

Chimes
Prelude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Words: Joachim Neander/Music from Erneuernten Gesangbuch
Welcome Pastor Margie
Announcements Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
*Call to Worship Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
One: Come, today may be released so that we can rest.
Many We come seeking rest for our minds, hearts and souls.
One: Lay down your fears and anxieties.
Many: We come to release the weight that stretches us too thin.
One: God meets us here, offering rest and renewal.
Many: We come, ready to be restored in God's presence.
*Hymn “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” TFWS 2146
***Unison Prayer** Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
Loving God, we are often stretched to our limits, trying to do it all. Today, we release into Your compassion. Renew us as we rest in Your presence, reminding us that we are already simply loved. Amen.
***Affirmation of Faith** Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Margie
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Margie
Special Music “The Strength of the Lord” Phil McHugh/Arr. Tom Fettke
Duet by: Jeanette Kuhns and Marti Lantz
Call to Offering Pastor Margie
Offertory “It Is Well with My Soul” Philip Bliss/Arr. Victor Lanbenske
*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” UMH 95
***Prayer of Dedication** Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
God of abundance, as we offer these gifts, may they bring rest and renewal to those who need it most. Use them to spread Your love and peace. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.
Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 19:1-9 Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
*Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:25-30 Jenny Bogart/Kim Kopec
Children’s Message Pastor Margie
Praise Song “Here Is Peace” Andrew Pratt, Latvian Melody
Sermon “Release into Rest” Pastor Margie
(I want my listeners to see where God is inviting them to release into rest instead of calling them to do more.)
*Hymn “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” UMH 351
*Benediction and Sending Pastor Margie
*Postlude “Blessing and Honor” Carl Simone

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

		This Week's Schedule
Today	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship Soup Kitchen, Downstairs
Monday	9:00am 1:30pm	Counters, Lounge Aram Private Lessons, Choir Room
Tuesday	2:00pm 4:30pm 6:30pm 6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room Aram Private Lessons, Choir Room Missions Meeting, Lounge Property and Building Meeting
Wednesday	12:00pm 12:15pm 1:30pm 4:00pm	Open Sanctuary Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook & Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Aram Private Lessons, Choir Room
Thursday	5:30pm 6:30pm	Wedding Rehearsal SPRC Meeting, Lounge
Friday	10:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Wedding - Bridal Prep Wedding - Groom Prep Wedding-Elizabeth and Ian Narcotics Anonymous, (N.A), Dining Room
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship Soup Kitchen, Downstairs

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops, Todd Martin, Prayer Mailboxes, Ryan DeHaven
First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters, William Frazetta
Special Person of the Week: Irene Goforth, 2925 Western Hills Drive, Nashville, TN 37214. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

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.

ATTENDANCE PADS 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 number. Would you like the pastor to call? Note it here. Thanks for helping us as we gather, grow and make a difference together.

Want to help the church? Sign up for the Raise Right app or purchase grocery gift cards to Giant, Weis, or ShopRite after both services. Call the office with questions or to reserve cards if you wouldn’t be in service.

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL Mark your calendars for our return on September 6th for Sunday School, and September 2nd for Bible Study.

Pastor Monica is on vacation with her family until August 12th. She will return to the office on Thursday, August 13th. Pastor Margie will be in the pulpit on Sunday, August 9th. Any pastoral concerns during that time can be directed to Pastor Margie. Any administrative concerns should be directed to Emily Stewart in the Church Office.

PDF - PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND Thanks to your generosity, we have already assisted dozens of families with rent, utilities, food, and other essential needs. With changes to federal, state, and county funding, we are seeing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance. While we work with other agencies, the impact of funding shortages is affecting a lot of organizations. If you are able to contribute to our pastor's discretionary fund at any point and any amount, please place your contribution in the offering plate with the designation. You can also give on our website stroudsburgumc.com/donate
Thank you for helping us care for others.

WORSHIP LEADERS We are looking for additional worship leaders to join our rotation for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. There is a rubric provided that provides the outline and information for the service. Most worship leaders serve two times, every three months. Please let the office know if you are interested.

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

Member and guests: WELCOME! Please fill out the “Connection Card” in your bulletin 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: Jeremy Miller, C.J. Penwell; Soundboard: Jackie Herrero; Camera: Alex Herrero; Streaming: Alex Herrero,

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE 8:30 Jenny Bogart and 11:00 Kim Kopec

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of Cortel Chaney, given by Brenda and Buddy Rambo

THE GREEN BANNER hangs in memory of May Singer, given by Alice and Ray Singer.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS For August: **Small hand sanitizer.** Bring donations to the bin in the Fellowship Room. Our stockings are distributed in December to groups, including nursing homes, PATH, Street2Feet, Salvation Army, and Meals on Wheels. Thanks!

POCONO PAMPER AND PRAISE 2026 hosted by Ripples of Healing - Saturday, August 15th at Dansbury Park Pavilion in East Stroudsburg. Community gathering begins at 12:30pm. Our neighbors at Community Church are looking for donations of packets of condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise) and boxes of plastic cutlery (spoons, forks and knives). Please label donations and leave in the kitchen downstairs. Thank you!

CHARGE CONFERENCE: Mark your calendar for our Charge Conference on November 8th at 1:00 pm. We will have lunch after the 11:00 service, and everyone is welcome to attend the Charge Conference. Our Charge Conference is the annual meeting of our church. Members are eligible to vote when appropriate. Team leaders, look for reporting information in your email. The Conference is using a new system called Brick Weaver, and you need to establish your own sign-in.

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT: Finding Faith. Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn’t mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. This quarterly class is designed so that you can attend just one session if you cannot attend the others. Mark your calendars for September 28th, December 7th, April 5th, and June 28th, all at 7:00 pm.

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/FamilyInternet/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	Emily Stewart
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	Chairperson, Vin Zelizo
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
Handbell Choir Director	Gale Butz

Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm

Please note: the office will be open from 12 to 3 on Monday, August 10th.

Facebook.com/Stroudsburg UMC**Instagram: stroudsburgumc**

Please email the office at office@stroudsburgumc.com

Giving is easier than ever - this QR code is for Giving to the General Fund or Special Funds.



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Our Mission

Share the love of Jesus in welcoming & compassionate ways.