



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 - August 30, 2026

"The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the Lord... And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you." Leviticus 25:1, 10.

A JUBILEE! In biblical times, a Jubilee is the return of land for those who had lost it because of debts, the rest of the land, and the emancipation of enslaved persons, and a reminder that everything can be reset. We read of Jubilee in Leviticus, Isaiah, and Luke! "Jesus, following Isaiah, is drawing upon a great biblical tradition, the Jubilee. Jewish law stipulated that every seven years all debts would be canceled. All Israelite slaves would be set free. And every 50th year -- "the year of the Lord's favor" -- all land would return to its original owners and clans; those enslaved because of their poverty would be set free. On this 50th year, Leviticus says, "You shall proclaim liberty" (25:10). Every 50 years, a fresh start. Imagine: "the year of the Lord's favor." (1)

If you think to yourself, this is all well and good - nice aspirations. I would like to share about an organization that seeks to take this biblical principle and make it a reality.

"Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Bread for the World members write personal letters and emails and hold meetings with their members of Congress. Working through churches, campuses, and other organizations, Bread members engage more people in advocacy. It is one of the largest organizations in the world dedicated to building the political will to end hunger. Bread for the World has an impressive record of achievement under Beckmann's leadership. Bread for the World led the U.S. legislative coalition of the Jubilee movement to reduce the debts of low-income countries." (2) Through their efforts, they have increased funding and forgiven debt. Consider what God is teaching us about rest. We are called to rest each day. Sabbath each week. And Jubilee every fifty years. God teaches us about rest, restoration, justice and equality. Where are you being called to consider rest, Sabbath, and Jubilee in your life?

1. <https://day1.org/articles/5d9b820ef71918cdf2003357/vie>

2. https://day1.org/speakers/5d9b820ef71918cdf20029af/the_rev_david_beckmann

In God's Love,
Pastor Monica

Lead Pastor, Stroudsburg UMC



GATHER!

Coming up this Sunday
August 30th our
worship leaders are
Cliff and Jeanette
Praise Song: "Grace
Alone"

Old Testament Lesson:
Leviticus 25:1-19

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:9-10

Sermon: "The Gift of Rest" (I want my listeners to embrace the gift of rest that allows us to be people of restoration, renewal, and wholeness. The Year of Jubilee teaches us about balance, equity, and kinship, celebrating that rest is a gift of all God's creation.)



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

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

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

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](#)

Stitch & Pray Small Group: Resuming on 9/8/26! 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: 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.

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>

Prayer Partners: Prayer Partners are a wonderful ministry with our young people. We have a few young people left who need someone to pray for them throughout the year and send encouragement. Cards with their names will be placed on the chancel rail. Contact the office for their addresses. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of others.

After sharing about the Hero's Dinner, Dr Lee sent us this:

Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful news with me. What a joy it is to hear how the members of Stroudsburg United Methodist Church are making such a meaningful difference not only within the church, but throughout the wider community.

Please extend my heartfelt congratulations to Jenny Bogart and Vicki Weaver on receiving this well-deserved recognition. Their faithful service is a beautiful example of how the church lives out its mission beyond its walls through service, leadership, hospitality, and care for the community.

I am also grateful that the Community Resource Center at Stroudsburg UMC was able to host this important gathering of community leaders. It is encouraging to see the church becoming a place where the community can gather, celebrate, and strengthen relationships.

I certainly celebrate with you and give thanks to God for the faithful ministry and witness of Stroudsburg UMC. Please continue the wonderful work you are doing to serve your neighbors and share Christ's love in tangible ways.

Blessings and congratulations to the entire Stroudsburg UMC family!

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We pay our insurance premiums on a blanket policy through Conference billings as part of our apportionment. Our Workers Compensation premium increased significantly this year. Pastor Monica and members of the financial team met with Conference personnel and representatives from the insurance company providing coverage to determine the cause of the increase. The cost is based upon the total salaries paid to our employees during the previous year. Through a system error the salaries used for the premium were much higher than the actual salaries paid. The premium was recalculated based upon the correct yearly salaries which reduced the cost from \$1,138 per year to \$927 per year. Leadership continues to be good stewards of your donations.

By C.J. Penwell

We are making an SUMC Cookbook!

Please send in as many recipes as you would like. We ask you to also include your name and a brief backstory to your recipe with your submissions. Submit your typed recipes to the church office email address: office@stroudsburgumc.com by the end of September.



