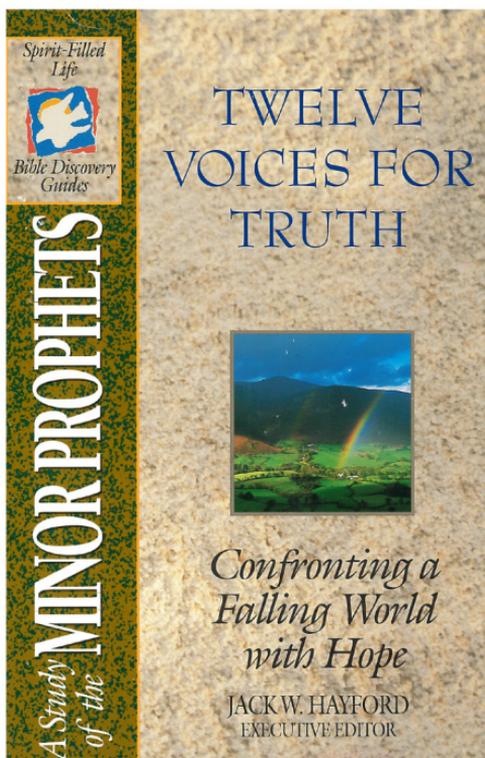


# living waters

August 25-31, 2019

Thinking about joining a Sunday School Class?  
Check this out!

For many Christians, the Minor Prophets can seem distant and incomprehensible. *Twelve Voices for Truth* shows how these ancient prophets still speak to believers today. By exploring each book's theme in the context of history and revelation, you'll learn how the prophets speak to you today. Though the books may be minor in length, they are major in the truths they teach, including: the majesty of God, courage and hope, injustice and judgment, trusting and loving God, and many other spiritual precepts. This study helps you discover Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.



*Join us in the JOY classroom to get the scoop on the minor prophets!*

## ATTENDANCE

Early Worship: 47    Traditional Worship: 121    The Gathering: 28

Offering: \$6,190.49

## Pain, A Gift? - Pastor Cindy

### Last Week Review

“If anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things.” - Phillipians 4:8

Negative thoughts/events enslave us.

Anger enslaves us.

Unforgiveness enslaves us.

Hatred enslaves us.

Being enslaved brings pain - pain drives us to find a resolution.

Unless we become proficient at masking the pain, pretending there is no pain.

Discomfort can wake us up to God's love.

God doesn't bring pain upon us, but God uses pain to remind us we need help.

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# Gather around the Fountain

## Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition.

Classes begin September 15th at 5 pm. The course is 5 weeks 2 hours per week. This class is an accredited course for Lay Servants, but is also for all Disciples of Christ who want to grow spiritually. The practice of spiritual disciplines results in greater freedom in our faith. I hope many of you will prayerfully consider taking this course. The deadline for registering is August 25th.

## Disciple 1 Bible Study *Becoming better disciples through bible study*

This Study begin September 9th at 6 pm. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible readings and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding the Bible.

You will be able to join this study via video log-in on weeks you are not able to join us at church. Please let Pastor Cindy know if you intend to participate in this class so materials can be ordered.

## Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Study -by Mark Gungar

On Wed., Sept. 11th, 6:00 PM, in the Parlor, we will start a Marriage Study. We will meet on the 2nd Wed. of the month, for 12 months. Experience Mark's hilarious, practical, and straight-forward advice about relationships through this twelve month study. Laugh and learn as you explore the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships. These life-changing marriage truths are related in a way that both challenges and conflicts, without being preachy, and confronts the harmful and destructive messages - from both the secular world and from churches - that have brought such devastation to marriages.

Through these small group study guides, couples will learn Mark's honest and hard-hitting insights, with guidance to discuss and interact with each other, and be able to make real, positive changes in their marriages. This study is for anyone in any season of marriage, including engaged couples.

Together, you will experience the fun of Mark's unique look at love, life, and marriage that has made him one the most sought-out marriage speakers.

