

## Stewardship

Stewardship is defined as “the conducting, supervising, or managing of something.”

Our faith teaches us that we should “conduct, supervise, and manage” both our time and our money. These two subjects, time and money, reveal a whole lot about our faith and our commitment to God. The old adage is still true: you can tell a lot about a Christian by looking at his or her checkbook and calendar.

How do you spend your time? Do you manage, supervise, and conduct your time wisely? I think the danger today tends more toward spending more and more time at work and away from family, personal, and church time. We have become a workaholic nation. You’ve heard people say, “time is money.” This is true, but how much time to you spend with your loved ones? Do you take time off? Do you spend time serving others? Do you spend more than one hour a week in church?

Faith grows by spending time with it. Faith does not grow automatically or by osmosis. You need to spend time cultivating and nurturing your faith. Stroudsburg UMC has a variety of ways to help you grow in your faith. Small Groups are an excellent way to build and grow your faith. This concept goes way back to our founding father, John Wesley, who encouraged all believers to be involved with “classes” -- the equivalent of Small Groups.

Other opportunities include Sunday School, Youth Group, United Methodist Men, and United Methodist Women groups.

How we use and spend our money is also an indicator of our faithfulness. Do you give to others through the church? Some United Methodists don’t know this but our denomination has an organization named United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This group helps the victims of natural disasters. The unique thing is that every penny that is given to UMCOR goes directly to the need. There is no overhead because our apportionment dollars pay for this overhead. This is one of the beauties of our connectional church.

Our church started a number of new Small Groups and is enhancing and adding to existing ministries all the time. We would like to do more, but it costs money. We are not quite on budget again this year and without the help of Property and Building sacrificing building and maintenance reserves, we would not be liquid for the year. This has to change because we can only draw on reserves so long before they run out. We also have a large building to “conduct, supervise, and manage.” This sounds like stewardship to me!

We need your help. In fact, you might not realize how much your help is needed. But each and every dollar you give helps to support existing ministries, maintain our building, support our church staff, and hopefully provide some resources for new endeavors.

Can you help us this year?



Bob Shank

**Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!**

# Daily Scripture Readings

**November 1**

Exodus 31

**November 2**

Exodus 32

**November 3**

Exodus 33

**November 4**

Exodus 34

**November 5**

Exodus 35

**November 6**

Exodus 36

**November 7**

Exodus 37

**November 8**

Exodus 38

**November 9**

Exodus 39

**November 10**

Exodus 40

**November 11**

Leviticus 1

**November 12**

Leviticus 2

**November 13**

Leviticus 3

**November 14**

Leviticus 4

**November 15**

Leviticus 5

**November 16**

Leviticus 6

**November 17**

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**November 18**

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**November 19**

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**November 27**

Leviticus 17

**November 28**

Leviticus 18

**November 29**

Leviticus 19

**November 30**

Leviticus 20

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## TO SERVE YOU IN NOVEMBER

**Greeters** 8:30  
 6 Bonnie Cramsey  
 13 Janet Woolever  
 20 Steve & Freda Barnes  
 27 Dick & Carole Everitt

11:00  
 6 BJ Bachman  
 13 Janet & Norman Marsh  
 20 Roy Pipher  
 27 Eileen Sebring

**Ushers** 8:30  
 Dick Everitt  
 Carole Everitt  
 Ralph Harrison  
 Bob Howell

11:00  
 Charlie Vail  
 Howard Steiner

**Counters**  
 C.J. Penwell & Carole Vuchak

**Altar Guild**  
 Alice Singer & Eleanor Bentzoni

**Soup Kitchen**  
 6 PSEA/ESU Chapter  
 Ashley Cherill  
 13 Poplar/Cherry Valley  
 Pastor Paul Crikelair  
 20 Poplar/Cherry Valley  
 Pastor Paul Crikelair  
 27 Wooddale UMC  
 Carol Hutson



## OUR CHURCH STAFF:

<b>Ministers</b>	Everyone
<b>Pastors</b>	Bob Shank & Ted Good
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Tom Anderman
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Jackie Herrero
<b>Choir Director</b>	Dave Lantz
<b>Organist</b>	Marti Lantz
<b>Youth Director</b>	Kim Miller
<b>Handbell Director</b>	Lynn Seip
<b>Custodian</b>	Matt Parton

## OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

**Daniel's Dream Team**  
 Chairperson, Boyd Butz  
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**Worship**  
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**Property & Building**  
 Chairperson, Carl Karchner  
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**Servant Resource Team**  
 Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren  
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**Stewardship**  
 Chairperson, Carole Everitt  
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**Missions**  
 Chairperson, Alberta Weber  
[albertaweber@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:albertaweber@stroudsburgumc.com)



### November Birthdays

2	Robbie Heller
3	Jackie Herrero
6	Jay Chamberlin
6	Nancy Haase
6	Lee Philips
7	Maggie Stewart
7	CJ Penwell
11	Lori DeWitt
11	Norma Snow
13	Jane Hartley
21	Jennifer Harris
22	Debbie Marsh
23	Katelyn Transue
27	Michael Seip
28	Lynn Seip
28	Charlie Vail
30	Doris Philips

If you would like a card on your special day, please call the church office - 421-6020.



Thank you to all who have written to Kyle Dougher. He appreciates each and every letter he has received.

The latest update is that the mail has been shut down over in Afghanistan so Kyle will not receive any more mail until the end of November in North Carolina.

You can certainly continue to write to Kyle - it's just that he won't receive your messages any time soon.

Thanks for your support!





### November DASH Youth Group Activities

Saturday, November 5th: Holiday Boutique - Serve food (Fundraiser)

Tuesday, November 8th:  
DASH Business Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 18th-20th: Retreat at Mountain Spring Lake, Reeders, PA

Sunday, November 6th, 13th, 27th: Sunday School, Youth Group 9:45 am

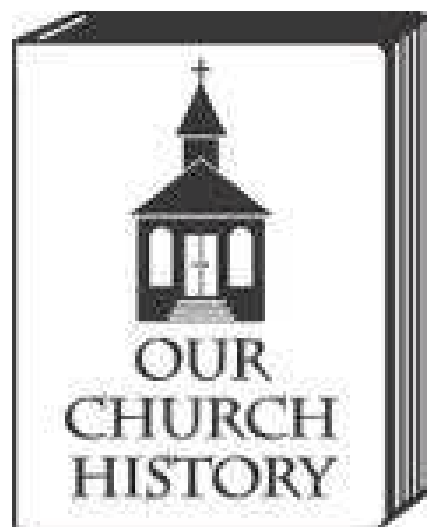
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NOTE: An historic reference to the Methodist Sunday School of Stroudsburg as reported 101 years ago on Wednesday, October 12, 1910 in the Monroe Record.

Today was the “greatest” day in the history of the Methodist Sunday School of Stroudsburg. The occasion was the celebration of the annual Rally Day service.

“The church was so completely filled by the scholars that there was no room for the visitors, many of whom wished to enjoy the service.”

As reported by Janis Dahlman, SAGE





## **Feeding the Community**

**Harvest Food In-Gathering**  
**Sunday, November 20, 2011**

**8:30 & 11:00 Worship**

### **SUMC (Soup Kitchen)**

Green Beans  
Corn (Kernels preferred)  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Baked Beans  
Applesauce, pears, peaches  
Mashed potato mix  
Juices, powdered or in cans or bottles (NO Tomato)  
Salad dressings  
Coffee  
Pudding (Large cans preferred)  
Aluminum foil  
Plastic bags - quart and larger sizes  
Dishwashing detergent  
Garbage bags for small #10 size waste cans  
Cash donations are always welcome and will be put to good use

**NO CANNED PUMPKIN, BEETS, POTATOES OR CRANBERRY SAUCE**  
**NO SOUP, RICE, PASTA OR TUNA FISH**

### **PATH**

Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Kitchen & trash bags  
Dish Detergent  
Sponges  
Lysol disinfectant and cleaners (store brands OK)

**Bring your gifts to the communion rail before the start of service and present them to either our traditional American Indian or Pilgrim. We know times are difficult but please do the best you can. Everything helps.**

*Your Mission Committee and our guests thank you!*



A big thank you to all our ministry groups that contributed to the success of our Ministry Fair on October 23. All of the presentations were so well done and hopefully those that attended the fair had a good time while learning about all the great things that are happening at SUMC. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions to improve future events. Again, thank you to all who participated with either a presentation or with attendance.

The Ministry Fair marked the beginning of our annual stewardship appeal. Stewardship involves our time, our talent and our treasure. The beginning of November a mailing will be going out to all SUMC members with a commitment card. The commitment card will include areas for YOUR commitment of time, talent and treasure. Please give prayerful consideration to all areas and return the card on Commitment Sunday, November 20.

