



THE GOOD NEWS

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God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good... Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. Genesis 1:31a-2:3

In July David and I took his children, Emma and Adam to the beach. We carefully chose a beach that was safe to visit in light of the Corona Virus Pandemic. We had great family time together. David and I walked on the beach when the sun was rising and I was reminded what an amazing God we worship. The sky was filled with color as the sun rose, the beach was littered with shells and the sound of the surf was soothing. Throughout the week, I was reminded of God's creation and thought often of the first chapter of Genesis.

Many of us feel God's presence most deeply in nature, but as we read again the creation story and hear how God created humans right alongside everything else, we are reminded how we are a part of nature. We are not really separate from the bugs and the trees and the sun and the shells and whatever else we see because we like the rest of it are created beings.

It's easy for us to feel like we need to be independent and strong, like we need to take care of ourselves. There is of course some truth to that. But there is also deeper truth to the story of God forming us out of clay and breathing life into our lungs. We are cared for by a Creator who loves us more then we could imagine, and who lovingly created each and everyone of us.



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God calls creation very good. How often do we fail to notice this truth about ourselves? How often do we forget in the busyness of life that before we even take a breath, God has already given us this amazing love that calls us good? It's the first and truest label we wear.

Wherever you find yourself today, pause and find a part of God's creation to notice, whether it's your dog, a tree outside, or even the back of your hand. Pay attention to what you see and think about how God lovingly created whatever it is you are looking at, how God called it good.

Slowing down and paying attention helps us remember that everything is a gift. The world around us is a gift. The people we love and the people we hate are gifts, because life itself is a gift from God. Today let us practice pausing and being grateful for the gift of life and for God's very breath that fills our lungs.

Blessings and Love,
Clare

Prayer for the Safety of Returning to School in a Pandemic

Father please hear us when we tell You of our concerns of sending our children and educators back to school.

Know that we are striving to make all of the right decisions and need Your love and power to help us overcome any difficulties.

Please watch over everyone as times and routines are about to change once again.

We know that we can do anything through You, so please help us ensure health and semi-normalcy in the coming months.

We give our hearts to You, now and forever. Amen.

--Author Unknown

Did you know that our weekly radio broadcast airs on Sunday mornings at 9 AM on 93.9 FM. This is an outreach ministry the church supports through its budget. Please share this information!

GIVING

ATTENDANCE

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

August 2	\$4,985.00
August 9	\$1,775.00
August 16	\$3,360.00
August 23	\$4,490.00
August 30	\$2,725.00

IN PERSON ON-LINE

August 2	29	474
August 9	32	120
August 16	32	189
August 23	30	173
August 30	28	167

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$114,145.46
YTD needed for our Budget - \$113,380.75

Undie Sunday October 11, 2020 House of the Carpenter

The Annual Undie Sunday (or month if you prefer) is upon us. The House of the Carpenter uses the donated undergarments to serve the needs of the community; children, youth and adults, throughout the year.

This year the HOC has some specific sizes that are in short supply currently.

These needs are:

Diapers:

- ◆ Sizes 4 – 5 – 6

Children:

- ◆ We are currently well stocked in both girls and boys sizes

Women:

- ◆ Sizes 5 – 6 – 7
- ◆ Bras of all sizes

Men:

- ◆ Boxers and Boxer Briefs
- ◆ Sizes small – medium – large

Socks:

- ◆ Of all sizes for children, youth, adults (both male and female)



We want to thank you in advance for helping to provide this most basic need for people in our community.

News from the Finance Committee:

At our recent meeting, the Finance Committee discussed how thankful they are that you are supporting the church so faithfully. We also discussed the various special offerings that have been missed because we have only been meeting in-person in a limited way. It was determined that October would be Missions Month where folks are invited to make a special offering (above and beyond your normal offering) to missions and it would be split between the special offerings that have been missed since March 15th. Special offerings are listed on pages 23 & 24 of your 2020 information guide. Please note on your offering that it 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 11th, 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 this year 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 the pandemic and need our help. Thank you again for your service to God through support of missions. It is appreciated.

Opportunities to Volunteer through Neighbor Network:

Director Jennifer White and the staff at Neighbor Network are always looking for volunteers. Got a couple of hours free and want to help? Here are some ways you can:

- Volunteer inside to help sort donations
- In the months of September and October help sort and price Christmas items
- Work as a greeter at the front door
- Help take Christmas Assistance applications the first week of October
- Help with set-up for the Christmas Store on the evening of October 30th and during the day October 31st
- Help on the first day of the Christmas Store, Monday, November 2nd
- Assist with food distribution on the mornings of Thursday, September 10th, October 8th & November 12th

You can contact Jennifer with any questions at 304-684-3990.



