

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
May 22, 2020

Gather

Sunday, May 24, 2020

This Sunday's scripture is 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "Humble Yourself." The link to join us via live stream is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KYOcE3o9qM>

Special Charge Conference

A special Charge Conference is scheduled for May 24th at 10am. The purpose of this special meeting is to approve a decision made by the Servant Resource Team to approve Jeff Weber as a candidate for Licensed Local Pastor. There will be a few of us in physical attendance and the rest can join in by Zoom. Here is the invitation and link to join in the Zoom meeting:

Bob Shank is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Special Charge Conference

Time: May 24, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94772067550?pwd=aHdwZTdqR3EyWmZlYndxYyt0VG1Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 947 7206 7550

Password: 9JDUSE

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 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 now available on the church website: stroudsburgumc.com. The entire scripture reading is posted on the church Facebook page each week.

Church Calendar

Due to social distancing guidelines and lockdown orders, events at SUMC are either canceled altogether or subject to cancellation. The calendar included with the May Courier may seem incomplete. The calendar on the church website is current and up to date. Feel free to call or email the church office with any questions.

Membership & Evangelism

We Are Our Brothers' Keepers

During these difficult times, we realize that some of us may be finding it hard to get enough food and other necessary provisions. We are committed to seeing that these basic needs are met. If anyone is running low on food, drinks, or paper products, we are here to assist. Please don't hesitate to reach out. You may call Brenda Rambo at 570-872-4181 or email Jackie. All requests are confidential.

Altar Flower Delivery

There will be no altar flower deliveries until further notice.

Helping Hands Ministry

Volunteers are needed! The Helping Hands Ministry exists to utilize our God given gifts and talents to assist member of the body of Christ. We grow together in Christ's love by helping each other and just by being there for each other in times of need. Please contact the church office or speak with Cathy Doane if you would like to volunteer. The areas of service where assistance is needed are: Making meals, grocery shopping, making phone calls, praying, visiting, giving rides, light housekeeping and responding to emergencies. If you are in need of assistance from the Helping Hands Ministry, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Help Needed

Pam & Mike Hendrix are seeking assistance to help them move to New Mexico. They need to be out of their current home by August and are willing to pay someone on the trip out to New Mexico and for the trip back to Pennsylvania. Please contact Pam & Mike for all details - 570-426-0238.

Pastor Bob's Retirement Celebration

Please note the date has been changed to Saturday, June 13 at 2pm. Everyone is invited. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Jackie in the church office - 570-421-6020 or Peggy Stewart - 570-350-8589. We hope you can join us, but if not, because of social distancing concerns, we will be live streaming the event like we do our Sunday worship service. We will post a link

on the church website and Facebook page that day. Questions? Contact Peggy Stewart 570-350-8589 or bpstewart59@gmail.com.

2020 Mission Trip

The Mission Trip for this year is canceled. A local work project is being planned for the first week in August. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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:

Joe Woolsey, Brookmont Health Care Center, 510 Brookmont Drive, Room 40, Effort, PA 18330. Please remember him 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. Contact the church office if you are interested.

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.

Digging Deeper Small Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. This small group meets in the Conference Room beside Pastor Bob's study.

Mostly Mondays Small Group

We study various books of the Bible and learn about the character of God. We meet Mondays at 6:30pm in the church Lounge. Any women interested in joining please contact Peggy Stewart – bpstewart59@gmail.com or call 570-350-8589. You may also call the church office.

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.

Virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang

Instead of handing out baby bottles for our supporters to fill with change, cash, and checks, we are asking for each of our supporters to donate through our website, **prcpoconos.org** or by sending checks in the mail to: **Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos, 49 Dansbury Terrace, Box 1385, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.**

Unplanned pregnancy is not taking a vacation during this crisis, so your efforts will make an enormous difference in the lives of many families in our community. If **400** of our supporters donate **\$35** in honor of our 35th year anniversary, we will be able to raise **\$14,000** to help women and families in Monroe county through these challenging times and beyond! Please feel free to contact Amy, our office manager, via email at **admin@poconoprc.org** with any questions.

Parent's Day Booklets

Rather than have separate booklets for Mother's Day and Father's Day, there will be one booklet for Parent's Day. Names will be taken now until June 14 and parents will be honored on Sunday, June 21. \$2.00 per name. Please contact the church office either by phone (leave a message and I will call you back) or email to submit names. If you already submitted names for Mother's Day and/or Father's Day, they will be included in the Parent's Day booklet next month. Any questions, please contact the church office.

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