

THE GOOD NEWS



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Saturday, August 27th was our Church Retreat and what a great day we had! We talked about many things around the question: how do we make disciples for Jesus Christ? We kept as our focus the strong culture of mission support in this congregation.

What did we conclude? Many things! We think the missions work we do is important and should stay a priority. However, we are lacking when it comes to using that work to building relationships that might lead others to Christ or stronger discipleship. We don't invite people to join us like we should, we don't interact with those we are ministering with, and we don't let others know what we are doing.

With that in mind we set some priorities. The top 3, we are committed to doing now and hope you will prayerfully consider how you too can support these.

1. **Use our mission work as outreach.** Let people know what we are doing through things like t-shirts, social media posts, articles in the newspaper. *Some ways you might help with this is: organize the creation of t-shirts (we already have a church logo), expand our social media presence (currently we are only on Facebook), submit pictures and articles to the newspaper. Surely there are many other ways, what can you think of?*

2. Research and design a **comprehensive children & youth vision** that can be implemented, perhaps in stages. *Some ways*

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you can help: offer to be a volunteer for a children/youth event, help with planning, support financially, share ideas you might have.

- 3. Ask** those who aren't members (or members we haven't seen in awhile) to help with ministries. Invite others to join us as we build the Kingdom of God! *Some ways you can help: chose an upcoming ministry (see this newsletter & calendar for options) and invite someone to join you for it. Make it clear this isn't a formal commitment to join the church, but a chance to do something good for someone. This is something everyone can do! Ask Clare for ideas if you're struggling.)*

Some additional priorities:

- * Have Disciple Bible Study
- * Advertise ourselves as a "come as you are" congregation that all are welcome to
- * Become more welcoming/improve hospitality
- * Gather casually, but purposefully, outside the church walls (*organize a book club, golf outing, seating section at the football stadium*)
- * Ask others what needs they have, what can we pray for?
- * Inviting folks to Church or Spiritual development
- * Adjust worship to meet the needs of our guests

This is just a starting point. I'll keep you updated in the newsletter and encourage you consider how you can support these ideas with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness as we "have a heart to love and serve others."

Blessings & Love,
Clare

Clare's Health Update

How things have changed in just a month! In early August I had some additional brain health testing done and the results were great. There is no progression of the disease in 6 months. We are thrilled at this miraculous development!

What does this mean? First, I'm no longer in the Clinical Trial because I do not meet the criteria. That's a good thing! I do still have Mild Cognitive Impairment, but for the moment, it doesn't seem to be progressing. My doctors do not want to see me for a full year, unless I think I need an appointment sooner. Your prayers have been helping! Please keep them going. For my part, I'll continue the lifestyle changes I have made that seem to be making a difference. And together, we'll move into the future with confidence that God is with us in all things. Thank you again for your support!

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, September 18th at 8 AM

*The UMW will be making apple butter in October.
If anyone has any extra pint jars, please
bring them in to the church. Thank you!*

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Church Council - 7 PM

September 13, November 8

Trustees - 5 PM

September 11, November 13

Finance Committee - 6 PM

October 11

Staff-Parish Relations - 6 PM

September 14, November 9

Charge Conference - 1 PM

Monday, October 3

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, September 10th - Fall Meeting**
Little Kanawha District UMW
(First Ravenswood UMC, Ravenswood, WV)
- **Saturday, October 15th - Bazaar (9 AM - 1 PM)**
 - **Sunday, October 16th - Undie Sunday**
 - **October 21st - 22nd - Annual Meeting**
(First UMC - South Charleston)

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
IN OBSERVATION OF LABOR DAY.**

Thank you! I had a lot of fun at camp!
Some of my favorite activities were Gold
rush, swimming, and horse back riding.
But my favorite part of camp was
making new friends. Luckily that is
not what this note is about! None
of this would be possible with-
out my church family and most
importantly Mrs. Clare! I could not
thank you enough! Camp was an
experience that I never forget!

Thank
You!!!

Love, Morgan R. Poling

Dear Church thank you for
Sending Laney Jeffers and
I to church camp we really
enjoyed it and we look
forward to going next summer

Mekinsy Jeffers

&



Laney Jeffers

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits after the
passing of my dear brother, Phil.

I'm very grateful to be in such a loving church as this.

Blessings to all,
Mary Frances

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!



KITCHIE COUNTY 4-H GROUNDS ★ HARRISVILLE, WV



West Virginia

Heroes Day

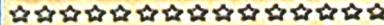
A SALUTE TO 1ST RESPONDERS

PRESENTS

6:30pm



**JOHNNY STAATS
AND THE DELIVERY BOYS**



7:45pm

THE HOBBS SISTERS



6 PM

Opening Ceremony



HELP US HONOR AND THANK OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

SEPTEMBER 10th, 2022

FREE CONCERT, EVERYONE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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PRESENTS

