper Room Academy of Spiritual Formation. She's also a WV licensed professional counselor and licensed social worker. She and her husband Newt reside in Charleston, WV.

***Directions:***

*From I-470, take exit 2, Bethlehem. Follow signs for WV-88. At light, turn onto WV-88 S. Follow WV-88 S 1.2 mi. Turn left onto Whites Lane to enter church parking lot on right.*



# "A Work in Progress"

## Laity retreat with Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

### A Study of Philippians and Colossians

August 18 – 19, 2023  
Summersville Arena and Conference Center

Learn more at [wvumc.org](http://wvumc.org)

#### **Join Bishop and Fellow Laity at Retreat!**

Enjoy great fellowship with a time of learning and spiritual growth with Bishop as she teaches and leads the weekend. This event is sponsored by the Conference Lay Ministry Team.

The retreat begins with an optional dinner on Friday evening, August 18, followed by opening worship, and it concludes mid-afternoon on Saturday, August 19, after lunch and a closing worship service. The full agenda will be emailed to registered participants ahead of time.

Registration for this event is only \$10 per person! Registration is now open at [www.wvumc.org](http://www.wvumc.org)

**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 2  | \$3,964.00 |
| July 9  | \$3,530.00 |
| July 16 | \$4,838.00 |
| July 23 | \$2,068.00 |

# ATTENDANCE

## IN PERSON   ONLINE

|         |    |     |
|---------|----|-----|
| July 2  | 57 | 83  |
| July 9  | 44 | 90  |
| July 16 | 59 | 52  |
| July 23 | 59 | 104 |

**YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$106,889.04**

**YTD needed for our Budget - \$102,960.00**

**Custodial Account Balance - \$2,494.00**

## 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](http://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!



## Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of June

Total Donations: 205

Total Customers: 709

Total Families receiving services: 281

(Gabriel Project - 10, total of children - 14)

(food - 252 individuals)

(utility assistance - 4)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$6,041.08

Total Donations to NN: \$1,082.00

Total Expenses: \$10,675.98

Number of Volunteers this month: 30+

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, & December 8<sup>th</sup>***

Neighbor Network is getting a lot of demand for the Food Pantry and is running low on supplies. If you can provide any of the following items, they can be delivered directly to Neighbor Network or brought to the church. Thank you for helping. Items needed are:

Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Bag Noodles, Instant Potatoes or scallop, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Rice-a-Roni, Canned Meats like: tuna - Chicken - Treat - Ham, Gravy Mix, Chicken Noodle Soup, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal, Cereal, Broths, Jelly, Canned milk - evaporated, Peanut Butter, Corn Bread Mix, Small Bags of Sugar, flour, salt, and pepper, and applesauce

# 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 |
| Nancy Carpenter    | 8/28 |
| Steve Barksdale    | 8/28 |
| Lee Ann Shingleton | 8/30 |
| 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 |
| Sara Fetty         | 9/14 |
| Michael Arnott     | 9/16 |
| Erin Norman        | 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 |
| Gary Loughner      | 9/30 |



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

## MEETINGS

### AUGUST

- 4 NEIGHBOR NETWORK BOARD MEETING - 1 PM
- 7 UWF TEAM LEADERSHIP - 5 PM
- 11 NEIGHBOR NETWORK FOOD DISTRIBUTION (Marina - 9:45 AM)
- 15 CHURCH COUNCIL - 6 PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 UWF TEAM LEADERSHIP - 5 PM
- 10 TRUSTEES - 5 PM
- 17 UMM - 8 AM

### EVERY MONTH

First Mon. - UMW - 6 PM

Third Sun. - UMM - 8 AM

### Other Groups Meeting at our Church

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The United Women in Faith will be tidying up the kitchens on Thursday, August 3rd from 11-1. All women of the church are invited to come and help. Please contact Liz Loughner or Beverly Stutzman with any questions.

## **PRAYERS FOR:**

Paul Tallman  
Betty Moorhead  
Ginger Poling  
Suellen Simonton  
Caroline Hill  
Shirley Seaboy  
Carolyn Ashkar  
Avery Clickenger  
Debbie Bailey  
Matthew Beard

Joe & Thomasine  
Troisi  
Benny & Ruth Wagner  
Philip Starks  
Dwight Davis  
Maddie Collins  
Dave Taylor  
Art Smith  
Terri Gellner-Hulls  
Mike Davis  
Johnna Cochran  
JD Williamson

Evelyn Neely  
Duane Larsen  
Dwayne Barnes  
Smitty Smith  
Sheila Scadden  
Jennifer Furr  
Webb Carpenter  
Greg Hill  
Mary Brewer  
Nancy Forrester  
Eleanor Pierce  
Kohner Loughner

Betty Wilson  
Marth Hoyt  
Janet Nutter Matheny  
Gayle Hakki  
Adam Mallett  
Martha Poling  
Debbie Thomas  
Sophie Dilling  
Dan McSpadden  
Carol McSpadden



## **DONATIONS**

The following cleaning items are needed at the church if you'd like to donate them: blue toilet bowl cleaner for the bathrooms and rolls of paper towels. Thank you.

**Choir practice** will resume on Wednesday, August 30th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Come and make a joyful noise with us!

The 2023 Church Information Guide is available at the church.  
The September/ October Upper Room is available at the church.  
Want one mailed to you? Just let us know.



We asked for backpacks, and you delivered! Thank you for making sure the kids of Pleasants County go back to school with backpacks and supplies aplenty. Your participation in this important ministry is appreciated!

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## Upcoming Dates

### August

- August 4<sup>th</sup> Neighbor Network Board Meeting at 1 PM*
- August 7<sup>th</sup> UWF Team Leadership at 5 PM*  
*UWF at 6 PM*
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Neighbor Network Food Distribution at 9:45 AM*
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Meeting at 9 AM*  
*Ministerial Assoc. at 10 AM*  
*Church Council at 6 PM*
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Charge Conference during worship at 9:30 AM, Meal Afterwards*

### September

- September 1<sup>st</sup> Neighbor Network Board Meeting at 1 PM*
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Office Closed (Labor Day)*
- September 5<sup>th</sup> UWF Team Leadership at 5 PM*  
*UWF at 6 PM*
- September 8<sup>th</sup> Neighbor Network Food Distribution at 9:45 AM*
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Trustees at 5 PM*
- September 17<sup>th</sup> UMM at 8 AM*