

Chimes
Prelude “Come, Thou Almighty King” Arr. Mark Hayes, Doug Wagner
Choral Introit (11:00) “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?”
Words: Dean McIntyre; Music: Trad. English Folk Tune, arr. Dean McIntyre
Welcome Pastor Monica
Announcements Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec
*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 145) Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec
One: Come to worship, all of those who worship God and depend on God’s grace.
Many: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
One: The generosity of God is known. Open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
Many: The Lord is just in all ways and kind in all doings. the Lord is near to all who call.
*Hymn “Are Ye Able” 530
*Unison Prayer Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec
Sustainer of the Hungry, your provision goes beyond our hunger of body into the yearning of our hearts. Guide us as we receive your gifts to give also to our siblings. Encourage when we think what we have is not enough. Empower us when we doubt our impact. Embolden us when we question our worth. May we feed others with the miracle of your love. Amen.
Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Monica
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica
Special Music (8:30) “The Pianist” Catherine Rollin
Crista Kopec
Choral Anthem (11:00) “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”
Words: Adapted from Daniel March; Music attr. to William Moore
Moment of Impact Pocono Plateau Danny Kuhn
Call to Offering Pastor Monica
Offertory (8:30) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” William Runyan
Offertory (11:00) “The Pianist” Catherine Rollin
Crista Kopec
*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95
*Prayer of Dedication Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec
God of the young boy who shared his lunch, each of us brings our gifts before you. Multiply them and use them to care for others. Help us to contribute out of our gifts and prepare ourselves for your abundance, we pray, Amen.
Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 4:42-44 Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec
*Gospel Lesson John 6:1-14 Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec
Children’s Message “The Gift That I Can Give” Pastor Monica
Praise Song “Think About His Love” Walt Harrah

This Week's Schedule

Today The Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 & 11:00am Worship
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adult
2:00pm Soup Kitchen

Monday 10:00am Pastors Meeting

Tuesday 7:10pm Ramadan Dinner - Fellowship Room

Wednesday 10:15am Bible Study
11:15am Worship Planning
12:00pm Open Sanctuary
12:15pm Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary
1:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Lenten Service at Stroudsburg UMC

Thursday 10:00am History Committee
1:30pm Stitch & Pray Small Group
3:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Lenten Study-Lounge
7:00pm Scouts

Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 & 11:00am Worship
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adults
1:00pm St. Patrick’s Day Parade
2:00pm Soup Kitchen

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops Todd Martin Joyce Leida Sherry Lombardi
First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters Prayer Mailboxes
Special Person of the Week: Shereen Lombardi, c/o Abington Manor, 215 Cedar Park Blvd., Easton, PA 18042. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

Sermon “I am a Giver!” Pastor Monica
(I want my listeners to give what they have.)

*Hymn “God of Love and God of Power” 578

*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction Response (11:00) “You Call Us Gentle Savior”
Words: Steve Garnaas-Holmes; Music: Hal Hopson

*Postlude “Psalm XX” Gordon Young

*Rise in body or in spirit.

Bold Print = Say in unison.

SOUP KITCHEN Pitch in with your family or a few friends to serve our neighbors. Sign up to prepare and/or serve a meal for our neighbors with the soup kitchen. ***We are filling in the 2025 calendar. Please contact Jackie in the office with your interest and availability to serve.***

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Items for Christmas Stockings - this month’s items are travel size shampoo and conditioner. Please bring your donations in and place them in the bin located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display. Thank you!

LENTEN SERVICES - We are hosting the Lenten service Wednesday, March 19th. We will have fellowship after the service. Please let the office know if you can help by bringing fruit, veggies, snacks, etc. Remaining Lenten services are March 26th at Faith UMC, April 2nd at Reeders UMC and April 9th at Wooddale UMC. Lenten schedules are available at the back of the sanctuary.

LAITY ACADEMY CLASS ON PRAYER Saturday, April 26th, 8am-5pm (break for lunch). Pastor Monica will be teaching on prayer for our times. HELP. THANKS. WOW. The most common prayers we utter are single words. This class will provide participants with reflection on personal prayer as well as equip those called to pray in congregational and community settings with skills for leading public prayer. \$30 covers class and meals. Register online: <https://www.epaumc.org/west-district/laity-academy-announces-2025-spring-learning-event/>
Contact the office with questions.

LENTEN MISSIONS BOXES Lenten boxes are included in the Lenten bags or you can pick one up from the back of the sanctuary. This year, we are supporting the efforts of Monroe County Habitat for Humanity. In addition to rehabilitating homes in need, they run the Re-Store with donated home items at low cost and collaborate with other agencies to work on housing for all those in our area. I have a vision that every new homeowner working under casework can cover the cost of essential household items with a grant from the churches. Help us realize that vision by caring for our neighbors.

EASTER LILIES Order forms for Easter lilies are in the back of the sanctuary. Lilies are \$12.00 each. Make checks payable to SUMC and note for Easter lily in the memo portion of your check. Please order by March 30th.

COATS FOR PALM SUNDAY Do you have an extra coat? Have you ever noticed that the townspeople laid out their coats for Jesus and the donkey as he entered the city? Offer one of your coats to share with someone else to care for Jesus. Bring your coat on Palm Sunday (April 13th) and lay it on the altar.

