

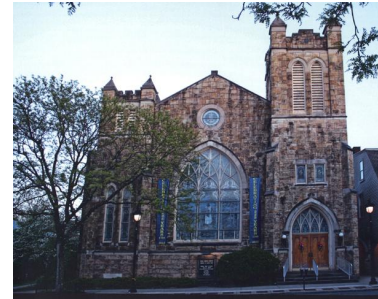


Stroudsburg UMC

Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!

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We welcome Pastor Bob Amundsen to the pulpit on Sunday as Pastor Monica is on vacation celebrating the 16th birthday of her daughter, Alisabeth. Pastor Monica will return to the office on Monday, September 12.

Thank you to Jeanette Kuhns for providing our music this Sunday as Marti Lantz has a Sunday off. We give thanks to God for her gifts and her time with family and restoration.

Gather!

This Sunday, September 11 -
Our worship leaders are Cathy Doane and Pastor Margie.
Jeanette will provide special music at both services.
The Psalter Lesson is Psalm 14.
The Gospel Lesson is Luke 15:1-10.
The praise song is "Christ Beside Me."
Pastor Bob's sermon is "Celebrate!"

Celebrate! This is what God does over just one who has been lost and comes back home. Pastor Bob Amundsen is bringing the message Sunday morning. You wouldn't want to miss it!

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

Join us live at 8:30 am:
<https://youtu.be/tGPG7NSbHsU>
Join us live at 11:00 am:
<https://youtu.be/n6RgC5dN8I8>

The bulletin is available on the church website: stroudsburgumc.com

Assisting Elder

Pastor Monica has been appointed as one of the four assisting elders in the North district, one of sixteen assisting elders in the Annual Conference. Assisting Elders assist the District Superintendent in developing and carrying out a strategic ministry plan within the district, and assist the

District Superintendent with other disciplinary responsibilities. This is a new role in our Annual Conference, piloted previously on the North district. Pastor Monica is committed to Stroudsburg UMC as she shares 16-20 hours/ month in this role resourcing clergy and congregations at the discretion of the Bishop.

Installation Service for DS Hun Ju Lee

The service of installation for North District Superintendent Hun Ju Lee will take place on Sunday, September 18th at 7pm, Bethlehem: Wesley UMC (2540 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA). All clergy are invited to robe and join in the processional.

A Fellowship Hour will precede the installation service, and all are welcome. The service will also be available via Livestream on Wesley's streaming platforms:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wesleychurchbethlehem>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wesleychurchPA>

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

StroudFest Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in welcoming our community last Saturday for StroudFest. Over 400 persons came to pray, get a tour, or use the bathrooms. Over \$600 was raised as we sold lunch and sweet treats. Those funds will benefit our Bell Tower repairs. We are making a difference here in the Poconos as a community church as God calls us to do.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2 at both services. There will also be a Community Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4th in collaboration with other downtown churches in Courthouse Square.

Free Flu Vaccine Clinic

We have contracted with Pocono Community Pharmacy to host a free flu vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 2 from 2-3pm. Please use the Ann Street entrance.

Just Social

Come and join us one afternoon a week to just be social (1:30-3:30pm). 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 that you just have to tell someone about it? If this is you, or someone you know, please let us know. Contact: Diane Rogell - 718-781-3693 or Brenda Rambo - 570-872-4181 or call the office. Please let us know which day works best for you - Tuesday or Thursday.

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.

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 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:

Millie Fauber, c/o Brookmont Health Care Center, 510 Brookmont Drive, Room 16B, Effort, PA 18330. 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

Bible Study is back with a bang! Prison and fire, growth and community. What book of the Bible tells the story of the early church with honesty and lays out a plan of how to grow in faith, numbers, and foundation of strength? ACTS! Join us on Wednesdays at 10:15 am for the return of Bible Study in the lounge. You can join us online or in person. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Disciple I Bible Study

Have you considered reading through the Bible? Want to join a small group on Zoom? There is a Disciple I Bible Study group forming on Wednesday evenings on Zoom.

Want more information? Ask Pastor Monica.

Sunday School

Mark your calendars! Sunday School begins 9:45 am on September 1st for children and adults.

Decommission of Bibles

Mark your calendars for the decommission of Bibles on September 25th after 11:00am worship. We have been gathering Bibles that are worn or damaged to no longer be used in the Lounge and will be decommissioned and disposed of at that time. You can bring Bibles in that condition ahead of time or on that day.

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. Additionally, we have an open date on September 25th and October 30th. Let the office know if you can help prepare and serve a meal on either of those Sundays. Thanks for serving our community.

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