



## 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 - April 24, 2026

"And we know that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord, and all things work together for those who were called according to God's purpose." Romans 8:28.

Many hands make light work.  
It takes a village.  
The body of Christ comprises many parts.  
We need all of the gifts of the Spirit.

A couple of times a year, we ask our members and friends to come together for a clean-up day at the church.

This is a casual affair; come as you can and leave when you must. We will be at the church from 9:00 am to noon for this purpose. It is also casual in that we invite you to come in clothing that you can work in. If you come a little early, our Scout Troop is hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

To make our church a place where God's people can gather, grow, and make a difference together, we need your help!

We need:

Flower bed cleaner-outers

Window Wash-ers

Dust-upperers

Trash picker-uppers

Drapery-hangers

Pew clean-ers

Stuff move-ers

Organizers

If you can help, stop by on Saturday!

I give thanks to God that if we all work together, there will be more space for the praising of God!

In God's Love,



## GATHER!

Coming up this Sunday, April 26th

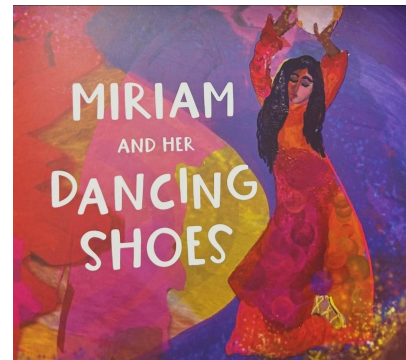
Our worship leaders are Cliff Rogell and Thomas LaDelia

The praise song is "And the Father Will Dance"

The Old Testament is Exodus 15:1-21

The New Testament Lesson is Acts 7:30-36

Pastor Monica's sermon is "Dancing, Not Complaining" (I want my listeners to dance to the challenges of their lives.)



**When was the last time you danced? Did you know that dancing was in the Bible? Join us as we dance through the challenges of life as the scripture invites us to do.**

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

Join us live at 8:30 a.m.:

[https://www.youtube.com/live/A\\_Qc4WjGySA](https://www.youtube.com/live/A_Qc4WjGySA)

Join us live at 11:00 a.m.:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/uaEKJugRT2Y>

The bulletin is available on the church website: [stroudsburgumc.com](http://stroudsburgumc.com)

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

[SUMC Calendar](#)

The poster is for a "FUNDRAISER DINNER & SILENT AUCTION" in support of the "COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER REVITALIZATION". It features a logo for "NEPA GIVES" and a photograph of a diverse group of people smiling. The text provides details about the event, including the date (Friday, June 5th), time (5:00pm - 8:00pm), and location (Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center).

**FUNDRAISER DINNER & SILENT AUCTION** **NEPA GIVES**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER REVITALIZATION**

We invite our community partners - and all who share our passion for serving those in need - to join us for an evening of connection, compassion, and giving back. We are raising funds to support the finalization of renovations for the Community Resource Center at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. This event marks the end of the 24 Hour NEPA Day of Giving, a online fundraising effort for non-profits across Northeast PA.

**When:** Friday June 5th  
**Time:** 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Where:** Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center | 304 Pocono Plateau Road, Cresco

We warmly invite you to attend our Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction at Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center on Friday June 5th from 5pm - 8pm.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 per person. If you are interested in reserving tickets for the evening or learning more, go to the following link: <https://forms.gle/ANNwEJbHyANtfGBY6>.

**INTERFAITH CELEBRATION**

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



*Join us as voices from various faith communities come together for a special evening of prayer and reflection.*

Thursday, May 7  6.00 pm 

Stroudsburg Courthouse Square 



**POCONO  
INTERFAITH  
COUNCIL**



SCOUT TROOP 86 INVITES YOU TO  
OUR

## *Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast*

\*BREAKFAST INCLUDES PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE,  
COFFEE OR TEA

ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN 4-12 \$5, UNDER 3 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH  
7AM-12PM

STROUDSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
530 ANN STREET  
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360




## Spring Clean Up!

Saturday, April 25th  
9am-noon  
Join us as we -

- Clean windows in the Scout Room
- Pick up litter around the outside
- And More!
- and more...



 **Eastern PA UMC**  
**Education Society Scholarship**  
Applications accepted April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>

For more information,  
or to apply, scan the  
QR code:



## EPA Education Society Scholarship - accepting applications

The Education Society of EPA invites college-age youth to apply for our annual scholarship. This scholarship is open to those who will be undergraduate students

in 2026-2027. Applications will be accepted via email between April 1 and June 1, 2026. [Learn more](#). Questions? Contact [Jen Hoppie](#) or [Frances Whittington](#).

## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

On Sunday June 7th, at 9:30 am between the services, we have a retirement celebration for Jackie Herrero. We were blessed to have her as our church secretary for many years. Please join us for cake and treats as we celebrate her. Feel free to bring a card, if you have not already had the opportunity to share one.



Graduation Day is coming for many in college, university, high school, and trade schools. Is someone in your family graduating? Share the information with the office, so we can celebrate together in worship.

## 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.

## 2026 District Conferences

Celebrate the ministries of your district, worship together, and prepare for Annual Conference at your District Conference!

North District  
May 2, 10am  
Allentown: Asbury UMC

### Cherry Lane UMC: Celebrating 160 Years of Community & Faith

By Leaders at Cherry Lane UMC

Cherry Lane United Methodist Church has been a beacon of warmth, service and fellowship since 1866. Our story is woven from generations of caring neighbors, joyful gatherings, and a spirit that connects us to United Methodist churches throughout the Poconos. This year, we're celebrating our story in creative ways! [Go deeper \(3 min read\)](#)



### 28 Days of Prayer: Preparing our hearts for Annual Conference 2026

As we prepare for Annual Conference 2026—centered on the theme of PRAYER—join Bishop Moore-Koikoi, laity, and clergy across EPA & GNJ for a 28-day prayer journey. We will begin on April 8 and continue through May 15. Set aside just 20 minutes each weekday morning from 7:00-7:20am to connect

with God, reflect in community, and listen for the Spirit's leading. Join as often as you're able.

