Stroudsburg United Methodist Church Worship: 8:30, 11:00, 3:00

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God in the Movies?

The current sermon series at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church is a little different this time. We are focusing on "God in the Movies."

This series includes the following:

May 1 Oh, God!

May 8 Bruce Almighty
May 15 Facing the Giants

May 22 Monty Python & the Holy Grail

May 29 Letters to God

June 5 Glee – Grilled Cheesus

Each week we will explore the movie, see how God is portrayed in that movie and talk about the theological issues raised in this movie.

This is an excellent sermon series to invite your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join you in worship. This approach will connect some great understandings we have of God and lift up important questions people often have of God.

Do we always have to obey God even when we don't feel like it? Is God doing a great job or could he do better? Should all our prayers be answered with an affirmative yes? Does God always listen to us even when we're hurting? Is there a God?

Questions like these and many more will be raised during this provocative sermon series. It will be a chance for us to raise important theological questions in non-threatening and easy-going ways.

It is also a perfect series to invite a non-churched person to attend because we will be dealing with modern ways to ask these questions. Do you believe God is all around us? Does God care about you? Where does suffering come from? Is God in control of everything? What is our purpose in this life? Does God always answer our prayers? Why do people die? Can we see evidence of God's existence today?

I readily confess that I am a questioner. I've always been inquisitive and I've always enjoyed asking questions. In fact, this questioning spirit drove my parents nuts! However, it was this very questioning spirit that led me to seminary where I had some questions answered and had the opportunity to ask even more questions.

I get worried sometimes that people perceive us church people as having everything tied up in our own little world. They don't get the chance to see our questioning faith or see when we struggle in some mighty ways. They figure that we are believers and have everything all figured out.

Nothing could be farther from the truth for me at least. Yes, I do have some things figured out, but I still have a lot of questions. For example, I do believe in Jesus as my personal Savior and I do put my trust in him. I also believe in heaven. But I have lots of questions nevertheless. Why do some people die such agonizing deaths? Why do some families seem to suffer so much more than many others? Did Jonah really survive in the inside of a big fish's stomach and get regurgitated onto the beach? Did Judas have to betray Jesus or did he have free will and just make a bad choice?

Questions are important to ask and trying to find the answers can be invigorating. I hope this sermon series will do just that!

Bob Shank

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Daily Lectionary Scripture References May 2011

May 1 Psalm 100 May 2 Psalm 101

May 3 Psalm 102

May 4 Psalm 103

May 5 Psalm 104

May 6 Psalm 105

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May 8 Psalm 107

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May 24 Psalm 123

May 25 Psalm 124

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May 27 Psalm 126

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May 31 Psalm 130

Happy Mother's Day

To Serve You In May

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Greeters	8:30		
1	Ralph & Fran Harrison		
8	Bonnie Cramsey		
15	Norma Snow		
22	Carole & Dick Everitt		
29	Janet Woolever		
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8	Vivian Cobbs & Starlet Jones		
15	Janet & Norman Marsh		
22	Joanne Reed		
29	BJ Bachman		
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OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers	Everyone
Pastors	Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus	Tom Anderman
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Dave Lantz
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Director	Kim Miller
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Transue
Custodian	Matt Parton

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Recently SUMC has started sending out a Weekly eNews e-mail. It's an informative collection of events going on at SUMC each week in keeping with our "Gather, Grow, Make a Difference!" emphasis and direction. If you would like to receive this weekly e-mail, please fill in your information below and either send it in to the church, drop it off, or call the church office. Thank you!

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NEEDED:

My Brother's Keeper is in need of good, <u>flat</u> sheets - double, queen, or king.

Please place contributions in the blue tub beside the chest in the Fellowship Room.

Thank you!



Church Humor

TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



MEET THE FUTURE OF SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH Credit card Offertories and bar code attendance

Short 'n Sweet

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.'

'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'



FATHER'S DAY BOOKLET

June 19th, a day to honor or remember that special man in your life.

Names for the Father's Day booklet will be taken after both services on May 29th, June 5th, and June 12th. \$2.00 per name, in honor of or in memory of. Please make checks payable to: **Stroudsburg United Methodist Women**. Requests can also be sent to: Eleanor Bentzoni, 1755 Honeysuckle Lane, Stroudsburg PA 18360.

