

THE GOOD NEWS



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Remember God's promise to Noah in Genesis:

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

As I write this, we are celebrating the first day of Autumn. The arrival and departure of a season often sneaks up and surprises me. One day it is the chirping sparrow of spring; the next, the warm embrace of summer. Before we know it, the mornings are heavy with mist, and we sense autumn in the air. The summers are never long enough to suit me, and yet the cooler air is welcome too.

When my family lived in West Africa, there were only two seasons — wet and dry. In the rainy season, it rained all the time. It seemed as if everything we owned became moldy — even shoes and bed linens! In the dry season, we had no rain at all, and everything was brown and parched. The village water supply slowed to a trickle and sometimes stopped altogether. How my parents longed for the four seasons of West Virginia! And when I was old enough to complain about a season, I would be reminded of this story.

Too often I forget how blessed we are with four seasons. I whine about the winter's snow, complain

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about the spring dampness, fuss about the heat and humidity of summer, and then mourn the loss of summer when fall arrives.

I'm going to try to do it differently this year. No matter what God sends our way, I'm going to try to remember to say "thank you" for the changing season and embrace its beauty whenever it come.

In the Genesis story, the first covenant God makes with humanity through Noah has to do with seasons. God says that as long as the earth remains, the changing of season will be a reminder that God is faithful and reliable. May I remember that. May you remember it too. And may we each be blessed as this autumn season unfold for us.

Blessings & Love,
Clare

Charge Conference - Our Annual Charge Conference with our District Superintendent, Rev. Neil Leftwich, will be **Monday, October 3rd at 1 PM**. Everyone in the church is invited to attend. Please mark your calendar.

NARCAN TRAINING

On **Sunday, October 23rd at 3 PM** in the Chapel, we will have Rev. Chris Scott with us to train us on how to use Narcan. He'll do a brief presentation and then the training. Everyone in attendance will leave with a nasal application. This event is free and open to the public. Please invite others to attend. Questions? Please see Pastor Clare.



CROSS COUNTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 23rd we will honor the SMHS Cross Country Team. There will be a luncheon following Worship.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

On Sunday, October 2nd from 4 - 6:00 PM, (Please note the time change) Rev. Mike Linger, Director of the House of the Carpenter in Wheeling, WV and Rev. Neil Leftwich, our District Superintendent, will be leading a workshop at our church in the fellowship hall on connecting churches with the community specifically through partnerships with schools. This is a conference wide project which has been proven successful in Wheeling and is being shared with other churches in our conference.



In this workshop we will be gathering to equip the church for reaching out to the school. The hour & a half we spend together will include:

- ♦ *Developing our understanding of current student needs*
- ♦ *The biblical/theological underpinnings for this type of ministry*
- ♦ *Building and working in collaborative ministry*
- ♦ *How to begin building a relationship and engaging with your local school*
- ♦ *Some ideas of ways churches are ministering with schools*

The workshop is based on the book, The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships by Jake McGlothlin. Clare has free copies of the book if you'd like to have one in advance of the workshop.

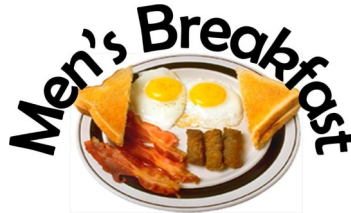
Everyone is invited to attend and you are welcome to bring a friend, teacher or others who are interested in getting involved with our community. This event is supported by our local Pleasants Area Ministerial Association and other churches in the area are planning to attend. What a great way to form a partnership with sister churches and strengthen ministry to our children and youth.



United Methodist Men

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

All men are welcome



Sunday, October 16th at 8 AM

The UMM will be making their apple butter October 15th at the Marina, Shelter #2 from 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The price will be \$6 per pint. They are in need of pint jars, so if you have any extras please bring them in to the church. Thank you!



2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Charge Conference - 1 PM

Monday, October 3

Finance Committee - 6 PM

October 11

Church Council - 7 PM

November 8

Staff-Parish Relations - 6 PM

November 9

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).

OCTOBER

Executive Committee - Monday, October 3rd at 5 PM

Circles - Monday, October 3rd at 6 PM

Program: ***A Faithful Prophet, Judge and Leader***

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*

***Begin saving personal size toiletries for EVE Women's Shelter.
(Bring them to the October meeting.)***

- Saturday, October 15th - Bazaar (9 AM - 1 PM)
- Sunday, October 16th - Undie Sunday
- October 21st - 22nd - Annual Meeting
(First UMC - South Charleston)

UMW Bazaar

Pre-order soup - 304-684-3018

October 15th 9:00 - 1:00

Vegetable Soup - \$8.00 per qt.

This year you may order in quart jars or in plastic containers for freezing.

Crafts - Baked Good - Grandma's Attic items





Monday, November 14th

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 will be available starting in October. 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

MISSION MONTH

October will be Missions Month again this year. It's a time where folks are invited to make a special offering (above and beyond your normal offering) to missions and it will be split between the special offerings that have been missed. The Trustees will match all offerings collected. Special offerings are listed on pages 23 & 24 of your 2022 information guide. Please note on your offering that it's to be directed to Missions. If you would prefer your offering be directed to a specific mission, please note that as well. We will also be having Undie Sunday October 16th, but you can bring in new underwear, socks, bras and undershirts anytime. They are distributed to our conference mission projects.

