



# Stroudsburg UMC

## Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!

### Weekly eNews July 1, 2022

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*At Annual Conference, our Bishop John Schol sets the appointments for the following year. Each clergyperson is appointed year to year at the pleasure of the Bishop in conference with the appointive cabinet and the local church. We welcome Pastor Monica back as she is re-appointed to Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2022, for the beginning of her third year of appointment.*

### Gather!

Coming up this Sunday, July 3 -  
It's Communion Sunday.  
Our worship leaders are Kim and Peggy.  
The praise song is "This Is My Country."  
The Psalter is Psalm 149  
The Old Testament Lesson is Isaiah 66:10-14  
Pastor Monica's sermon is "Comfort and Rejoice"

July begins our brown bag sermon series. Everything preaches! Whatever is in the brown bag, will share the gospel, the good news. Join us on Sunday as we discover how a CD of "Jazz Mass: In the Gap" shares the Good News. You wouldn't want to miss it!

Join us in person at 8:30 & 11:00 or  
Join us live at 8:30 am:  
<https://youtu.be/CFXejegyorU>  
Join us live at 11:00 am:  
<https://youtu.be/fYUB4fRs-Rs>

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

### Attendance Pads

Attendance pads will be handed out during worship on Sunday. 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 change in your cell phone number. Would you like the pastor to call? Feel free to note it here. Thanks for helping us as we gather, grow and make a difference together.

## **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 17th if you are interested.

## **Brown Bag Sermons are Back!**

Starting July 3rd, someone in the congregation will put a surprise item in a brown bag for one of the pastors to preach on. Interested in participating? Let the office know. Make sure you come to worship or tune in online to see where the gospel is found in everyday and unusual objects!

## **Youth Group**

Join us on Tuesday, July 12th 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!

## **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. 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.

## **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 gather to learn about God's Wonder Lab, we will collect 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!

One pair blunt scissors (round tip only; no plastic scissors)  
One box of 24 crayons (only 24 count boxes are accepted)  
3 - one subject notebooks (no marble composition notebooks; no 3 or 5 subject

notebooks)

One pack of loose-leaf paper (100-200 page packets are acceptable; wide or college rule accepted)

One hand-held pencil sharpener (1 inch or longer; remove from packaging)

One ruler (12 inches or 30 centimeters long; sturdy or flexible material accepted)

6 unsharpened pencils

One eraser (two inches or larger)

One 2 gallon resealable plastic bag

### **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 Person of the Week:**

Ruth Miriam Matos, 105 Dennis Court, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Please remember her 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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