



THE GOOD NEWS

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St. Marys UMC

Northern District

West Virginia Conference

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many years ago when my paternal grandmother died, we joined other family members standing at her casket in the Chicago funeral home that cared for her body. We were all deeply grieving, but there was another feeling we all shared. It was the feeling that we would see her again. Not in the aged and ill body in which she had struggled with health problems for so long. But instead, we knew we would see her in her glorified, resurrected body – a body free from decay, disease and death. It will be a body bursting with new life! This thought gave us great comfort. And when we all gathered at a favorite restaurant following her funeral service, we all remarked on how near her presence felt to us as we ate, laughed, cried and remembered together.

Those of us of the Christian faith know that any contemplation of resurrection must begin with Jesus, and that's what this season of Eastertide is all about. Beginning with Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days until we reach Pentecost, in a focused way we pin our faith on his defeat of sin and death. The resurrection was even more tangible by the fact that he ate fish with them and allowed them to touch him (Luke 24:36-43). By his grace we will share in his death and resurrection. Life eternal is our gracious gift from him. Our hearts should overflow with joy and gratitude as we remember the message of Easter!

So as we continue this month to celebrate this holy and happy season,
let us continue to celebrate the fact that HE IS RISEN!
Blessings and Love,

Clare



Our own Administrative Assistant, Debbie Thomas will be having shoulder surgery June 21st. We are looking for someone or several persons who can help cover her office duties during her recovery for approximately 2 months. Specific skills needed include the computer programs Word, Publisher, PowerPoint and Excel, staffing the office from 9-1 daily, outlook email, and a willingness to post on social media. This could be done by one person or a group of people. The church would be willing to pay for services rendered and Debbie will be glad to train you. Please see Clare or Melissa Carder for more information.



Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make possible the celebration of youth camping ministries last Sunday. Through the efforts of youth presentations, luncheon set up, preparation, clean up, bake sale donations, the bake sale, and your generous contributions, \$1,441.00 was raised to send our youth to United Methodist Church camping programs this summer. Thank you very much!!!

Gary Loughner and the youth of the church

THERE ARE EXTRA CAMPING BROCHURES IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ON THE TABLE IN THE HALL.



The church office will be closed on:
Monday, May 29th
for
Memorial Day



*Congratulations,
Graduates!*

SMHS Baccalaureate - May 21 at 2 PM

SMHS Graduation - May 28 at 7 PM

OUR GRADUATES

Jaden Hatcher graduates from Fairmont State, May 6th.

Macy Hilvers graduates from Ritchie County High School May 21st.

Kyle Jones graduates from St. Marys High School May 28th.

Sunday, May 21st we will be honoring our graduating students. We will have special recognition during worship and a meal afterwards. Please plan to join us!



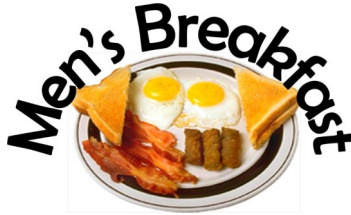
Our local Cub Scouts are looking for adult volunteers to help with day camp on June 7, 8 & 9 at Broughton Nature Preserve in Marietta, Ohio. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Russell Loughner at 513-728-5096. Thank you.



United Methodist Men

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

All men are welcome



Next Breakfast meeting - May 21st at 8 AM

*The UMM still has lots of apple butter for sale
The price is \$6 per pint. Thank you!*



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

CHURCH COUNCIL - 6 PM

May 9 - July 11 - September 12 - November 14

TRUSTEES - 5 PM

May 21 - July 9 - September 10 - November 12

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 6 PM

July 12 - October 10

LAY LEADERSHIP & NOMINATIONS - 6 PM

June 14 - July 18 - August 16

SPRC - 6 PM

July 19 - November 15



United Women In Faith News

MAY

Leadership Team - Monday, May 1st at 5 PM

General Meeting & Circles - Monday, May 1st at 6 PM

Program: ***Bold Women of Faith***

Program Book: Page 85-90

Program: Peace Circle

Flowers & Greeters: Grace Circle

JUNE

Leadership Team - Monday, June 5th at 5 PM

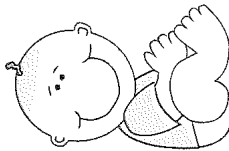
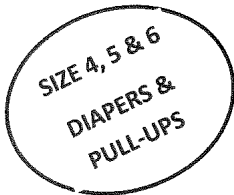
General Meeting & Circles - Monday, June 5th at 6 PM

