

SUM eNews  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

June 28, 2019

## **Gather**

### **Sunday, June 30, 2019**

This Sunday's scripture reading is Galatians 5:1, 13-15 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "Lessons in Relating to Each Other" See you Sunday!

### **The Church Website Has Been Updated**

Check it out - <https://www.stroudsburgumc.com>

### **Choir Members Wanted**

To anyone with some singing experience: Interested in singing in our church choir? You only need to be available on Sundays....rehearsal time: Sunday, 9:15-10:45 AM, Service at 11:00 AM. The season runs September through mid June. We are actively recruiting new members.

Please contact Dave Lantz - [dlantz@ptd.net](mailto:dlantz@ptd.net)

### **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. And if you have an iPod or iPad, you can subscribe to the sermons so they will automatically be downloaded to your device for easy listening! To sign up for the automatic feed, go to our sermon page:

<http://www.stroudsburgumc.com/SUMCNeweSermons.html> and then click on the iTunes logo. This will connect you to our iTunes page where you can listen to the sermons or view them in iTunes where you can sign up for the automatic feed. Share this link with your friends and family members. We hope you enjoy this way of staying connected to our sermons here at SUMC.

### **Prayer Mail Boxes**

Prayer mail boxes have been placed near the front steps of the church and also at the back of the church on Ann Street. The purpose is to have anyone drop a prayer request in either of the boxes. These requests can be anonymous or with a first name only, the locked section of the mail box will provide privacy. These requests will be gathered daily and a prayer minister will pray over them. We are needing more prayer ministers, so pray about you becoming one. Training will be offered. Call the church office or contact JoAnn Calkins at [carotjce@ptd.net](mailto:carotjce@ptd.net) or 570-402-1210.

### **Our Special Person of the Week:**

Rosemary Levy, 1644 North Fifth Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. 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 JoAnn Calkins or 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

### **Monday Tea Time Small Group**

**The group will resume in September.**

### **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. **The group will resume in September.**

### **Digging Deeper Small Group**

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Meets in the Conference Room beside Pastor Bob's study. **The group will resume in September.**

### **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**

**2019 Yard Sale dates** - August 2, 9am-3pm and August 3, 9am-1pm. Collection of items has begun. Please bring your items to the church and leave them in the blue room downstairs. Please do not bring in TVs, computers, printers, etc. Small kitchen appliances and gadgets are gladly accepted. No clothing, furniture or encyclopedias. Only bring in items that you no longer want but you think someone else would. Most importantly, please make sure what you do bring in is clean and in good condition. ***Help is needed the week of July 29 to unpack, sort and price items for the sale. Help is also needed on the days of the Yard Sale. Please contact a member of the Missions Team or the church office if you can help in any way. Thank you!***

**Jam is still available for sale** - \$4.00/jar. Please see a member of Missions after church on Sunday.

**The July item of the month** for the Christmas totes is small tablets (non-wire type) and retractable pens. Please leave your donations in the box wrapped in Christmas paper located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display.

**Family Promise** – Our next host week is July 14-July 20. Volunteer sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Room.

**Help Installing Air Conditioners** - There are two window air conditioners that need to be installed. One is located on the third floor of the church, the other is located in the closet outside the Youth Room. One goes in Peggy's Sunday School room and the other goes in the nursery. The units are labeled as to which one goes in which room. Thank you!

### **Shoe Drive Update**

**Thank you to everyone who has already donated shoes - please keep it going!** Tell your friends, family & neighbors! Please consider putting a box for people to donate shoes where you work or if you're a business owner, in your place of business.

Remember this is a WIN/WIN fundraiser! Funds2Orgs uses the shoes you donate to help micro-enterprises in developing nations. In these developing nations, shoes are the primary mode of transportation. "The HAND UP is more beneficial than the HAND OUT."

### **Oasis of Love - Food Pantry**

We are always collecting donations for Oasis of Love, our local food pantry here in Stroudsburg. There is a box for donations in the sanctuary. Thank you! Please note: clients of Oasis of Love are in need of basic necessities such as bottled water, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. If you can help out, please bring your donations to church on Sunday and leave them in the back of the sanctuary or drop them off to me in the church office during the week. I will arrange to get the items to Oasis of Love. Thank you in advance! Jackie

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