The Mission Committee
is having a

mum SALE!

ORDER FORM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Paint the Town Red: Are you looking to remember or honor someone special, or to make the town beautiful at Christmas? Our 3rd annual Paint the Red campaign is back! You can purchase a red ribbon to hang in

town. \$25 for a bow, \$35 to add a dedication.
Pick up a form in the office or dedicate on
here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZN7G/campaign/C-162D5>
Proceeds benefit our local food pantries.



POCONO BELLS PRESENTS

**RINGING THROUGH THE
CLASSICS & BEYOND**



**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
14 N. 8TH STREET STROUDSBURG, PA**

August 29 at 2:00pm

**FREE WILL OFFERING FOR THE
DISASTER MINISTRIES**

• WELCOME TO THE •

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 20th

12:30-2:30pm at Zacharias Pond Park
99 E 3rd St, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

PLEASE BRING YOUR
FAVORITE SIDE OR
DESSERT.

HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS,
AND BEVERAGES WILL BE
PROVIDED.



PRESENTED BY STROUDSBURG UNITED METHODIST, ZION UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST, AND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STROUDSBURG

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK

Come watch "Toy Story" with us at
Helen Amhurst Park

SEPT. 17 - 7:00 PM

88 N 3rd St. Stroudsburg, PA
FREE PARKING
(Rain date: September 18)



Church Women United Christmas Stockings

For August: Small hand sanitizer

Bring donations to the bin in the
Fellowship Room. Our stockings are
distributed in December to groups
including nursing homes, PATH,
Street2Feet, Salvation Army and Meals
on Wheels. Thank you!



Dear Friends in Ministry,

Grace and peace to you.

I want to invite you to participate in a United Methodist Food Related Ministry Listening Session on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at The Crossing United Methodist Church (1895 Wrightstown Rd., Washington Crossing, PA 18977).

My name is Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck, and I recently began serving as the Pennsylvania State Organizer with Bread for the World after several years as the Executive Director of The Center-Philadelphia at Arch Street United Methodist Church. Some of you may know me from that ministry, while others I look forward to meeting for the first time. I am excited to be partnering with Rev. Gabe Lopez, Director of Social Impact and Belonging for the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, to convene this gathering.

Across our conference, United Methodist congregations faithfully respond to hunger every week through food pantries, community meals, backpack programs, community gardens, and other food-related ministries. These ministries are often among the first places where we see the changing realities facing our neighbors.

Our hope is to create a space where those serving in these ministries can listen to one another, share what is happening in their communities, and discern together how God is calling us to respond. We will pay particular attention to the impact of recent changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), current immigration policies, and other emerging challenges affecting the people we serve.

Together, we will:

- Share stories and insights from our local ministries.
- Explore the connection between works of mercy and works of justice.
- Discern opportunities for mutual support and faithful advocacy.
- Strengthen relationships across the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

Whether your congregation operates a food pantry, serves community meals, distributes backpacks, tends a community garden, or engages in another food-related ministry, we hope your congregation will be represented. Your experiences and wisdom are essential to this conversation. If you are able to attend, please consider inviting others who share leadership in your congregation's food ministries to join you. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to invite another leader—or several leaders—from your congregation to participate on your behalf. The more voices we have around the table, the richer our shared learning and discernment will be.

[Please register using this link!](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I hope you will join us for this time of listening, learning, and strengthening our shared ministry as we seek to faithfully accompany our neighbors and one another in the work of ending hunger.

In Service Together,
Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck
Pennsylvania State Organizer
Bread for the World
ddidomineck@bread.org
darlene.didomineck@gmail.com

