



## Stroudsburg UMC Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!

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*Pastor Monica will be on vacation from Monday, July 18th - Saturday, July 23rd, with her family at the beach. Please direct all pastoral care needs to Pastor Margie. We give thanks to God for times of Sabbath, rest, and relaxation.*

### **Gather!**

For this Sunday, July 17:

Our worship leaders are Cathy and Jeanette.

Special music will be a virtual performance of "The Prayer" - sung by Julia, Laurie, Kim and Eileen.

The praise song is "Change My Heart, Oh God" with Vin on Guitar and Alex on drums.

The Psalter is Psalm 145:1-10

The Old Testament Lesson is Proverbs 27:17-19

Pastor Monica's sermon is "Catch?"

Summer and ball games go together like peanut butter and jelly, coffee and donuts, and macaroni and cheese. This week, our brown bag series continues with a softball. Join us on Sunday as we explore how playing catch teaches us about passing on the faith and exploring our questions, doubts, and curiosities in community.

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

or -

Join us live at 8:30 am:

<https://youtu.be/vnLMsVWkdt0>

Join us live at 11:00 am:

<https://youtu.be/SFH-EQqvL5E>

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

### **North District Night at the Iron Pigs!**

Friday, August 26th starting at 7:05pm; gates open at 5:45pm. There will be fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$12.00 each, which is the base price of \$11.00 plus \$1.00 for the District Mission Project - Camperships for Pocono

Plateau. Your ticket will also have a \$2.00 coupon towards food at the stadium. Please let the office know by July 18th if you are interested.

### **Youth Group Rescheduled**

Due to thunderstorms this past week, Youth Group has been rescheduled. Join us on Tuesday, July 26th at 6pm for a fun night of hiking and hanging out. We will meet behind the church on Ann Street. Feel free to bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

### **Ways to Serve**

Thank you to our faithful Altar Guild members. You seamlessly care for church and chancel behind the scenes. We are so thankful for you. As you care for our paraments, a reminder to hang them well in the cabinet as they tend to slide. If you would like to join Altar Guild, serve as a worship leader, be an usher, or prepare communion, let us know in the office. These are meaningful ways to serve God and care for others.

### **Church Yard Sale**

The Yard Sale is coming on Friday, August 5th, 9am-3pm and Saturday, August 6th, 9am-1pm. You can start bringing in items on Sunday, July 31st. Please note, we are not accepting computers, TV's or outdated computer related items. We will be accepting clean, usable clothing, in addition to the usual items - small kitchen appliances, household items, toys, games, etc. Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition. Any questions, please contact Peggy Stewart or Jenny Bogart.

### **Movie Nights Coming to SUMC!**

Save the dates: August 5th, 12th, 19th and 27th. Movies start at 6:30pm. Here are the movies: 8/5: Encanto; 8/12: The Wizard of Oz; 8/19: Turning Red; 8/27: No Way Home: Spiderman.

### **Stroudsburg First Saturday Art Walk**

Every first Saturday of the month, 6-8pm.  
Participating galleries: Gamut Art Gallery, 109-111 N. 8th Street, Andrei Art Gallery, 18 N. 7th Street, Pocono Arts Council, 727 Main Street, The Gallery at Renegade Winery, 600 Main Street, Turrell Art Studios, 4 N. 6th Street.  
For more information go to - [visitdowntownstroudsburg.com](http://visitdowntownstroudsburg.com)

### **PrayerGround**

We have recently developed a prayerground in our sanctuary. PrayerGrounds are an act of Christian hospitality, invitational, and deeply open and affirming of our youngest church participants. Watch this space for different items to appear to support our children with their parents, guardians, and loved ones as we worship together.

### **Summer Camp at Pocono Plateau & Gretna Glen**

Do you have children or youth in your life who could benefit from summer camp through Pocono Plateau or Gretna Glen? We have camperships and would love to help make sure they can go. Contact the office for more information. Watch the video here: [2022 EPA Camp and Retreat Ministry Promo\\_v3\\_1m50s.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

### **UMCOR Sends School Kits Around the World to Students in Disaster Situations**

For Vacation Bible School, as our students gathered to learn about God's Wonder Lab, we collected items to be sent to students around the world. Help us collect items to educate students. Help us reach our goal to send 50 kits!

Following is a list of what is needed for us to reach our goal of completing 50 school kits:

25 round tip scissors (no plastic scissors)  
25 packs of crayons (24 crayons to a box)  
83 notebooks (single subject wire bound notebooks; no composition notebooks)  
25 packs of loose-leaf paper (100-200 sheets)  
19 hand-held pencil sharpeners (1" or longer)  
21 rulers (12" - sturdy or flexible material)  
66 pencils (unsharpened)  
21 erasers (2" or longer)

Any number of individual items can be purchased in order to complete one or more kits. Thank you for helping to educate kids around the world!

