



# THE GOOD NEWS

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St. Marys UMC

Little Kanawha District  
West Virginia Conference  
Northeastern Jurisdiction

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pastor Mark Mayfield writes a wonderful weekly article that he shares. From time to time, with his permission, I like to share it in our newsletter as a “guest columnist”. Please enjoy the following:

## Will It Work

Last summer Margie and I purchased a little tree with bright green foliage and nice flowers. That little tree entertained us all summer by constantly producing new flowers. There is a problem with this plant, however. It is not cold hardy enough to survive our winters here. In order to keep the plant alive, we moved it into my dad’s cellar before the ground froze and have just recently brought it back out into the sunlight. The appearance of this plant right now is sort of pathetic, it holds none of the beauty it held last summer. Our hope is that the sunlight and warm weather will bring it back to its former glory and the special care we took with it over the winter will work.

A plant which is not cold hardy in our area is not the only thing which gets stored for long periods of time at our house. I have been blessed by being able to acquire several hand tools over the years, some manual, some corded, and some battery powered. Whenever I go to retrieve my hand saw, it is with the hope that the saw has not rusted and become difficult to use. When I go after my power saw, it is

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my hope that the mice have not chewed through the electric cord. When I decide to use my battery powered tools, it is with the hope that the batteries don't need charged.

Long term storage is not limited to hand tools either. The lawn mower and weed trimmer sit idle all winter. All of the lighted Christmas decorations lay in storage 11 months out of the year. Whatever the item, it is always our hope that we can retrieve it, remove the dust from it, and it will work.

As I read the Old Testament of our Holy Scriptures, it is amazing to me how often the Israelites treated God just like power tools or lawn mowers which only need to be used part of the time. Whenever things were going well for God's chosen people, they seemed to move away from God and put Him into storage, as if He really wasn't needed at that time. Then in times of distress and despair, the Israelites went to the storage closet, dusted off their belief in God and His power, and hoped that God would still work for them.

It is my long-standing belief that people have not really changed since Adam and Eve walked on this earth. Regardless of how advanced and improved we think we have become over the years since God created us, our actions indicate that is just not the case. Whenever things are going really well for us, we tend to put God on a shelf and go our merry way, thinking that we will be able to do just fine on our own. Then when we start seeing trouble, we run to the shelf and dust off God in the hope that He will still work for us.

Folks, our relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit should not follow this pattern. It is important for us to keep Them with us through the good times and the bad. It is also important to acknowledge Their presence with us all of the time, not just when we are troubled or distressed. The wonderful thing about all of this is that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will never get rusty, have Their power cord chewed through, and Their batteries will never run down. A strong and constant relationship with God will always work.

***Pastor Mark***



Dear Friends,

*In the wake of the shootings in Texas, we pray for the parents, grandparents, guardians and loved ones who are left to mourn the loss of innocent children and teachers. We pray that in the midst of their unbelievable grief they feel the presence, love, and comfort of Jesus.*

*Even as we pray for others, we find ourselves wanting and needing to see, experience, and receive Jesus. We want to see Jesus and hear his word, so that we can know - amid shock and tragedy - our God is here!*

We feel the loss – the loss of life, the loss of safety, the loss of security, the loss of the innocence of our children. In a matter of minutes an act of violence took life once again. We feel not only the loss, but lost.

We want the violence to stop! We want to help our children; we desire for them to feel safe. We want our teachers, fulfilling God's call on their lives, to be safe, to be supported, to be valued. We want, we need to see, to hear Jesus!

Jesus agonized too! He wept, and his heart was broken. He knows the experience of loss and lost-ness as he hung on the cross. Out of that experience Christ can speak to us. Jesus knows about broken hearts. Jesus is here and speaks to every victim, to every broken heart, to those who are fearful, and to those who just don't know what to do.

Folks, in the midst of our shock, fear, anger, and lost-ness, we see and hear Jesus in people like you and me; and we know that God is here! God has searched us out. God is trying to find us, recover us, heal us, reconcile us, no matter what crisis or disaster strikes us.

God is breaking through this tragedy as God's Son, our Savior, makes himself known through us. People of faith, God is here and God is searching us out so that our Savior may be seen and heard and made known through us. The God who shows love and destroys hate, the God who searches without end, the God who overcomes death with life, the God whose Son is working to bring peace through us, this God, my friends is the God who is with us! We are not alone! The families who lost loved ones are not alone!

