

Stroudsburg UMC
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Worship Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Weekly eNews
The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, M. Div., Lead Pastor

Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!

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

A note from the Pastor - October 30, 2026



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Lucky you! We sometimes say this when someone is experiencing something we would prefer not to experience. If someone receives a jury summons, their dog wakes them long before sunrise, or they have to recreate a whole document accidentally erased on the computer. "Lucky you," we say. What we primarily mean is "I am so glad that it is not me!"

I am sure when the gathered crowd began to hear Jesus' teachings—what we call the Sermon on the Mount—they might have thought that Jesus was pulling out some experiences of life that we could collectively say, "I am so glad that wasn't me," or "there, but for the grace of God, go I." Imagine their surprise when Jesus means something different. There is no mocking or pitying, nor is there making oneself feel better at others' misfortune. Jesus is talking about the Kingdom of Heaven and the upside-down nature of God's ways.

In this beatitude, we hear "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." No one who has ever lost someone, lost a dream, or had their world flip-flopped upside down has ever sat down at the end of the day to say, "I am so glad this happened." And that is not what Jesus is telling the crowd. Grief is a wild animal. When someone beloved is no longer with you in body, you may feel perfectly fine one moment and beside yourself with grief the next. You may feel gratitude for their relief from pain, and then intense heartbreak that you can not share what happened today with them. Grief comes in waves and like a spiral. You can feel reassurance and the warmth of memories one day, and mourn that more memories will not be created.

So why might Jesus suggest that mourning is a blessing, or how does Jesus intend that those who mourn will be comforted? Each beatitude points beyond the pain to something that God is redeeming in the challenges of this world. God doesn't cause them; rather, God can take the brokenness of our world and offer something more beautiful and healing. Those who know pain and loss are not blessed because they are in pain. This is not a "lucky you" situation. Rather, the blessing comes as they are comforted by God and others, and as they know more about h te character of God and God's plans. Father Richard Rohr, writer and encourager of mystery, writes it this way: "In this beatitude, Jesus is describing the state of those who weep, those who have something to mourn about. They feel the pain of the world. Jesus is saying that those who can grieve, those who can cry, are those who will understand by coming closer to the heart of God." Mourning is not desired and is hard to carry, and the blessing in the mess is that we can draw nearer to God's heart and love.

Some days, I grieve the loss of those who were dear to me and who I wish I could talk to now. I have so many more questions, and I want to think I would hear their stories and listen with undivided attention. Other days, telling stories warms my heart and allows me to hear the pain of the world more tenderly. As we approach All Saints, I invite you who are mourning the recent loss of a loved one, and those of you remembering loved ones who passed into the more immediate presence of Jesus in years gone by, I invite you to offer your heartache to Christ, tell

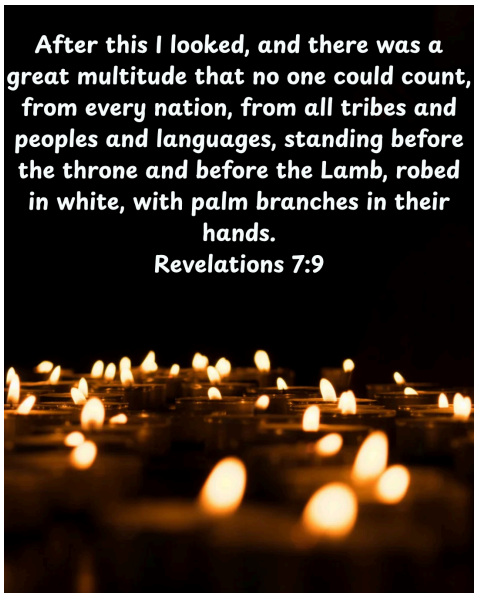
your grief to Jesus, and watch how the blessing of comfort for you, and tenderness for others, might come.

Loving God, for all the saints who from their labors rest, we give you thanks. For all of those who mourn, may they be blessed with comfort and tenderness. And for each of us, may we see a bit more of your tender heart that loves the world in all of our suffering and pain. Lucky us! Blessed are we, as we draw near to God, Amen.

In God's Love,
Pastor Monica

Lead Pastor, Stroudsburg UMC

GATHER!



Coming up this Sunday November 1st our Worship Leaders are Jackie and Kim

Praise Song: "For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love"

New Testament Lesson:
Revelation 7"9-17

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor Monica's Sermon "Gathering of Saints" (I want my listeners to remember to give thanks for all the saints in glory who have shown us God.)

