

THE GOOD NEWS



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I want to invite you to an exciting opportunity. At a recent Church Council meeting, there was discussion of how powerful the small group meetings were that met in the early 2000's. Friendships were formed, ministries were born, and spiritual growth was had. Would this be something we'd like to try to do again? Yes! So for Lent this spring, we are going to have 6 small groups meeting, being led by folks in the church. Small groups will begin the week of March 2nd and continue for 6 weeks until the week of April 13th. Each small group will then have the option to continue beyond that if they would like.

For Lent, we will be studying Adam Hamilton's The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World. Books will be available soon.

We will have a kick-off dinner on Sunday, February 23rd after church where you can hear more about the book and sign up for a class. Information regarding leadership and meeting times will be announced shortly. Keep watching for more information.

In the meantime, please be praying about participating in this unique opportunity, and if there is someone you'd like to invite to join you. Folks who are not normally in our worshipping congregation are more than welcome. It should be a lot of laughter, learning and joy. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Blessings & Love,
Clare



St. Marys UMC

Northern District

West Virginia Conference

Northeastern Jurisdiction



Tickets now available for *the third annual
Pleasants County Neighbor Network Charity Gala*

WINTER *Wonderland*

15 February 2025

Pleasants County Neighbor Network

2025 PCNN Gala
Tickets
\$50.00 - \$90.00



Scan to Pay

Doors open at 6:00 pm
(use the back entrance)

St. Marys High School Commons

www.pleasantcountyneighbornetwork.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 Sundays on our 2 Facebook pages and on YouTube. These are outreach ministries the church supports through its budget. Please share this information!

MATTHEW 25 OPPORTUNITIES:

BACKPACKS

As you are out and about this winter, you may see backpacks at deep discounts. We are always looking for sturdy backpacks and will store them for giveaway in August. You are welcome to bring them to the church and leave them in the plastic tubs. Thank you!

NEEDED

We are looking for 1 gently used or new booster seat for use in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation, please see either Andy Hickman or Pastor Clare. Thank you.

Swiffer Sweeper Wet Mopping Refills are also needed for the janitor's supplies.



When Snow Falls

Just a reminder about our
Church Inclement weather policy:

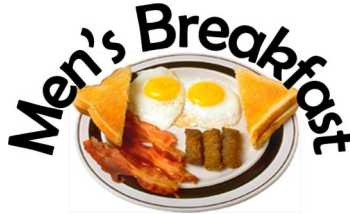
When the weather is bad on Sundays in St. Marys, Clare will be at church if at all possible. However, please only travel to church if you can **SAFELY!** The Trustees will make sure the parking lot and sidewalks are passable. A message will be sent by the One-Call Now system if we need to announce cancellations during the week such as United Women in Faith, Choir practice, etc...



United Methodist Men

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

All men are welcome



February meeting is the 16th



The UMM still has apple butter for sale.

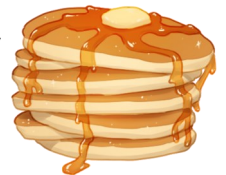
The price is \$7 per pint and they make a great gifts. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

MEAL AFTER WORSHIP

PANCAKE DINNER

The St. Marys United Methodist Church Chancel Choir invites you to an evening of delicious food. Our Pancake Dinner will be Tuesday, March 4th from 5-7 PM.





United
Women
in Faith

FEBRUARY

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program
(Bring Your Offering)

Bible Study: Proverbs 27:19

Circle & General Meeting

February 3, 2025 at 6 PM

Program: *Call to Prayer & Self-Denial*
Receiving Faith

Program Book: Pages 25-27; 98-107

Program: Grace Circle
Flowers & Greeters: Peace Circle

MARCH

UWF 156th Birthday
Birthday Celebration - Birthday Cake
(Bring your Legacy Fund Offering)
(Bring your items for Sojourner House)

Bible Study: John 13:3-5

Circle & General Meeting

March 3, 2025 at 6 PM

Program: *How Do We Practice Our Faith*
Program Book: Pages 29-32

Program: Peace Circle
Flowers & Greeters: Grace Circle (No flowers in Lent)