www.rmafest.com

★ ★ ★ *Come Home to WV* ★ ★ ★



Bring Your Lawnchair

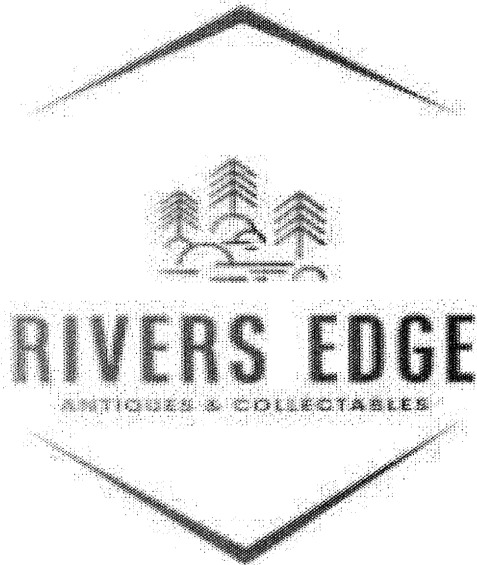
Concessions by St. Luke's Prescho

COMMUNITY UNITY

Faith, Friendship, & Community

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 5:00-10:00 PM

(PRE) GRAND OPENING



FREE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

** Bring a Covered Dish, Drink, & Lawn Chair **

Cold table will be provided for cold foods

BAND – SUSIE Q

Horse & Buggy Rides by
Hardly Able Carriage Co.

Upcoming Dates

<i>September 2</i>	Cross Country Meal at 5 PM
<i>September 4</i>	Return to Regular Services in the Sanctuary - Sunday School at 9:30 AM Worship at 10:45 AM
<i>September 5</i>	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
<i>September 7</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>September 9</i>	NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM Cross Country Meal at 5 PM
<i>September 10</i>	UMW District Fall Meeting (First Ravenswood UMC)
<i>September 11</i>	Trustees at 5 PM
<i>September 13</i>	Church Council at 7 PM
<i>September 14</i>	SPRC at 6 PM Choir at 7 PM
<i>September 16</i>	AG Fair (Marina) 9/17 - 9/18
<i>September 18</i>	UMM at 8 AM
<i>September 21</i>	Choir at 7 PM
<i>September 23</i>	Cross Country Meal at 5 PM
<i>September 28</i>	Choir at 7 PM Clare out of town 9/28 - 10/3 (Officiating at a wedding)
<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 Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM 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

Upcoming Dates (continued)

October 12 **Cross Country Meal at 5 PM**
 SPRC at 6 PM
 Choir at 7 PM

October 14 **UMW Making Soup at 8:30 AM**
 NN Food Distribution (Marina) at 9:45 AM

October 15 **UMW Bazaar at 9 AM - 1 PM**

October 16 **UMM at 8 AM**

October 19 **Cross Country Meal at 5 PM**
 Choir at 7 PM

October 21-22 **UMW Annual Meeting**
 (First UMC, South Charleston, WV)

October 26 **Choir at 7 PM**

October 30 **5th Sunday Sing**

Labor Day...celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement. Labor Day has been a nationally celebrated holiday in the U.S. since 1894. There used to be a tradition of not wearing seersucker or white clothing after Labor Day. Labor Day is called the "unofficial end of summer" because it marks the end of the cultural summer season.

I have never known more than fifteen minutes of anxiety or fear. Whenever I feel fearful emotions overtaking me, I just close my eyes and thank God that he is still on the throne reigning over everything and I take comfort in His control over the affairs of my life.

--John Wesley

GIVING

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED

August 7	\$3,690.00
August 14	\$2,720.00
August 21	\$3,059.00
August 28	\$2,796.00

ATTENDANCE

IN PERSON ONLINE

August 7	33	121
August 14	29	160
August 21	36	173
August 28	40	75

YTD Gifts received for our Budget - \$113,051.95

YTD needed for our Budget - \$120,534.75

Custodial Account Balance - \$1,486.77

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) 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!

MEN'S ANNUAL GATHERING

The West Virginia United Methodist Men's Annual Gathering at WVU Jackson's Mill **September 9th - 11th** will feature an outstanding lineup of speakers and music.

Registration for the Annual Gathering is available online at:
<https://scountingevent.com/615-CircuitRider32>

Those who are unable to attend the Annual Gathering in person at **9 AM September 10th** may do so via Zoom. To register in advance go to: <https://wvumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcu6rrDstHNz6pFHoodC9VML1D17UgT0n>

Neighbor Network Highlights for the Month of July

Total Donations: 201

Total Customers: 625

Total Families receiving services: 98

(Gabriel Project - 6, total of 6 children)

(food - 283 individuals)

(utility assistance - 5)

Total Thrift Store Transactions: \$6,161.15

Total Donations to NN: \$13,817.09

Total Expenses: \$13,822.03

Number of Volunteers this month: 26

**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:

*September 9th, 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

SEPTEMBER

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
Gary Loughner	9/30

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

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

- 11 TRUSTEES - 5 PM
- 13 CHURCH COUNCIL - 7 PM
- 14 SPRC - 6 PM

OCTOBER

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

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
the office if we
don't have it!



Welcome to the world
Madilynn Victoria Hamilton

Proud parents are:

Catie & Eric Hamilton

Grandparents:

Helen & Mike Wells

Great Grandmother: Barbara Carl

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
Phil Bumgarner
(Brother of Mary Frances Park)*



Active Military
Nate McHenry



*Christian Sympathy
is extended to the
friends & family of
JoAnn Bumgarner
(Sister-in-law of Mary Frances Park)*

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

ST. MARYS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR

October 15th
9 AM - 1 PM

CRAFTS
BAKED GOODS

PRE-ORDER
SOUP
304-684-3018

Vegetable Soup
\$8 per quart
(Soup may be ordered
in plastic containers
for freezing)

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