Join us in person at 8:30 or 11:00 or

Join us live at 8:30 https://youtube.com/live/rlXo-dEutZ0?feature=share

Join us live at 11:00 https://youtube.com/live/Yr2oAeUoaaw?feature=share

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



What do you do with an aging church population whose volunteers for kids' VBS become less able to chase youngsters across the fellowship hall floor? Put tables in that hall and sit at them yourselves for an adult VBS instead! That's exactly what Faith UMC-Manheim Township did this past summer.

During the church's visioning meetings, the teams tried to find ways to push Faith UMC forward, as they always do, but the church Lay Leader, Michelle Bame, kept having a nagging thought: Faith has an aging population and a dwindling number of children and youth in attendance. The idea that a population of folks at or beyond retirement age might sign up to host and chase a collection of neighborhood kids across the Faith UMC property was becoming an increasingly difficult sell for the church this year – that is until the idea of hosting an Adult VBS popped up and the group knew they'd hit ministry gold!

Adult VBS attendees pose for a silly photo.

Michelle, along with fellow Faith member, Buni Harbison, started praying, planning, and procuring.

The first thing they needed was the basic VBS format – Bible lesson, food, games, and crafts, all brought to the adult level. Instead of a week-long program of evenings, they opted for an 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. schedule of four consecutive Fridays running from July through August.

Deciding to treat themselves like grown-ups, they immediately took Goldfish off the menu, instead opting for a light lunch to start the day's program. Next, Harbison taught a Bible lesson, each week correlating the lyrics of a chosen Beatles song to various Bible verses. The group listened to the music and many sang along with familiar songs of their youth, often played with the familiar hisses, cracks, and pops of a slightly more modern turntable. It may have been an Adult VBS, but for 3:05, they were kids again.

An adult VBS attendee shows off his paint-stirrer mobile.

No VBS would be complete without a round of games and the one at Faith was no exception. A particular favorite was one where New Year's Eve party blowers were used to move plastic cups off the table. Through the laughter, and much to everyone's surprise including her own, Bame discovered she was not the one with the most hot air in the group.

The group played other games like trivia, bingo, and "Would You Rather?" – the Bible version of course. They played these games in small groups to give the "kids" a chance to get to know one another better and to enjoy fellowship with one another.

VBS students make handprints on t-shirts to take home.

All VBS attendees go home with a craft and the ones at Faith made for a fun addition to the day. Each week, Michelle and Buni gave the participants a blank paint stirrer to decorate with art, song lyrics, and Bible verses from the day's lesson. On the last day, they fastened the paint sticks to a wooden cross-piece to create their very own, Beatles/Bible VBS mobile to match their personalized t-shirts featuring the handprints of all those who attended the VBS on the back.

The benefit of hosting an adult VBS is that the event drew more than 10 people from the surrounding community; most of whom found their way in because of Faith's sandwich board advertising campaign.

Bame said, "We have sandwich boards on the lawn bordering a busy road. We advertise all our events this way and have found many people in our community and beyond attending due to reading the signs while driving past the church property."

The church leadership plans to hold adult VBS events throughout the year with various themes and will continue to focus on and invite the adults of the church and also warmly welcome the

surrounding community.

More EPA News & Information

2026 LEADERSHIP GATHERING
LIVING INTO OUR VISION

From Oct 21-Oct 24 United Methodists from across the globe gathered in Calvary to discern the next right steps for the UMC.

Retrace the moments with UM News: **https://www.umnews.org/en/news/gathering-offers-16-ideas-for-church-future**

Reflect on learnings:

From Named Realities to Newly Lived Practices
Summaries & Recommendations for Future Work

The work of discernment was done on behalf of us all. The impact of the discernment depends on each one of us. What stands out to you as you reflect on that has been shared? How might God be calling you to respond with the things that are in your hands right now?



Dear Friends in Christ,

Please save the date for the 2027 Annual Conference for The United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania from May 18-20, 2027. After much conversation with leaders from across Eastern PA, EPA Sessions discerned that it would be more beneficial for EPA to hold to the regular rhythm of meeting from Tuesday-Thursday, rather than switch with GNJ and meet Sunday-Tuesday. Particular consideration was given to the fact that Pentecost falls on May 16, 2027 and congregations may wish to schedule confirmation for that day.

