

THE GOOD NEWS



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As we move into one of the busiest seasons of the year, Pastor Mark Mayfield joins us to discuss patience. It is reprinted with permission.

At Last...

Margie and I watched our mums as they grew this year and were very pleased with their growth. As fall approached, we saw that the mums were loaded with flower buds and just knew the plants would be covered in flowers soon, so we watched them closely and waited for the flowers. And waited. And waited. And waited. Although those mums were loaded with flower buds, it seemed like the flowers were never going to open up to show off their beauty. Of course, in their own time, the mums did at last burst out in their full fall colors.

After the mums did flower, I thought about how anxious Margie and I were to see them in their splendor. We were a bit impatient in our waiting and thought the flowers should appear in our time, not the flower's time. It was only after the flowers did appear that I remembered the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiastes where Solomon wrote that there is a time for everything. That Scripture led my thoughts to the 1st chapter of the Epistle of James that explains the importance of having patience. In fact, as we read the New Testament of our Holy Scriptures, we find that one of the most important virtues of a Christian should be patience.

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St. Marys UMC

Northern District

West Virginia Conference

Northeastern Jurisdiction

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I am sorry to say that we people of today usually lack the virtue of patience. Have you ever been stopped at a red light while driving and found yourself tapping your fingers and muttering, “Hurry up, let’s go!”? Have you ever found yourself complaining about how slow your internet is if you have to wait more than a few seconds for it to work? Have you ever complained about how slow “fast food” restaurants are? I fear that we have become a society who crave instant gratification and hate having to be patient for anything.

I suppose this lack of patience is not a new thing, but rather a part of our human nature. In the 16th chapter of Genesis, we read that Abraham and Sarah grew impatient waiting to have their own children, so they came up with a plan to speed up that process. The product of that plan caused a rift between nations that still exists today. In the 32nd chapter of Exodus, we read that the Israelites grew impatient while waiting for Moses to bring them back the word of God from Mount Sinai and formed a golden calf to worship. Had it not been for the intervention of Moses, all of those people would have been destroyed and God would have started a whole new people from the line of Moses.

I am sure that many Christians look at the evil in our world today and grow impatient for the coming of Jesus Christ, wanting all of the evil to disappear. We sometimes wonder why God is so slow in fulfilling His promise to destroy all unrighteousness and take all of the redeemed of Jesus Christ to live eternally in heaven. We need to remember that God is not slow, but rather operating on His holy timeframe. We need to be patient and ever watchful for God’s time, when at last, Jesus Christ will come and take us home to live with Him forever.

Pastor Mark.

May we not say, that true zeal is not mostly charitable, but wholly so? That is, if we take charity in St. Paul’s sense, for love; the love of God and our neighbour. For it is a certain truth, (although little understood in the world), that Christian zeal is all love. It is nothing else.

--John Wesley

ADVENT IS COMING!

ADVENT STUDY COMING

Advent will be upon us before we know it! The first Sunday of Advent will be November 27th. Our Advent study this year will be Adam Hamilton's Incarnation. Mark your calendars to learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference he makes in our lives this Christmas. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men and angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World and Word Made Flesh.

Classes are in person and meet on Tuesdays at 11 AM and 7 PM at the church, beginning November 22nd. Guests are more than welcome. Books are available downstairs in the Educational Wing and upstairs in the Sanctuary. They are \$6 for regular size and \$16 for large print. You are welcome to purchase a book even if you can't attend a class.



In the Spirit of Christmas, the Finance Team and Church Council have approved for the entirety of the Christmas Eve offering to go to missions. This year, the offering will go to the WVU Children's Hospital in Morgantown.



December 1-4, Sight and Sound Films is presenting "I Heard the Bells" at Grand Central Mall in Parkersburg. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's world was shattered by tragedy, but it was the sound of Christmas morning that reignited the poet's lost voice and rekindled his faith. More information can be found at: IHEARDTHEBELLSMOVIE.COM.