United Women in Faith - Circles

Grace Circle

Bailey, Wilma
Carder, Carol
Carl, Barbara
Conaway, Carla
Ennis, Melissa
Hamilton, Pam
Ingram, Becky
Lewis, Mae
Little, Eleanor
Mayfield, Dodie
McLaughlin, Louise
Nichols, Sandra
Nutter, Judy
Park, Mary Frances
Radcliff, Charmel
Rouse, Suzanne
Scadden, Angie
Thomas, Debbie
White, Margaret

Honored

Collins, Janet
Davis, Donna
Troisi, Thomasine

Peace Circle

Blauser, Ruth
Boley, Donna
Braun, Diane
Campbell, Liz
Carpenter-Eddy, Liz
Conaway, Karen
Conaway, Linda
Gellner, Roberta
Himmeger, Gretchen
Mankins, Beth
Mays, Pat
McGee, Sharon
Morgan, Sue
Nichols, Tammi
Powell, JoAnn
Smith, Sheila
Stutzman, Beverly
Wilson, Karen

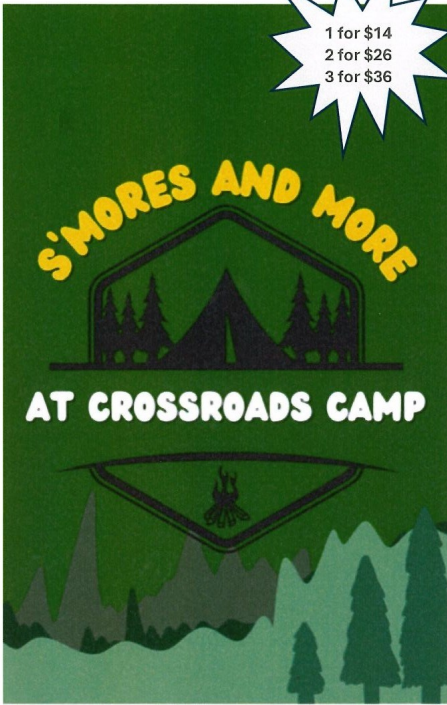
Honored

Hupp, Sharon
Neely, Evelyn
Roden, Judy
Simonton, Sue

Kindness Circle

Ashley, Alyson
Barnhart, Lori
Bennett, Whitney
Carder, Melissa
Carpenter, Kristi
Cronin, Addie
Fetty, Joette
Hadley, Mindy
Hupp, Jennifer
Jones, Kristi
Lewis, Dianna
Snyder, Mary (Hooper)
Sulgit, Clare
Wells, Helen
Westfall, Leslie

1 for \$14
2 for \$26
3 for \$36



Yum!



Prices:

1 for \$14
2 for \$26
3 for \$36

(\$12 each for 3+)

Plus, recipe contributors will receive a \$2 discount off their total order!

Name: _____

Cookbooks: # _____

Shipping: _____

For shipping, 1-2 books = \$5 shipping and handling;
3-4 books = \$6 shipping and handling. For
quantities greater than 4, contact the Little
Kanawha District Office:

office@lkduc.org
304-428-6461*

*Email or call to arrange pick up time.

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GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

January 5	\$4,378.00
January 12	\$3,749.45
January 19	\$0.00
January 26	\$4,681.00

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON ONLINE

January 5	57	236
January 12	52	163
January 19	0	204
January 26	60	163

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$11,973.45
YTD needed for our Budget - \$15,546.15

As we have closed out 2024, thank you for your generous support of ministry at St. Marys United Methodist Church. The response to our Christmas special offering was over \$6,000! The giving for clean water in Southern WV on Christmas Eve was \$1,000! You rose to the occasion and supported both your church and missions in substantial ways.

As we move into 2025, our budget has only increased a modest 3% from 2024. In our household, David & I are increasing our tithe to make sure it reflects that 3% change. I want to encourage you to do likewise. If you are not yet at a 10% tithe, consider increasing your giving to bring you closer to a true tithe. Together we can help keep our church strong by supporting her ministries in 2025.

Thank you!

Blessings & Love,

Clare

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of December

Total Donations: 204

Total Customers: 780

Total Families receiving services: 136

(Baby Blessings Services - 10, total of 14 children)

(food - 136 individuals)

(utility assistance - 13 families)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$ 7,373.95

Total Donations to NN: \$34,317.20

Total Expenses: \$16,461.78

Number of Volunteers this month: 49

**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 around 10:30 AM. 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.