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DEADLINE IS JUNE 12TH AT NOON

NEW SMALL GROUP



A new Small Group will be starting in June. Starting Monday, June 13th a Walking Group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Ann Street parking lot of the church. The group will walk about two miles in approximately an hour at a comfortable pace so that everyone can participate in the group. These will not be power or brisk type of walking. We will walk along the sidewalks of streets in the Borough of Stroudsburg or along easy trails such as the Brodhead Creek greenway. So get out your favorite pair of walking shoes and come out for some fun, exercise, and companionship. For more information, contact C. J. Penwell.

HELP! We need a few folks to help set up for Terrific Tuesday. We used to have about 6 people, the third Tuesday of every month, at 3:00. It took about an hour. Now we are down to usually two, due to illness, other obligations, and going to Eternal rest in Heaven. We need folks that we can depend on each Terrific Tuesday for many hands make lighter work. If you are interested, please call Joni Singer at 421-4668. Or Eleanor Bentzoni a 421-2257. We thank you in advance.



It is my sincere wish to thank everyone who sent cards and for prayers on my behalf while I was in the hospital. Friends are a most valuable treasure.

Kenneth Rutt

God in the Movies. Do you believe in God? How is God's presence revealed in the world today? Does God care about me? Pastor Bob's upcoming sermon series will attempt to find answers to these questions from a different place - in the movies! How do these movies wrestle with the existence of God? How do they reveal how God cares about us today? Each week we will explore how different movies answer these questions and more. Join us beginning on May 1st for this exciting series!

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STEWARDSHIP

For the first time in over a year our income is down from the previous year by 2.5%. All bills including our apportionment are paid. Approximately 50% or \$18,395.00 of our \$27,706.00 Conference Apportionment for the year goes to missions through the Connectional Ministries, the World Service Fund and the General Fund. The rest of the funding pays our insurance, workman's comp., and pastors' retirement funds. It is very important that we meet our commitment to the Conference but we need your financial support to meet our obligations.

Thank you to all who have been submitting extra funding for the elevator project. A report on amounts received in April will be in next month's Courier. This has been a long awaited project which hopefully will soon be completed. Your financial support is most important for the completion of this project.

We are preparing to send giving statements the last week of June via email to those who have submitted addresses to the church. If you are not receiving the emailed weekly news update from the church and wish to have your statement emailed, please notify the church office of your current address. Also, if you are currently receiving email from the church and do **NOT** want your statement emailed, please notify the church office. Those statements not emailed will be available the beginning of July in the back of the church. Those not picked up will be mailed. We ask for your cooperation in trying to reduce the mailing costs.

We continue to ask for your prayers for our church and it's growth both spiritually and in numbers and for our committee as we face the financial challenges.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Fran Harrison, Paul Edinger, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, JoAnn Calkins, Ruth Weber

"When I Grow Too Old to Dream....I'll Have you to Remember."

Well, that's the name of a song but it came to mind when I thought about writing my thanks to everyone for a truly memorable day at my church.

The surprise started when I read in the church bulletin that the altar flowers were for me! Then the congregation's rendition of the birthday song was followed by being informed of the luncheon in my honor after service. Wow! It was overwhelming!

I really have to share with you one moment of pure delight. It was when little Lily Kerr, held by her father, sang her version of Happy Birthday to me. I confess - I felt so very touched.

What many of you don't know is that another surprise happened that evening. My daughter, Amanda Cunard, urged me not to cook dinner but my husband and I should meet her at a local restaurant. When I arrived at 6:30, the SUMC Choir, with their husbands and wives had assembled. My surprise is putting it mildly.

So - to one and all, I thank you. My church family and choir are special - and have been for many decades.

Then, too, the many cards have been very much appreciated. I never thought being 90 could be such fun!



May 2011 Birthdays

Joseph Vuchak
Matthew Transue (2 years)
Barbara Hineline
Bill Stewart
Beryl Hellgren
Boyd Butz
Leia Transue
Denise Shank
Hannah Imgrund
Sheryl Flatt
Fran Harrison
Audra Williams
Everitt Transue
Jack Hineline
Richard Hilbert
Henrietta Metzgar
Edward Masgula
Ryan DeHaven
Chris DeHaven

If you would like to receive a card on your special day, please call the church office - 421-6020.

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MISSIONS

The Missions Committee wishes to thank the congregation for their support of the local Red Cross request for supplies for their Comfort kits. The Comfort kits are given to people who are involved in disasters. With help, I delivered the supplies you had given to the Red Cross. They were very thankful that the members of our church would take the time to gather these supplies. Thank you, thank you.

We also would like to thank those who are giving free will gifts toward mission projects. Please tell us which project you would like your gifts to help support. You may choose from our list or name one in which you have a special interest. If you choose one of yours please include the name, address and a brief description of the mission project.