Childcare will be provided. Please indicate on your information slip if you want to be a part of this study. Deadline to register is Sept.1st, so that books can be ordered.

# What's happening this week!

Sunday, August 25th

8:15 am in the Sanctuary  
**Early Worship**

9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall  
**The Gathering**

10:45 am in the Sanctuary  
**Traditional Worship**

Monday, August 26th

6:00 pm in the Parlor  
**SPRC Meeting**

Tuesday, August 27th

1:00 pm in the Phelps Chapel  
**Prayer & Worship Service**

5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**Quarterly Meetings Dinner**

6:00 pm at Stout Memorial  
**Quarterly Meetings Start**

7:30pm at Stout Memorial  
**Church Admin. Council**

Wednesday, August 28th

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall  
**Bible Study**

6:00 pm in the Phelps Chapel  
**Prayer & Worship Service**

Thursday, August 29th

7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**Praise Band Rehearsal**

Friday, August 30th

Saturday, August 31st

11:00 am at Stout Memorial  
**Monty Craig Memorial Service**

## LET US PRAY

This list is provided for your personal prayer time as a reference to who and what you can pray for. Let us know your prayer requests by adding them to your Connect Cards or by calling the church office at (304) 428-1179.

Submit your prayer request online:  
[StoutMemorial.org/Contact](https://StoutMemorial.org/Contact)

## ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, September 2nd

**Labor Day - Office Closed**

Thursday, September 5th

7:00 pm in The Parlor  
**UMW Unit Meeting**

Sunday, September 8th

**Back to Church Sunday**

Sunday, September 15th

5:00 pm in The Fellowship Hall  
**Devotional Life class starts**

Saturday, September 21st

4 - 6 pm at Stout Memorial  
**VBS Follow-up Event**

6:00 pm at Stout Memorial  
**Community Block Party**

Thursday, October 3rd

7:00 pm **Charge Conference**

## A Special Thanks

Stout Ladies-

Thank you so much for providing lunch for us before school started.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you for your continued support of Madison's Students and staff!

*Madison Staff*

## Your Invited

The wedding ceremony of Selena Ankrom and Nathan Stover will be held at Stout Memorial on Saturday, September 28th at 4:30 pm. They want to invite the church family to attend the service. There will be a private reception held after the ceremony.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Quarterly Meetings - August 27th

We will meet for dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, Finance, Trustee, Mission Committees meet at 6pm. Church Council meets at 7:30pm. We will be serving dinner as it is especially helpful for those coming directly from work. Everyone is welcome to join us as we fellowship over a shared meal.

## Special Prayer Service & Worship Service

**August 27th** at 1:00 pm & **August 28th** at 6:00 pm.

In your bulletin you will find a prayer card insert. This is for your use and will **NOT** be shared. It is a tool to help us learn to better pray for the emotional situations that are a part of everyday life. Bring your cards with you and we will learn more.

## United Methodist Women Special Announcement

Good News to share: C.O.M.E., a spring mission event, raised \$105,946.92 this year. The purpose of C.O.M.E. is to help raise money that will be disbursed evenly among the 10 United Methodist Missions in West Virginia. Each district is designated certain missions to concentrate on each year. Little Kanawha District's 2019 missions were Heart & Hand, Scott's Run Settlement House, and Volunteers in Mission.

The mission projects we will be supporting in 2020 are Scott's Run Settlement House and Greater Clarksburg Parish.

## National Back To Church Sunday

Sunday, September 8th is National Back to Church Sunday. Don't forget to invite a friend or family member to join us for worship and continue to fellowship over lunch after the 10:45 Service. We will be serving Jane Kincheloe's 'Famous' spaghetti and Natalie Wigal's homemade alfredo.

## Silent Auction

We will also have a few items up for silent auction, including a beautiful quilt made by the 'Peace by Piecing' quilting class. The proceeds of the silent auction will go to support the NYC mission trip in December of 2019.



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