

Chimes
 *The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Christian Flag
 Prelude “This Little Light of Mine”
 Arr. Mark Hayes
 Choral Introit (11:00) “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UMH 334
 Words and music: Doris Akers

Welcome Pastor Monica
 Announcements Pastor Monica
 *Call to Worship Scouts
 One: How great is our God! God’s power and understanding are beyond our comprehension.

Many: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
 One: How good it is to sing praises to our God! The Lord delights in all who honor and put their hope in God’s unfailing love.

Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God! Praise the Lord! Praises, and worshipping before You, our Savior and our God.

*Hymn “Nearer My God to Thee” UMH 528
 *Unison Prayer Scouts
O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illuminates your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, and to love and care for all. Amen.

Special Music (8:30) “Yet Still I Sing”
 Words by John Rommel and Herb Frombach
 Music by David Lantz, Sung by David and Marti Lantz
 Choral Anthem (11:00) “Brighten the Corner Where You Are”
 words: Ina Duley Ogdon; Music: Charles Hutchison Gabriel

Scouting Celebration
 Sharing Joy and Concerns Pastor Monica
 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica
 Call to Offering Pastor Monica

Offertory “Sweet Sweet Spirit” Doris Aker
 *Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95
 *Prayer of Dedication Scouts
Ever-present and calling God, who has known us from the beginning and named us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bringing your light into the world. We share the goodness we have encountered in you. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them and us to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

New Testament Lesson 3John 9-11 Scouts
 *Gospel Lesson Ephesians 5:1, 8-10 Scouts
 Children’s Message “Jesus Says” Pastor Monica

Praise Song “God is Good All the Time”
 Dean McIntyre
 Sermon “Imitate Goodness” Pastor Monica
 (I want my listeners to imitate the goodness of God and those who have gone before us.)

This Week's Schedule

Today 8:30 & 11:00am Worship
 Scout Sunday
 9:45am Choir Rehearsal
 9:45am Sunday School-Children through Adults
 2:00pm Soup Kitchen

Monday
 Office Closed
 9:00am Counters-Lounge
 10:00am Pastors Meeting
 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm UMC 101 Types of Prayer - What Can I Say and Do

Tuesday
 1:30pm Just Social
 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 4:30pm Aram Private Lessons
 6:30pm Missions Committee Meeting—Adult Sunday School Room
 6:30pm Property and Building Meeting—Lounge

Wednesday
 10:00am Bible Study
 11:15am Worship Planning
 12:00pm Open Sanctuary
 12:15pm Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary
 1:00pm Assisting Elders, Lounge
 1:30pm Choir Rehearsal
 6:00pm Cub Scouts
 7:00pm Giving and Funding Committee Meeting

Thursday
 10:00am History Committee
 7:00pm Scouts

Friday
 7:30pm N.A

Saturday
 11:00 a.m.—4:00 pm Winterfest

Next Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am Worship
 9:45am Choir Rehearsal
 9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adults
 12:00pm Coffee with the Pastor
 2:00pm Soup Kitchen

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops Todd Martin
 First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters, William Frazetta Prayer
 Mailboxes
Special Person of the Week: Sherry Lomabardi, 12 South 8th Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

*Hymn “How Firm A Foundation” UMH 529
 *Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica
 *Choral Benediction Response (11:00) “Called to Worship to Your Service”
 from UMH 581 words: Alberty F. Bayly;
 music: attr. to B.F. White; harm. By Ronald A. Nelson,
 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams
 Postlude “Postlude on Italian Hymn”
 Arr. Edward Broughton

*Rise in body or in spirit.
Bold Print = Say in unison.

WINTER WEATHER Wondering about winter weather and snow? How will you know if the worship service is canceled? Announcements will be posted by 7am on the Sunday morning regarding worship. You can check your emails for cancellation or the church Facebook page. Feel free to share the news with others as well. Our congregation comes from a large geographic area. The weather in town might be different from the accumulation or the road conditions in Tobyhanna, Analomink or even East Stroudsburg. Please use your best discretion for travel. If there is a service, you can worship online.

SOUP KITCHEN 2026 We have started filling in the Soup Kitchen 2026 calendar. Please let the office know of your interest to help feed our neighbors. We serve between 100-150 meals each Sunday with the help of our partners.

WINTERFEST 2026 will be held on February 14th from 11 a.m.— 4 p.m. Come in out of the cold to experience "Love from the Poconos" with a warming station, free hot chocolate, bathrooms, free prayer, stories on the hour for the children, as well as crafts and face painting. Food will be available for purchase to benefit our scouts, and we will be giving tours of our beautiful sanctuary, allowing our neighbors to learn a little about the history of this church and to view our many stained-glass windows. If you are interested in helping out during Winterfest, please contact the office.

Save the Date! Join us on Sunday, February 22nd at 2 PM for the movie "Selma", a historical drama based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
VBS Save the dates: Vacation Bible School is coming! June 22nd- 26th from 5:30 pm - 8:00pm. More information will be forthcoming about organization and registration. For now, please save the date!

We welcome all of our scouts today. We are thankful for the positive impacts of scouting. We give thanks to God for our partnership with Troop and Pack 86. For generations, we have partnered with Troop and Pack 86, raising up boys and girls in scouting. Today, on this Scouting Sunday, we pause to thank each parent, den leader, assistant scoutmaster, committee member, scoutmaster, and community member who has contributed to the success of our Scouts doing their best to do their duty to God and our country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. We are blessed.

LENT IS COMING Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th with Ash Wednesday. We will have Ashes to Go from noon to 2:00 pm in the sanctuary as well as 7am-9:30am in Courthouse Square. There will be an abbreviated service at 12:15pm during Open Sanctuary and a full worship service with Communion at 7:00pm. See the insert in your bulletin for details about Wednesday Lenten services.

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, CJ Penwell, Soundboard: Vin Zelizo, Ashley Emerson
Camera: Kevin Kopec, Bella Kopec Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Adelle Kopec

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE 8:30 Scouts and 11:00 Scouts

THE GREEN BANNER hangs in memory of Hazel Edinger, given by Charlotte Driebe.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Ralph Ramer from Bob and Nancy Amundsen.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Fellowship Room. Please pick up your box after worship today.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS were mailed. Please let the office know if you did not receive them February 10th. We are allowing extra time for the weather complications.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR is NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday, February 15th, after the 11 o'clock worship service. Bring questions and curiosities. If you are interested in joining the church or would like more information.

PRAYER COURSE We started our year-long study of prayer in September. The next class is TOMORROW, Monday, February 9th at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in prayer, you are welcome to join us for any of the sessions or simply drop by for one. Each session is on a Monday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Room. This session focuses on what I can say and do! Mark your calendar for April 27th and June 29th as well. No advance work needed.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS Items for January and February: January Word Search books/ February: Socks Men and Women. Please bring your donations to the bin located in the Fellowship Room. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS the 2026 altar flower chart is up in the Fellowship Room. Please consider putting flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a special person or event. Two vases cost \$37.50.

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+

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	Ashley Emerson
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Custodian	Robert Medina

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Worship	Chairperson, Rev. Monica B. Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
Staff Parish Relations Committee	To be Announced
Lay Leadership	Chairperson, Rev. Monica Guepet
Missions	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
History Committee	Chairperson, B.J. Bachman
Co-Lay Leaders	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

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

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.



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Stroudsburg, PA
The Worship of God
February 8, 2026



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Our Mission

Share the love of Jesus in
welcoming & compassionate ways.