

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
July 24, 2020

Gather

Sunday, July 26, 2020

For this Sunday, scripture readings are Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:44-45. Pastor Monica's sermon title is "The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...A Word Search." If you have ever done a word search and been stumped looking for a single word, you know the tenacity required for seeking God. Join us as we share together seeking God who will be found. Join us live at 8:30: <https://youtu.be/8P4kSMCobgg>

Subscribe to the SUMC YouTube Channel

Please 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 attending 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 either one of them know you were 'present' during worship.

Children's Bulletins Available

There are children's bulletins available on Sunday at the back of the sanctuary.

Name Tags

In order for Pastor Monica to get to know our names (and faces!), please remember to wear your name tag during worship on Sundays. If you are in need of a new name tag, please write your name on the sheet located in the back of the sanctuary or call me in the church office. Thank you!

Meet & Greet Small Groups

The M & E Team is scheduling small groups to "Meet & Greet" Pastor Monica. Due to social distancing concerns we are trying to keep the groups small and are planning to have groups

meet in person as well as over Zoom (video conferencing over the computer). There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Room and M & E Team members will be calling everyone also. For questions or further information, contact Peggy Stewart 570-350-8589 or pegstewart59@gmail.com

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. Please make a note of the date. Thank you!

Weekly Bulletin

The weekly bulletin is now available on the church website: stroudsburgumc.com

Local Work Projects Being Planned

Local work projects are being planned starting Saturday, August 1. We will be fixing, cleaning, doing small repairs and doing yard work. Please see the signup poster located in the Fellowship Room and add your name if you are available on one or more of the days posted. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

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:

Jill Warner, Spring Village at Pocono, 329 East Brown Street, Apt. 234, 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

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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.

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.

UPDATE: Due to the pandemic and social distancing guidelines, we are currently not scheduling any Small Group meetings. Please check back periodically for updates or feel free to call the church office - 570-421-6020.

Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 9 at 10am in the church lounge. Bible Study via Zoom will be available. Please contact the church office for the Zoom invitation link.

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.

Family Promise

Family Promise is seeking donations of grocery store gift cards, UBER and Lyft gift cards and monetary donations. If you can help, please place donations in the offering plate if you are in church on Sunday; otherwise please mail your donation to the church. Please note for Family Promise. Thank you!

Christmas Totes

July's item for the Christmas totes is a small tablet (non-wire type) and a retractable pen. Please leave your donations in the box wrapped in Christmas paper located in the Fellowship Room. Thank you!

Yard Sale Update

It has been decided to postpone the Yard Sale from the originally scheduled dates of August 7 & 8. Watch for new dates possibly this fall. Hold on to the items you want to donate for the sale. The new dates will be announced once we see how things are progressing after August. Any questions, please contact the church office.

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