Connection Card
Welcome Members & Visitors!
Please let us know how we can help each other this week:

Name _____

Address _____

Email/Phone _____

Prayer requests, needs, comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! [Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC](https://www.facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC)
Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, WELCOME! Please fill out the "Connection Card" in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a copy of our weekly eNews in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, C.J. Penwell, Soundboard: Crista Kopec, Alisabeth Guepet;
Camera: Alex Herrero, Felicity Guepet; Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Bella Kopec

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE 8:30 Jackie Herrero and Crista Kopec

THE PURPLE LENTEN BANNER hangs in memory of Jack Warner, given by Earl and Jean Warner.

LENTEN STUDY Join us for a Lenten study led (via recorded video) by district clergy focusing on the rarely explored topic of biblical relationships between fathers and daughters. The study will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and requires no homework! It will run through April 24th (skipping Maundy Thursday on April 17th). Contact Peggy (570-350-8589) with any questions. To help with planning, let the office or Peggy know if you plan to attend, although you can just show up for any of the sessions that work for you.

BIBLE STUDY Want to study the Bible, but you are not sure how? Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am in person or on Zoom. We are beginning a new topic on March 12th. We will be studying the book of Judges. If you have heard the names Deborah, Samson, Barak or Gideon, they are all in the book of Judges. We will take a look at the time before Israel had a king. What can we learn about our own world today from how God called the Israelites to live with one another? Join us one week or every week. Contact the office for the Zoom information.

LEFTOVER SOUP FOR SALE We have some leftover soup from our Missions Soup Sale - 2 quarts of vegetable soup are available and 9 1/2 quarts of ham/potato soup are available. Quarts are \$10.00 each; 1/2 quart = \$5.00. Please see a member of our Missions Team or contact the office. All proceeds benefit Missions projects in our church.

COFFEE CANS NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY We are in need of empty, clean coffee cans (without the lids). The cans are used to deliver altar flowers to our shut ins. Please bring the cans to the church and leave them in the kitchenette. Thank you!

We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like to make Stroudsburg United Methodist YOUR church, please mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.

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CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
Pastor of Visitation	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	Downtown Youth Initiative
Custodian	Gina Cristi

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Worship	Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
Staff Parish Relations Committee	Chairperson, Buddy Rambo
Missions	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
Co-Lay Leaders	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

*Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm;
Friday 9:00am-3:00pm*

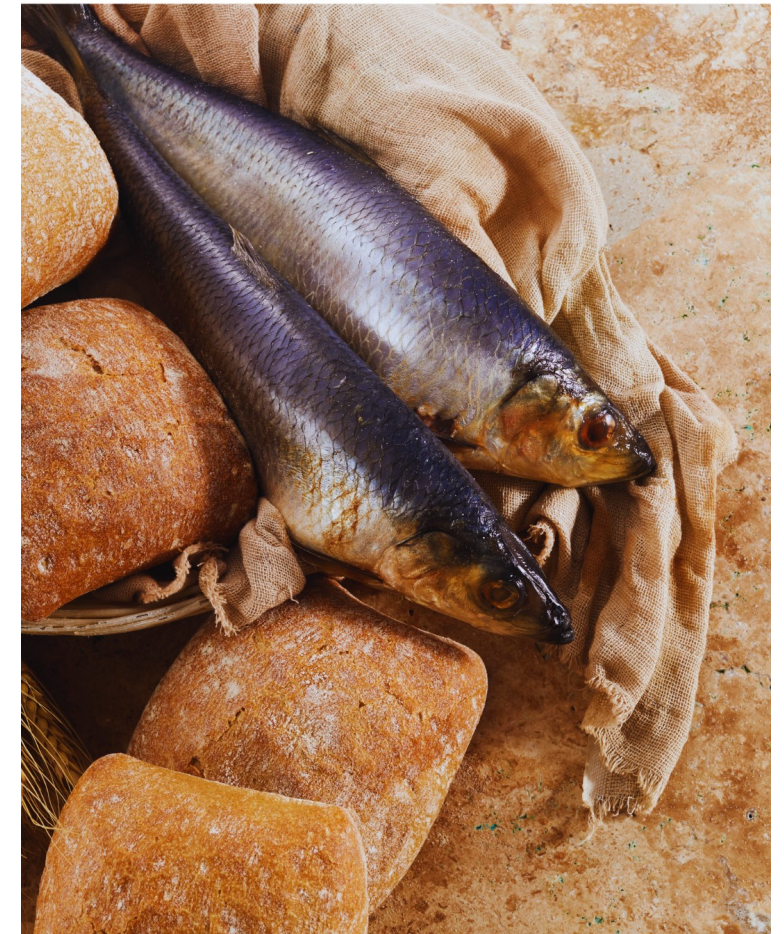
Facebook.com/Stroudsburg UMC

Instagram: stroudsburgumc

Giving is easier than ever. Use this QR code to give to the general fund or special ministry. Contact the office for more information.



*Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
Stroudsburg, PA
The Worship of God
March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday of Lent*



Gather! Grow! Make a Difference - Together!

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Our Mission
Share the love of Jesus in
welcoming & compassionate ways.

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address _____

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/Family Internet/Website

Other

What I/we look for in a church _____

Please circle your age group: 18-23 24-35 36-49 50-64 65+