

SUM eNews  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
July 21, 2021

## **Gather**

### **Sunday, July 25, 2021**

This Sunday our worship leaders are Jenny and Jeanette.

The anthem will be "Mercy Still."

The Old Testament Lesson is Proverbs 3:1-2, 5-6. The Gospel Lesson is Matthew 7:24-29.

Pastor Monica's sermon is the last of the Brown Bag Series and is entitled, "Strong Foundation."

"In 1962, Lego launched its first LEGO boxes into the US, and many of us haven't stopped creating. From brick boxes with random bricks to sets, LEGO has inspired building and constructing across many generations. In our faith, we are called to build a solid foundation on the Rock, Jesus Christ. Join us on Sunday morning, as we conclude our Annual Brown Bag Sermon Series with Building our Faith and a VBS presentation!"

Join us live at 8:30am: [https://youtu.be/dGEChrEOy\\_M](https://youtu.be/dGEChrEOy_M)

Join us live at 11:00am: <https://youtu.be/p0R8BEeKRYs>

### **For Sunday, August 1, 2021**

This Sunday is Communion Sunday. Our worship leaders are Cliff and Peggy.

Jeanette will be filling in for Marti.

The anthem is "Night is Falling", performed virtually by Julia.

The Old Testament Lesson is Exodus 4:10-13.

The Gospel Lesson is John 15:12-17

Pastor Monica begins a new sermon series, Christ in Cinema and the first sermon in the series is entitled, "Overlooked by People; Chosen by God."

"What do Spiderman, Moses, and the Holy Spirit have in common?

Sound like the beginning of a bad joke?

Join us on Sunday morning as Pastor Monica kicks off the beginning of our new sermon series, Christ in Cinema, and find out!

(If you want to, feel free to watch Spiderman From the Spiderverse to see how it might show up!)"

Join us live at 8:30am: <https://youtu.be/FpzsTnZHGC4>

Join us live at 11:00am: <https://youtu.be/u6i5U1L72d8>

The Sunday bulletin is available on the church website: [stroudsburgumc.com](http://stroudsburgumc.com)

### **VBS Update**

Thank you to all those who supported and participated in our VBS! We learned that God provides, comforts, heals, forgives, and loves us forever. You made this possible.

### **Blessing of Backpacks**

Mark your calendars for our Blessing of the Backpacks on August 29th at both services. We are also glad to be partnering with the United Way as they distribute free backpacks to our community on Tuesday, August 3 from 4- 7pm. Bring backpacks for blessings before school starts.

### **Local Mission/Work Trip**

Did you sign up yet for our local mission/work trip? July 24, 27, 29 and 31. We are making a difference in Stroudsburg and we need you to pull weeds, prune bushes, swing a hammer and take on small projects. Sign up in the Fellowship Room!

### **Youth Group News!**

Our Youth Group is planning a trip to Hershey Park in August. Families welcome. If you are interested, please let Pastor Monica know.

### **Church Secretary on Vacation**

Jackie Herrero, our Church Secretary, will be on vacation from Thursday, July 22nd, and will return to the office on Monday, August 2nd. The Church Office will be open 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Monday, July 26th, and Thursday, July 29th with Bonnie Commins. Please plan accordingly. Blessings to Jackie and her family for rest and recreation.

### **Farewell to Bishop Peggy Johnson**

Eastern PA Conference leaders are planning a celebration to bid a fond farewell to Bishop Peggy Johnson, after her 13 years of providing service and leadership here. The farewell fete is scheduled for Monday, July 26, at 6:30 to 8 PM, and will include greetings from members of the conference and the NEJ College of Bishops, among others.

Meanwhile, we have created a Kudoboard where members and friends can post messages to the bishop. Please visit the online board at [Expressions of Gratitude from the Eastern PA Conference](#) to read some messages and add your own.

To attend the farewell webinar click on the [Zoom link](#):

<https://epaumc.zoom.us/j/96695117530?pwd=MEt3eGpHU1RyOVN0NWw1OFdPMVlaUT09>

**Webinar ID:** 966 9511 7530. **Passcode:** 891085.

Or join by **telephone:** US: +1 646 558 8656

### **Church Picnic – August 22**

Plan to join in an afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship at our annual church picnic. The picnic will be at Zacharias Park in East Stroudsburg and will start immediately after the 11 o'clock worship service. We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. To help us plan, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

### **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](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 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:**

7/25/2021: Sue Sheeley, Eastern Comfort, 206 Diamond Street, Slatington, PA 18080. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

8/1/2021: 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**

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**

Wednesday Bible Study will resume in September. Watch for updates!

### **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**

Feeding our neighbors is how we make a difference in our community as Jesus calls us to feed the hungry and care for one another. Have a new recipe you want to try for a crowd? Come prepare meals for the Soup Kitchen on July 4th! Can you talk and welcome others? Over the summer, we have a volunteer team making meals for the remainder of the weeks! We need people to come and hand out from 2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. Contact the church office to sign up. No meal preparation necessary.

## **Yard Sale**

The Missions Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14. Items for the sale can be brought to the church starting August 1; no later than August 10. Please do not bring items in before that date as we have Vacation Bible School and the local Mission/Work Trip in the weeks before. Please do not bring in clothing, furniture or electronics (TV's, computers, printers, etc.) We need your help! Here is the sign up genius link to sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ABAA28A4FBC25-yard> There is also a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or you can call the office.

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