

SUM eNews  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
January 29, 2021

## **Gather**

### **Sunday, January 31, 2021**

This Sunday the sermon series, Senses of a Disciple continues with "Prophetic Voice." The Old Testament Lessons are Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and 1 Kings 19:11-13. The Gospel Lesson is Mark 1:21-28.

'What does a prophetic voice sound like? Is it loud or quiet? Does it speak at length or is it concise? For many of us, it does not matter as long as it is someone else. Join us as we explore how being a disciple includes having a prophetic voice.'

We will have a farewell blessing for Boyd and Eileen at the conclusion of the 11 o'clock worship service.

Join us live at 8:30am: <https://youtu.be/mZVA514uG9E>  
Join us live at 11:00am: <https://youtu.be/mR8UNp6rupk>

## **2021 Offering Envelopes**

2021 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the Fellowship Room. Envelopes are in alphabetical order.

## **Interfaith Gatherings**

**The details of the meeting are as follows:**

**Title:** Inspiratory Dialogues

**Time:** Second Sunday of every month (the next program is on February 14) from 6 to 7 pm.

**Description:** As people from diverse backgrounds and traditions, let's come together and have a conversation in which inspiration and spirituality come together.

In collaboration with Chestnut Retreat Center, Clergy Group of Stroudsburgs organizes monthly held interfaith dialogue programs. Till the pandemic goes away, the program will be on zoom. This program aims to bring various sources of "inspiration and spirituality" in a dialogue, hence the name of the meetings is *Inspiratory Dialogues*. Respect and mutual understanding are the

foundations of these meetings. All are welcome. Please invite your friends and congregation. These interfaith meetings are open to everybody. Register: [bit.ly/insdialog](http://bit.ly/insdialog)

### **Blood Drive**

Tuesday, February 23, 1-6 pm in the church dining room. Scheduled appointments are strongly recommended. To schedule an appointment, please call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Stroudsburg.

### **Tools for Ministry 2021**

March 13, 8:30am-12:30pm via Zoom. "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12  
Register online: <https://na.eventscloud.com/2021-tools> Cost \$5.00. Flyers with all details were included in the January Courier and are available at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Subscribe to the SUMC YouTube Channel**

Don't forget to 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.

### **Children's Bulletins Available**

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

### **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](http://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!

### **Weekly Bulletin**

The weekly bulletin is available on the church website: <https://www.stroudsburgumc.com/>

### **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:**

Helen Ann Edinger, 4 South Kistler Street, Apt. 426, 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.

**Pastor Monica offers verbal prayer on Wednesdays at 12:15pm. Stop in the sanctuary or Facebook live each week.**

### **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!**

### **Bible Study**

Wednesday mornings at 10:15am, join Pastor Monica in person or on Zoom for Bible Study in the Lounge. We will continue our study of the psalms. Here is the Zoom information for next week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81249690531?pwd=Nzd5QW4xc1FpRnhZRIRPOVBZSUVrdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 4969 0531

Passcode: 834644

### **2021 Altar Flower Chart and Church Calendar**

The 2021 calendars are up in the Fellowship Room and outside the Conference Room. Please consider putting flowers on the altar in memory of or in honor of someone special or a special

event. Please note your meeting dates and times on the calendar outside the Conference Room. Thank you!

### **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 Meals**

We are supporting our commitment to Family Promise by providing meals every Monday. Our Family Promise families depend on this support to continue their progress to sustainability. Thank you for keeping their progress towards housing. If you want to help, you can sign up with Kathy Cook, [kathykitty50@gmail.com](mailto:kathykitty50@gmail.com). Thank you for helping to keep our commitment to our community.

#### **Oasis of Love**

Because things are still unsettled due to the pandemic, our Missions Team has had to make some changes in the way we offer assistance to the various community agencies we normally support. For now, we are going to be accepting food donations for our local food pantry, Oasis of Love. Please bring non-perishable items to the church. There is a box in the sanctuary for donations or you can leave items in the kitchen downstairs. Just be sure they are clearly marked for Oasis of Love.

#### **Soup Kitchen**

Pitch in with your family or a few friends to serve our neighbors. Sign up to prepare and/or serve a meal for our neighbors with the soup kitchen. We standardly serve between 45-60 persons. We have a need in the spring and summer as well as future dates. Contact Jackie in the office with your questions and interest in serving others.

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