As was reported at our Charge Conference on October 18, our Conference apportionment is paid to date as well as all bills. Through September we are 4.6% or \$7,115.96 behind in our giving income as compared to this time last year. \$4,857.33 has been donated from our Property & Building Fund to meet our general expenses. Donations for the elevator through September total \$220,820.62 with payments to Edinger Construction totaling \$239,919.00 through September, 2011. At present \$19,000.00 has been used from our endowment funds to meet those payments. With the estimated cost of \$350,510.00 for the elevator project we are in need of \$129,689.38 to fully fund the project. Please prayerfully consider how you can help offset this deficit.

The Stewardship Committee is beginning the process of formulating the 2012 budget. As was requested previously, we ask that all committee chairpersons or directors please submit their budget requests, in writing, by November 7. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

With the budget task ahead of us our committee asks for your prayers for our committee as well as for our church and it's growth.

Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Fran Harrison, Paul Edinger, Dan Butz, JoAnn Calkins, Kirsten Lee, Ruth Weber



## **Operation Christmas Child 2011**

### **How to Pack a Shoe Box Gift**

**Use an empty shoe box (standard size please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.**

**Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Mark the correct age category on the label supplied and tape the label to the top of your box.**

**Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.**

**Please donate \$7.00 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. Please make your check payable to: Samaritan's Purse, place in an envelope on top of the gifts inside your box.**

**Place a rubber band around each shoe box and bring to the church on or before November 13th.**

### **Gift Ideas**

**Toys:** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch a Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

**School supplies:** Pens, pencils & sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps & ink pad sets, writing paper or pads, solar calculator, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Hygiene items:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb washcloth, etc.

**Other:** Hard candy & lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**A personal note:** In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**Please do not include any glass items, food or chocolate, war related toys, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, used or damaged items. Thanks for your support!**



Thank you to my church family for your prayers, thoughts, words of comfort, and sympathy cards. Each gesture of love helped comfort us and ease the pain of our loss.

Thank you to the choir members for helping with Mom's memorial service by providing food and to Eileen, Kim, Laurie, and Marti for providing the special music.

Thank you to Pastors Ted and Bob for the care and concern shown to Mom during her illness and hospitalization and to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for providing such a beautiful shawl. Mom wrapped herself in its warmth in her final days.

Thank you all for making Mom feel so welcome in our church family. Making the move to Pennsylvania was not easy for her. Your friendship made her adjustment to Northern living easier and her time in PA more enjoyable.

May God bless each of you,

Krista and Dave Montgomery

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### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The next UMW Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29 @ 7:00 pm in the Lounge.

The UMW Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 2-4 pm. More information to follow.

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### **Concert Event on November 12 @ 7:30 pm**

Elsewhere in the Courier is a flyer announcing a concert event to be held at SUMC on November 12 @ 7:30 pm. We are asking anyone willing to provide a covered dish that night.

If you can help, please call me and let me know. Thanks! Jackie



**“Christmas Traditions”**  
**an Advent experience for all ages!**  
**Sundays 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

*The Membership & Evangelism Team invites you*  
to join your church friends each Sunday evening in Advent to celebrate  
some Christmas traditions. Everyone is welcome to come all four  
weeks or just one or two as your schedule allows.

Invite your friends, but please sign up so we know who to expect!

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Advent Wreath Making** – bring 4 candles: 4 purple or  
blue. Or 3 purple/blue and one pink. We will supply the Advent wreath ring  
and pine boughs.

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate St. Nicholas Day** by making cookies – enough  
to taste and some to bring home! \$2 per person (max. \$5 per family) to cover  
cost of materials.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas ornaments** – Make Chrismons and folded paper  
ornaments for your tree. No cost.

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Carol & Hymn sing** with cookies & hot  
chocolate. The singing is optional – please join us for the fellowship!

**Sign up** at the rear of the sanctuary or  
by calling Jackie in the church office (421-6020)



**Questions?**

Contact Peggy Stewart (424-0625) or Beryl Hellgren (421-4024)



# *Terrific Tuesday Dinner*

Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm

## **MENU:**

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,  
Carrots, Terrific Tuesday Salad,  
Rolls & Butter, Rice Pudding

\$8.00 per person  
under 10 ~ \$3.00



If you plan on joining us for an evening of “terrific” food, fellowship,  
and fun. . . sign up at the rear of the sanctuary

*We always need assistance with set up (3 pm Tues.) **and** cleanup after the meal.*



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For information, phone: 570-421-6020 or email:

[sumc@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:sumc@stroudsburgumc.com)

A Free Will Offering will benefit The Moyer Foundation  
and their *"Catch The Cure for Cancer"* Campaign.



