



Stroudsburg UMC

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Worship Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Weekly eNews

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Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!

Our Mission: Share the love of Jesus in welcoming and compassionate ways.

A note from the Pastor - June 12, 2026

"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

The United Methodist Church began with the energy of John, 15th of 19th, and Charles, the 18th of 19th. children of Rev. Samuel and Susannah. Both were priests in the Church of England. John was the preacher, and Charles was the poet and hymnwriter. Charles wrote from his own experiences of God. One of his most well-known hymns is "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

The story goes that he had an amazing conversion experience. Charles was ill, almost to the point of death. He was a dear friend with German Moravian Christians, who spent time with him.

Peter Böhler asked him as he sat next to his bed, "Do you hope to be saved?" Charles answered, "Yes."

Böhler said, "On what grounds do you have that hope?"

Charles said, "Because I've tried to serve God. Because I've done everything I could to serve God."

His friend just shook his head, and Charles's hopes were shattered. How could he be made right with God, he asked, if all his efforts hadn't done that?

Peter explained to him about the incredible grace of God. He explained that grace alone is the mechanism of salvation. We place our faith in Christ. It is God's grace to graciously give us the gift of salvation. It is not action or inaction. It is not by what we do or our actions. It is not begging or pleading. We come to God as we are having faith that God loves us. That is how we are saved. Charles Wesley's life changed forever when he learned that God accepted him as he was. Charles survived and later wrote a poem that became the famous hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." This famous line was inspired by a sentence spoken by Peter Böhler, the man who led Charles Wesley to true faith in Christ. Apparently, Böhler said to him, "If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise God with all of them."

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace!

This is the first of nineteen verses that commemorate the first anniversary of Charles' experience of God's saving grace.

As we draw closer to God, may we too sing the praise of God. Let every living being sing God's praise! Praise the Lord!

(Reference: <https://lukepowellministries.com/friday-classic-hymns/o-for-a-thousand-tongues-to-sing-story-behind-the-hymn>)



In God's Love,
Pastor Monica

GATHER!

Coming up this Sunday, June 14th

It's Music Sunday!

Our worship leaders are Diane and Pastor Margie

The praise song is "Everyone Moved by the Spirit"

The Old Testament is Psalm 150

The New Testament is Ephesians 5:18b-20

Pastor Monica's sermon is "What Does the Scripture Say About Music?"

(I want my listeners to have an eye to God in every word we sing.)

Join us in person at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

[Join us live at 8:30am](#)

[Join us live at 11:00am](#)

The bulletin is available on the church website: stroudsburgumc.com

Stay up to date on church events - click the link below for our Google calendar:

[SUMC Calendar](#)



VBS 2026 - June 22nd - June 26th
5:30pm-8pm



Sign up here:

Volunteers:

<https://forms.gle/RvwvpgMdq6YB2d1f6>

Students:

<https://forms.gle/1Q4H8ChTZ4jtzHhx6>

You may also call the church office to
sign up - 570-421-6020

Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner



**STROUDSBURG UMC
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SAVE THE DATE!**

**WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 4:30-6:30PM
\$15.00 PER PERSON**

**PLAN TO COME JOIN US FOR EATING IN OR
TAKING OUT.**

**TO HELP US PLAN, DINNERS MUST BE PRE-
ORDERED BY JUNE 4TH.**

**CALL ROZ (570-242-3305) OR THE CHURCH
OFFICE (570-421-6020) FOR TICKETS**

Bring your items in June 28th through July 26th. We will be setting up tables after 4pm on July 26th - we would appreciate your help if you are available. Please note: we are not accepting electronics, infant furniture or car seats. We will accept small pieces of furniture as long as it is not upholstered. We will accept books and clothing again this year. If you have

