## Stroudsburg United Methodist Church Worship: 8:30, 11:00, 3:00

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#### Join Us on the Journey!

This Lenten Season we are going to engage in a spiritual journey that will be invigorating, spiritual, and enlightening! Over the next six weeks we will take a closer look at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life here on earth. It will be a journey of reflection as we think and pray about what Jesus did for us on his last day.

1Day 24 Hours 1,440 Minutes 86,400 Seconds

Time is strange. In one moment, time can seem to stand still and take forever. Yet in the next moment, time races on at breakneck speed. Think about how fast our children grow up? Then think about how time seems to crawl when you are doing something unpleasant or painful.

In some ways, I wonder how Jesus managed those last 24 hours of his life. Did they go by quickly or did they slow to a crawl and proceed at an agonizing pace?

The sermon series for this Lenten season will examine these questions and help us to better understand the humanity and struggle Jesus went through for us on the cross. We will use some resources from Church of the Resurrection, where Rev. Adam Hamilton first developed and preached this series. It was so successful in their church, that they are encouraging more churches to share in this journey.

The upcoming sermon series will include:

Week 1 = The Last Supper

Week 2 =The Garden

Week 3 = The Courtroom and the Courtyard

Week 4 = Sentenced

Week 5 = The Torture and Humiliation of the

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Week 6 = Crucified

I hope you will find this sermon series not only valuable for yourself, but that you will be willing to share what we are doing with others. Invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you. Share your insights with those who ask faith questions. Grow in your own faith as you struggle with these spiritual realities.

My prayer is that we will all grow spiritually during this season of Lent and gain new insights to what Jesus actually did for each one of us. We worship a Savior who is personal--our friend, so we owe it to him to take this journey. I pray that we will grow in faith, have some of our questions answered, and gain new insights that will make a difference in our daily living.

**Bob Shank** 

#### Daily Lectionary Scripture References March 2011

March 1	March 12	March 23
Psalm 39	Psalm 50	Psalm 61
March 2	March 13	March 24
Psalm 40	Psalm 51	Psalm 62
March 3	March 14	March 25
Psalm 41	Psalm 52	Psalm 63
March 4	March 15	March 26
Psalm 42	Psalm 53	Psalm 64
March 5	March 16	March 27
Psalm 43	Psalm 54	Psalm 65
March 6	March 17	<b>March 28</b>
Psalm 44	Psalm 55	Psalm 66
March 7	March 18	<b>March 29</b>
Psalm 45	Psalm 56	Psalm 67
March 8	March 19	March 30
Psalm 46	Psalm 57	Psalm 68
March 9	March 20	<b>March 31</b>
Psalm 47	Psalm 58	Psalm 69
March 10 Psalm 48	March 21 Psalm 59	
March 11 Psalm 49	March 22 Psalm 60	



#### TO SERVE YOU IN MARCH

<b>GREETERS</b>	8:30
6	Joe & Carole Vuchak
13	Joe & Carole Vuchak
20	Janet Woolever
27	Bonnie Cramsey
6 13	11:00 Gary Braman Eva Knight
20	Eileen Sebring
27	Joanne Reed

**USHERS** 8:30

6 Joe & Carole Vuchak

Walter Roeckendorf - all month

Kirsten Lee - **all month** Jack & Barbara Hineline

11:00

# All Month Eileen Sebring Glen Singer Joni Singer CJ Penwell Charles Vail

27

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Eleanor Bentzoni

#### **COUNTERS**

Lynn Seip & Susan Gouger

#### SOUP KITCHEN

bool mic	
6	East Stroudsburg Baptist Church
	Pastor Douglas Romaine
13	Christ Hamilton Lutheran Conf. Class
	Alicia & Joe DeLong
20	UCM/ESU
	Melissa Tyler
27	Pen Argyl UMC
	Tom Odenwelder



#### **OUR CHURCH STAFF:**

Everyone
Bob Shank & Ted Good
Tom Anderman
Jackie Herrero
Dave Lantz
Marti Lantz
Kim Miller
Lynn Seip
Matt Transue
Matt Parton

#### **OUR CHURCH LEADERS:**

#### **Daniel's Dream Team**

Chairperson, Boyd Butz alchemy@ptd.net

#### Worship

Chairpersons, Ralph Harrison, Pastor Bob Shank

#### **Servant Resource Team**

Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren

bykoh@verizon.net

#### Stewardship

Chairperson, Carole Everitt

carolev1@verizon.net

#### Missions

Chairperson, Alberta Weber



#### March 2011 Birthdays

1	Marge Chamberlin
1	<b>Deborah Stanton</b>
2	Karen Lewis
4	Richard Everitt
5	Marjorie Robertson
6	Zach Dougher
14	Hildegard Roeckendorf
14	Virginia Savitz
20	Kirsten Lee
22	Lauryn Principe
26	Brad Hildabrant
28	Ron Bogart, Jr.
31	Logan Decker
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If you would like to receive a card on your special day, please call the church office - 421-6020.



The following upcoming dates are still available for volunteers to host After Church Fellowship:

May 22 June 12 & June 26

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Beryl Hellgren @ 421-4024 or the church office @ 421-6020. Thank you!



Please consider putting flowers on the altar in memory of or in honor of a loved one -

Available dates: March 3 & 13 April 3, 10 & 24

Cost: \$33.50 for 2 vases. Questions? Call Jackie at the church office - 421-6020.

Thank you!

