



KEEPING IN **THE LOOP** WITH CIRCLES

Circles Laurel Highlands Region

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Smiles are contagious

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MISTY LOWRY – CIRCLES VOLUNTEER



Misty Lowry is a life-long Fayette County resident, Uniontown graduate, and Fay-Penn employee. Her favorite things in the world include telling her two sons dad jokes, watching *Outlander* and dreaming of traveling to Scotland with her sweetheart, naps, Dairy Queen, and helping people. The best advise she's ever received is "Don't let them dim your light!" - a mantra she sticks to every day!

MEETING SCHEDULE

Circles – Wednesday at 5:30 PM. To Zoom, contact Sue Ann for an invite to meetings. 724-437-6050 x3216 or spriemer@fccaa.org
Volunteer Huddle on September 16th Meal begins at 6:00 PM (*for Circles Volunteers only*)

RECRUITMENT TEAM



Our Recruitment team is still busy recruiting Leaders, Allies and Volunteers! They are also scheduling presentations to local churches, civic groups, and clubs. Who do you suggest?

NATIONAL COURTESY MONTH

There are so many ways to show kindness to people through courtesy. Hold the door open for the people behind you! Mow your elderly neighbor's lawn! Compliment that shy person you see every day on the subway! Above all, SMILE at everyone you meet!

OUT AND ABOUT

Things happening in Uniontown this month:

- <https://allevents.in/uniontown-pa/september>
- <http://www.uniontownonline.com/events.html>

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Circles Laurel Highlands Region cannot run without the generosity of our community. Time, talents, and treasures oftentimes appear in many forms. We are grateful for each donation.

SARA MYERS – CIRCLES VOLUNTEER

Sara Myers is a graduate of Uniontown Area High School and Allegheny College. She enjoys board games and reading. One of Sara's favorite things to do is to make up songs about mundane things. While a passionate singer, her talents are up for debate. Sara has two children: a son, Ambrose, 12, and a bonus daughter, Sarah, 9. She makes them cringe with her endless knowledge of obscure and useless facts. Her motto is: "Be kind." Sometimes, she uses her Mary Poppins voice when she says it; sometimes, she uses her Batman voice. Her partner, Chris, is delighted by her ridiculous ways. The whole family loves tacos. They live in Uniontown.



Reviews of Sara:

- "Cringey!"--*Ambrose*
- "Our best customer!"--*Fiesta Azteca*
- "The best Jimmy Stewart impersonator I've ever dated!"--*Chris*
- "Sounds like a princess to me!"--*Molly*, Sara's toddler niece
- Sara was dorky pre-pandemic. Nothing has changed. - *Sara*

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW: INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 2021 FAMILY SUPPORT NEWS BRIEF

The July 2021 Family Support News Brief is now available. We hope you find it informative.

<http://www.pa-pat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2021/07/family-support-newsbrief-july-2021.pdf>.

PA PARENT AND FAMILY ALLIANCE OFFERS AN ONLINE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Each Monday at 7:00 p.m., parents, foster parents, and primary caregivers from across the state who are raising children who are struggling gather to share insights and lend support to one another. To register for one or more of these sessions, go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMvfugvpj8rGNGly1Vhl7iOddfFqx5iJT?utm>.

Additional learning and/or support opportunities are available at

<https://www.paparentandfamilyalliance.org/upcoming-events>.

IRS OFFERS ADVANCE CHILD TAX CREDIT PAYMENTS THIS SUMMER

Beginning on July 15, 2021, changes to the Child Tax Credit will help families get advance payments on their child tax credit. The IRS will pay half the total credit amount in advance monthly payments, and the other half will be given when the 2021 income tax return is filed.

To learn more and to determine whether you qualify for this advance child tax credit, go to

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-eligibility-assistant>.

FROM THE DESK OF



From the desk of

Sue Ann, Circles Coordinator

Yep, I am amazed and I have said it to many of you. I am amazed at the variety of side hustles that our Circles family members have done and continue to do! I've seen profits from side hustles tide families through COVID before the stimulus money ever came in. I've seen side hustles fund a family through the cliff effect. I've seen online side hustles, and ones dependent on social media. I'm in awe to witness the successes many of you have had with your entrepreneurial talents and relentless spirit! Although Avon and Tupperware (from my era) are still around, side hustles have evolved and are simply growing.

Here are a few links with more information:

60 Best Side Hustles for 2020

[The 60 Best Side Hustles Online for 2020 | Indeed.com](#)

9 Creative Side Hustles with Salary and Descriptions

[9 Creative Side Hustles \(With Descriptions and Salaries\) | Indeed.com](#)

100 Side Hustles from Home

[100 Different Side Hustles from Home | Indeed.com](#)

How to Start a Side Hustle: Steps

[How To Start a Side Hustle: Steps and Ideas | Indeed.com](#)

70 Lucrative Side Hustles You Can Try

[70 Lucrative Side Hustles You Can Try | Indeed.com](#)

If you have a side hustle you are willing to share in an upcoming Circles newsletter, just let me know. Keep up the hustle!

CELEBRATE AT UNION CHAPEL CHURCH

Union Chapel Church is celebrating its 125th Anniversary!!! Union Chapel Church on Flat Rock Road in Markleysburg is host to Circles Laurel Highlands every Wednesday evening at 5:30. On Sunday, Sept 19th, Union Chapel Church will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary. The festivities begin at 11:00 AM and continue through the afternoon. All are welcome. For more information, please call Pastor Dave at 724-438-6160.

JOIN A TEAM

Service Teams are groups of diverse volunteers who contribute vital assistance, fresh ideas and vision to the Circles initiative.

THE COMMUNITY TEAM

- Maintains a welcoming space for meetings
- Plans and serves the weekly meals
- Coordinates and delivers children's programming

THE RECRUITMENT TEAM

- Publicizes Circles in the community
- Recruits people who are ready to move to prosperity
- Recruits volunteers for a wide variety of roles

THE RESOURCE TEAM

- Builds connections to local organizations
- Connects participants to community services
- Helps the Circles community support each other

THE BIG VIEW TEAM

- Facilitates discussions about poverty
- Empowers participants to share their experiences
- Encourages people to advocate for change

THE JOBS & EDUCATION TEAM

- Offers guidance about educational and financial aid
- Helps participants define and plan their career paths
- Connects those looking for work to job opportunities

