

Chimes
 Handbell Choir (11:00) “What Wondrous Love Is This”
 music: William Walker, arr. Matthew Prins
 Prelude “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” Arr. Mark Hayes
 Choral Introit (11:00) “The First One Ever” from UMH 276
 Words and Music: Linda Wilberger Egan

Welcome Pastor Carmen
 Announcements Diane Rogell/Thomas LaDelia
 *Call to Worship Diane Rogell/Thomas LaDelia

One: This Sunday, our Lenten journey together begins, including workplaces that weary us;

people who confuse us, and news which overwhelms us.
Many: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

One: With clenched stomachs, in the moments of unbearable sorrow, with the angels who would carry us. Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor,

Many: Together, we begin Lent with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears, with the God who will not let go of our hands and calls us.

*Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH 348

***Unison Prayer** Diane Rogell/Thomas LaDelia
Creator, Sustainer, and Savior, we heard you calling. You lead us through the late winter wilderness of Lent. As we trudge through the stuff of our lives, show us, guide us, and remind us of your presence. Help us to see and praise you in, around, and through our days. Connect us to you in our experience as we walk toward the cross, Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 887, Romans 8

Sharing Joy and Concerns Pastor Carmen

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Carmen

Special Music (8:30) “Woman at the Wall”
 Olivia Lane, Steve Fee and Jesse Reeves, Sung by Marti Lantz

Choral Anthem (11:00) “ I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
 words: Horatio Bonar; music: Trad. English folk tune, arr. R. Vaughan Williams
 Call to Offering Pastor Carmen

Offertory “I Need Thee Every Hour” Arr. Heather Sorenson

*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95

***Prayer of Dedication** Diane Rogell/Thomas LaDelia
Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenges, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you; In Christ’s name, we pray, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 32 Diane Rogell/Thomas LaDelia

*Gospel Lesson John 4: 1-30 Diane Rogell/Thomas LaDelia

Children’s Message Pastor Carmen

Praise Song “You Who Are Thirsty” Barbara Ross

This Week's Schedule		
Today	8:30 & 11:00am 9:45am 9:45am 2:00pm 2:00pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal Sunday School-Children through Adults Selma Movie Viewing—Sanctuary Soup Kitchen
Monday	9:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Counters-Lounge Pastors Meeting Handbell Choir Rehearsal Ahtuwi-Kana Meeting
Tuesday	1:30pm 2:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm	Just Social Choir Rehearsal Aram Private Lessons Lenten Bible Study—Zoom
Wednesday	10:00am 11:15am 12:00pm 12:15pm 1:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Bible Study Worship Planning Open Sanctuary Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Cub Scouts Lenten Worship Series—Hospitality (East Stroudsburg UMC)
Thursday	10:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	History Committee DDT Meeting—Lounge Missions Meeting Scouts
Friday	7:00pm	N.A
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am 9:45am 9:45am 2:00pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal Sunday School - Children through Adults Soup Kitchen

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops Todd Martin
 First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters, William Frazetta Prayer
 Mailboxes

Special Person of the Week: Jeanne Principe, c/o Spring Village at Pocono, Room 313B, 319 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

Sermon “Broken Glass” Pastor Carmen
 (I want my listeners to return to Jesus this Lent, ready for the wisdom of Christ.)

*Hymn “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH 121

*Benediction and Sending Pastor Carmen

Handbells (8:30) Handbell Choir Benediction Response

“What Wondrous Love Is This” music: William Walker, arr. Matthew Prins

*Choral Benediction Response (11:00) “Look Within Each Heart, O Lord”

Words: Herb Frombach; Music: David Lantz III

*Postlude “Light of the Living God” David Paxton

*Rise in body or in spirit.

Bold Print = Say in unison.

WINTER WEATHER Wondering about winter weather and snow? How will you know if the worship service is canceled? Announcements will be posted by 7am on the Sunday morning regarding worship. You can check your emails for cancellation or the church Facebook page. Feel free to share the news with others as well. Our congregation comes from a large geographic area. The weather in town might be different from the accumulation or the road conditions in Tobyhanna, Analomink or even East Stroudsburg. Please use your best discretion for travel. If there is a service, you can worship online.

Save the Date! Join us TODAY, Sunday, February 22nd at 2 PM for the movie "Selma", a historical drama based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

VBS Save the dates: Vacation Bible School is coming! June 22nd- 26th from 5:30 pm - 8:00pm. More information will be forthcoming about organization and registration. For now, please save the date!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available in the Fellowship Room. Written by members of our congregation as well as Pastor Margie and Pastor Monica. This Window into the Life of Jesus is the perfect way to structure your Lent. If you need us to mail one, please contact the office. Devotions are also available daily on Facebook and Instagram.

POCONO UNITED METHODIST LENTEN SERVICES Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm. The schedule of services is included in your bulletin.

LENTEN SERVICE ON MARCH 11TH We are hosting the Lenten Service on March 11th at 7pm and will lead by Pastor Jeff Weber.