There is no better time for us to allow the Pentecost Spirit to fill each of us once again! There is no better time to allow the Christ, the Prince of Peace, to be born

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## **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



**UPCOMING BREAKFAST MEETING**  
**No meetings in June, July & August**

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## **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**

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

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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).

## **JUNE**

Executive Committee - Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Circles - Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Program: ***Reaching for the Garments of Healing***

## **JULY**

**ALL CIRCLE PICNIC**

***Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM***

Senior Citizens Pavilion

Bring a covered dish

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anew in each of us! There is no better time to build relationships that work to bring witness to the value and love that God places on each person created in God's image, and thus work to confront and eliminate evil and violence of all kinds in this world.

As we allow Christ to be reborn in us, God's Spirit will fill us in ways that we can be the presence of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, to a world that desperately needs to see and hear Jesus! Our prayer is that all of us will intentionally search for and prepare for God's Pentecost Spirit to born anew within us, so that together, we might be the Body of Christ that brings God's life, healing, hope, love, joy and peace to the world!

Grace and Peace,  
Bishop Sandra L. Steiner Ball  
Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi



## AN UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES

You may have noticed new intercom systems on both the Educational Wing doors. We have installed an Access Control system that keeps folks in the church safer. On normal weekdays, during office hours, you can press the intercom by the door to talk to Debbie or Clare. They can then let you in by releasing the door. If you have a key, you can still gain access using it at the Parking Lot door. Please re-lock the door when you enter. The Washington St. door will no longer be accessible with your key. You can, however, enter with your key using the stairwell door. Please re-lock the door when you enter.

The Washington St. Sanctuary door and the alleyway Chapel door will not be affected by this. They are not open during normal office hours. On Sundays, all doors will be open and accessible.

The Trustees have also upgraded the security system.

These are exciting upgrades to our building that will keep us and the building more secure. If you have questions, or want to know more, feel free to ask Gary Loughner (304-305-0386) or George Little (304-684-2272).



### **“Sweet Breath of Spring” Vidalia Onion Festival**

UMW raised \$840 at the Onion Festival sale that will benefit Ukraine. These funds will be sent to Ukraine through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Through our apportionment giving (combined with others), 100% of the administrative costs are covered. This means 100% of any gift given goes to the designated purpose. You are welcome to still support Ukraine relief by making a contribution directly to UMCOR or through the church (we forward all of it to UMCOR), by designating “Ukraine Relief” on your check or envelope.

*Pentecost Sunday is June 5<sup>th</sup>. It is tradition to wear red to celebrate the Holy Spirit. Please note we will be in the Sanctuary, worshipping at 10:45 AM.*

*Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> we will move to our summer schedule worshipping at 9:30 AM in the chapel.*



## 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 27<sup>th</sup>** from **9 AM - 4 PM**. Jennifer is training to become a facilitator of the Healthy Congregations workshops and looks forward to using that new information to further guide us.



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.**

Clare will be on vacation with her family May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>  
and at Annual Conference June 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>.

Keith White, our Lay Leader, is available to assist with any needs  
during that time. You can contact him at  
304-684-3827 (home) or 304-684-2219 (office).

## DONATIONS FOR 2022 SUMMER CAMP

Crossroads United Methodist Church Camp is seeking donations of supplies for the upcoming 2022 Summer Camp. The theme for this year is disciples under construction, due to the camp being updated with ongoing construction. For this theme, there will be three groups of students who must build a small house from a list of materials. Items needed for this activity include:

- Pool noodles
- Milk jugs
- Boxes
- Toilet paper and paper towel roll cores
- Cans
- Fabric
- Glue
- Paint
- Popsicle sticks
- Markers
- Rope
- String
- Yarn

If you would like to donate any materials such as these, please contact Stephanie Lowden by phone: 304-494-4815 or email at [slowden1508@gmail.com](mailto:slowden1508@gmail.com) to schedule a pickup of materials. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Camp begins June 27, 2022, and we will need these supplies by June 24, 2022 at the latest. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your generosity in this matter.

**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!**



# Come to Camp!



Sponsorships for kids going to camp at our United Methodist Camp, Spring Heights in Spencer, WV, are being accepted. Just indicate on you check or envelope it's a camping sponsorship and how much you'd like to sponsor. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter (with their permission). More information about available Spring Heights camps can be found in the May newsletter or contact Gary Loughner at 304-305-0386 for a brochure.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT  
GOING TO SPRING HEIGHTS SUMMER  
CAMP THIS YEAR. WE WANT TO THANK  
YOU FOR SPONSORING US. WE WANT  
TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING BAKED  
GOODS FOR OUR BAKE SALE. AND  
WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BUYING  
SO MANY OF THESE ITEMS. BUT  
WE WANT TO THANK YOU MOST OF  
ALL FOR CARING ABOUT US WITH  
GOD'S LOVE.