YARD SALE

JULY 31 & AUGUST 1

7/31: 9AM - 3PM

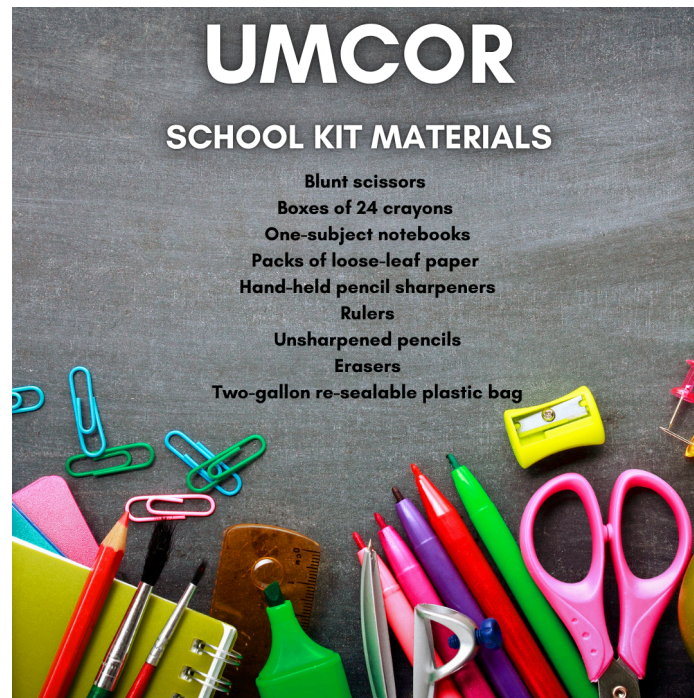
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questions, please contact the office or a member of our Missions Team. Volunteers are needed to help with sorting, pricing and setting items out. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/hPio1xcLSWV2uaeZ7>
You may also call the office to sign up.
Thank you!



Summer Camp Opportunities

Do you have children or youth in your life who could benefit from summer camp through the Pocono Plateau or Gretna Glen? We have camperships and would love to help make sure they can go. Contact the office for more information.



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June Birthdays

Adelle & Bella Kopec
Ethan Zelizo
Allie Zelizo
Debbie Hardy

JUST SOCIAL

2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS FROM 1:30-3:00PM
COME JOIN US! PLAY CARDS, BOARD GAMES OR JUST
CHAT. DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY INTEREST YOU'D LIKE
TO SHARE? HAVE YOU READ A BOOK THAT WAS SO
GOOD YOU JUST HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT IT? IF
THIS IS YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, WE WOULD
LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!
USE THE ANN STREET ENTRANCE



The 2026 Altar Flower chart is up in the Fellowship Room

Please consider putting flowers on the
altar in memory of or in honor of a
special person or event. Two vases cost
\$37.50

Special Person of the Week:

Kathy Blackburne

537 Barry Street

Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Please remember her in prayer and if
possible, please send a card.

JOIN US LIVE

SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AND 11:00 AM

LIVE STREAM



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YouTube: @stroudsburgumc3087

GROW!



Church Women United Stocking Donations 2026

June: Combs and Brushes

Please put all donations in the bin in the Fellowship Room. All donations needs to be received by November 1.

COUNTERS NEEDED Our church is in need of additional counters of Sunday collections. If you have a couple of hours free on Monday mornings, please let the office know or call C.J. Penwell at 570-656-3993. You will work with a head counter who will train you on the procedures used. It is not difficult and is a casual atmosphere. Counters are scheduled for each Monday for a month and then rotate to another month throughout the year. Please consider volunteering to help the church in this way.



Prayer at Wednesdays
12:15 pm
Stop in the Sanctuary
or live on Facebook



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OPEN SANCTUARY Every Wednesday, our church is open from noon to 1pm for prayer. We have a devotion and live prayer at 12:15. You can join us live in person, online or view it later on Facebook. You do not need a Facebook account to participate. Join us for Open Sanctuary.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Did you know that our church is a resource for our community? In addition to our weekly Soup Kitchen, Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack, we partner with community organizations like Red Cross blood drives and emergency shelter, and others to make a difference in our community. Our building and property team has been working on revitalization plans for our downstairs to reflect our needs and growth.

Updates and alignments to the kitchen, improvements, and accessibility to the bathrooms and refreshing to the dining room are included. Plans will be available for viewing after each service in the Fellowship Room. Ask our building and property team for more information.

