

Chimes  
Prelude “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Arr. Larry Shackley  
Welcome Pastor Monica  
Announcements Roz Evans/Kathy Burnett  
\*Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” 529  
\*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 119:1-3) Roz Evans/Kathy Burnett  
One: Blessed are those who walk in the way of the Lord.  
**Many: How firm a foundation saints of God have when they seek God with their whole hearts.**  
One: Those who walk in the ways of the Lord depend on the faithful.  
**Many: The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose is not forsaken by God or left by the faithful. Let us follow God and plant seeds of faith into the lives of others.**  
**\*Unison Prayer** Roz Evans/Kathy Burnett  
**Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Remind us that we are a part of the journeys of others. You call us to water and give encouragement to others as a part of their faith walk. Help us to notice those who pour into our own lives. We pray, Amen.**  
Praise Song “Let Our Earth Be Peaceful” Shirley Erena Murray  
**\*Affirmation of Faith #883** (11:00) Kathy Burnett  
“A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada”  
Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Monica  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica  
Call to Offering Pastor Monica  
Offertory “Compassion Hymn”  
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend/Arr. James Koerts  
\*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95  
**\*Prayer of Dedication** Roz Evans/Kathy Burnett  
**Generous God, others plant, and you grant the increase. Increase our gifts and our faith as we serve you, we pray, Amen.**  
New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 3:4-9 Roz Evans/Kathy Burnett  
\*Gospel Testament Lesson Mark 4:1-9 Roz Evans/Kathy Burnett  
Children’s Message VBS Presentation  
Special Music “For Good” Steven Schwartz  
Sung by: Crista Kopec and Marti Lantz  
Sermon “For Good” Pastor Monica  
(I want my listeners to contribute to the good of building God’s kingdom especially when they cannot see the final result.)  
Baptism (8:30) Nathan Apollo Bravo Soto  
\*Hymn “You Are the Seed” 583  
\*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica  
\*Postlude “Postlude on Terra Beata” Edward Broughton  
\*Rise in body or in spirit.  
**Bold Print = Say in unison.**

This Week’s Schedule			
Today	8:30 & 11:00am	8:30am	Worship
		8:30am	Baptism of Nathan Apollo
		2:00pm	Soup Kitchen
Monday	6:30pm	UMC 101 - Fellowship Room	
Tuesday	6:30pm	Missions Meeting	
Wednesday	12:00pm	12:00pm	Open Sanctuary
		12:15pm	Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary
		1:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:15am	9:15am	Meet w/Azzizi - Kitchen Inspection
		3:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Church Office Closed	
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am	8:30am	Worship/Communion
		2:00pm	Soup Kitchen

**Prayer List - Joys and Concerns**  
Our Troops Todd Martin  
First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters Prayer Mailboxes  
**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.

Pastor Monica is on vacation with her family beginning July 8th - July 20th. She will return to the office on Monday, July 21st. Rev. Truman Brooks will be in the pulpit on Sunday, July 13th. Pastor Margie will be in the pulpit on Sunday, July 20th. Any pastoral concerns during that time can be directed to Pastor Margie. Any administrative concerns should be directed to Jackie Herrero.

On Sunday, June 22nd, SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) announced the retirement of Jackie Herrero, our church secretary, effective January 1st, 2026. Starting the week of July 7th, Jackie will begin her semi-retirement by working on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Throughout July and August, the church office will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. We will be looking to hire to overlap with Jackie for a healthy transition. Look for information coming later this summer! Jackie will be on vacation with her family beginning on July 29th. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 5th.

**SOUP KITCHEN** We need one additional date of service in the Soup Kitchen for 2025. **Check your calendar to see if you can help on August 3rd.** Contact the office for more details.

**MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM ICE CREAM SOCIAL** Saturday, July 12th, 2pm. The Membership & Evangelism Team invites you to an afternoon of fellowship and musical entertainment while enjoying ice cream sundaes. Cost is just \$2 per person, children under 10 are free. Invite your friends and family! To help us plan we would appreciate RSVPs by Wednesday, July 9th to the church office (570.421.6020 or [sumc@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:sumc@stroudsburgumc.com)) or Peggy Stewart (570.350.8589 or [pegstewart59@gmail.com](mailto:pegstewart59@gmail.com)).

**BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED!** Please help the Membership & Evangelism raise funds to cover the cost of our church picnic by donating baked goods for us to sell during the church yard sale on August 1st & 2nd. Cookies, brownies, and muffins sell best as often people are looking for just a few sweet treats, but we will welcome anything. Please bring your donations to the church on Wednesday or Thursday of that week. We often get many customers first thing on Friday morning so we like to have all our treats before that. Contact Peggy (570.350.8589) if you need to drop them off outside of church office hours and do not have a code to get into the building. We will also be selling food, so cash donations toward the purchase of those items, or volunteering to assist during the sale would be greatly appreciated! Thanks.

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:

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! 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: Jackie Herrero, Crista Kopec;  
Camera: Alex Herrero, Adelle Kopec; Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Bella Kopec

**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE** Roz Evans and Kathy Burnett

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

**TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of Carole Burrus, given by John Burrus.

**BEING BAPTIZED TODAY** Nathan Apollo Bravo Soto, son of Linda Soto and William Bravo. The white rose on the altar is placed in honor of Nathan Apollo’s baptism.

**MISSIONS YARD SALE** Save the dates - Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd. Start bringing items in on July 13th. As in previous years, we are not accepting furniture or electronics. We are accepting books and clothing. Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition. Please contact the office if you have questions.

**PDF - PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND** Thanks to your generosity, we have already assisted dozens of families with rental assistance, utilities, food, and other essential needs. With changes to federal, state, and county funding, we are seeing an increase in the number of those coming for 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.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** Next month, we celebrate the one-year anniversary of our Little Free Library. It is on Main Street at the edge of the courtyard. If you are interested in supplying books or have been going through your own books to donate, please place them on the newly relocated bookshelf in the Adult Sunday School room. We have folks who will regularly move those books into the library. Check out the library to take a book yourself!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	Downtown Youth Initiative
Custodian	

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 UMCInstagram: 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  
June 29, 2025



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Share the love of Jesus in  
welcoming & compassionate ways.