The 2027 Annual Conference will take place at the Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ as the search for an alternative location for the 2028 Annual Conference continues. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for updates.

In Christ,

Rev. Joong Hyuck Kim, Conference Secretary

United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania

Critical PHP Flaws Could Let Hackers Take Over Church Websites

Congregations are urged to act now, even if someone else manages their site

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Two critical security vulnerabilities in PHP, the programming language behind millions of websites, could allow attackers to take control of church websites without ever needing a password. GCFA is urging congregations, conferences, and United Methodist agencies to **treat the threat as a high priority**. **This is already being used to exploit websites.**

The flaws, known collectively as “PHP2Shell” (CVE-2026-109618 and CVE-2026-109619), each have a severity score of 9.2 out of 10 on the CVSS v4.0 scale, which is rated “Critical.” They could allow an unauthenticated attacker to remotely run malicious code on a vulnerable website or web application.

What is at stake
A successful attack could mean unauthorized access to systems, a compromised or defaced church website, disrupted online services, and the exposure of sensitive information. For congregations that depend on their websites for livestreamed worship, online giving, event registration, and member communications, the consequences could reach well beyond an embarrassing homepage.

“My site is managed by someone else” is not a safeguard
Many churches do not manage their own websites and applications. Their sites are built by a volunteer, a vendor, or a hosting company. But PHP powers popular platforms such as WordPress and Drupal, and exposure does not stop at the church door. Organizations

may be affected even when an outside provider hosts or manages their website.
GCFA also cautions that updating WordPress, Drupal, or another content management system does not necessarily update the underlying PHP installation. A site can be fully “up to date” and still be vulnerable.

The patches
The PHP development team released emergency security updates Oct. 21. The fixed versions are PHP 8.2.35, 8.3.36, 8.4.27 and 8.5.12.

Churches running older, unsupported versions of PHP face a harder road. Those versions may never receive official fixes, and GCFA advises isolating such systems from the internet and working with a technology provider on an upgrade or other remediation.
As stated earlier, this hack is being actively exploited in real-time. Web application firewalls may offer extra protection, but they are not a substitute for installing the patches.

What churches should do now:

1. **Find out what you are running.** Ask your IT contact, web administrator, or hosting provider whether your website or any church application uses PHP, and which version. DO THIS TODAY.
2.
3. **Get the patch installed.** Ask your provider to apply the official PHP security updates as soon as possible. Do not assume it has happened.
4.
5. **Ask for confirmation in writing.** Request that your web developer or host confirm they have assessed these vulnerabilities and applied and verified the necessary PHP security updates.
6.
7. **Consider taking exposed sites offline.** If a public-facing site cannot be patched promptly, restricting access or temporarily taking it down may be the safer choice.
8.
9. **Check for unsupported software.** Identify any site running an end-of-life PHP version and plan an upgrade.
10.
11. **Watch for warning signs.** Review web server, application, and security logs for suspicious activity, or ask your provider to do so.
12.

No cause for panic, but every reason for urgency
Receiving this advisory does not mean an organization has been compromised or is confirmed to be vulnerable. The goal is to reduce risk before attackers can take advantage of the flaw.

Given the critical severity of these vulnerabilities and the potential for remote code execution, this should be treated as a high-priority

security matter, especially for internet-facing websites and applications. GCFA will continue monitoring developments and will provide additional guidance.

Where to get help
GCFA UMC Support offers technology services. For more information about how GCFA can help you with IT needs, please visit UMC Church IT Support Services | General Council on Finance and Administration. Official PHP release information is available at php.net.

Cookbooks are ready to order! Help support the church and buy a cookbook in time for the holidays, cookbooks are $20 each. We will be printing copies of the Cookbook in December. Please sign up on the order sheet in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday, November 29th.

Free Veterans' Day Lunch for Veterans

By Pastor Margie

All Veterans are invited to attend a complimentary lunch at the East Stroudsburg Elks' Club, located at 260 Washington Street, East Stroudsburg. It will be held on Veterans' Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026. It will run from noon until 1:30 P.M.; one half of a small chicken will be the entrée, along with other side dishes. If a guest accompanies the Veteran; the cost for his or her meal will be ten dollars. The Elks Lodge is hoping to be able to express everyone's gratitude for all of the sacrifices that our Veterans and their families have given for all of us. There are no reservations needed for this wonderful event. Please mark your calendar so that you can join them! We all thank you for your service.

