

Chimes		
Prelude	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	
	Words: Robert Robinson; Music: The Sacred Harp	
Welcome	Pastor Monica	
Announcements	Cliff Rogell/Jeanette Kuhns	
*Hymn	“Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”	579
*Call to Worship	Cliff Rogell/Jeanette Kuhns	
One: God calls us to rest, not only for ourselves but for all people and all creation.		
Many: We come to embrace this gift of rest, knowing it is meant for every person, every creature, and the earth itself.		
One: In this time of worship, we pause to reflect on the ways we may have denied others their rest.		
Many: We come seeking balance, equity, and justice in how we live and rest together.		
One: Let us receive the gift of God's love, freely given to all, without exception.		
Many: We come to be restored, and to offer restoration to all.		
*Unison Prayer	Cliff Rogell/Jeanette Kuhns	
Gracious God, you have created rest as a gift for all of Your creation, yet we often forget to share that gift with others. Open our hearts and minds to see where we have neglected the rest of our neighbors. Help us to restore balance and equity so that everyone can experience renewal in you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.		
Special Music	“Be Still, My Soul”	Words: Katharina von Schlegel, Music: Jean Sibelius/ Arr. David Lantz III, Sung by David Lantz and Marti Lantz
Sharing Joys and Concerns	Pastor Monica	
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Monica	
Call to Offering	Pastor Monica	
Offertory	“Amazing Grace”	John Newton/ Arr. Victor Labenske
*Presentation of Gifts	“Doxology”	UMH 95
*Prayer of Dedication	Cliff Rogell/Jeanette Kuhns	
God of justice and renewal, as we offer these gifts, use them to break down the barriers that prevent others from finding rest. May our offerings bring balance, equity, and the fullness of Your love to every corner of our community. Amen.		
Old Testament Lesson	Leviticus 25:1-19	Cliff Rogell/Jeanette Kuhns
New Testament Lesson	Hebrews 4:9-10	Cliff Rogell/Jeanette Kuhns
Children’s Message	Pastor Monica	
Praise Song	“Grace Alone”	John Newton/Arr. Victor Labenske
Sermon	“The Gift of Rest”	Pastor Monica
(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 for all of God’s creation.)		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Pastor Monica	

This Week’s Schedule		
Today	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship Soup Kitchen, Downstairs
Monday	9:00am 10:00am 1:30pm	Counters, Lounge Pastors’ Meeting, Conference Room Aram- Private Lessons
Tuesday	9:00am 2:00pm 4:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Pocono Interfaith Council - Trinity Episcopal Church Choir Rehearsal Aram- Private Lessons M&E Meeting COTA Cats - Sanctuary
Wednesday	11:00am 12:00pm 12:15pm 1:30pm 4:00pm 7:00pm	Worship Planning - Conference Room Open Sanctuary Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook & Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Aram- Private Lessons COTA Cats - Sanctuary
Thursday	6:45pm	Scout Troop Meeting
Friday	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous, (N.A) - Dining Room
Saturday	11:00am	StroudFest
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship Soup Kitchen, Downstairs

Prayer List- Joys and Concerns: Our Troops, Todd Martin, Prayer Mailboxes, Ryan DeHaven, First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters, William Frazetta
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.

*Hymn	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”	TFWS 2153
*Benediction and Sending		Pastor Monica
*Postlude	“Psalm of Joy”	George Blake

*Rise in body or in spirit.
Bold Print = Say in unison

WEIS RECEIPTS Please save your Weis grocery receipts and bring them to the church. There is a large coffee can in the Fellowship Room where you can place your receipts. The church earns 1% of the total amount on each receipt.

ATTENDANCE PADS Sign in and let us know you were here. You can also make a note of your prayer requests or other information you would like the office to know, like a new email address or number. Would you like the pastor to call? Note it here. Thanks for helping us as we gather, grow and make a difference together.

WANT TO HELP THE CHURCH? Sign up for the Raise Right app or purchase grocery gift cards to Giant, Weis, or ShopRite after both services. Call the office with questions or to reserve cards if you wouldn’t be in service.

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL Mark your calendars for our return on September 6th for Sunday School, and September 9th for Bible Study.

PDF - PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND Thanks to your generosity, we have already assisted dozens of families with rent, utilities, food, and other essential needs. With changes to federal, state, and county funding, we are seeing an increase in the number of people seeking 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS We are looking for additional worship leaders to join our rotation for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. There is a rubric provided that provides the outline and information for the service. Most worship leaders serve two times, every three months. Please let the office know if you are interested.

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:

Would you like us to contact you about this: Yes No

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC
Member and guests: WELCOME! Please fill out the “Connection Card” in your
bulletin 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!

SERVING YOU TODAY: Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, C.J. Penwell; Soundboard:
Jackie Herrero, Felicity Guepet, Peter Guepet ; Camera: Alex Herrero, Bella Kopec ;
Streaming: Alex Herrero,

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: 8:30: Cliff Rogell, 11:00: Jeanette Kuhns

THE GREEN BANNER hangs in memory of May Singer, given by Alice and Ray Singer.

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. Thanks!

CHARGE CONFERENCE: 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 River, and you need to establish your own sign-in.

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT: 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.

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

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Stroudsburg, PA 18360
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*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.*

Lead Pastor
Pastor of Visitation
Church Secretary
Choir Director
Organist
Custodian

The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
Emily Stewart
Aram Tchobanian
Marti Lantz
Robert Medina

Daniel’s Dream Team
Worship
Giving and Funding Committee
Property & Building
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Lay Leadership
Missions
Membership & Evangelism
History Committee
Co-Lay Leaders
Handbell Choir Director

Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Chairperson, Rev. Monica B. Guepet
Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Chairperson, Kay Bucci
Chairperson, Vin Zelizo
Chairperson, Rev. Monica Guepet
Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
Chairperson, B.J. Bachman
Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller
Gale Butz

Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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Special Funds.



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Share the love of Jesus in
welcoming & compassionate ways.