GARY LOUGHNER

I will bless you...  
and you will be a blessing.  
GENESIS 12:2 NCV

May you receive  
abundant blessings  
in return for the special way  
you expressed His love.

*Thank you*

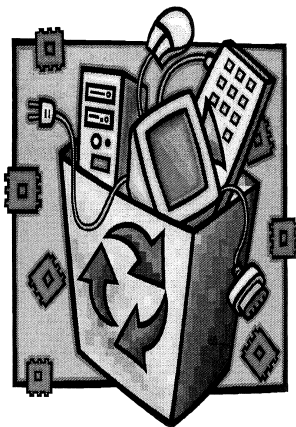
Melvinsey Jeffers  
Laney Jeffers  
Morgan Poling  
Liz Loughner  
Binner  
Loughner

## 2022 Spring Heights Camp Sponsors

Mike & Sharon McGee  
Melissa Carder  
Bill & Carol Carder

Beverly Stutzman  
Mary Frances Park  
Gary & Liz Loughner

Mae Lewis  
Margaret Elder  
Ruth Blauser



# e-Cycling Day

Momentive Performance Materials

10851 Energy Highway

Friendly, WV 26146

When: June 18, 2022 [Saturday]

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

Where: Momentive's South Parking Area

## Acceptable Electronic Equipment:

AC Adapters	Small Household Appliances (toaster, coffee maker, blender, etc)
Air Conditioners (portable)	Stereo Equipment
Batteries ( <b>NO VEHICLE BATTERIES</b> )	Stereos
Cell phones	Telephones (residential and business)
Computer/Laptops (plus parts and components)	Transformers
Docking Station	Televisions
Electrical Components	Two-Way Radios
Electrical Motors	UPS Battery Back-ups
Electrical Heaters	Video Equipment
Film/Digital Cameras	Wi-Fi Equipment
Fans	Other Consumer Electronics
Gaming Systems	
Household Electronics	
Ink and Toner Cartridges	
Keyboards/Mice	
LCD Monitors	
Light Ballasts	
Microwave Ovens	
Shredders	
Software	

## Unacceptable Equipment:

- Household appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, toaster ovens
- Hazardous Materials (Mercury containing lamps, thermostats, smoke detectors, batteries and other mercury bearing devices)
- Intact CRT monitors and televisions only; those previously stripped will not be accepted
- CDs, VCR tapes, light bulbs

**This e-Cycling event is a collaborative effort among:**

**Pleasants County Solid Waste Authority**

**Momentive Performance Materials**

**WV Department of Environmental Protection**

**Scott Recycling**

If questions, or if you have more than 20 items, please contact:

Jim McIntyre 304-652-8368

Jim Gibson 304-652-8350



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## Day of Service:

**June 9** is the first day of Annual Conference, and instead of arriving in Buckhannon for annual conference every local church is encouraged to engage in mission and ministry in their own context. There are a few opportunities to consider (or you may want to serve someone you know in another way!):

- Volunteer at **Neighbor Network** on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Director Jennifer White has all kinds of ways you can serve. Clare will be there in the morning.
- Volunteer for the **Neighbor Network Food Giveaway** on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marina beginning at 9:45 AM.
- The trustees of the **Crossroads UM camp** have set June 9<sup>th</sup> as a workday at the camp. Here are some things you can do on that day: sweep in preparation for power washing, power wash, move furnishing from buildings that are slated to be torn down, treat decks, painting (bring your own brushes if possible), trim trees, cut trees for firewood (bring your own hard hat, other protective gear, and chain saw), clear rocks and debris, demolish fire pit, demolish amphitheater; and a big need... if you have a tractor we need to smooth rocks in the new all purpose building in preparation for pouring concrete for the floor. There will be other opportunities once we get there. Come and fellowship and work together.