Program: ***Faith in Action Dismantles Oppressive Structures***

Program: Grace Circle

Flowers & Greeters: Peace Circle

ALL ABOARD For Our DIAPER DROP!



AT 411 SECOND STREET OUR TRAIN DEPOT

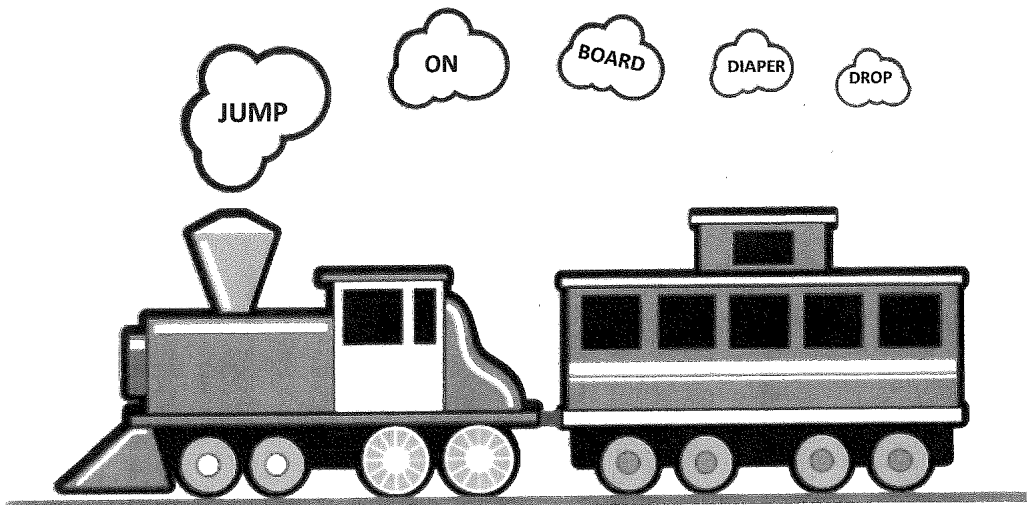
NEIGHBOR NETWORK

APRIL 24TH—MAY 19TH

Coordinated by:

Wild Wonderful & Healthy Pleasants County

in conjunction with Neighbor Network's Gabriel Project





Thursday, May 4th is National Day of Prayer. The community program will be held at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church (in the sanctuary).



Vidalia Onion Festival

The “Sweet Breath of Spring Vidalia Onion Festival” will be on **Saturday, May 6th** from **11 AM - 4 PM**. The Pleasants County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting it this year. There will be onions, food, farmers market, crafts, music, and activities for adults and youth held throughout the day. It will be held downtown.

The United Methodist Women will be selling candy (or cookies, snack mix, other goodies) again for \$1 a bag, we will also be selling whole pies. Donations pre-packaged in snack sized bags and pies are appreciated and can be left in the Chapel Kitchen before the 6th.

HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS

Northern District Celebration of Mission Event Planning, COME supports ten WV Conference Mission Ministries, including the 7 Conference Mission Projects, Volunteers in Mission, the New Vision Depot and the Church and Community Ministry in Clarksburg, now in the Northern District. There will be a COME rally and corn hole tournament on **Saturday, May 13th**.

1. Rally #1 will be at the **New Martinsville UMC at 10 AM.**
2. Rally #2 will be at the **First UMC in Clarksburg at 2 PM.**
3. There will be a brief worship service at the gatherings in which a representative from each of the 2 mission projects will share information regarding their ministries.

