

Back to School

Before you turn the page or put this newsletter down, thinking this article is only for school-age children; remember that we are all students of faith. No matter how far along the journey you may be in the Christian life, there is always room to grow and learn more.

Do you enjoy learning new things? The other evening I watched a few Ted Talks online. They are short talks about a specific topic. They are highly motivational and entertaining. The two I watched that evening were great! I like to learn new things or relearn things I've forgotten. I hope you do, too.

Worship is important, but in worship it is difficult to go into depth on a topic. I often feel I am barely touching the surface of a topic in many of my sermons. Hence, the need for Sunday School!

Stroudsburg UMC is committed to provide Sunday School classes for our congregation and community but we desperately need your help. First, we need some more Sunday School teachers. I believe I learn so much by being a teacher. I teach an ongoing Sunday School class and our discussions always inform me and the preparation is also highly educational. Being a Sunday school teacher is not that difficult. You just need to have a love for the students and want to teach them some new things. It is not rocket science and you can do it!

If you are willing to give it a try, please contact Jeff Weber, our Sunday School Superintendent, or the church office. I really hope some of you will make the decision to become Sunday

School teachers. It will benefit the students and it will also be a blessing for you, too.

If you are not able or willing to be a teacher, please consider attending Sunday School as a student. You are never too old to learn! The fellowship with others is an added benefit and we all learn together.

I remember many years ago when us "little ones" would sometimes get perfect attendance awards in Sunday School for being there every Sunday for an entire year. Things have changed significantly in our culture and in our modern lives. Perfect attendance is rarely possible for most people any more. But please do not let this inhibit your participation in Sunday School. You are welcome each and every time you are available, even if it is only once in a while.

Sunday School is a vital ministry to God's people and the community. I hope we are able to increase the importance and impact of Sunday School here at Stroudsburg UMC.

But we need your help and participation.

It is time to go back to school—Sunday School!

Will you be there? I will!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

September 1

Mark 1

September 2

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Proverbs 13

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Proverbs 14

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

September

To Serve You in September

Greeters 8:30

11:00

Joanne Reed (all month)

Ushers 8:30

Jack Hinline

Barbara Hinline

John Burrus

11:00

Counters

Ray Singer & Claribel Sebring

Altar Guild

Debbie Hardy & Jackie Herrero

Soup Kitchen

- 1 Vin Zelizo & family
- 8 Christian & Missionary Alliance Church
- 15 Antler Lodge
- 22 GUMC
- 29 Cherry Valley UMC



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

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

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Chairperson, Peggy Stewart

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Audio Visual Assistant

Beth Armitage



September Birthdays

5	Ray Singer
7	Bryan Hill
10	Bridget Hardy
13	Kathy Cook
14	Jarrett Seip
16	Thomas Anderman
16	Gladys Warnick
18	Rory Stanton
22	Camryn Philips
22	Elizabeth Schuler
22	Jeanette Kuhns
23	Janet Woolever
23	Peggy Stewart
25	Jenny Bogart
30	Alexis Philips
30	Tyler Snyder

If you would like a card on your special day, please call the church office - 570-421-6020.



Pastor Bob will leading New Members Classes on Sunday, September 22 and Sunday, September 29 at 9:45am.

If you're interested in joining SUMC as an official member or if you want to find out more information about our church, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Bob after worship on Sunday morning.



CUB SCOUT PACK 86

is recruiting for new scouts. Their first meeting is September 4th 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.

Shoe Drive Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated shoes for our shoe drive fundraiser so far! We are definitely on our way to collecting 2500 or more pairs of shoes! Thank you also to everyone who has shared the news about this fundraiser with their friends and family!

The shoes that we've collected and will eventually donate will be used to develop and sustain micro-enterprises in developing nations. Families in these countries that receive the footwear that you donated have little to no income or livelihood. These shoes, and their ability to be sold, or repurposed, represent a micro-enterprise opportunity for individual families and their communities.

It represents true sustainability.

The following pictures represent the impact that your donated gently worn, used and new shoes have on the lives of people in developing nations such as Honduras, Haiti and Ghana.

In October, at the end of the fundraiser, SUMC will receive a check based on the weight of the shoes we are collecting and donating. That check will be put toward the remaining bell tower repair bill. The amount of the check could be \$1,000 or more but we need to collect at least 2500 pairs of shoes to receive that amount.

This is a WIN/WIN fundraiser! Thank you again for your support!



If you are available to help band and bag shoes, please contact me in the church office. - Jackie



October 12th - 5:30 pm

Dick Seip Scout Room

Celebration Dinner

We ask that you join us as we remember all that Dick Seip has done for our church, it's scout troop and cub pack. At this dinner, the scout room will be officially recognized as the Dick Seip Scout Room.

