

SUM eNews  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

September 13, 2019

## **Gather**

### **Sunday, September 15, 2019**

For this Sunday the scripture reading is Luke 15:1-10 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "Lost and Found!" See you Sunday!

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

We are in need of Sunday School teachers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering and contact Jeff Weber if you can help out. Thank you.

### **Memorial Service for JoAnn Calkins**

There will be a memorial service for JoAnn here at SUMC on Sunday, September 22 at 1 pm.

### **M & E Fellowship Brunch**

The Fellowship Brunch that was scheduled for September 22 has been canceled and rescheduled to Sunday, November 17.

### **Dick Seip Scout Room Celebration Dinner – Saturday, October 12 @ 5:30pm**

We ask that you join us as we remember all that Dick Seip has done for our church, its Scout Troop and Cub Pack. At this dinner, the Scout Room will be officially recognized as the Dick Seip Scout Room. The meal will be provided by the Membership & Evangelism Team; all we ask is that you attend in your "Sunday Best" attire. Plan now to join us for light hors d'oeuvres followed by a sit down chicken and ham dinner.

Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or call the church office.

### **Monroe County Hospice House Telethon**

Sunday, September 15, 3pm-7pm on Channel 13 (Blue Ridge Cable). All proceeds benefit Hospice House of Monroe County. Tune in, call in – 570-422-3016.

### **A Community Concert**

"Finally Home" – to celebrate the reopening of Monroe County Hospice House. 5 choirs together, 80 voices strong, directed by Bob Riday and Gary Raish. Keynote speaker: Pastor Margie Good. Sunday, September 22 at 7pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Stroudsburg. Flyers are available at the back of the sanctuary.

### **New Member Classes**

Pastor Bob will lead new member classes on Sunday, September 22 and Sunday, September 29 at 9:45 am. If you're interested in joining SUMC as an official member or if you have questions about our church, please attend these classes. Classes will be held in the conference room beside Pastor Bob's study.

### **SUM Church Calendar**

The church calendar is now visible on the updated church website: [stroudsburgumc.com](http://stroudsburgumc.com). Please note the calendar sent with the September Courier does not include the start dates for small groups, Bible Study or committee meetings since I did not have that information at the time of printing. Be sure to write dates/times of meetings on the main church calendar outside the conference room if you want them included on the calendar online.

### **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:**

Vivian Cobbs, Spring Village at Pocono, 239 East Brown Street, Apt. 204, 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.

### **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. Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 2 pm in the church Lounge and the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm also in the Lounge; if scheduling conflicts arise - the Fellowship Room or the conference room. Update: Members of Stitch & Pray have been hard at work knitting and crocheting prayer shawls. If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl (male or female), please contact me in the church office. Jackie

### **Bible Study**

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the church lounge. A Pastor led discussion for men and women focusing on books of the Bible or select study topics. A time of learning applicable to a wide span of ages and life situations. If interested please contact Pastor Bob - bobshank@epix.net or call the church office - 570-421-6020. All are welcome, just bring your Bible.

### **Digging Deeper Small Group**

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Meets in the Conference Room beside Pastor Bob's study.

## **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.

## **Missions**

**The September item of the month** for the Christmas totes is a colorful, fashionable scarf (not for cold weather). Please leave your donation in the box wrapped in Christmas paper located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display.

## **Shoe Drive Update**

**Thank you to everyone who has already donated shoes - please keep it going!** We have about a month to go to reach our goal of 2500 pairs of shoes. The shoe drive ends on October 16. So far we have filled 43 bags – that's 1,075 pairs of shoes. *We need 57 more bags (1,425 pairs) to reach our goal.* Remember - our church will receive a check based on the weight of the shoes collected and donated. In order for us to receive a check for \$1,000 or more, we need to collect 2500 pairs of shoes. The funds we earn will be put toward the remaining bell tower repair bill. As you know, when the church bell tower was damaged in 2015, it was not covered by insurance. Please consider setting a personal goal to collect 25 pairs of shoes. 25 pairs will fill one bag. If you can't collect 25 then try for 15, 10 or 5 – every pair helps.

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