



Stroudsburg UMC

Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!

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We welcome back our choir this Sunday. We give thanks to God for the musical leadership they bring to our 11:00am service. There are some new voices in the choir. Thank you for offering your musical gifts here. We are blessed by each of you!

Gather!

This Sunday, September 18 -
Our worship leaders are Jenny and Kim.
Marti will provide special music at 8:30.
Choir anthems are "Aint-a That Good News" and "Everlasting Love."
The praise song is "Shine, Jesus Shine"
The New Testament Lesson is 1 Timothy 2:1-7
The Gospel Lesson is Luke 16:1-14
Pastor Monica's sermon is "Faith Beyond Friends"

Isn't it great to catch up with a friend? Hear the stories of where life has taken them and how they have made it through. We are called to share to share our faith and testimony with our friends and beyond. Join us on Sunday for ideas on how.

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

Join us live at 8:30 am:
<https://youtu.be/1wyYA8riswc>
Join us live at 11:00 am:
<https://youtu.be/cFMFP2XZVxE>

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

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>

Pastor Monica will be participating in the installation service. Please let the office know of your interest in attending. Thank you!

Soup Kitchen on Sunday, September 25th -

On September 25th, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) from Stroudsburg High School will be making and serving at Soup Kitchen. Sign up to bring in needed food items. Thank you for making a difference in our community. [Stroudsburg UMC: Soup Kitchen Food 9/25/2022 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

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

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2 at both services. There will also be a Community Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30pm in collaboration with other downtown churches in Courthouse Square.

Free Flu Vaccine Clinic

As a community church, we partnered with Pocono Community Pharmacy for a flu vaccine clinic to be held on Sunday, October 2, from 12:30 pm-3 pm at the Ann Street entrance. We ask that you sign up in advance and note whether you want the regular dose or high-dose vaccine. Help us make a difference in our community by spreading the word and signing up to take care of yourself and others. Sign up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary or please call the office.

Charge Conference

Church leaders, please mark the calendar for this year's Charge Conference. This group Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, October 20th, at 6:00 pm at East Stroudsburg UMC. Everyone is invited to participate and find out all of the great things the church is up to!

Spooky Stroudsburg

Join us as we welcome our neighbors trick or treating on October 29th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. We will offer bathrooms and treats. Help us by making a financial donation as we purchase candy at a bulk rate from Grandpa's Joe Candy. Thanks for helping us make a difference as a community church.

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:

Fran Harrison, c/o Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Drive, Room #101, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. 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 1 Bible Study

Have you considered reading through the Bible? Want to join a small group on Zoom? Disciple 1 Bible Study begins this Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 pm on zoom. We are partnering with other United Methodist churches. Come grow in your faith, meet new people, and learn about the Bible. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Decommissioning of Bibles

Mark your calendars for the decommissioning 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. Thanks for serving those in our community.

Volunteers Needed

Lehigh Valley Hospice-Pocono is currently taking applications for their next Hospice Volunteer Training Program. If you would like to make a difference in someone's life, and in your own, then this opportunity may be for you! Volunteers are needed to: Provide friendly visits to patients and provide respite for their caregivers in their homes, provide friendly visits to patients staying at the Hospice House in East Stroudsburg, continue training to become a Hospice End of Life Doula. Veterans are also needed for Vet to Vet program, sewing enthusiasts for the Memory Bear Program, musicians and pet visitor volunteers. All training is provided free of charge. Contact Tammy Hiestand, Volunteer Coordinator - 484-241-5186 or tammy.hiestand@lvhn.org

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