We will feature the transformative book [Dynamite Prayer](#) by Rev. Dr. Rosario "Roz" Picardo and Rev. Dr. Sue Nilson Kibbey. To receive the Zoom link, [register here](#). Let us know you're ready to pray boldly, listen deeply, and move forward together in love!

Note: You may choose to purchase a copy of [Dynamite Prayer](#) (if ordering 10 or more books, use code INNOVATE50 for 50% off your order). The book is also available from other booksellers.

## Saving the Soul of Our Nation, State, and Church - Faith Forum & Historical Tour

Mark your calendars! On May 12 from 1-6:30pm, attend a faith forum "Striving to End the Sin of Racism in Church and State: Contemporary and Historical Methodist Perspectives" featuring keynote speakers Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Bishop Ernest S. Lyght, Rupert Hall, Jr., and

Kevin Dusenberry. The forum will be held at Pennington UMC (60 South Main Street, Pennington, NJ).

Then, on May 13, plan to attend the "Historical Tour: Saving the Soul of Our Nation and State" featuring keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Kevin Newburg and visiting such sights as Washington's Crossing State Park, Princeton Battlefield, Historic Tenant Church and more. Buses leave from the Courtyard by Marriott Ewing Princeton at 8:30am.

These events are open to all and form part of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History (NEJCAH) Annual Meeting and Program. Get all the details [here](#). Register online [here](#) or print out a paper registration form [here](#). Need accommodations? [Register](#) for the conference hotel, Courtyard Marriott Ewing Princeton.

COMING SUMMER 2026  
**V.B.S.**  
Analomink UMC, Christ Episcopal Stroudsburg,  
Stroudsburg UMC, Wooddale UMC  
June 22, 2026 - June 26, 2026  
Evening Session: 5:30pm-8:00pm  
More details will follow - for now - Save the dates!

Save the dates for 2026 VBS here at  
SUMC!  
June 22nd through June 26th  
5:30pm-8:00pm

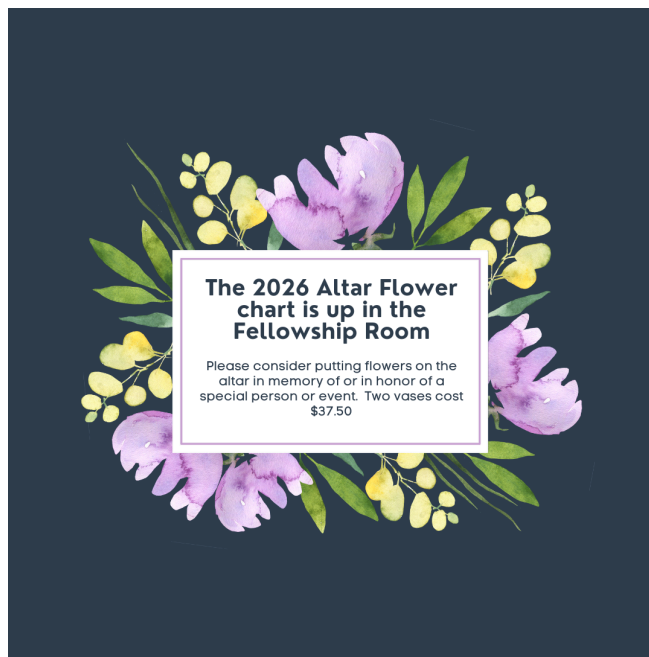
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**V.B.S.**  
Zion UCC - Stroudsburg  
July 27, 2026 - July 31, 2026  
Morning Session - Time: TBD  
More details will follow - for now - Save the dates!

Save the dates for 2026 VBS at Zion UCC  
July 27th through July 31st  
Morning session time TBD

*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY  
WISHES**

**April Birthdays**  
1 Tim Harris  
4 David Montgomery  
5 Dominik Emerson  
7 Felicity Guepet

**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



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**



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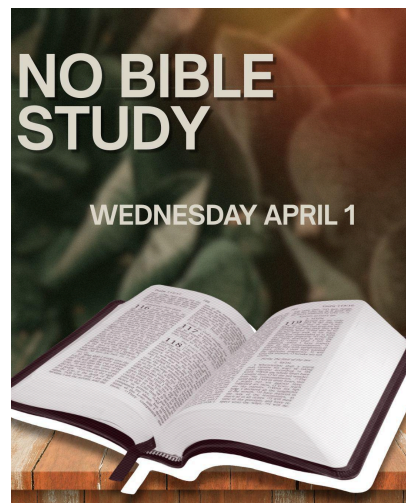
YouTube: @stroudsburgumc3087

## GROW!

### Bible Study

In this busy season, our Bible Study will resume meeting with the ebook of Judges and the story of Gideon, who had lots of questions. Join us online or in person on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the lounge. No preparation required.

### Judges Spiral



### **Church Women United Stocking Donations 2026**


April: Small Note pads

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.



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.

## 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](http://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 helping to make a difference!**

**Thank you to everyone who faithfully contributes their Weis Markets receipts into the can in the Fellowship Room. Because of your receipts, we have received \$150.84 from Weis's receipt program.**

**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 - April 2026

**As of April 19 we have served over 6,100 meals. If you have questions, please contact the office.**



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