

SUM eNews  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
April 10, 2021

## **Gather**

### **Sunday, April 11, 2021**

Coming up this Sunday, April 11 -

Pastor Monica is on vacation and we are delighted to have Pastor Margie preaching!

Our worship leaders will Diane & Krista.

The first anthem is "Whatever May Be", recorded by the David and Marti Choir. The second anthem is "Jesus, Lover of My Soul", performed virtually by Krista.

The New Testament Lesson is 1 John 1:1-5

The Gospel Lesson is John 20:11-29

Pastor Margie's sermon is "Who Are You Looking For?"

'After entering a department store, one of the first questions asked of you is, "What are you looking for?" When you enter a hospital, the information desk will ask, "Who are you looking for?" Sometimes, we have been looking for Jesus without even knowing it. Join us as Pastor Margie shares how to keep our eyes on Christ.'

Join us live at 8:30am: <https://youtu.be/yTXEMbggiul>

Join us live at 11:00am: <https://youtu.be/Ls2vK6p5A98>

The Sunday bulletin is available on the church website: [stroudsburgumc.com](http://stroudsburgumc.com)

### **Spring Geranium Fundraiser: Plant the Town Red!**

Women's Resources is selling geraniums and impatiens in support of survivors of abuse. An order form and flyers with all details are available in the Fellowship Room. Deadline is April 16. Please contact Cathy Doane with questions.

### **Live Streaming Update**

Our live streaming is working seamlessly now! If you gave up on watching our Sunday morning worship services because of audio issues, we would love for you to resume watching either at 8:30 or 11:00 am!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel -

[studio.youtube.com/channel/UCMwaoyy6Ox2d8cGlrQes0Qw](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCMwaoyy6Ox2d8cGlrQes0Qw)

Links to both services are included in the eNews each week, are posted on our website each week as well as on our Facebook page.

## Church Library

Are you getting tired of the books on your shelves? Looking for something new to read? Take a look at the books in the Lounge. You might just find some good books to read.

## Inspiratory Dialogues

As people from diverse backgrounds and traditions, let's come together and exchange inspirational and spiritual conversations on Saturday, *April 11th between 6 and 7 pm!* The topic of this month is STEREOTYPES.

We will discuss the following questions:

*What stereotypes about your faith practice make you annoyed?*

*What are the harms that stereotypes cause?*

*How does your spirituality affect stereotypes?*

*What should be done to get rid of negative stereotypes?*

*Are there any positive stereotypes?*

*Introspectively, do our doctrine/faith/belief have some role in generating stereotypes?*

You may use the following invitation to join the program:

*CRC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

*Topic: Stereotypes*

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Apr 11, 2021, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEsdOioqT4oGtPOldBCTt0BGWWQb0ePuvyS>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We are looking forward to see you!

What Inspiratory Dialogues is?

In collaboration with the Clergy Group of Stroudsburgs, Chestnut Retreat Center organizes monthly-held interfaith dialogue programs. Due to the current circumstances of the pandemic, the program continues to be hosted on Zoom and aims to bring various sources of "inspiration and spirituality" in a dialogue, hence its name Inspiratory Dialogues. *Respect and mutual understanding* are the foundations of these meetings.

We would be glad to have you among us on the second Sunday of every month!

*Sincerely,*

*Chestnut Retreat Center*

### **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:**

Sue Sheeley, Eastern Comfort, 206 Diamond Street, Slatington, PA 18080. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

### **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**

Did you know we open the sanctuary every Wednesday from noon – 1:00 pm? This commitment to worship and prayer has manifest into weekly prayer time at 12:15pm on Facebook Live with Pastor Monica. If you are available, you can jump on and pray along. Comment on the post and include your requests in the prayer. If you are not available at that time, use it as a devotion and pray later. Help us keep our commitment to being a house and people of prayer.

### **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 for Bible Study in person in the Lounge or on Zoom.

### **New Bible Study**

After almost three years, we have concluded 150 psalms! We celebrate having walked through laments and ascents, thanksgivings and royal proclamations! On Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15am, Bible Study kicks off a new study, we will be studying the book of Ruth. Join us for this 7 week study in the church lounge or on Zoom. We will conclude on May 26, 2021. A new study will kick off 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.

### **Family Promise Meals**

We are supporting our commitment to Family Promise by providing meals every Monday. It has been decided we will provide meals through June. Our Family Promise families depend on this support to continue their progress to sustainability. Thank you for keeping their progress towards housing. We are being asked to prepare a meal for 8 adults each Monday. We need only provide the meal, no extras (milk, juice, etc.) unless we hear otherwise. They would like the meals delivered to the day center on Main Street by 1pm. If this is difficult for anyone,

please let Kathy Cook know; we can make other arrangements. 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.

### Pregnancy Resource Center Easter Baby Bottle Fundraiser



Pick up a baby bottle from the Fellowship Room after worship on Sunday. The fundraiser runs until April 18. Please be sure to fill out and return the additional insert in your filled baby bottle.

### **Weis Receipts**

Please save your Weis grocery receipts and bring them to the church. There is a large coffee can in the Fellowship Room where you can place your receipts. The church earns 1% of the total amount on each receipt.

### **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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