Holiday Gift Drive - Join the Missions Committee and help Meals on Wheels provide gifts to their homebound clients this holiday season. Now through November 29th, you can donate new, unwrapped items such as: gloves/scarves, slipper socks w/ grippers, candle warmers, long handle back scrubbers, jar openers, travel mugs w/ lids, sugar free candy, nightlights, small umbrellas, kitchen towels/oven mitts, flashlights/batteries, puzzles- large size pieces, handheld grabbers, and alarm clocks with large numbers. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall.

CSM Mini Academy Nov 7 at Hopewell UMC

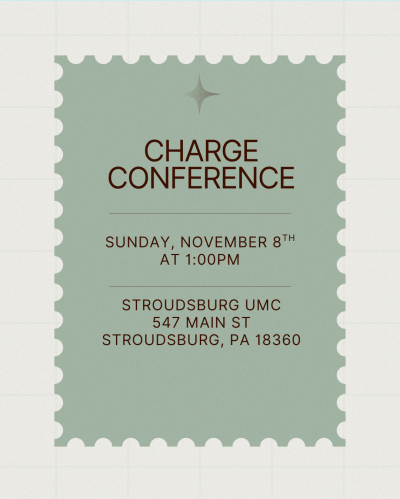
All laity are invited to the Mini Laity Academy, at Hopewell UMC in the South District (852 Hopewell Road, Downingtown, PA) on Nov. 7 from 8am-5pm.
Choose from four engaging courses:

- The Basic Course with Judy Ehninger
- Finding Your Voice: Essentials of Preaching - an advanced speaking course led by Rev. Amy Banka.
- Leadership Lessons from a Reluctant Prophet - a leadership course led by Rev. Steve Morton.

- Finishing Strong: Nurturing our Aging Congregations - a caring ministries course led by CSM's Margie Krut and Celeste Schiller.

Registration and more information can be found on the Christ Servant Ministrites website or here. Contact Sheri Kentner at sherikentner@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Please note that there is a group traveling from the Poconos - let Pastor Monica know if you are interested.



Mark your calendar for our Charge Conference on November 8th at 1:00 pm. We will have lunch after the 11:00 service, and everyone is welcome to attend the Charge Conference. Our Charge Conference is the annual meeting of our church. Members are eligible to vote when appropriate.



This is Paula Benz, retired chaplain from VVA Hospice. These are some of her many mats for the unhoused. Thank you to everyone who has brought in plastic grocery bags!





On November 22nd , we will celebrate all that God has done for us with an InGathering focused on our Soup Kitchen.

Your gifts in November help us supply our Soup Kitchen throughout the year.

Please consider giving thanks to God and helping us feed our neighbors by supplying any of the following:

Cases of bottled water
Styrofoam take our containers (with 3 compartments)
Plastic ware (forks, knives, spoons)
Napkins
Dish Soap
Sponges
Paper towels
Pasta/Pasta sauce
Coffee/ Powdered creamer
Hot chocolate
Sugar/Artificial sweetener
Styrofoam cups
Coffee “to go” cups with lids
Plastic bags for to go meals
Mac and Cheese cups
Granola bars
Single serve sleeves of crackers

Please bring items to church on November 22nd and place them at the rail before worship begins. You may also bring items to church beforehand and leave them in the kitchen downstairs.


Spooky Stroudsburg
October 2026
12th Annual Event
Saturday OCTOBER 31st 2026 1 - 6 pm
Courthouse Square from 1 - 3 pm
Pumpkin Decorating
Balloon Twist Creations
Corn Pit also, Magician Mark Mysterrio
Pocono Wildlife Rehab Exhibit and talk at 1 pm
Spooky Sculptures and Photo Opps Fun - see Beetlejuice in the Square!
Open to children of all ages Parents MUST be present
LIKE our page on Facebook for updates!
Main Street from 3 - 5 pm
CANDY HAND OUT Along Main Street and on some side streets
at PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES see listings in businesses windows & on Facebook
Courthouse Square at 5 pm
Magical Mayhem by Mark Mysterrio & Miss Direction, plus
Gigi and Company Dance Studio Halloween LIVE Dance Performance
Please also visit the Stroudsburg Fire Company's Open House Event!
Music throughout the event provided by DJ Corvin Noir
"Spooky Scavenger Hunt" - Stroud Regional Open Space & Recreation Commission hosts this fun "clue game" THROUGHOUT OCTOBER with a chance to WIN A PRIZE! Go to www.stroudrec.org for details
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A Humanitarian Organization Without Boundaries
Check out the shops and eateries decorated in the spirit of Halloween and the Season!
gocollaborativestbg.com
Special Thanks to:
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547 MAIN ST
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

HELP US END HUNGER AND BRIGHTEN OUR TOWN WITH THESE BIG RED BOWS!