United Methodist Food Related Ministries Listening Session



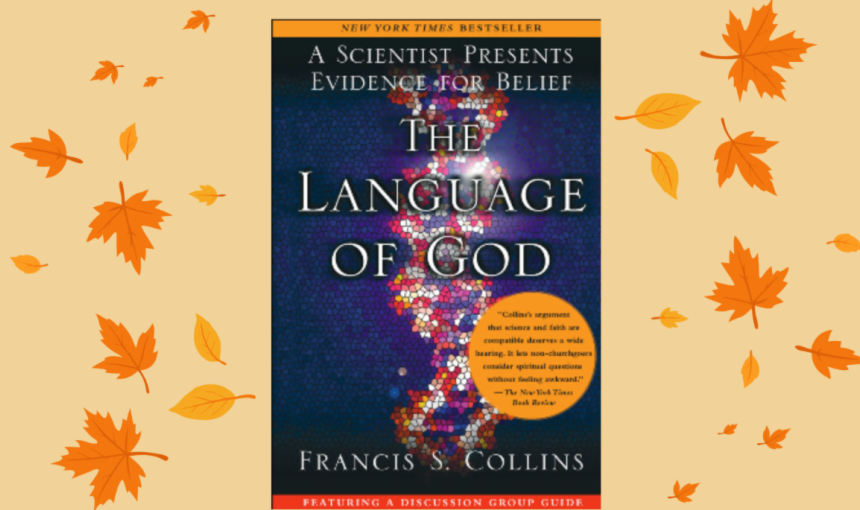
United Methodist congregations across the region faithfully respond to hunger every week through food pantries, community meals, backpack programs, and other food related ministries. This listening session will gather leaders from these ministries to share what they are experiencing in their local communities - with particular attention to the impact of recent changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the effects of current immigration policies, and other emerging challenges.

Together we will:

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- Explore the connection between works of mercy and works of justice
- Discern opportunities for mutual support and faithful advocacy
- Strengthen relationships across the annual conference.

The Crossing UMC
1895 Wrightstown Rd., Washington Crossing, PA 18977
Saturday, September 12, 2026 10:00am - 12:00pm





Make plans now to join us for our Fall Book Study.

 Peggy Stewart will lead us in discussing:

**"The Language of God: A Scientist Provides Evidence for Belief"
by Francis S. Collins**

on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. 

The group will start on Thursday, September 10th and go for 11 weeks. We will meet in the lounge, but you can also join by Zoom.

Please let the church office (570-421-6020) or Peggy (570-350-8589) know if you plan to attend so books can be ordered.

Peggy's groups are casual, with no pressure to join the discussion if you prefer just to listen. Hope to see you there!



We have started collecting donations for the Valor House for this Thanksgiving: A collection box is in the Fellowship room. Needed are: canned corn, green beans and cranberry sauce, cans or jars of turkey gravy, 1 pound bags of brown rice, boxed turkey stuffing, canned fruit pie filling, cake mixes and cake frosting. We will be collecting now through the end of September.

CALLING ALL WOMEN IN MINISTRY

North District • Eastern Pennsylvania (EPA)

*The United Women in Faith of the North District
warmly invites all women of the district to celebrate, meet,
and share ideas with each other.*

Join us at:
Pocono Lake UMC
1188 PA 940
Pocono Lake, PA 18347

Saturday, August 29, 2026

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Refreshments will be served

*Your ministry may be administrative, cleaning, community
service, music, preaching, and any other way you share your
spiritual gifts.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you will attend, please RSVP by August 22, 2026 to:

Patricia Wilson

(570) 977-0127 (text)

MUNDANN@AOL.COM

Please include your name and contact information.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

SUMC Fellowship Hall

October 17th 2026
5pm



Hello Faith Leaders of the Poconos,
I am reaching out to share an exciting new ministry launching at Faith United Methodist Church: the Faith Friends Program. Faith Friends is a weekly program designed to provide a safe, welcoming, and joyful environment for community members experiencing cognitive challenges while giving their caregivers a much-needed period of rest.

Beginning Wednesday, July 29, the program will meet each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will meet in Wilson Fellowship Hall here at Faith. Participants will enjoy meaningful activities, games, crafts, cognitive exercises, fellowship, and a light meal. The program will be led by a Cognitive Specialist who is also a Licensed Occupational Therapist, helping us provide compassionate and individualized support.

I have attached a poster with full program and registration information. And we'd be grateful if you would share it with your congregation, care team, community partners, and any families who might benefit from this ministry. Registration is now open, and additional volunteers are also warmly welcomed. Faith communities are often among the first places families turn when they are carrying the challenges of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other cognitive changes. By sharing this information, you may help a caregiver discover support, rest, and the reassurance that they do not have to walk this journey alone.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and for all the ways you care for people throughout our community. Please feel free to contact me or the church office at 570-424-0712 with any questions.

Pastor Jack, Faith UMC



Faith Friends Respite Care Program
Presented by Faith United Methodist Church

A Place of Joy & Connection for Your Loved Ones
We are thrilled to launch a weekly program specially designed for community members experiencing cognitive challenges, offering a friendly space for connection while giving caregivers a well-deserved break.

