

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
September 30, 2021

Gather

We welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Morton as he joins us in Worship on Sunday at 11:00am. Rev. Morton is the district superintendent of the Great North district with 108 churches, all of which he has visited since he became DS in 2018. We welcome him as he celebrates Communion with us on the Worldwide Communion Sunday, reminding us of our connection to the wider church and the world.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday and our worship leaders are Jackie and Jeanette. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Morton will be joining us at the 11 o'clock worship time and will lead Communion.

The choir anthem is "Come to the Feast."

The Old Testament Lesson is Micah 4:1-7. The Gospel Lesson is Mark 10:13-16.

We begin a new sermon series – "A Future with Hope" – this Sunday's sermon is entitled, "Gather."

It took a pandemic to teach us gathering does not always mean being in the same room. It does mean coming together around a purpose. On this World Communion Sunday, join us in worship as we gather digitally and live across continents to worship Jesus the Risen Christ. Here at Stroudsburg UMC, we are grounded in our call to be a community church.

Join us live at 8:30am: https://youtu.be/G_keOEfZ4ZI

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

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

Charge Conference

Join us for Charge Conference Sunday, October 3, 1pm at Effort UMC. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are a part of Daniel's Dream Team (DDT), Servant Resource Team (SPRC), Giving and Funding, or Building and Property, we encourage you to come. Effort UMC is located on Merwinsburg Road off of Route 115 in Effort, PA.

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 2 noon to 1pm in the Courtyard

The animals in our lives, from the smallest fish to the largest horse, bring us great joy, comfort, laughter, and purpose. They are a part of our families and our hearts. We take care of them, and often they care for us. God has a special blessing for them. Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends for prayer and blessings. Dogs must be on leashes; smaller animals need to be in crates or cages. Horses, sheep, and goats are welcome as well, under the attentive eyes of their owners.

Invite your fellow animal lovers to receive pet treats and God's blessings for their man's (and woman's!) best friends!

Youth Group – Mazezilla, Saturday, October 2 - 3pm

This is a Youth Group event but all are welcome – bring the whole family! Don't worry...it's a maze, we'll send them the other way! Meet at the church at 3pm.

Trick or Treat along Main Street

Saturday, October 30, 2-4pm. Help us be good neighbors as we offer treats to the children of the neighborhood. Bring in candy for us to share by October 28.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will be held Sunday, October 3 at 4pm 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 Persons of the Week:

Romayne and Ron Van Why, 2203 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Please remember them 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.

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

Join us on Wednesdays at 10:15 in the Lounge and on Zoom. All are welcome. We will be studying the book of Mark. Mark was the first gospel written, quickly after the death of Jesus. Why did Jesus insist that the disciples keep everything a secret? Join us to find out. Contact the office for Zoom information and the syllabus.

Church Library

Firefighting and Faith

This book is hot off the presses! Mark McAdams writes this group of short stories on how God has been with him and others through pain, failure, as well as successes. Pick it up and read it in short doses or read it all the way through as you discover God is directing us as we continue on this journey that we call life. Through addiction, trauma and life God has not shifted, never given up on us, and continues to be faithful through the greatest storms and

during the greatest times of peace. Jesus is hope. This book is now in our library in the lounge. Pick it up today!

PUMA – Pocono United Methodist Academy Courses for Fall 2021

Analomink UMC, Cherry Lane UMC, Cherry Valley UMC, East Stroudsburg UMC, Faith UMC, Poplar Valley UMC, Readers UMC, Stroudsburg UMC, Wooddale UMC

Please contact course instructors directly for more information and to register.

Introduction to Religious Sign Language

This course is designed to introduce you to some of the basics of American Sign Language and signs that would be specifically used in the church. The class will meet on five Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., from October 6 to November 3, at Readers UMC. Pastor Jeff and Audrey Weber, Instructors. To register for the course please contact them at jweber@ptd.net or at 570-234-7111.

Outdoor Prayer Walks

We will have four Outdoor Prayer Walks during the month of October, in different locations, each with a unique Scripture meditation and prayer focus: around the grounds of a local hospital, with Scripture of Jesus' healing miracles, and prayer for the sick and for our health care providers; on a conservation trail, with Scripture of God's creation, and prayer for our ecological stewardship in the face of climate change; through downtown Stroudsburg, with Scripture of God's protection, and prayer for our police and fire departments; and in front of various denominational churches, with Scripture and prayer for a Reformation Celebration. We will announce the dates and times and locations of each walk week by week, based on the weather forecast. Led by Pastors Paul Crikelair & Wendy Bellis. Email paul@crikelair.com to receive the details of each walk, and join us with your friends, as you are able!

The Bible in Lights: Biblical Themes in Broadway Shows

Broadway is back! After 18 months, theaters are opening cautiously and shows are returning. Many Broadway shows have biblical themes raised in song and dance, dialogue, and production. Join Rev. Monica Guepet on Monday evenings in October (4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th) from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Stroudsburg UMC as we explore such classics like *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Joseph and Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* as well as modern hits like *Hamilton*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and more. Contact SUMC to register at sumc@stroudsburgumc.com or 570-421-6020. Bring a friend to hear and see the gospel shared through the BIBLE in LIGHTS! This class will also be offered on Zoom.

The Seven Churches of Revelation

It's been almost 2,000 years since the apostle John was instructed by Jesus to write letters to the seven churches mentioned in the book of Revelation. These timeless letters reveal a message of God's love through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus, identify and provide correction for problems in the

church, and offer hope and encouragement for the future. In this seven week study, you'll travel to what remains of the ancient sites of the churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Join Pastor Zim for a closer look into the struggles of the New Testament churches that are just as apparent in churches today. This Study will be on Zoom only – Thursday nights at 6:30-7:30pm, Oct. 7 – Nov. 18. Contact Pastor Zim for more information, email zkhan1@drew.edu or text 484-369-3274.

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

Have you been looking to lend a hand? Wondering how you could work with your neighbors? Volunteer to help out with Soup Kitchen. We are looking for people to prepare and share meals with our guests on October 31, December 5, December 19 and December 26. How can you meet our neighbors? We are also looking for soup kitchen coordinators to work with our team and take a week a month in which they would oversee the volunteers. Please see Pastor Monica for more information or if you might be interested.

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