United Methodist Men

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

All men are welcome



Sunday, November 20th at 8 AM

The UMM still has lots of apple butter for sale

The price is \$6 per pint. Thank you!



2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Trustees - 5 PM

November 8

Staff-Parish Relations - 6 PM

Church Council - 7 PM

November 8

Trustees - 5 PM

November 13

United Methodist Women News



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

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

NOVEMBER

Executive Committee - Monday, November 7th at 5 PM

Circles - Monday, November 7th at 6 PM

Program: *World Thank Offering: **Embracing Change, Sharing Grace***
and Pledge Service

DECEMBER

Tureen Dinner

December 5th at 6 PM

Bring a covered dish

Program: Christmas Program

Vice President & Spiritual Life Leaders

New Member Recognition

Special Mission Recognition

50 Year Member Recognition

Reminder: *Bring baby gifts for the House of the Carpenter to the Tureen Dinner in December.*

The UMW still has bags of nuts available for sale. They're on a table across from Debbie's office. The price is \$14 per bag.



Monday, November 14th
(5 PM - 7 PM)

This is a dinner designed for the community with an opportunity for each of us to

invite friends, family, those who may not enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal, youth and children. This is a great opportunity to invite someone who does not have a church family. We will need lots of volunteers to make this happen. You are welcome to invite someone from outside the church family to come as a volunteer too. It gives them a change to see our congregation in action as we are for others. Sign-up sheets for food and volunteer help are being circulated now. As you plan your dishes you might consider bringing them in a disposable aluminum pan. This will benefit the kitchen staff and you won't have to worry about getting your dish/pan returned.



All-Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 6th is All-Saints Sunday, when we remember those who have gone on before us in the past year.

If you have the name of someone you would like remembered, please call the church office at 304-684-3018 and give that information to Debbie.

The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and the living. It is a time to honor those who built our families, who sacrificed for our well-being, who built up our church, who founded institutions of learning who braved the storm, and who fought the good fight.

**WV PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S
CLUB, INC./ST. MARYS**

OFFERS BLOOD TESTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

And

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

At

PLEASANTS COUNTY LIBRARY

101 LAFAYETTE STREET

ST. MARYS, WV

7 AM - 10 AM

12-14 Hour fast required

COST \$35 - PSA \$10 extra

VITAMIN D LEVEL \$15 extra

C-REACTIVE PROTEIN \$10 extra

HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY \$10 extra

A1C \$5 extra

**CALL MARIETTA MEMORIAL HEALTH
SYSTEMS CONTACT CENTER**

at

**1-740-568-4731 FOR APPOINTMENTS
STARTING NOVEMBER 1st**

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

October 2	\$5,647.00
October 9	\$5,290.00
October 16	\$2,946.00
October 23	\$2,068.00

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON

ONLINE

October 2	39	80
October 9	56	86
October 16	47	151
October 23	76	140

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$138,478.95

YTD needed for our Budget - \$148,085.55

Custodial Account Balance - \$2,073.00

Upcoming Dates (continued from pg. 12)

<i>December 5</i>	UMW Tureen Dinner at 6 PM
<i>December 7</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>December 9</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM Community Singing Christmas Tree
<i>December 10</i>	Community Christmas Parade
<i>December 11</i>	Luncheon after Worship Community Singing Christmas Tree
<i>December 12</i>	White Gifts Due
<i>December 14</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>December 17</i>	Deliver White Gifts
<i>December 18</i>	Christmas Luncheon after Worship
<i>December 21</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>December 23</i>	Church Office Closed
<i>December 24</i>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 11 PM
<i>December 26</i>	Church Office Closed
<i>December 28</i>	Choir at 7 PM

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of September

Total Donations: 210

Total Customers: 772

Total Families receiving services: 98

(Gabriel Project - 8, total of 12 children)

(food - 209 individuals)

(utility assistance - 7)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$7,124.30

Total Donations to NN: \$2,089.00

Total Expenses: \$12,264.10

Number of Volunteers this month: 20

**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:

November 16th (Wednesday), & December 9th

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!

