

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

July 19, 2019

Gather

Sunday, July 21, 2019

This Sunday's scripture reading is Amos 8:1-12 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "What Do You See?"

Pocono Summer Chorus Concert

Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. Admission is free; donations will be accepted by Meals on Wheels of Monroe County.

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 11 from 11:30am-3pm at Zachys Pond in East Stroudsburg. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or please call the church office. Also, please mark your calendars – there will NOT be an 11:00 worship service on August 11 due to the picnic. The regular 8:30 worship service will be held as usual, and we will have a brief service at 11:30 at the picnic. Please plan your day accordingly. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Stewart – 570-350-8589 or bpstew59@gmail.com

The Church Website Has Been Updated

Check it out - <https://www.stroudsburgumc.com>

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. And if you have an iPod or iPad, you can subscribe to the sermons so they will automatically be downloaded to your device for easy listening! To sign up for the automatic feed, go to our sermon page:

<http://www.stroudsburgumc.com/SUMCNeweSermons.html> and then click on the iTunes logo. This will connect you to our iTunes page where you can listen to the sermons or view them in iTunes where you can sign up for the automatic feed. Share this link with your friends and family members. We hope you enjoy this way of staying connected to our sermons here at SUMC.

Prayer Mail Boxes

Prayer mail boxes have been placed near the front steps of the church and also at the back of the church on Ann Street. The purpose is to have anyone drop a prayer request in either of the boxes. These requests can be anonymous or with a first name only, the locked section of the mail box will provide privacy. These requests will be gathered daily and a prayer minister will pray over them. We are needing more prayer ministers, so pray about you becoming one. Training will be offered. Call the church office or contact JoAnn Calkins at carotjce@ptd.net or 570-402-1210.

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.

Doris Philips Has Moved to Grace Park

Cards, phone calls and visits would be appreciated. Doris' new contact information is: Doris Philips, 1170 West Main Street, Room 257, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, 570-517-7641.

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!

Soup Kitchen Pantry Needs

We are in need of spaghetti sauce, canned veggies (no beets), and canned fruit (no cranberries), for our soup kitchen guests. Please leave donations marked for the pantry in the kitchen downstairs. 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 JoAnn Calkins or 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

Monday Tea Time Small Group

The group will resume in September.

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 in September.**

Digging Deeper Small Group

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

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

2019 Yard Sale dates - August 2, 9am-3pm and August 3, 9am-1pm. Collection of items has begun. Please bring your items to the church and leave them in the blue room downstairs. Please do not bring in TVs, computers, printers, etc. Small kitchen appliances and gadgets are gladly accepted. No clothing, furniture or encyclopedias. Only bring in items that you no longer want but you think someone else would. Most importantly, please make sure what you do bring in is clean and in good condition. ***Help is needed the week of July 29 to unpack, sort and price items for the sale. Help is also needed on the days of the Yard Sale. Volunteer sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Room. Please indicate what day(s) and time(s) you are available to help out. Thank you!***

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

The July item of the month 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 near the Missions display.

Christmas in July

Please visit the Christmas tree located in the Fellowship Room. The tree is decorated with 'ornaments' labeled with gifts that will benefit clients of Oasis of Love, our local food pantry. All donations are appreciated! Thank you in advance for your support.

Shoe Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who has already donated shoes - please keep it going! Tell your friends, family & neighbors! Please consider putting a box for people to donate shoes where you work or if you're a business owner, in your place of business.

Remember this is a WIN/WIN fundraiser! Funds2Orgs uses the shoes you donate to help micro-enterprises in developing nations. In these developing nations, shoes are the primary mode of transportation. "The HAND UP is more beneficial than the HAND OUT."

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