

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

October 25, 2019

Gather

Sunday, October 27, 2019

This Sunday's scripture reading is Luke 18:9-14 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "Pray in Humility." See you Sunday!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Send a card, note or email letting our pastors know how much we appreciate everything they do for us and for our church.

Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, November 17, 9:35-10:45am. Stay after the 8:30 service or come early for the 11:00 service. Enjoy a time of fellowship with other members of the church you may not see very often. Menu to include: Quiche, muffins, pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit. Bring a friend! There will be no cost for this event, but donations will be gladly accepted that day to help cover costs of future brunches. To help us plan, please let us know you'll be there – sign up at the back of the sanctuary, contact Jackie in the church office (570-421-6020), or email Peggy – bpstewart59@gmail.com

Commitment Sunday

November 17. Please complete and return the survey that was included in the October Courier. The survey is also included in the November Courier. Volunteering to help in the life of the church is a great way to get to know your fellow congregants and to serve Jesus at the same time. How can your gift of time or talent help us in being the hands and feet of God? If you have any questions, please ask a member of the M & E Team: Peggy Stewart, Joni Singer, Diane Rogell, Eva Knight, Rick Felch, BJ Bachman or Beryl Hellgren. If you won't be in church on November 17, please return the survey the following week or mail it to the church, Attn: M & E Team.

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.

Holly Day Market

Saturday, November 2, 9am-3pm. Vendors with handcrafted items and independent sellers with their products for sale. Food will be available for purchase, Christmas music will be playing and there will be a bake sale. This will be an ideal time to get your "Holly-day" shopping started! Greeters and floaters are needed the day of the Market. If you can help out, please contact Kathy Cook.

Donations of Baked Goods Needed

Our Membership & Evangelism Team needs donations of baked goods to sell at the Holly Day Market. We need: cakes, pies, breads, cupcakes and cookies, lots of cookies...lots of cookies of different varieties - we'd love a batch of your favorite - we plan to sell plates of assorted cookies. Profits from the Bake Sale help to finance books and other materials for our Small Groups Ministry. Please bring your baked goods to the church on either Thursday, October 31 or Friday, November 1 and leave in the kitchen downstairs. The church will be open in the evening on Friday for setup of the Holly Day Market. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Stewart - 570-350-8589 or call the church office. Thank you in advance for your donations!

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:

Lynn Seip, Pleasant Valley Manor, Room 128, 4227 Manor Drive, 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

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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 October item of the month for the Christmas totes is a small flashlight. Please leave your donation in the box wrapped in Christmas paper located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display.

Family Promise

Our next host week is November 3-10. Volunteer signup sheets are in the Fellowship Room. All help is appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are available in the Fellowship Room at the Missions display. If you need ideas on what to include in the shoeboxes, and what NOT to include, please visit the Samaritan's Purse website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> Filled shoeboxes are due back to the church by November 10. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Missions Committee or call the church office.

Shoe Drive

I am still waiting to hear when the shoes will be picked up. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our shoe drive fundraiser. As of this writing we have collected and

bagged 2,050 pairs of shoes. We were 450 pairs short of our goal of 2,500 pairs. Our church will still receive a check; just not as large as we had hoped.

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