# GIVING

## TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

May 1	\$4,819.00
May 8	\$7,401.00
May 15	\$2,831.00
May 22	\$2,529.00
May 29	\$3,685.00

# ATTENDANCE

## IN PERSON   ONLINE

May 1	54	169
May 8	71	58
May 15	52	193
May 22	82	173
May 29	40	119

**YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$74,522.95**

**YTD needed for our Budget - \$74,764.70**

**Custodial Account Balance - \$1,613.00**

## 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!



The church office will be closed on  
Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

## Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of April

Total Donations: 189

Total Customers: 707

Total Families receiving services: 102

(Gabriel Project - 8, total of 8 children)

(food - 189 individuals)

(utility assistance - 3)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$7,048.13

Total Donations to NN: \$5,225.00

Total Expenses: \$9,220.11

Number of Volunteers this month: 22

**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:*

*June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>,  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>,  
November 16<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), & December 9<sup>th</sup>*

*"I want the whole Christ for my Saviour, the whole Bible  
for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship and the  
whole world for my mission field."*

*--John Wesley*

# Birthdays

## JUNE

Judy Roden	6/1
Kohner Loughner	6/3
Terry Carpenter	6/4
Sue Morgan	6/4
Brett Colyer	6/4
Bill Maiden	6/5
Mary Hooper	6/7
David Henline	6/7
Pat Mays	6/7
Donald Dearth	6/8
Evelyn Neely	6/10
Merle Rouse	6/11
Tammi Nichols	6/13
Adam Bennett	6/14
Blakelyn Mote	6/15
Jim Henegar	6/15
Gregory Arnott	6/17
Randy Nutter	6/18
Liam Loughner	6/21
Rick McCullough	6/22
David Robey	6/23
Becky Arnott	6/23
Ashleigh Bonner	6/23
Wilma Bailey	6/24
Deena Hatcher	6/27
Casey Barron	6/28

## JULY

Justin Scadden	7/2
Josh Pickens	7/5
Michelle Maiden	7/6
Tom Braun	7/8
Addie Cronin	7/9
Randy Shingleton	7/11
Sharon Hupp	7/11
Jean Smith	7/11
Taylor Pickens	7/12
Matt Hickman	7/13
Sheila Smith	7/18
Anne McKnight	7/19
Andrew Hooper	7/19
Lori Barnhart	7/20
Max Powell	7/22
David Carpenter	7/24
Tyler Johnson	7/27
Yvette Kiggans	7/27
Terry Wilson	7/30

## MEETINGS

### JUNE

15 SPRC - 6 PM

### JULY

10 TRUSTEES - 5 PM

12 CHURCH COUNCIL - 7 PM

13 FINANCE - 6 PM

20 LAY LEADERSHIP &  
NOMINATIONS - 6 PM

### 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



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

# Happy Birthday



## **PRAYERS FOR:**

Paul Tallman  
Betty Moorhead  
Ginger Poling  
Joan Robey  
Suellen Simonton  
Caroline Hill  
Margo Ingram  
Shirley Seaboy  
Carolyn Ashkar  
Larry Dew  
Avery Clickenger  
Pat Hawkins

Martha Hockenberry  
Joe & Thomasine Troisi  
Benny & Ruth Wagner  
Emma Jean Dobbins  
Debbie Bailey  
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  
Dwaine Barnes  
John Hess  
Smitty Smith  
Sara McKnight

Bob Archer  
Sheila Scadden  
Kenneth Carder  
Fran Higgins  
Merle Rouse  
Bill Carder  
Webb Carpenter  
Greg Hill  
Mary Brewer  
Denise Vandenberg  
Jim Hickman  
Rob Wilson



*Christian Sympathy  
is extended to the  
friends & family of  
Caroll Brewer  
(Uncle of Andy Hickman)*



**Active Military**  
Nate McHenry

The 2022 Church Information Guide is available at the church.

The June/July 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

- June 5*     **Pentecost Sunday (wear red) at 10:45 AM**
- June 6*     **UMW Exec. Committee at 5 PM**  
**UMW at 6 PM**
- June 9*     **WV Annual Conference (6/9 - 6/12)**
- June 10*    **NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM**
- June 12*    **Summer Worship at 9:30 AM in the Chapel**
- June 15*    **SPRC at 6 PM**
- June 19*    **Father's Day**
- July 4*     **Church Office Closed**
- July 8*     **NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM**
- July 10*    **Trustees at 5 PM**
- July 12*    **Church Council at 7 PM**
- July 13*    **Finance at 6 PM**
- July 18*    **UMW All Circle Picnic Senior Citizens Pavilion**  
**(Bring a Covered Dish) at 6 PM**
- July 20*    **Lay Leadership & Nominations at 6 PM**
- July 23*    **Debbie's on Vacation 7/23 - 7/30**