The meal will be provided by the Membership & Evangelism Team, all we ask is that you attend in your "Sunday Best" attire.

Plan now to join us for light hors d'oeuvres followed by a sit down chicken and ham dinner.

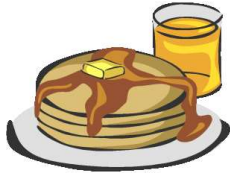
Help us plan:

- In September, look for sign up sheets in the back of the sanctuary OR
- Contact the church office sumc@stroudsburgumc.com or 570-421-6020 and let us know how many will be attending from your family.

Questions??

Contact Peggy Stewart: 570-350-8589 or bpstewart59@gmail.com

Save the date!



Fellowship Brunch



Sunday, September 22nd

9:35 – 10:45 AM

- Stay after the 8:30 am worship service, or come early for 11:00 am service.
- Enjoy a time of fellowship with other members of our church you may not see very often.
- Menu to include: Quiche, coffee cake, pancakes, sausages, 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 the cost of future brunches.
- To help us plan, 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 sumc@stroudsburgumc.com
 - Call/text/email Peggy: 570-350-8589 or bpstewart59@gmail.com

DEBT IS A THIEF! TAKE BACK *Your life!*

**Has debt robbed your freedom
and stolen your joy? Battle back!**

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teach you how to beat debt and build wealth with the
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Group Link: <https://www.fpu.com/1089706>

Location: ESUMC

Coordinator: Michael & Darla Piancone

Contact Info: fpu.esumc@gmail.com

Day/Time: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM

Start Date: Sep. 4th - Oct. 30th 2019

Luke 6:47-49 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

The parish hall roof repair by Keehn Commercial Roofing from Middleberg, PA., should be completed by the time you receive this Courier edition. The new roof will have an 18-year warranty for \$17,214. They will also perform some sanctuary gutter and fascia repairs for an additional \$1,993. Once this repair is complete, we can address the water damaged ceiling tiles in the scout room.

CJ Penwell noticed the two sconces outside the front sanctuary doors were rusting. As a result, they are currently under repair and restoration by blacksmith, Jim Wyckoff. In the course of dismantling we discovered both 10" white glass globes were chipped and broken and not even secured. As can be expected, they no longer make the exact same size globes. We were able to locate replacement 10" globes with a smaller base, or fitter. As a result, Mr. Wyckoff will be configuring adjustments to accommodate the smaller base.

Mr. Chas Bartholomew of I.T.G. Basement Systems came and inspected the foundation cracks. He identified several additional small cracks through the boiler, storage and scout rooms. Upon receiving his photos, sketches and report, his supervisor would like to schedule an additional visit with himself and another ITG member. Without a more in-depth evaluation, they provided a verbal guesstimate of \$60,000. This would probably involve digging along the outside wall and attaching some type of supports to the footer every 4 feet.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Dale Werkheiser for renovating the basement men's room. It looks so much better.

We are in search of a software program to operate the magnetic locks. We are looking to install on the exterior church doors.

We are looking for someone to spearhead a Kitchen Cleaning Party. Our kitchen is in dire need of an upgrade, but until the time comes when it is financially feasible, it definitely needs a deep cleaning, inside and out. Let us know if you are interested.

We thank you for your patience, your contributions and your support. If you have any suggestions or wish to volunteer on a project, please feel free to reach out to any of us on the team.

Sincerely,

Your Property and Building committee

Co-chairs: Kay Bucci & Boyd Butz

P&B Finance: Kevin Kopec

Secretary: Mike Seip

Committee Members: John Burrus, Dale Werkheiser, Jeremy Miller, Ray Singer, Dick Everitt



Family Promise Update

August 6th, 2019

Dear Kathy and Volunteers,

On behalf of the board of trustees and the staff of Family Promise of Monroe County, we thank you and your volunteers for hosting and providing support to our families while at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church during the week/s of July 14th, 2019 to July 21st, 2019.

The generosity and the hospitality of all volunteers, whether providing delicious meals, overnight supervision, or compassionate care, is greatly appreciated by the families and the staff of Family Promise.

It is your genuine dedication and the extras that makes this program so successful! We so appreciate that you were able to accommodate the families.

A few notations from the week:

Number of people: 6

Number of meals served: 36

Number of volunteer hours: 237 hours

Nights of shelter: 42

Number of volunteers: 30

Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of our families.

Warm regards,

Samantha Iorio,

Social Worker

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570-420-8589

Please note: Our next host week will be September 8-15, 2019. Sign up sheets will be posted soon.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School Children Through Adults 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	2 Church Office Closed	3 6:30 PM M & E Meeting	4 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 1:30 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	5 7:00 PM Scouts	6	7
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