

Chimes  
Prelude “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Arr. Hayes  
Welcome Pastor Monica  
Announcements Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec  
\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 84) Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec  
One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
**Many: My soul longs and even faints to be in your presence.**  
One: Blessed are those who live in your home and find their strength  
in you, O God.  
**Many: The curious and the confident put their trust in you to be  
their vision.**  
\*Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” 451  
\*Unison Prayer Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec  
**God of wonder and curiosity, open my mind to the amazing world around  
me today. When I am confused or curious, guide me to wise people who  
can help me understand new things. And no matter how long it takes for  
me to learn, I know you are always my patient teacher. Amen.**  
Special Music “La Couperin” Couperin  
Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Monica  
Young Adult Prayer Partners Pastor Monica  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica  
Call to Offering Pastor Monica  
Offertory “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Arr. Labenske  
\*Presentation of Gifts “Doxology” 95  
\*Prayer of Dedication Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec  
**Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your  
enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these  
gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within  
these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our  
words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your  
love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.**  
Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 18:10-16 Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec  
\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 15:13-19 Jackie Herrero/Crista Kopec  
Children’s Message “Born to Stand Out” Pastor Monica  
Blessing of Backpacks Pastor Monica  
Praise Song “Praise God” Kerno, Rettino  
Sermon “Curious Emotions: Inside Out 2” Pastor Monica  
(I want my listeners to be curious and ask questions. Faith grows through  
curiosity.)  
\*Hymn “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” 671  
\*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica  
\*Postlude “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” Arr. Hayes  
\*Rise in body or in spirit.  
**Bold Print = Say in unison.**

This Week's Schedule		
Today	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship Backpack Blessings Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	1:30pm 7:00pm	Downtown Clergy COTA Cats Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Wednesday	12:00pm 12:15pm  7:00pm	Open Sanctuary Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary COTA Cats Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Friday		Church Office Closed Nishi using kitchen
Saturday	9:00am 11:00am	Setup for StroudFest StroudFest
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship/Communion Soup Kitchen

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops Todd Martin Pastor Ted Barry Weidlich  
First Responders, EMT’s, Police Officers, Firefighters Prayer Mailboxes  
**Special Person of the Week:** Jill Warner, 571 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, PA  
17022. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

**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 have open dates in  
September, October and December.*** Contact Jackie in the office with your questions and  
interest in serving others.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE** - Save the date! Our Charge Conference is October 19th at 9:00 am at  
East Stroudsburg UMC. Please note that if you have paperwork to prepare ahead of the  
Charge Conference, it is due August 31st. Please see the office for more information. Our  
Charge Conference is the annual meeting of our church in which we elect those who serve,  
receive the state of the church report and set goals for the future. Everyone is welcome!

**WEIS RECEIPTS** Thank you for continuing to bring in your Weis receipts. The church  
receives 1% of the total of each receipt submitted - it really adds up! Please note that in  
order for the church to receive that 1%, the **ENTIRE RECEIPT** must be submitted to Weis.  
If the bottom portion is cut off, they will not honor the receipt. If you have questions, please  
contact the office.

**UMC 101 COURSES** As requested, we will start UMC 101 courses in September. So, save the  
dates to join us on Mondays at 6:30 pm once a quarter. Snacks provided. We will meet in the  
Fellowship Room.  
Save the dates!  
September 30th: History 101: Twins: Wesley and the Colonies  
January 27th: Theology 101: It's All About Grace  
April 28th: Worship 101: Singing and Sacraments  
June 30th: Ecumenism 101: Similar and Distinct from Other Christians

**CWU CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** ***Items for August: playing cards and word search books.***  
There is a plastic tote in the Fellowship Room for your donations. A complete list of  
requested items is also in the Fellowship Room.

**JOURNEY OF HOPE** Thank you to all who have been walking with us for the Journey of Hope.  
We will meet on Monday, September 23rd, at 6:30 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room. In  
the meantime, we invite you to pray as we seek to journey to hope together, seeking to be  
antiracists. Please review and consider the packet provided with definitions.

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](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!  
*Scott Besser filling in for Marti*

**SERVING YOU TODAY:**  
Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, C.J. Penwell, Soundboard: Vin Zelizo, Alisabeth Guepet;  
Camera: Alex Herrero, Bella/Adelle Kopec; Streaming: Kevin Kopec,

**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE** 8:30 Jackie Herrero and 11:00 Crista Kopec

**TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of Jeffrey Wert, given by Laurie and Gary Braman.

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

**547 MAIN STREET MINUTE** As an active and community church, many of our ministries could and should be shared with the public. Each of us experience church involvement in a myriad of ways - each of us can share a fun and inviting “547 Main Street Minute.” Give it a try! Contact Kay Bucci or the church office with questions or for suggestions.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** Our Little Free Library is up and running! We have adult and children’s books as well as other resources. We are looking for some additional children’s books to rotate through our library. Please bring your donations into the Fellowship Room, so they can be shared. Thank you for caring for our community.

**STROUDFEST** We will be selling food and drinks at StroudFest on Saturday, August 31st. A sign up genius is available - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4AAFA62CA7FD0-50660964-stroudfest>  
Please let the office know if you can help in any way. Sign up sheets are also in the Fellowship Room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday School is back! Starting on September 8th, our children’s Sunday School returns. Help us finish setting up our classroom with a few wish items. Here is our Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/1M5M9Tb?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/1M5M9Tb?ref=wl_share)  
Order off the list the items are shipped to the church. Thanks for supporting our Sunday School!

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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<b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>	
<b>Lead Pastor</b>	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
<b>Pastor of Visitation</b>	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Pastor Ted Good
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Jackie Herrero
<b>Choir Director</b>	David Lantz III
<b>Organist</b>	Marti Lantz
<b>Youth Leader</b>	Downtown Youth Initiative
<b>Custodian</b>	Gina Cristi
<b>CHURCH LEADERS:</b>	
<b>Daniel’s Dream Team</b>	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
<b>Worship</b>	Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
<b>Giving and Funding Committee</b>	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
<b>Property &amp; Building</b>	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
<b>Staff Parish Relations Committee</b>	
<b>Missions</b>	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
<b>Membership &amp; Evangelism</b>	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
<b>Co-Lay Leaders</b>	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

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

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



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Share the love of Jesus in  
welcoming & compassionate ways.