We would like everyone in the congregation to have input into which mission project our church helps support. If you would like to add a project to our list please give the name, address and a brief description of the project to any one of the members of your mission team. The members of your mission team are as follows - Alberta Weber, Sharon Cottle, Gale Butz, Kim Miller, Ruth Weber, Cathy Doane, Flora Barnes, Vivian Cobbs & Beryl Hellgren.

The following is a list of the present mission projects you help support -

- 1. DASH Youth Group Mission Trip
- 2. Ex-Offenders Program
- 3. Family Promise
- 4. Family Promise at SUMC
- 5. Follow Me a food bank
- 6. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
- 7. Monroe County Prison Ministry
- 8. PATH
- 9. Russian Mission Support
- 10. PMC Pastoral Support
- 11. Stand Proud helping children post polio in the Congo
- 12. SUMC Vacation Bible School
- 13. Heifer International
- 14. Dental Clinic at PMC

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Downstairs 11:00 AM Baptism-Evan Jacob Hardy 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 12:30 PM Small Group Experiencing God-Lounge 2:30 PM Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs - Sanctuary 3:00 PM Connection Service-Downstairs 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 7:00 PM Pack Leaders Planning Meeting	2	3 7:00 PM Missions Scholarship Meeting 7:00 PM Small Group- Conference Room	4 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group 6:00 PM Webelos I 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Bear Cubs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal- Handbell Room 7:00 PM Tiger Cubs	5 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir	6	7
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Please note:
In this issue of the Courier
Paul Edinger's church
email address is
incorrect. The correct
email address is:

paul.edinger@stroudsburgumc.com

Sorry for the confusion!

Stitch & Pray Small Group

Stitch & Pray will be meeting on May 4th @ 2:00 PM and on May 24th @ 7:00 PM.

Starting in June we will meet the first Wednesday of the month @ 2:00 PM and the third Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 PM.

If you are interested in joining this small group, please contact Carole Everitt or the church office.

Please make a note of the following address change:

Jane Hartley Kittery Estates 220 State Road, #226 Kittery, ME 03904



Church Directory Updates:
Please make the following updates in your most recent church directory:

New Members:

Sharon Cottle, 346 E. Brown Street East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Brian Jones & Sheila Shoup, PO Box 454 Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Vickey Vodrazka, 1 Whispering Hills Est., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Change of address:

Jeff & Audrey Weber 532 Megan Court Stroudsburg, PA 18360

(Jeff & Audrey did not move, just their address has changed due to the new 911 enhancement.)



Terrific Tuesday Dinner

Tuesday, May $17^{th} \sim 6:00 \text{ pm}$



MENU:

Baked Chicken,
Oven Browned Red Potatoes,
Cole Slaw, Vegetable Medley,
Assorted Desserts

\$7.00 per person under $10 \sim 3.00

If you plan on joining us for an evening of "terrific" food, fellowship, and fun. . . sign up at the rear of the sanctuary

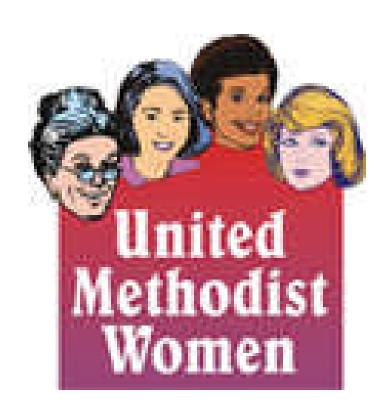
We always need assistance with set up (3 pm Tues.) and cleanup after the meal.

Parade Outreach

As has become our tradition, the Membership & Evangelism Team will have the church open during the Memorial Day Parade so that folks can use the bathrooms and also to distribute water bottles as an outreach. Many individuals, especially those with young children, have been very thankful of this small but significant ministry that we provide. We also always have a few people who come in just to check out our sanctuary and always comment on how beautiful it is. To aide in this outreach we are looking for donations of bottled water. Water can be left in the downstairs kitchen with a note that it is for M & E. We put labels on the bottles with our church name, address, worship times and a scripture verse. Thanks!







United Methodist Women

Meeting: May 24th @ 7:00 pm

in the Lounge

Speaker: Carolyn Miller President of Northeast District United Methodist Women

TOTES FOR THOSE IN NEED: Please place your donations in the trunk in the Fellowship Room - thank you!

June Deodorant July Toothpaste August Shampoo

September Pocket Tissues & Emery Boards

October Combs

November Toothbrushes



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