*Our next giveaway is
February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th,
July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th,
November 14th, December 12th*

The January-February Upper Room

Is available at the church.

Want one mailed to you? Just let us know.

Birthdays

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Debbie Thomas	2/1	Russell Ferrell	3/3
Donna Barksdale	2/2	Emma Holt	3/3
Sharon McGee	2/4	Brian Bailey	3/4
Andrew Simonton	2/5	Cali Masters	3/6
Steve Pickens	2/7	Matt Nichols	3/16
Maya Morrison	2/9	Sandra Nichols	3/17
Frank Ennis	2/9	Linda Birkhimer	3/18
Andrea Watson	2/10	Macy Hilvers	3/17
Charmel Radcliff	2/11	Jim McLaughlin	3/19
Drew Wells	2/12	Sandra Locke	3/21
Asa Nichols	2/12	Derek Carpenter	3/22
Mildred Harden	2/13	Bud Moore	3/23
Katee McVey	2/14	Cara Masters	3/24
Samantha Eisenman	2/14	John McKnight	3/24
Nancy Main	2/15	Becky Ingram	3/25
Kacie Estep	2/16	Barbara Maston	3/26
Tim Ambrose	2/18	Greg Arnott	3/27
Tammy Poling	2/19	Gretchen Himmeger	3/27
John Davies	2/20	Lara Fetty	3/28
Maureen Maiden	2/20	Barbara Carl	3/28
Betsy Metz	2/20	Mike Wells	3/29
James Poling	2/20	Sue Simonton	3/29
Angie Dalrymple	2/21	Carla Masters	3/30
Karen Carpenter	2/21		
Brian Westfall	2/21		
Joe Conaway	2/22		
Melissa Carder	2/22		
Kathy Elder	2/26		

MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

11 Finance - 6 PM

MARCH

9 Trustees - 5 PM

11 Church Council - 6 PM

EVERY MONTH

First Mon. - UWF - 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 your
birthday listed?

Please call Deb at

304-684-3018

if we do not have it!



PRAYERS FOR:

Betty Moorhead
Caroline Hill
Joe & Thomasine Troisi
Benny & Ruth Wagner
Mike & Sharon McGee
Philip Starks
Dwight Davis
Gerald May
Maddie Collins
Duane Larsen
Dwayne Barnes
Martha Poling
Sheila Scadden
Jennifer Furr

Webb Carpenter
Greg Hill
Mary Brewer
Eleanor Pierce
Kohner Loughner
Liam Loughner
Debbie Bailey
Matthew Beard
Martha Hoyt
Ruth Blauser
Jim McLaughlin
Destinee Gray
Matthew Clovis
Terrie Gelner Huls

Teresa Davies
Denny Venderlic
Al Glatfelter
Rick Adams
Marie Farly
Lil Dillion
Jeremy Rhodes
Janet Matheny
Suzanne Rouse
Carmen Barron
Will Poling
Deanna Fleming
Phil Shingleton
Ben Himmeger

Ben Himmeger
Karson Elrod
Jeri Smith Williams
John Fitzpatrick
Sandra Nichols
Gary Boley
Judy Nutter
Carol Carder
Bill Gellner
Michael Powell
Parker Miley
Linda Birkhimer
Charlotte Parker



*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
Evelyn Neely*

**KINDNESS CIRCLE WILL MEET
AT THE PARSONAGE
ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 10th AT 6 PM**

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

- February 3* **UWF Team Leadership at 5 PM**
UWF / Circles at 6 PM
- February 4* **Team Meal at 5 PM**
- February 5* **Choir at 7 PM**
- February 10* **Kindness Circle (Parsonage) at 6 PM**
- February 11* **Finance at 6 PM**
- February 12* **Choir at 7 PM**
- February 14* **NN Food Distribution at 9:45 AM**
- February 15* **NN Gala (SMHS Commons) at 6 PM**
- February 16* **UMM Breakfast Meeting at 8 AM**
- February 18* **Ministerial Association at 10 AM**
- February 19* **Choir at 7 PM**
- February 23* **Meal after Worship**
- February 26* **Choir at 7 PM**