UPDATE: As we are pondering donations to the Community Resource Center Revitalization Project keep this in your thoughts: Donations of \$10,000 or more will be recognized on a bronze plaque which will be unveiled at a dedication ceremony. Families might consider joining together to memorialize or honor a loved one.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Give to a Mission

A variety of missions are supported by our church. You can make a difference both locally and around the world by giving to these missions. If there is a particular mission that interests you, please provide the information to the office. Thank you for your continued support! If you have questions, please contact the office.

Raise Right Gift Cards

You can purchase physical gift cards from the church or create an account and purchase on the app!




Steps to Download the Raise Right App and Get Started:

- **Download:** Open the app store on your phone and search for "RaiseRight".
- **Install:** Select the **RaiseRight Fundraising** app and install it.
- **Sign In:** If you have an existing ShopWithScrip account, use the same login credentials.
- **Create Account:** If new, click "Sign

Up" and enter your organization's specific enrollment code, provided by your program coordinator.

- **Set Up Payment:** Link your bank account or credit card in the app to start purchasing e-gift cards immediately



DID YOU KNOW?

The IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you, once you have reached the age of 70½, to donate up to \$100,000 within each tax year directly from your IRA without treating the distribution as taxable income. The contribution can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

Give to the church and care for your financial health.

As a result of your generosity, we are originating a grant for families seeking basic necessities at the Re-Store. We have established a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and Safe Monroe, so that all families under case management seeking necessities (beds, tables, chairs) will receive them free of cost. The purchase will be funded from the Housing Families Grant. We are working with other faith organizations to support this effort. Thank you for caring for others. If at any point you would like to contribute to this grant, please mark your donation, Housing Families Grant, and we will be sure to administer the funds.



Giving is easier than ever. Use this QR code to give to the general fund or special ministry. Contact the office for more information.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Thanks to your generosity, we have already assisted dozens of families with rental assistance, utilities, food, and other essential needs. With changes to federal, state, and county funding, we are seeing an increase in the number of those coming for assistance. While we work with other agencies, the impact of funding shortages is affecting a lot of organizations. If you are able to contribute to our pastor's discretionary fund at any point and any amount, please place your contribution in the offering plate with the designation. You can also give on our website stroudsburgumc.com/donate
Thank you for helping us care for others.



We are still collecting Weis receipts. Weis Markets gives back 1% of the total of each receipt submitted. It all adds up! Please continue to bring your Weis receipts to church and place them in the large canister in the Fellowship Room.

Please note: the entire receipt needs to be submitted. Please do not cut the bottom of the receipt off. If the bottom portion of the receipt is cut off, we cannot submit it to Weis.

Receipts for prescriptions and gift cards can also be submitted.

Thank you for bringing in your Weis receipts! They make a difference. For the first quarter of 2026, we just received a check for \$215.42. This is additional funding from Weis, generated by your submitted receipts, that supports our ministry efforts. Our gratitude to Ann

Litchman, who tallies and implements this program. Don't forget to drop off your receipts in the coffee can labeled "WEIS RECEIPTS" in the Fellowship Room.

These funds are contributed to our General Fund and allow us to continue the ministries of our church. Please continue to bring in your receipts!



SUMC's Amazon Wish Lists

Soup Kitchen Needs

[Amazon Wish List - Soup Kitchen](#)

Building Our Library

[Amazon Wish List - Building Our Library](#)

Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen is a vital ministry feeding our neighbors every Sunday. We continue to serve take-out meals as well as offer our guests the option to sit down in the dining room and eat. Food stability remains a vital part of our community. Meals are served every Sunday from 2-3pm. We are always looking for additional volunteers to prepare and serve the meals.

Are you looking for how you can help the Soup Kitchen if you are unable to prepare and serve meals? When you are shopping, we need the following: Cases of water and Styrofoam take out containers. Check out our Amazon Wish List for Soup Kitchen and have items sent directly to the church! [Amazon Wish List - Soup Kitchen](#)

Thanks for serving our neighbors.

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE FOR 2026:

As of June 7th, we have served over 800 meals this year.



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