

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
July 2, 2021

Gather

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Coming up this Sunday, July 4, 2021 -
It's Independence Day and Communion Sunday.
Our worship leaders are Diane and Krista.
Gigi will be singing "America the Beautiful" live!
The New Testament Lesson is Colossians 3:12-17 and the Gospel Lesson is Mark 10:9.
Sunday starts our Brown Bag Series - Pastor Monica begins the series with "Bound in Love."

"Can you really preach the gospel from anything?
Let's try! This Sunday starts our Brown Bag Sermon Series. Each week, a family puts a random surprise item in a brown lunch bag for Pastor Monica by Monday, and she will share the good news with us on Sunday. This week, join us on Sunday as we find out what does a safety pin has to do with the good news of Jesus Christ."

Join us live at 8:30am: <https://youtu.be/NOLryuO8twc>

Join us live at 11:00am: <https://youtu.be/StK8Xg2J36I>

The Sunday bulletin is available on the church website: stroudsburgumc.com

We are grateful to be celebrating the first anniversary of Pastor Monica's appointment to our church; we are happy to welcome her as our lead pastor; and to have her and her family joining our church family.

From Pastor Monica: Bishop Peggy Johnson and the appointive cabinet have seen fit to appoint me to Stroudsburg United Methodist Church for a second year (2021-2022), and I give thanks to God. My heart was filled with gratitude as I returned from vacation to a welcome of anniversary cards, warm wishes, and thoughtful emails. In this unusual year, you have risen to the challenges and be open to what comes next. I am so proud to be your pastor and look forward to what God has in store for us as we partner together in ministry.

Updated Covid Policy

Daniel's Dream Team, our administrative team, voted to update our COVID policy. You can find the details on our website: <https://8a5efbd8-e3fa-4a8c-9d00->

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Highlights include mask optional for fully vaccinated persons, the return of after worship fellowship, and a mask-only area. Please take time to read the policy as we care well for one another.

Vacation Bible School – I Want to Help!

We are excited about Vacation Bible School on July 19-23 in the evening from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Here is the link to sign up to be involved:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4AAFA62CA7FD0-everest>

Vacation Bible School – Registration Link

Are your kids aged 4 through 6th grade?
Sign up here.

<https://forms.gle/Bh5eRZVHsgS9K1nq7>

Items Needed for VBS Crafts

Quart size zip lock bags, paper lunch bags and paper plates, size 8" and smaller. Monetary donations are welcome! Please make checks payable to Stroudsburg UMC and note for VBS Supplies

Church Library

Are you not sure how to pray? Have you heard others talk about different ways to pray, but they just seem to be complicated? Even when Pastor Monica talked about one-word prayers, it was not quite what you were thinking? This might be the book for you.

"Learning How to Pray: A Guide for Everyone" by James Martin. Martin explains different options, tells funny stories, and doesn't make you feel badly, if any one style is not for you.

Pick it up today; this book is in our library in the lounge.

Subscribe to the SUMC YouTube Channel

Don't forget to subscribe to the SUMC YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMwaoyy6Ox2d8cGlrQes0Qw> so you don't miss a thing! Contact the church office if you need assistance.

Children's Bulletins Available

There are children's bulletins available each Sunday at the back of the sanctuary.

Weekly Offering

You can send your weekly offering to the church electronically using PayPal or a credit/debit card. Visit the church website at stroudsburgumc.com and click on "Donate." You can also mail your offering to the church – SUMC, 547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, or you can have the church set up as a vendor through your bank account and have your offering check sent directly to the church. Any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Weekly Bulletin

The weekly bulletin is available on the church website: <https://www.stroudsburgumc.com/>

Weekly sermons at SUMC

Do you enjoy listening to the weekly sermons here at SUMC? Would you like to listen to them even when you are on vacation or out of town? Well, we do have all the sermons available for you to listen to and they are typically posted to our church website each Sunday.

Our Special Person of the Week:

Beryl Hellgren, 120 Broad Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Did you know we open the sanctuary every Wednesday from noon – 1:00 pm? This commitment to worship and prayer has manifest into weekly prayer time at 12:15pm on Facebook Live with Pastor Monica. If you are available, you can jump on and pray along. Comment on the post and include your requests in the prayer. If you are not available at that time, use it as a devotion and pray later. Help us keep our commitment to being a house and people of prayer. **Our Membership & Evangelism Team is looking for volunteers to sit in the sanctuary from noon to 1pm on Wednesdays. Teams of two would be ideal. If you are available to assist with this ministry, or would like more information, please contact Peggy Stewart (570-350-8589), Brenda Rambo (570-872-4181) or Joni Singer (570-421-4668).**

Prayer Chain Email and Phone List

Please contact the office if you would like to be included to receive either the email or phone prayer chain.

Grow!

Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will resume in September. Watch for updates!

Make a Difference!

Give to a Mission

A variety of missions are supported in our church. You can make a difference both locally and around the world by giving to these missions. A list of missions we support is posted in the Fellowship Room. You can also suggest a new mission that interests you by providing the name and address of the mission, as well as some details about what this particular mission does. Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, please see a member of the Missions Team or call the church office.

Oasis of Love

Supporting Oasis of Love is an ongoing Missions project. Please bring non-perishable items to the church. There is a box in the sanctuary for donations or you can leave items in the kitchen downstairs. Just be sure they are clearly marked for Oasis of Love.

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.

Soup Kitchen

Feeding our neighbors is how we make a difference in our community as Jesus calls us to feed the hungry and care for one another. Have a new recipe you want to try for a crowd? Come prepare meals for the Soup Kitchen on July 4th! Can you talk and welcome others? Over the summer, we have a volunteer team making meals for the remainder of the weeks! We need people to come and hand out from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. Contact the church office to sign up. No meal preparation necessary.

Yard Sale

The Missions Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14. Items for the sale can be brought to the church starting August 1; no later than August 10. Please do not bring items in before that date as we have Vacation Bible School and the local Mission/Work Trip in the weeks before. Please do not bring in clothing, furniture or electronics (TV's, computers, printers, etc.) We need your help! Here is the sign up genius link to sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ABAA28A4FBC25-yard> There is also a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or you can call the office.

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