EASTER LILIES Order forms for Easter lilies will be available soon. Please check back here for more information.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Join our Lenten Bible Study on Zoom from Feb 17, Tuesdays at 6 pm., focusing on Jesus's first seven invitations. Contact the office for the Zoom link and study from your warm home. See Weekly E-News for more information or contact the office.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY Join us for the 2026 North District Tools for Ministry! Saturday, March 14 (snow/ice date: Saturday, March 21) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Asbury UMC (1533 Springhouse Road, Allentown) \$15 per person (includes lunch)

Connection Card
Welcome Members & Visitors!
Please let us know how we can help each other this week:

Name _____

Address _____

Email/Phone _____

Prayer requests, needs, comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! [Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC](https://www.facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC)
Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, WELCOME! Please fill out the "Connection Card" in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a copy of our weekly eNews in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

We welcome Pastor Carmen O'Shea, Executive Director of Pocono Plateau and a member of our congregation, to the pulpit this morning. We celebrate with her, her recommendation by the Board of Ordained Ministry to be commissioned as a deacon. Commissioning occurs at the Annual Conference in May. Please continue to pray for Pastor Monica as she seeks full healing and recovery.

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, CJ Penwell, Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Peggy Stewart, Camera: Alex Herrero, Peter Guepet Streaming: Alex Herrero, Felicity Guepet

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE 8:30 Diane Rogell and 11:00 Thomas LaDelia

THE PURPLE LENTEN BANNER hangs in memory of Jack Warner, given by Earl & Jean Warner.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in honor of Emily Stewart given by Roz Evans.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Fellowship Room. Please pick up your box after worship today.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS Items for January and February: January Word Search books/ February: Socks Men and Women. Please bring your donations to the bin located in the Fellowship Room. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS the 2026 altar flower chart is up in the Fellowship Room. Please consider putting flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a special person or event. Two vases cost \$37.50.

GOSPEL OF JOHN, Save the date for March 29th at 1:00 pm. Ken Jennings, who previously performed here in 2023, will be back. This is a wonderful start to your Holy Week!

EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER Looking for Easter candy? Help out the missions of the church and fill your Easter basket at the same time. Order form is in the Fellowship room. Orders are due by March 15th. Candy will be available for pick up on March 22nd. Please provide payment when submitting the order.

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address _____

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/Family Internet/Website

Other

What I/we look for in a church _____

Please circle your age group: 18-23 24-35 36-49 50-64 65+

We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like to make Stroudsburg United Methodist YOUR church, please mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.

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CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
Pastor of Visitation	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
Church Secretary	Ashley Emerson
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Custodian	Robert Medina

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Worship	Chairperson, Rev. Monica B. Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
Staff Parish Relations Committee	To be Announced
Lay Leadership	Chairperson, Rev. Monica Guepet
Missions	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
History Committee	Chairperson, B.J. Bachman
Co-Lay Leaders	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday, 9am-4:30pm; Friday 9am-3pm

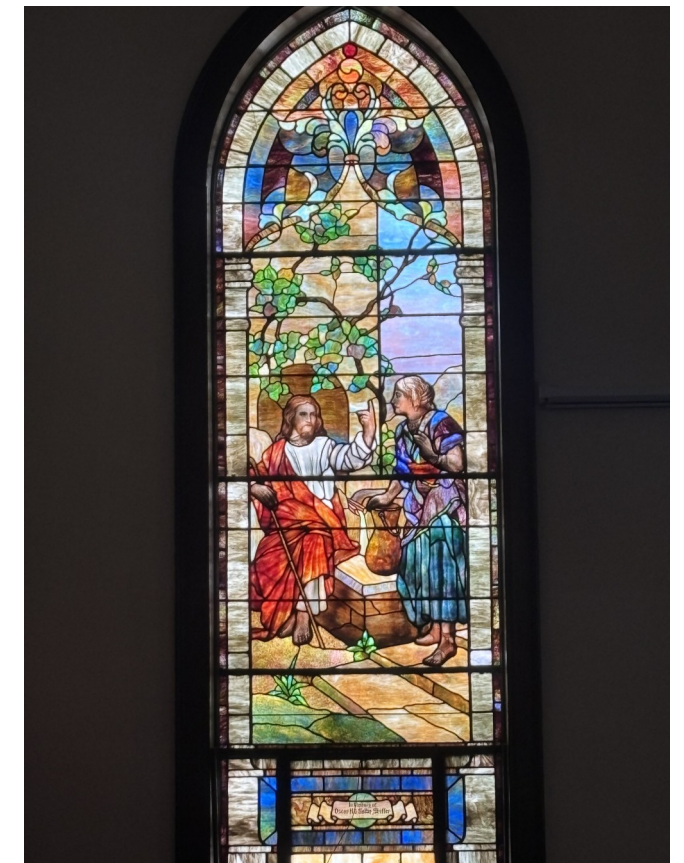
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