

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

August 30, 2019

Gather

Sunday, September 1, 2019

This Sunday is communion Sunday. The scripture readings are Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "It is Simple." See you Sunday!

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.

Memorial Service for JoAnn Calkins

There will be a memorial service for JoAnn here at SUMC on Sunday, September 22 at 1 pm.

New Member Classes

Pastor Bob will lead new member classes on Sunday, September 22 and Sunday, September 29 at 9:45 am. If you're interested in joining SUMC as an official member or if you have questions about our church, please attend these classes. Classes will be held in the conference room beside Pastor Bob's study.

Cub Scout Pack 86

Pack 86 is recruiting new cub scouts. Their first meeting is September 4 at 6pm, downstairs in the church dining room. They meet every Wednesday from 6-7pm. Boys and girls in Kindergarten-5th grade are welcome to join. Please contact Magena Clemente at 570-730-8499.

SUM Church Calendar

The church calendar is now visible on the updated church website: stroudsburgumc.com. Please note the calendar sent with the September Courier does not include the start dates for small groups, Bible Study or committee meetings since I did not have that information at the time of printing. Be sure to write dates/times of meetings on the main church calendar outside the conference room if you want them included on the calendar online.

Choir Members Wanted

To anyone with some singing experience: Interested in singing in our church choir? You only need to be available on Sundays....rehearsal time: Sunday, 9:15-10:45 AM, Service at 11:00 AM. The season runs September through mid June. We are actively recruiting new members. Please contact Dave Lantz - dlantz@ptd.net

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:

Carol Romansky, 425 Kuntz Street, Apt. 104, Slatington, PA 18080. 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

Grow!

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. **The group will resume on Wednesday, September 11 at 10am.**

Digging Deeper Small Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Meets in the Conference Room beside Pastor Bob's study. **The group will resume on Monday, September 9 at 7pm.**

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

Jam is still available for sale - \$4.00/jar. Please see a member of Missions after church on Sunday.

The September item of the month for the Christmas totes is a colorful, fashionable scarf (not for cold weather). 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 will be September 8-14. Sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Room. Please note Kathy Cook has been summoned for Jury Duty for the month of September so we need volunteers to help out with opening the church for the families, etc. Please contact Kathy or the church office if you can help out in ANY way.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

If you haven't returned a baby bottle from the Baby Bottle Boomerang this past May, please bring the filled bottle back to church next week. Thank you!

Shoe Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who has already donated shoes - please keep it going! So far we have filled 38 bags – that's 950 pairs of shoes. *We need 62 more bags (1,550 pairs) to reach our goal.* Remember - our church will receive a check based on the weight of the shoes collected and donated. In order for us to receive a check for \$1,000 or more, we need to collect 2500 pairs of shoes. The funds we earn will be put toward the remaining bell tower repair bill. As you know, when the church bell tower was damaged in 2015, it was not covered by insurance. Please consider setting a personal goal to collect 25 pairs of shoes. 25 pairs will fill one bag. If you can't collect 25 then try for 15, 10 or 5 – every pair helps.

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