

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
September 11, 2020

Gather

Sunday, September 13, 2020

This Sunday we will be worshipping at both 8:30 and 11:00 am. The scripture readings this Sunday are Romans 14:1-12 CEB and Matthew 18:21-35 CEB. Pastor Monica continues her sermon series on Who Is a Child of God? You are. This Sunday's sermon title is "You Are Seekers." 'Have you ever walked with a child in the woods? Everything is interesting. The sticks become walking sticks, and rocks can be building material. God calls all God's children to be curious about the God and the world around us. Join us Sunday as we invite the curious among us to join in worship.'

Join us live at 8:30 and 11:00: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHh4WnrXH64>

Sunday's Bulletin

Due to a wedding being held in the sanctuary today, there are bulletins in the Lounge for those who worship at home and usually pick up their bulletin before Sunday.

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.

Worship with Us Online

For those of you worshipping with us online, please comment with "Good Morning" or "Hello" at the beginning of worship so we can count you as having attended worship and keep our attendance records accurate. If you don't feel comfortable commenting, please contact Pastor Monica or Jackie in the church office and let us know you were 'present' during worship. Also, please feel free to stop by the church and pick up a hymnal so you can sing along while worshipping at home!

Worship Returns to Two Services This Sunday!

Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or in your kitchen, we love when our church family gathers for worship. Starting on September 13, we return to two worship services at 8:30am and 11:00am. You can continue to worship with us in the sanctuary or online.

October Courier

Please submit information for the October Courier to me next week. Thank you! Jackie

Children's Bulletins Available

There are children's bulletins available on 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!

Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm, here at SUMC and on Zoom. Please make a note of the date and time. The Zoom link will be posted as soon as it's announced. Thank you!

Weekly Bulletin

The weekly bulletin is now 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:

Betty Schuler, 561 Roosevelt Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. 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.

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!

Worship Leaders

Leading in worship is a gift to our faith community. Perhaps, you have not been a worship leader before or you are most comfortable worshipping at home and wonder how you can lead worship at this time. Pastor Monica would love to talk with you. She does teaching on worship leadership preparation for those who are feeling a tug. Through our technology, you can lead worship with video. Call the church office at 570-421-6020 or email Pastor Monica at pastor@stroudsburgumc.com.

Jeff Weber's Sunday School Class

Jeff Weber's adult Sunday School class will now be taught by Kathy Burnett and Dave Cook. We will begin with a study on Romans and will begin via Zoom on Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 am. If you would like to join the class please notify Kathy Burnett at kathygodshalk@yahoo.com or call or text 570-801-3025.

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 Monica if interested.

Bible Study

Bible Study is back! Where in the Bible can you find sadness and joy, anger and weariness? The Book of Psalms! Wednesday mornings at 10:00am, join Pastor Monica in person or on Zoom for Bible Study in the Lounge. We will continue our study of the psalms. Contact the office for the Zoom information.

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.

Because things are still unsettled due to the pandemic, our Missions Team has had to make some changes in the way we offer assistance to the various community agencies we normally support. For now, we are going to be accepting food donations for our local food pantry, Oasis of Love. 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.

As for the collection of items for the Christmas totes, again we are unsure if area nursing homes will be accepting the filled totes this year. Other churches have had the idea to donate \$10 per tote; volunteers will shop for items and fill the totes before they are delivered. A decision should be made by October 1. Once we know for sure the nursing homes will accept filled totes, we will let you all know.

Operation Christmas Child

East Stroudsburg Baptist Church is not committing to being the drop off site at this time. They suggest to keep checking their website for updates: <https://www.fbces.org/>

Family Promise

First, we continue to provide emergency shelter, rental and utility assistance to individuals and families in need. In the past two weeks, we've been able to move three families from shelter into their own apartments! We welcomed a new family into shelter recently, a single mom with three children. We anticipate bringing another family into shelter soon. Again, they will be placed at Streamside as it is a single mom with three children. We also have two families currently at Super 8. We plan to continue housing our families at the camp site and hotel until at least the spring of 2021 – until we all feel it is once again safe.

If anyone is interested in preparing meals for our families, please let us know. We can provide you with the ages, and any food allergies family members may have. If you are interested in cooking, would you feel comfortable dropping the meals at Streamside/Super 8? If not, you can plan to drop food off on the Family Promise front porch and we will get the food to the families. Please contact the director of Family Promise, Enid Logan, (570) 420-8589 or director@ptd.net if you can help out.

Yard Sale

We will not be having the sale this year. If you can, please hold on to the items you have to donate. Hopefully we will be able to hold our Yard Sale next year.

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