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

| | |
|----------|------------|
| April 2 | \$7,550.10 |
| April 9 | \$3,593.00 |
| April 16 | \$2,113.00 |
| April 23 | \$3,400.00 |

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON

ONLINE

| | | |
|----------|----|-----|
| April 2 | 73 | 134 |
| April 9 | 98 | 104 |
| April 16 | 69 | 131 |
| April 23 | 64 | 106 |

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$64,033.04

YTD needed for our Budget - \$58,344.00

Custodial Account Balance - \$1,389.00

And all of them
were filled
with the
Holy Spirit

Acts 2:4



*Pentecost Sunday is May 28th.
It is traditional to wear red to
celebrate the Holy Spirit.*

*Sunday, June 4th we will move
to our summer schedule*

The District Lay Servant team is offering classes for Spring 2023. Three classes are scheduled for May 6th and 20th at Wellsburg UMC. Brochures with more information are available on the table in Education wing first floor and also on the tables in the Sanctuary.

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!

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of March

Total Donations: 172

Total Customers: 823

Total Families receiving services: 216

(Gabriel Project - 5, total of 5 children)

(food - 218 individuals)

(utility assistance - 9)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$7,553.00

Total Donations to NN: \$10,714.41

Total Expenses: \$13,655.04

Number of Volunteers this month: 25

**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.

*Our next giveaways are May 12th, June 9th, July 14th,
August 11th, September 8th, October 13th,
November 9th, December 8th*

NEW HOURS

The Neighbor Network Thrift Store will be open on Saturdays in April and May from 8 AM - 4 PM.

Birthdays

MAY

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Corbin Bussey | 5/1 |
| Wendy Loughner | 5/3 |
| Paula Corbin | 5/4 |
| Marci Davis | 5/8 |
| Marcia McCullough | 5/11 |
| Adam Carpenter | 5/11 |
| Cayla 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 |
| Derek Johnson | 5/24 |
| Jessy Moore | 5/25 |
| Sarah Holt | 5/26 |
| Nina Ogdin | 5/29 |
| Mae Lewis | 5/31 |
| Mary Frances Park | 5/31 |

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 |

MEETINGS

MAY

9 Church Council - 6 PM
21 Trustees - 5 PM

JUNE

24 Lay Leadership &
Nominations - 6 PM

EVERY MONTH

First Mon. - UWF - 6 P
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 Debbie at
304-684-3018
if we do not have it!

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
Rob Wilson
Nancy Forrester
Eleanor Pierce
Kenneth Carder
Merle Rouse
Bev Fitzpatrick
Kohner Loughner
Betty Wilson
Martha Hoyt

Janet Nutter Matheny
Gayle Hakki
Larry Barnhart
Adam Mallett
Liz Loughner
Linda Birkhimer
Martha Poling
Jennifer White



*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
Emma Jean Dobbins
Mother of Karen Wilson*



Active Military
Nate McHenry

PICTURES NEEDED

We now have a digital photo frame in the church library. If you have any pictures of the church, church events, etc. please send them to Deb at smumcwv@outlook.com. And please try to remember to snap lots of pictures as you attend different events at church (and even around town). Thanks!

The 2023 Church Information Guide and
the May/June Upper Room are 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

- May 1* **UWF Leadership Team at 5 PM**
UWF General Meeting/Circles at 6 PM
- May 3* **Choir at 7 PM**
- May 4* **National Day of Prayer at 7 PM**
St. Marys Baptist Church (In the Sanctuary)
- May 5* **NN Board Meeting at 1 PM**
- May 9* **Church Council at 6 PM**
- May 10* **Choir at 7 PM**
- May 12* **NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM**
- May 16* **Parish Meeting at 9 AM**
Ministerial Association at 10 AM
- May 17* **Choir at 7 PM**
- May 21* **UMM Breakfast Meeting at 8 AM**
Meal after Services (Graduation Sunday)
Trustees at 5 PM
SMHS Baccalaureate at 2 PM
- May 24* **Choir at 7 PM**
- May 28* **SMHS Graduation at 7 PM**
- May 29* **Church Office Closed for Memorial Day**