Your support of Mission Month is appreciated and especially helpful because while we have been able to keep up with our apportionments, many churches have not, and that shortfall directly affects our mission projects in WV. As you can guess, our mission projects are meeting extra needs because of inflation and need our help. Thank you again for your service to God through support of missions. It is appreciated. Thank you!



OCTOBER 16th

You can bring in new underwear, socks, bras and undershirts anytime. They are distributed to our conference mission projects.



Thank you to all who participate to help families in need!!



GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

September 4	\$4,695.00
September 11	\$4,925.00
September 18	\$1,712.10
September 25	\$3,113.00

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON

ONLINE

September 4	44	105
September 11	46	139
September 18	34	94
September 25	55	105

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$126,709.95

YTD needed for our Budget - \$134,310.15

Custodial Account Balance - \$1,548.00

Upcoming Dates (continued from pg. 12)

<i>October 21-22</i>	UMW Annual Meeting (First UMC, South Charleston, WV)
<i>October 23</i>	Cross Country Sunday Luncheon after Worship
<i>October 26</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>October 30</i>	5th Sunday Sing at 6 PM (SMUMC)
<i>November 6</i>	All Saints Sunday
<i>November 7</i>	UMW Committee at 5 PM UMW at 6 PM
<i>November 8</i>	Church Council at 7 PM
<i>November 9</i>	SPRC at 6 PM 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

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of August

Total Donations: 246

Total Customers: 778

Total Families receiving services: 98

(Gabriel Project - 11, total of 12 children)

(food - 253 individuals)

(utility assistance - 7)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$7,326.83

Total Donations to NN: \$2,260.55

Total Expenses: \$13,198.26

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:

October 14th, 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

OCTOBER

Donna Davis	10/4
Mark Radcliff	10/4
Carolyn Ashkar	10/8
Bethany Mote	10/14
Chris Metz	10/16
Janlin Thacker	10/16
Kari Conaway	10/17
Abigail Metz	10/20
Rosalind Allman	10/21
Barbara Adams	10/21
Ashley Ferrell	10/23
Stephen Bullman	10/24
Nate McHenry	10/24
Troy Poling	10/24
Melissa Glasser	10/26
Josey Moore	10/26
Waylon Moore	10/26
Beth Ann Mankins	10/26
Debbie Metz	10/27
Bill Metz	10/27
Ruth Wagner	10/28
Jeannette Johnson	10/29
Joan Robey	10/31
Vicki Reed	10/31
Joyce Summers	10/31
Anna Bennett	10/31
Libby Watson	10/31

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

MEETINGS

OCTOBER

2 EQUIPPING EVENT - 4-6 PM
(See page 3)

3 CHARGE CONFERENCE
1 PM

11 FINANCE - 6 PM

12 SPRC - 6 PM

23 NARCAN TRAINING - 3 PM
(Chapel)

NOVEMBER

8 CHURCH COUNCIL - 7 PM

9 SPRC - 6 PM

13 TRUSTEES - 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
Bill Carder
Webb Carpenter
Greg Hill

Mary Brewer
Denise Vandenberg
Rob Wilson
Nancy Forrester
Eleanor Pierce
Paula Duran
Kenneth Carder
Merle Rouse
Tara Bills



*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
Eddie Nutter
(Brother of Randy Nutter)*



October 30

**Fifth Sunday Sing - 6 PM
at
St. Marys UMC**



Welcome to the world
Addalee Spitzer
Proud parents are:
Noah & Kayla Spitzer
Grandparents:
Frank & Melissa Ennis

The 2022 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.

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

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| <i>October 2</i> | Equipping Event at 4 PM |
| <i>October 3</i> | Charge Conference at 1 PM
UMW Committee at 5 PM
UMW at 6 PM |
| <i>October 5</i> | NN Board Meeting at 3:30 PM
Cross Country Meal at 5 PM
Choir at 7 PM |
| <i>October 10</i> | UMW Washing Jars at 10 AM |
| <i>October 11</i> | Finance at 6 PM |
| <i>October 12</i> | Cross Country Meat at 5 PM
SPRC at 6 PM
Choir at 7 PM |
| <i>October 14</i> | UMW Making Soup at 8:30 AM
NN Food Distribution (Marina) 9:45 AM |
| <i>October 15</i> | UMM Making Apple Butter at 7:30 AM-4:30 PM
(Marina - Shelter #2)
UMW Bazaar at 9 AM - 1 PM |
| <i>October 16</i> | UMM Breakfast Meeting at 8 AM |
| <i>October 19</i> | Cross Country Meat at 5 PM
Choir at 7 PM |
| <i>October 21-22</i> | UMW Annual Meeting
(First UMC, South Charleston, WV) |
| <i>October 30</i> | 5th Sunday Sing at 6 PM (SMUMC) |

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