Birthdays

NOVEMBER

Erika Lewis	11/1
Paul Tallman, Jr.	11/2
Michael Powell	11/3
Mia Braun	11/5
Paul Bills	11/9
Martha Poling	11/10
Trent Barnhart	11/12
Allen Thacker	11/12
Sharon Estep	11/13
Audra Dennis	11/15
Bob Beard	11/18
Tom Yoho	11/18
Leslie Westfall	11/18
Danny Davis	11/18
John Armstrong	11/21
Dylan Hupp	11/24
Bristol Sajdak-Lapan	11/24
Alaina Duty	11/25
JoAnn Powell	11/25
Melissa Ennis	11/25
Vincent Elder	11/27
Louise McLaughlin	11/27
Derek Poling	11/29
Andrea Brugnoli	11/30

DECEMBER

Carol Carder	12/4
Rachel Willis	12/4
LeeAnn Carpenter	12/5
Jean Henline	12/5
Andy Hickman	12/5
Chris Simonton	12/7
Brett Holt	12/9
Donna Boley	12/9
Thad Ennis	12/10
Claude Rolston	12/11
Jenifer Trunk	12/12
Richard Conaway	12/14
John Raines	12/15
David Conaway	12/15
George Little	12/15
Matthew Powell	12/17
Bryan Poling	12/18
Lauren Shafer	12/18
Helen Wells	12/20
Ryan Powell	12/22
Sonya Bailey	12/25
Jennifer Wince	12/25
Chris Masters	12/27
Dianna Lewis	12/27
Eric Phair	12/27
Mya Hatcher	12/29
Wayne Birkhimer	12/29
Keith White	12/29
John Fitzpatrick	12/30

MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

6 TRUSTEES - 5 PM

8 SPRC - 6 PM

8 CHURCH COUNCIL - 7 PM

13 TURSTEES - 5 PM

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



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
Joan Robey
Suellen Simonton
Caroline Hill
Margo Ingram
Shirley Seaboy
Carolyn Ashkar
Larry Dew
Avery Clickenger
Debbie Bailey
Matthew Beard

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

JD Williamson
Evelyn Neely
Duane Larsen
Dwayne Barnes
John Hess
Smitty Smith
Sara McKnight
Bob Archer
Sheila Scadden
Jennifer Furr
Webb Carpenter
Greg Hill
Mary Brewer

Denise Vandenberg
Rob Wilson
Nancy Forrester
Eleanor Pierce
Paula Duran
Merle Rouse



Active Military

Nate McHenry

ANGEL TREE & WHITE GIFTS

White gift bags will be distributed on November 20th for members to put their non-perishable items in for the Christmas Baskets. The white gifts should be returned by December 12th and placed in the first floor classroom nearest Washington Street. (**Non-perishable items include:** canned foods, household paper products and cleaning items, & toiletry items).

The Angel Tree will also be ready on November 20th. Select an angel (write your name on the provided sheet) and purchase gifts for the person. Have gifts at the church by December 12th and put them in the first floor classroom nearest Washington Street.

The 2022 Church Information Guide is available at the church.
The November/December 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>November 5</i>	Hak Memorial Service
<i>November 6</i>	All Saints Sunday Trustees at 5 PM
<i>November 7</i>	UMW Committee at 5 PM UMW at 6 PM
<i>November 8</i>	SPRC at 6 PM Church Council at 7 PM
<i>November 9</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>November 12</i>	Clare on Vacation (11/12 - 11/19)
<i>November 13</i>	Trustees at 5 PM
<i>November 14</i>	Community Thanksgiving Dinner
<i>November 16</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM Choir at 7 PM
<i>November 20</i>	UMM Breakfast Meeting at 8 AM Angel Tree
<i>November 23</i>	Cross Country Meal at 5 PM
<i>November 24</i>	Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed
<i>November 25</i>	Church Office Closed
<i>November 30</i>	Choir at 7 PM

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