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Giving Statements: Due to the increased costs of mailing the giving statements the Stewardship Committee decided at it's last meeting to reduce the mailings to twice a year instead of three times a year. The next statement will be sent in June. We will also be emailing statements to those members who have provided their email addresses to the church. The remaining statements will be available in sealed envelopes in the back of the church Sanctuary to be picked up and any remaining will be mailed. We ask for your cooperation in providing your email address to the church office if it is not on file. Please notify the office or Fran Harrison if you do not wish to have your statement emailed.

Budget: A copy of the 2011 SUMC budget is included in this mailing. With review of the 2011 budget please note that it includes all expenses for the general operation of the church including those expenses that have been paid by the Trustees in the past. Please direct any questions concerning the budget to any member of the Stewardship Committee.

Elevator funding: We have been blessed by several members of our congregation who have given very generously either through designated memorial donations or general donations toward the elevator - \$184,968.62 through the end of December 2010. Approximately \$4,000.00 has been received thus far in memorial donations for Linda Seip and Carol Anderman as well as general donations. To date \$178,644 has been paid on the elevator or about half of the estimated cost of the project at start of \$350,000.00. The Stewardship Committee asks that you consider one of two options for the rest of 2011 to help offset the completion costs of this project:

- 1) Once a month double your weekly contribution to the church and designate the extra giving for the elevator fund: If you give a dollar a week, once a month give two dollars or give an extra quarter a week; If you give \$40.00/week, once a month give \$80.00 or an extra \$10.00/week, etc.
- 2) Each week give 10% or tithe your giving and designate the extra giving toward the elevator fund: If you have one dollar a week, give an extra 10 cents; If you give \$40.00/week, give an extra four dollars, etc.

Please be sure to note on your giving envelope monies designated for the elevator project. As you consider your donations we ask that you give prayerful consideration of what the addition of the elevator will mean to our church and it's membership.

The Stewardship Committee continues to ask for your prayers for our church and our committee as we face the financial challenges for 2011.

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



Pastor Tom Anderman and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and donations since the passing of Carol Anderman. Tom and his family also very much appreciated the attendance at Carol's funeral service.

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#### **BOOK DRIVE**

Liz Miller is organizing a book drive. Please bring to the church books you would like to donate and put them in one of the two boxes located in the Fellowship Room and in the downstairs blue Sunday school room.

Thank you for your support!



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#### **2011 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday, March 9 - 7:30 PM Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

March 16 - 7:30 PM East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

March 23 - 7:30 PM Cherry Lane United Methodist Church

March 30 - 7:30 PM Reeders United Methodist Church

April 6 - 7:30 PM Faith United Methodist Church

April 13 - 7:30 PM Christ United Methodist Church of Poplar Valley

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						3:00 PM Connection Service-Downstairs
		7:30 PM Choir	Reeders UMC		100 p. 100 p	12:30 PM Small Group Experiencing God- Lounge
2	1	31 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers-Dining Room Downstairs	30 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 7:00 PM Cub Pack Meeting	29 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal- Handbell Room	28 1:30 PM Stewardship Class-Lounge	8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Downstairs
		Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir	7:00 PM Bear Cubs 7:00 PM Tiger Cubs 7:30 PM Lenten Service- Cherry Lane UMC			3:00 PM Connection Service-Downstairs 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs
26 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs	25 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs	24 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers-Dining Room Downstairs 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs	23 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs 6:00 PM Webelos I	22 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal- Handbell Room 7:00 PM Webelos II	21 5:00 PM Family Promise - Upstairs 7:00 PM Webelos II	8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Downstairs 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 12:30 PM Small Group Experiencing God-
19 Covered Dish Dinner	18	17 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers-Dining Room Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir	16 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 6:00 PM Webelos I 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Bear Cubs 7:00 PM Tiger Cubs 7:30 PM Lenten Service-East Stroudsbug UMC	15 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal- Handbell Room 7:00 PM Webelos II	14 1:30 PM Stewardship Class-Lounge 7:00 PM Webelos II	13 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Downstairs 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 12:30 PM Small Group Experiencing God-Lounge 3:00 PM Connection Service-Downstairs 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room
9:00 AM Disaster Ministry & Preparedness 101 1:00 PM Scouts Red & White Dinner	3	10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers-Dining Room Downstairs 7:00 PM Alberta Weber's Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir	10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 2:00 PM Knitting Small Group 6:00 PM Webelos I 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Bear Cubs 7:00 PM Tiger Cubs 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal- Handbell Room 7:00 PM Membership & Evan- gelism-Lounge 7:00 PM Webelos II	7:00 PM Webelos II	8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Downstairs 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 12:30 PM Small Group Experiencing God-Lounge 3:00 PM Connection Service-Downstairs 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 7:00 PM Pack Leaders Planning Meeting
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Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday

Our band will be holding a

# used clothing collection

We are collecting:

- WEARABLE & USABLE CLOTHING (Men's, women's, & children's)
- SHOES, BELTS, HANDBAGS
- LINENS
- STUFFED ANIMALS
- \_\_\_ HARD TOYS

Note: Toys must fit in 24"x24"x12" Box and bag shoes separately. Thanks!

Thurs. March 10th, 2011 12pm- 8pm
During Parent-Teacher Conferences or
Fri. March 11th, 2011 9:00am-11:00am

### DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

## Support East Stroudsburg Band Parents

Help the band raise money for our upcoming trips. Just clean out your closets and drawers and bring it to the South High School Cafeteria on the above dates. If you know a band member, mark the bags with their name and they will get credit for their account!



at 424-8471 ext. 2440 with any questions



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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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