Our program is proudly led by a Cognitive Specialist who is also a Licensed Occupational Therapist, ensuring professional, tailored, and compassionate care.

What Our "Faith Friends" Will Enjoy:

- **Fun & Meaningful Activities:** Engaging games, crafts, and cognitive exercises.
- **Community Connection:** Socializing with welcoming community members.
- **Nourishment & Fellowship:** Delicious light meal shared together.

Program Details

- **When:** Every Wednesday, starting July 29, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Cost:** \$50.00 per session
- **Location:** Wilson Fellowship Hall, Faith United Methodist Church, 1160 Clause Dr., Stroudsburg, PA

Join Our Community!
Registration is Now Open!
Secure a spot for your loved one today.
Visit: www.stroudsburgfaith.org/faith-friends or Scan the QR Code to register online.

♥ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & WELCOMED!
Want to make a meaningful difference in someone's life? We are looking for compassionate hearts to join our team. Visit our website or contact the church office to get involved.
Telephone: 570-424-0712

Supported by Our Community Sponsors:




We need your help with Stroudfest on September 5th!

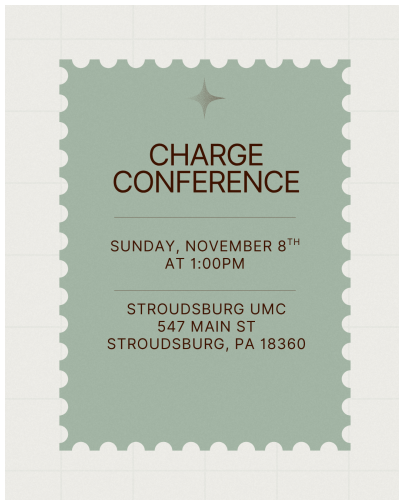
Please contact the office if you can:

- provide a pop-up 10x10 shelter for us to borrow for the day,
 - provide hot dogs or hot dog rolls,
 - provide cookies or brownies,
 - help at any time during the day - just a few hours of welcoming folks as they enter the church or helping in the food tent would be appreciated.
- Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

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



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. Team leaders, look for reporting information in your email. The Conference is using a new system called Brick Weaver, and you need to establish your own sign-in.

Turning 65? New to Medicare?

Sponsored by
Monroe County Area Agency on Aging
and
Pennsylvania Department of Aging

PA MEDI is here to help with “Medicare 101”!

Understanding Medicare can be difficult. Provided by Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI, this **free** presentation introduces you to Medicare and gives you the opportunity to ask questions to PA MEDI's specially trained staff and volunteers.



“Medicare 101” will help you learn about:

- ✓ Medicare Eligibility & Enrollment
- ✓ Notices, Costs & Penalties
- ✓ Original Medicare, Medigap, & Medicare Advantage
- ✓ Services under Medicare Parts A & B
- ✓ Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Benefit
- ✓ Switching Plans
- ✓ Medicare Appeals
- ✓ Medicare Savings Programs to save you money
- ✓ How PA MEDI can assist you... and much more!

Join Us!

Registration Required!



When: Thursday, September 10th



Where: Eastern Monroe Public Library
1002 N. 9th Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



Time: 4 PM - 6:30 PM



Call: (570) 420-3746 to register

Presented by Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI, the known and trusted resource at your local Area Agency on Aging for unbiased, easy-to-understand Medicare information.



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Medicare Education and Decision Insight

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State Health Insurance
Assistance Program



POCONO PLATEAU
CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI 9/11
TO
SUN 9/13

80th Anniversary Weeknd Celebration
Day Event Option available

FRI 9/25
TO
SUN 9/27

Knitting & Crocheting Retreat
(see website for day options)

TUE 9/29
TO
FRI 10/2

Older Adult Retreat - Ages 55+
(see website for day options)

TUE 9/29
TO
FRI 10/2

Men's Retreat
"Power Down"

FRI 10/16
TO
SUN 10/18

Wellness Retreat - Ages 18+
(see website for day options)