We will have a table on the square for
Spooky Stroudsburg and the Tree Lighting

THANK YOU TO THE POTTING SHED ON ANN STREET FOR MAKING THE BOWS!



Then Sings My Soul

BELOVED HYMNS AND SONGS INSPIRED BY THE MINISTRY OF BILLY GRAHAM

Sunday, November 8 at 4PM

Cherry Lane United Methodist Church
4326 Cherry Lane Church Road
Tannersville, PA

Free Concert Event!

Come and celebrate Cherry Lane Church's 160th Anniversary with this original musical program about hymns, their histories, and the Billy Graham ministry.

Please call 570-629-1990 for more information.

www.LeePproductionsLLC.com

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIFELINE GLOBAL MEAL PACK

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 13-14, 2026

Help package nutritious meals that will be shipped globally to children and families who are impacted by hunger and malnutrition.

All it takes is an 90 minutes of your time

- Individual sponsorship of $65 to package 200 shelf stable, nutritious meals.
- Team sponsorships $455 to package 1, 400 meals

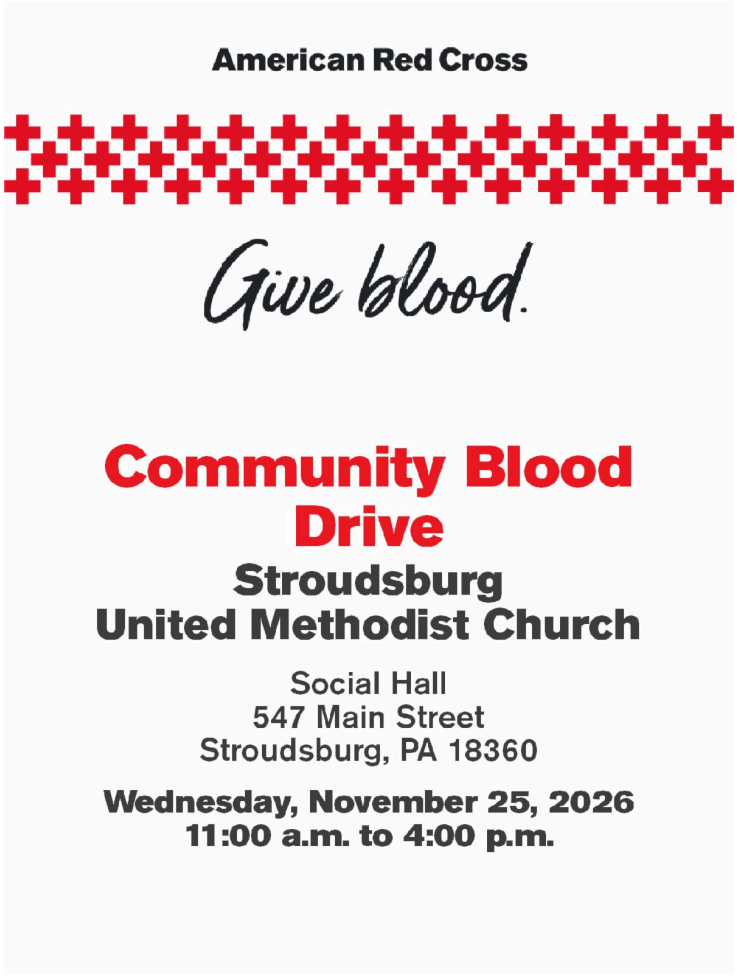


SCAN ME

Packing Times:

- Friday 11/13
  - 5 pm - 6:30 pm
  - 7 pm - 8:30 pm
- Saturday 11/14
  - 8:30 am - 10 am
  - 10 am - 11:30 am
  - 12 pm - 1:30 pm
  - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Register at https://esumc.net/events
Contributions and pledges also accepted online.



Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive at the church on Wednesday, November 25th from 11-4. Sign up here: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?zipSponsor=18360&driveType=all

A Christmas Cantata



December 20, 2026 at 2pm

Zion United Church of Christ

14 N. 8th St., Stroudsburg, Pa 18360

Free to All -

A Goodwill Offering Will be Donated to the Wesleyan Winter Shelter

FAITH FRIENDS CAFE

Presented by Faith United Methodist Church

A PLACE OF JOY & CONNECTION

Community members experiencing cognitive challenges and their caretakers are invited to enjoy friendship, activities, and a light meal. Caretakers stay and participate alongside their loved ones.

Led by a Cognitive Specialist and Licensed Occupational Therapist



Fun & Meaningful Activities

Community Connection

Nourishment & Fellowship

REMAINING 2026 DATES

- **AUGUST:** 12 & 26
- **SEPTEMBER:** 9 & 23
- **OCTOBER:** 7 & 21
- **NOVEMBER:** 4 & 18
- **DECEMBER:** 2 & 16

ALL GATHERINGS: 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

www.stroudsburgfaith.org/faith-friends

Telephone: 570-424-0712

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Faith United Methodist Church
1160 Clause Dr., Stroudsburg, PA

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Join us for

Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday's at 10:00am in the lounge. This fall we are exploring the topic Judges Spiral : We repeat what we don't repair. The book of Judges and our lives have a lot in common. Join us as we explore both.


Join us for
Just Social
2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month (1:30-3:00 pm) in the Lounge or Fellowship Room. Come join us - play cards, board games or just chat! Do you have a hobby or interest you would like to share? Have you read a book that was so good you just need to tell someone about it? If this is you, or someone you know, we would love for you to join us! Please contact the church office for additional information.


Join us for
Stitch & Pray
Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (7:00-8:30 pm) and the third Thursday of each month (1:30-3:00 pm). Meetings are held in the Lounge.
If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, please join us! All are welcome! For additional information, contact the church office. Please use the Ann Street entrance.

Ushers are needed for the 11:00AM Sunday Worship Service. If you are available on a regular basis or once in a while, please contact the church office. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Grocery Bags Are Needed for an Ongoing Project to Help Others

By Pastor Margie

We have been asked to collect our usual, plastic grocery bags. We have a congregant whom will take them to her ally, every week. The colleague will crochet them into mats for the homeless to use under their sleeping bags, they are six feet by four feet and a few inches deep. The Salvation Army will accept as many of them as she can make to donate to them. We will have a container, in the Fellowship Room, for you to drop them off when it works for you. We have such a marvelous church family and we are truly a community church in the ways we help so a many people in multiple ways! Thank you for helping us and others!



October Birthdays

2 Laurie Braman
4 Janet Marsh
11 Marti Lantz
20 Claribel Sebring
21 Rachel Traub
23 Matt Transue
24 Nick Herrero
28 Jim Maroney
28 Margie Good



Special Person of the Week:

Trevor Corey
2720 Monacacy Road
Nazareth, PA 18064
Please remember him in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

JOIN US LIVE

SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AND 11:00 AM

LIVE STREAM

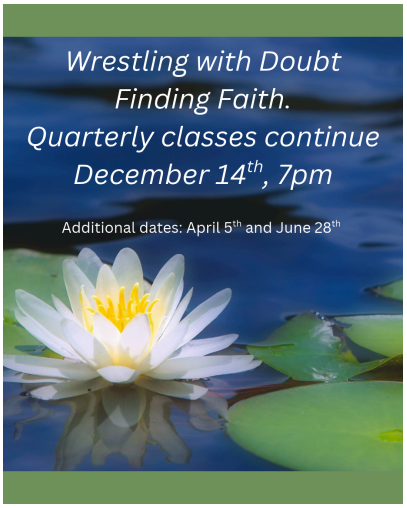
STROUDSBURGUMC.COM

YouTube: @stroudsburgumc3087

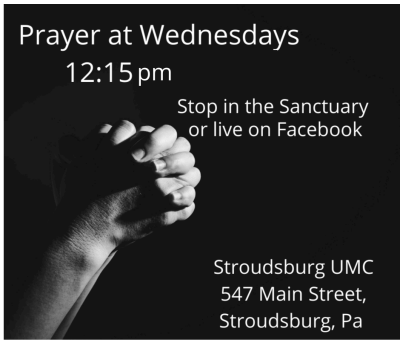
GROW!

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.





Finding Faith. Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. This quarterly class is designed so that you can attend just one session if you cannot attend the others. Mark your calendars for December 14th, April 5th, and June 28th, all at 7:00 pm.



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





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
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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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