### **Save the Date - September 18**

Interfaith Picnic with our Neighbors on Sunday, September 18th, noon 3 pm, sponsored by Stroudsburg Borough. More details to follow.

### **Pocono United Methodist Academy – PUMA**

Want to keep up with what is going on with our Pocono United Methodist Academy? Like the PUMA page on Facebook for the most up-to-date information. Facebook.com/PUMAPoconoumc

### **Subscribe to the SUMC YouTube Channel**

Don't forget to subscribe to the SUMC YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMwaoyy6Ox2d8cGlrQes0Qw> so you don't miss a thing! Contact the church office if you need assistance.

### **Children's Bulletins Available**

There are children's bulletins available each Sunday at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Weekly Offering**

You can send your weekly offering to the church electronically using PayPal or a credit/debit card. Visit the church website at [stroudsburgumc.com](http://stroudsburgumc.com) and click on "Donate." You can also mail your offering to the church – SUMC, 547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, or you can have the church set up as a vendor through your bank account and have your offering check sent directly to the church. Any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

### **Weekly Bulletin**

The weekly bulletin is available on the church website: <https://www.stroudsburgumc.com/>

### **Weekly sermons at SUMC**

Do you enjoy listening to the weekly sermons here at SUMC? Would you like to listen to them even when you are on vacation or out of town? Well, we do have

all the sermons available for you to listen to and they are typically posted to our church website each Sunday.

### **Our Special Persons of the Week:**

Ron and Romayne Van Why, 2203 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Please remember them in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

### **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**

Did you know we open the sanctuary every Wednesday from noon – 1:00 pm? This commitment to worship and prayer has manifest into weekly prayer time at 12:15pm on Facebook Live with Pastor Monica. If you are available, you can jump on and pray along. Comment on the post and include your requests in the prayer. If you are not available at that time, use it as a devotion and pray later. Help us keep our commitment to being a house and people of prayer.

### **Prayer Chain Email and Phone List**

Please contact the office if you would like to be included to receive either the email or phone prayer chain.

## **Grow!**

### **Bible Study**

May 25th was the last Wednesday for Bible Study for this season. We will take a summer break for June, July and August. We will pick up in September with the book of Acts. Bible Study returns on September 7th at 10:15am.

### **Library Books**

*Service Tails: More Stories of Man's Best Hero* by Ace Collins appeals to the pet lover and non pet lover alike. In *Service Tails: More Stories of Man's Best Hero*, prolific author Ace Collins introduces us to leaders whose entire lives are wrapped in the banner of service. Their stories are remarkable snapshots of the value of vision and teamwork, as well as devotion to duty and unconditional love and acceptance—stretching the way we see both canine and human potential. Their training was intense, their loyalty unquestioned and each step of the way they constantly adapt to better serve those they lead. These unforgettable dogs are more than heroes; they are models from which we can learn how to love and serve unconditionally.

### **Knitting and Crocheting Retreat at Pocono Plateau**

Friday, 9/23 (7pm) - Sunday, 9/25 (1pm). A knitting and crocheting retreat for those just learning to those who are advanced. The retreat will include knitting and crocheting classes, Bible reflections, fellowship, boating, hiking and time to enjoy God's creation. A few folks in our congregation have already signed up. Contact the office if you are interested.

## **Make a Difference!**

### **Give to a Mission**

A variety of missions are supported in our church. You can make a difference both locally and around the world by giving to these missions. A list of missions we support is posted in the Fellowship Room. You can also suggest a new mission that interests you by providing the name and address of the mission, as well as some details about what the particular mission does. Thank you for

your continued support! If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## 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.

***Please note: the entire receipt needs to be submitted in order for us to earn the 1% of the total. Please do not cut the bottom off of the receipt; Weis needs that information in order to process the credit. Receipts for gift cards purchased and prescription medications can be submitted, too. Any questions, please contact the office. Thank you!***

## Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen is a vital ministry feeding our neighbors every Sunday. Over the last 25 months, we have been serving our Soup Kitchen guests take-out meals to ensure nutritious meals and food stability remains a vital part of our community. We are now serving sit down meals inside from 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Soup Kitchen for our guests. We look forward to welcoming back our guests as it has been one of the most frequently asked questions. We are always looking for additional volunteers to prepare and serve the meals. Please contact the church office if you are interested - 570-421-6020.

Are you looking for how you can help the Soup Kitchen? When you are shopping, we need the following: Cases of water, soda (not diet), styrofoam take out containers. Bring them into the office anytime. Thanks for serving our community.

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