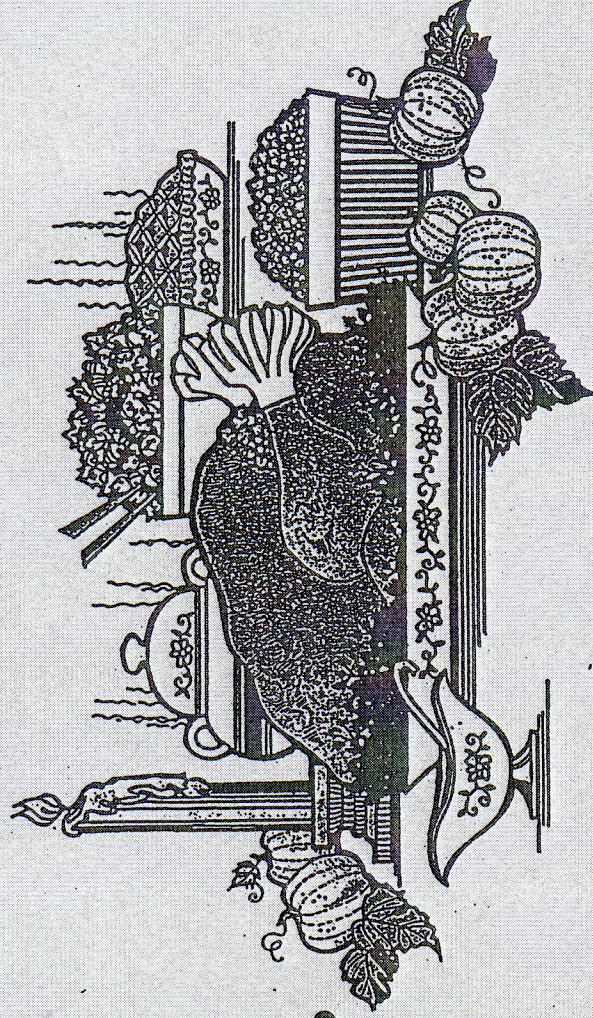
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# **WELSH COOKIES**

***The UMW will be making Welsh Cookies on November 16<sup>th</sup>, to be picked up on November 20<sup>th</sup>.***

***The cookies will have cranberries in them for the Holidays. They will freeze very nicely, until you are ready to serve them. If you can resist not eating them until the Holidays!!***

***We will have them for tasting and ordering at our Christmas Boutique and also on November 13<sup>th</sup> at our After Church Fellowship.***

## **WELSH COOKIE ORDER FORM**

**\$5.00 PER DOZEN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Order \_\_\_\_\_ doz.      X      \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid      Unpaid

**Must be paid before pick up on November 20, 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Dash Youth Group-Youth Room <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>31</b> 	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group "Gifts"	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> UMW Kitchen <b>2:00 PM</b> Stitch & Pray Small Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Bear Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Tiger Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Webelos <b>6:00 PM</b> Wolf Cubs <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Setup for Holiday Boutique	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Holiday Boutique
<b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Dash Youth Group-Youth Room <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Pack Leaders Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group "Gifts"	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> DASH Business Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Membership & Evangelism-Lounge <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group-Conference Room	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Bear Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Tiger Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Webelos <b>6:00 PM</b> Wolf Cubs <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs <b>7:00 PM</b> Alberta Weber's Small Group-Lounge <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen Holy Trinity Orthodox Church	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Fundraiser Concert "Catch the Cure for Cancer"
<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Dash Youth Group-Youth Room <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group "Gifts"	<b>15</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Terrific Tuesday-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group-Conference Room	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> UMW Kitchen <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Pack Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Daniel's Dream Team Retreat-Jeff & Audrey Weber's Residence
<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Dash Youth Group-Youth Room <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Stitch & Pray Small Group	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group "Gifts"	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Bear Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Tiger Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Webelos <b>6:00 PM</b> Wolf Cubs <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room	<b>24</b> Happy Thanksgiving	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> UMM Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Decorating Committee
<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Dash Youth Group-Youth Room <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group "Gifts"	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> UMW Meeting-Lounge	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Bear Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Tiger Cubs <b>6:00 PM</b> Webelos <b>6:00 PM</b> Wolf Cubs <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 

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