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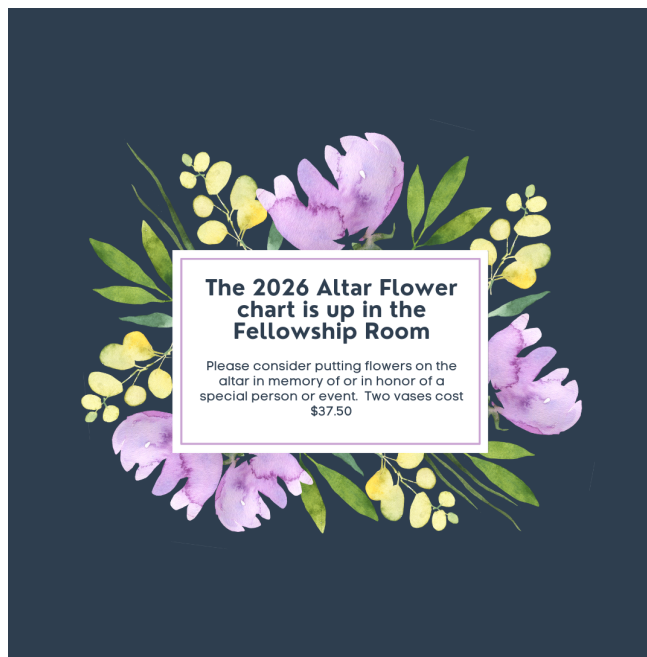
**Children's Jamboree &
Youth Winter Blast**

Happy
**BIRTHDAY
WISHES**



August Birthdays

1 Kim Kopec
9 Kelly Edinger
21 Krista Montgomery
23 Kermit Chamberlin
24 Gale Butz
27 Eva Knight



**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

Janet Marsh
1170 West Main Street
Room #121
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



STROUDSBURGUMC.COM

YouTube: @stroudsburgumc3087

GROW!

Mark your calendars for our return on September 13th for Sunday School and September 13th for Bible Study.



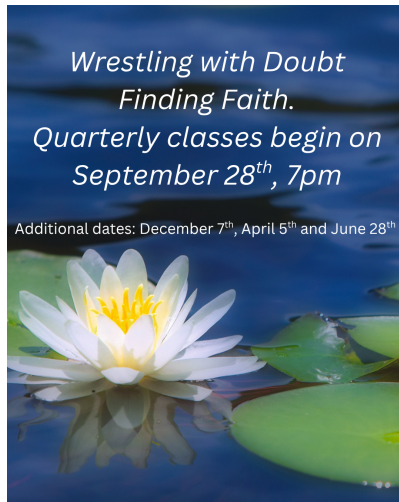
Looking for More Worship Leaders

By Pastor Margie

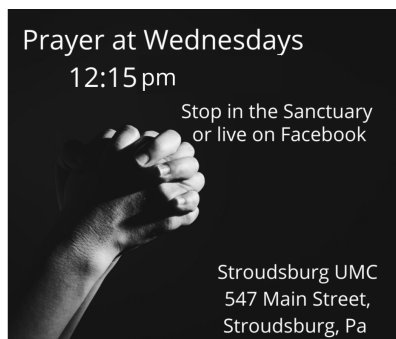
We are interested in finding some more volunteers for people to be worship leaders. I would be happy to train anyone who would be interested in becoming a worship leader. The schedule is printed out for a few months at a time. We are flexible about switching with one another if we have a commitment that is important to us. Pastor Monica makes a fabulous rubric that outlines everything that we say during a service. We are hoping to get some more teen-agers as well. Leaders serve at only one service and we are happy to accommodate having you read at the service of your preference. Please consider helping us out with this great opportunity for you to be a worship leader. We have less worship leaders due to illnesses, students attending college and other important reasons. Thank you so very much.

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 September 28th, December 7th, 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

WANT TO HELP?

HOPING TO BRING IN SOME ITEMS
YOU ALREADY HAVE OR CAN GET
EASILY? WANT TO HELP US SAVE
MONEY?

WE CAN ALWAYS USE:

REAMS OF WHITE 8.5X11 COPY PAPER
CASES OF WATER
13-GALLON UNSCENTED KITCHEN TRASH BAGS
60-GALLON HEAVY-DUTY KITCHEN TRASH BAGS
WAFFER COOKIES



**OR YOU CAN CHECK OUT OUR AMAZON WISHLIST TO
PLACE AN ORDER EASILY:**

[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/HZ/WISHLIST/LS/9CXGGHMM1
THG?REF_=WL_SHARE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/9CXGGHMM1THG?ref=wl_share)



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.



Stroudsburg United Methodist Church | 547 Main St | Stroudsburg, PA 18360 US

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