United
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United Methodist Women News

The unit meeting is the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Chapel (executive committee meets at 6 PM). The 4 circles meet on the 1st Monday of each month in the Chapel and first floor classrooms at 6 PM

SEPTEMBER

The St. Marys UMW Circles will meet
September 14th at 6 PM

The program will be: *Courageous Faith*

The General Meeting will meet
September 23rd at 6:30 PM

The program will be: *God is Our Light*

UMW NEWS

October. 17th 9 AM - 1 PM

Vegetable Soup \$7.00 per quart

Pre-order at 304-684-3018

Crafts &
Baked Goods



SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

MEETINGS

Delores Davis	9/3
Beverly Meadows	9/4
Tami Elder	9/4
Tina Barron	9/6
Ethan Davis	9/9
Kristi Carpenter	9/11
Patrick Hooper	9/12
Sara Fetty	9/14
Michael Arnott	9/16
Erin Norman	9/17
Cleve Light	9/17
Steve Poling	9/18
Ruth Blauser	9/18
Bryan Carpenter	9/19
Harry Scadden	9/19
LeAnne Westbrook	9/20
Susan Moore	9/20
Kristen Maiden	9/21
Steven Nutter	9/25
Cyndi Rasic	9/25
Kim Thomas	9/26
Whitney Bennett	9/27
Amber Mayfield	9/29
Christopher Bailey	9/29
Gloria Cox	9/30

Stephanie Hooper	10/1
Jim McKnight	10/1
Donna Davis	10/4
Mark Radcliff	10/4
Carolyn Ashkar	10/8
Bethany Mote	10/14
Stella Hickman	10/16
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

September

- 8 Lay Leadership - 6 PM
- 8 Church Council - 7 PM
- 13 Trustees - 5:00 PM
- 14 UMW Circles - 6 PM
- 22 Re-Launch Team - 6 PM
- 23 UMW - 6:30 PM

October

- 5 UMW Circles - 6 PM
- 13 Finance - 6 PM
- 18 Charge Conference - 4 PM
- 28 UMW - 6:30 PM

EVERY MONTH

- First Mon. - UMW Circles- 6 PM
- Third Sun. - UMM - 8 AM
- Fourth Wed. - UMW - 6:30 PM

Other Groups Meeting at our Church

- 2nd Mon. Habitat for Humanity 7 PM
- Every Tuesday Boy Scouts 8 PM
- Every Thursday AA / Al-Anon 8 PM



PRAYERS FOR:

Paul Tallman	Stella Hickman	Robyn (Rankin) Facemire	Shirley Seaboy
Betty Moorhead	Suellen Simonton	Dave & Martha Hockenberry	Deloris Hendrickson
Brent Payne	Mike Poling	Joe & Thomasine Troisi	Hazel Flower
John Cox	Caroline Hill	Johnna Cochran	Mark Smith
Kenadee Antill	Eva Mae Hill	Benny & Ruth Wagner	Don Dearth
Ginger Poling	Carolyn Ashkar	Margaret Spears	
Joan Robey	Margo Ingram	Lila Hart	

*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
Quentin Carpenter*

Active Military Members:

Derek Carpenter
Nate McHenry

*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
Jennifer Rouse*



Many thanks to the
ministry of the women
of the St. Marys
United Methodist
Church in providing a
lunch & dinner to the
family of Quentin Carpenter.

God Bless,

Bryan Carpenter



Thank you so Much! For our Domino's dinner. We enjoyed it immensely. As sad as this past few days have been we are so grateful for the support and love we have received from everyone. Diane you are right the chicken was delicious. It was the first to go. Mom also enjoyed it. Again thank you so much.

Suanne & Rob

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
- Size 5 diapers for Neighbor Network

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 7 Labor Day - Office Closed

Sept. 8 Lay Leadership at 6 PM

Sept. 8 Church Council at 7 PM

Sept. 13 Trustees at 5 PM

Sept. 14 UMW Circles at 6 PM

Sept. 23 UMW at 6:30 PM

Oct. 5 UMW Circles at 6 PM

Oct. 13 Finance at 6 PM

Oct. 17 UMW Bazaar at 9 AM

Oct. 18 Charge Conference at 4 PM

Oct. 28 UMW at 6:30 PM

We will keep you updated of any changes!

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