

SUM eNews  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
June 5, 2020

## **Gather**

### **Sunday, June 7, 2020**

This Sunday is communion Sunday. The scripture reading is Psalm 8 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "God Created You!" The link to join us via live stream is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUkvHK60pVA>

## **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](http://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 now available on the church website: [stroudsburgumc.com](http://stroudsburgumc.com)

## **Membership & Evangelism** **We Are Our Brothers' Keepers**

During these difficult times, we realize that some of us may be finding it hard to get enough food and other necessary provisions. We are committed to seeing that these basic needs are met. If anyone is running low on food, drinks, or paper products, we are here to assist. Please don't hesitate to reach out. You may call Brenda Rambo at 570-872-4181 or email Jackie. All requests are confidential.

## **Soup Kitchen Update**

We are in need of a group to host Soup Kitchen on July 19. Jeff Weber and Al Michie have taken on the task of cleaning the kitchen. ServPro will be deep cleaning on June 18. Hope you can help out with light cleaning or help cover the \$1200 cost. Please contact the church office. Thank you!

## **Altar Flower Delivery**

Delivery of altar flowers has resumed. If you signed up for altar flowers, please mail your check for \$33.50 to the church office or if you are attending worship in person, please place your check in the offering plate. Thank you!

### **Helping Hands Ministry**

Volunteers are needed! The Helping Hands Ministry exists to utilize our God given gifts and talents to assist member of the body of Christ. We grow together in Christ's love by helping each other and just by being there for each other in times of need. Please contact the church office or speak with Cathy Doane if you would like to volunteer. The areas of service where assistance is needed are: Making meals, grocery shopping, making phone calls, praying, visiting, giving rides, light housekeeping and responding to emergencies. If you are in need of assistance from the Helping Hands Ministry, please contact the church office. Thank you!

### **Help Needed**

Pam & Mike Hendrix are seeking assistance to help them move to New Mexico. They need to be out of their current home by August. They are willing to pay someone on the trip out to New Mexico and for the trip back to Pennsylvania. Please contact Pam & Mike for all details – 570-426-0238.

### **Pastor Bob's Retirement Celebration**

**Please note the date has been changed to Saturday, June 13 at 2pm.** Everyone is invited. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Jackie in the church office - 570-421-6020 or Peggy Stewart - 570-350-8589. We hope you can join us, but if not, because of social distancing concerns, we will be live streaming the event like we do our Sunday worship service. We will post a link on the church website and Facebook page that day. Questions? Contact Peggy Stewart 570-350-8589 or bpstewart59@gmail.com.

### **2020 Mission Trip**

The Mission Trip for this year has been canceled. A local work project is being planned for the first week in August. Please contact the church office if you are available to help.

### **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:**

Carol Romansky, 425 Kuntz Street, Apt. 104, Slatington, PA 18080. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

### **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**

The church sanctuary is open to the public for prayer and/or quiet reflection on Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. You are invited to take advantage of this time if you are in town during the week, and please let your friends know also. Years ago churches were open during the week for anyone to wander in to pray, however now, because of safety concerns, most churches stay locked. We would like the community to know we are an active and "alive" church and offer this opportunity to anyone who needs a quiet space, even if it is only for one hour a week. Please share with your friends and family.

### **Memorial Tree Leaves**

We are still taking orders for memorial tree leaves. So far we have a total of 49 leaves on our Memorial Tree. Each leaf costs \$25.00 and will be imprinted with the name and year of your choice. Pet names can be added, too! Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Please make your check payable to SUMC and note for "Memorial Tree Leaf" in the memo portion. Completed order forms and payment may be left in the box outside Jackie's office or placed in the offering plate. Please contact the church office with any questions. Proceeds from the sale of memorial leaves will be put toward the remaining bell tower repair bill. Thank you!

### **Prayer Chain Email and Phone List**

If you would like to be part of either the email or phone prayer chain list, please contact me in the church office. Jackie

### **Grow!**

#### **Small Groups**

Do you belong to a Small Group? If not, you really should seriously consider doing so. There are a variety of opportunities available which you can see on our website. You will be able to see a brief description of each Small Group, view when and where they meet, and see if there are openings to join the groups. Check out our active Small Groups and consider joining one of them. Alternatively, do you have a passion or interest? Then maybe you can start a brand new Small Group. Contact Pastor Bob for more information.

#### **Stitch & Pray Small Group**

This group is for beginner and experienced knitters and crocheters. The compassion and love of knitting and crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy through prayer shawls.

We welcome all levels of experience from beginner to those wanting to increase their knowledge or to share their expertise with others while experiencing the companionship of a small group. No materials are required. Current members will share their equipment. Contact the church office if you are interested.

### **Mostly Mondays Small Group**

We study various books of the Bible and learn about the character of God. We meet Mondays at 6:30pm in the church Lounge. Any women interested in joining please contact Peggy Stewart – [bpstewart59@gmail.com](mailto:bpstewart59@gmail.com) or call 570-350-8589. You may also call the church office.

### **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.

#### **Virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Starting today, we are launching a **Virtual Baby Bottle Drive**. Instead of handing out baby bottles for our supporters to fill with change, cash, and checks, we are asking for each of our supporters to donate through our website, [prcpoconos.org](http://prcpoconos.org) or by sending checks in the mail to: **Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos, 49 Dansbury Terrace, Box 1385, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.**

Unplanned pregnancy is not taking a vacation during this crisis, so your efforts will make an enormous difference in the lives of many families in our community. If **400** of our supporters donate **\$35** in honor of our 35th year anniversary, we will be able to raise **\$14,000** to help women and families in Monroe county through these challenging times and beyond! Please feel free to contact Amy, our office manager, via email at [admin@poconoprc.org](mailto:admin@poconoprc.org) with any questions.

#### **Family Promise Update**

Family Promise continues to shelter families at Streamside, Kirkwood and Super 8. Meals are being provided. There are funds available for rental and utility assistance. If you know of someone in need, have them call Family Promise – 570-420-8589. We were scheduled to host the week of July 12 but will not be doing so.

Family Promise has moved into their new home on Main Street, Stroudsburg in the old Everybody's Café building.

### **Parent's Day Booklets**

Rather than have separate booklets for Mother's Day and Father's Day, there will be one booklet for Parent's Day. Names will be taken until June 14 and parents will be honored on Sunday, June 21. \$2.00 per name. Please contact the church office either by phone (leave a message if I am not in the office and I will call you back) or email to submit names. If you already submitted names for Mother's Day and/or Father's Day, they will be included in the Parent's Day booklet next month. Any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Yard Sale Update**

It has been decided to postpone the Yard Sale from the originally scheduled dates of August 7 & 8. Watch for new dates possibly this fall. Hold on to the items you want to donate for the sale. The new dates will be announced once we see how things are progressing after August. Any questions, please contact the church office.

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