

Chimes		
Prelude	“Shall We Gather At the River”	
	Traditional/Arr. Larry Shackley	
	Piano Duet: Jeanette Kuhns, Marti Lantz	
Welcome		Pastor Monica
Announcements		Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
*Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”	369
*Call to Worship		Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
One:	This is our story, this is our song,	
	Many: Let us praise our Savior all the day long.	
One:	God’s praise is made up of our stories and struggles and delight.	
	Many: Let us praise God all the day long.	
One:	Our discernment for what comes is depending on where God is leading us.	
	Many: Let us praise the Spirit all the day long!	
*Unison Prayer		Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
Blessed Assurance, we have in you, Precious Savior, we give you thanks and praise. As we seek to live the good news that we receive in the biblical witness with integrity, may we serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world, we pray, Amen.		
Anthem	“Home to Glory Land”	Arr. Patti Drennan
	SUMC Choir	
Call to Offering		Pastor Monica
Offertory	“What Wondrous Love Is This?”	
	from William Walker’s Southern Harmony/Arr. Heather Sorenson	
*Presentation of Gifts	“Doxology”	95
*Prayer of Dedication		Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
O God, receive these gifts by the work of our hands for your church. Let us dedicate ourselves to live the truth of your word and follow your commandments with sincere hearts through Christ our Lord, Amen.		
New Testament Lesson	James 1:17-27	Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
*Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
Children’s Message		Pastor Monica
*Hymn	“Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”	273
Sermon	“Dirty Hands”	Pastor Monica
Invitation		Pastor Monica
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Monica
God of Light, we confess that we have lived in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor your with our lips, but have not served you with our hearts. We have satisfied human traditions and avoided liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word, save us from the prison of our conceit that we may serve you with sincere hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.		
<i>(Moment for Quiet Confession)</i>		

This Week's Schedule		
Today	8:30 & 11:00am 2:00pm	Worship/Communion-Sanctuary Soup Kitchen
Monday		Church Office Closed
Tuesday	6:30pm	M & E Meeting
Wednesday	10:15am 12:00pm 12:15pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Bible Study-Lounge and on Zoom Open Sanctuary Prayer on Wednesday - Facebook Live and Sanctuary Cub Scouts Giving and Funding Committee
Thursday	7:00pm	Scouts
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am 9:45am 2:00pm	Worship/Sanctuary Sunday School-Children through Adults Soup Kitchen

Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops	Todd Martin	Lynn Seip
Prayer Mail Boxes	The family and friends of Beryl Hellgren	
Susan Armitage		
First Responders, EMT's, Police Officers, Firefighters		
Special Person of the Week: Millie Fauber, Brookmont Health Care Center, 510 Brookmont Drive, Room 16B, Effort, PA 18330. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.		

Words of Assurance	Pastor Monica
The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Monica
Reception of the Bread and Cup	Pastor Monica
Prayer After Receiving	Diane Rogell/Cathy Doane
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we go forth in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. Amen.	
*Hymn	“I Love to Tell the Story” 156
*Benediction and Sending	Pastor Monica
Postlude	“Allegro Alla Marcia” J. Brahms/Arr. Homer Whitford

*Rise in body or in spirit.
Bold Print = Say in unison.

Twenty years ago on September 11th, 2001, the world stopped. We remember those we lost and honor the survivors as a community. On Sunday, September 12th at 4:00 pm on Clark's Funeral Home lawn (1003 Main Street Stroudsburg) join us as we gather with siblings across religious traditions to pause and remember together.

OPEN SANCTUARY ON WEDNESDAYS 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 12:15 pm 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.

BIBLE STUDY September is here; that means Bible Study will be starting. Join us on Wednesday, September 8 at 10:15am as we start our Bible Study in the Lounge. 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.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF: Can cereal tell us something about ourselves or is it just delicious? Join us on Sunday, September 19 from 2-4pm in the Youth Room for our Youth Group Kick Off. All students in 7th-12th grade are welcome. Games and fun will follow. Look for some of your favorite cereals as well.

CONFIRMATION SUMC invites youth in 7th grade and up to participate in a yearlong Confirmation Class, to prepare to claim their faith and become professing members of the church. Join us on Sunday, September 19 at 4pm (after Youth Group) for a short informational meeting.

VISION RETREAT Saturday, September 25, 10am-3pm at Pocono Plateau. Stroudsburg UMC is a faith community with over two centuries of history of gathering, growing, and making a difference in our community. What is God calling us to do at this point in time? Just as we adapted in response to the pandemic, where are we being called to evolve? Join us as we dream about the future and plan for tomorrow. With the picturesque Pocono Plateau camp as our backdrop, let us listen together and discern where God is calling us. Lunch is provided. A \$10 donation is requested to cover expenses.

Connection Card

Welcome Members & Visitors!

Please let us know how we can help each other this week:

Name

Address

Email/Phone

Prayer requests, needs, comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC

Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, **WELCOME!** Please fill out the “Connection Card” in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a newsletter in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

SERVING YOU TODAY:
Head Ushers: John Burrus, C.J. Penwell; Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Bill Weitzmann;
Camera: Alex Herrero, Alisabeth Guepet; Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Crista Kopec

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE 8:30 Diane Rogell & 11:00 Cathy Doane

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in celebration of Alisabeth Guepet’s 15th birthday, given by her family. Happy birthday, Alisabeth!

HYMN BIOS Copies of the hymn bios are available at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, Mandy.

THE WHITE BANNER hangs in memory of William Dildine, given by the Dildine family.

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 3, October 31, December 5, December 19 and December 26. How can you meet our neighbors?

We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like to make Stroudsburg United Methodist YOUR church, please mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.

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CHURCH STAFF:	
Lead Pastor	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
Pastor of Visitation	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
Pastors Emeritus	Rev. Tom Anderman, Pastor Ted Good
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	David Lantz III
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	
Custodian	Craig Banner

CHURCH LEADERS:	
Daniel’s Dream Team	Chairperson, Cathy Doane
Worship	Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building Team	Chairpersons, Kay Bucci, Drenen Tucker
Staff Parish Relations Committee	Chairperson, Bill Weitzmann
Missions Team	Chairpersons, Ruth Weber, Kathy Cook
Membership & Evangelism Team	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
Lay Leader	

*Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm;
Friday 9:00am-1:30pm*

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Stroudsburg, PA
The Worship of God
September 5, 2021



Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address _____

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/Family Internet/Website

Other _____

What I/we look for in a church _____

Please circle your age group: 18-23 24-35 36-49 50-64 65+



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Our Mission
Share the love of Jesus in
innovative & compassionate ways.