Chimes

Prelude "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" Arr. David Lantz III
Welcome Pastor Monica

Announcements Diane Rogell/Krista Montgomery

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*Call to Worship (modified from Sarah Are I A Sanctified Art)

Diane Rogell/Krista Montgomery

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we

close our eyes, we can see a better world.

Many: When we close our eyes, we can dream a better dream.
One: But when we open our eyes, we begin the work of faith.

The power or worship is the same. When we enter this space, we can see a better world and dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave this space, we begin the work of faith.

Many: Let us dream together, find hope, and begin the work

of faith.

Many:

\*Unison Prayer

Diane Rogell/Krista Montgomery

God-with us, Emmanuel, we confess, that you can seem far away. Even in Advent, as we prepare for the coming of the baby King, we wonder if we have heard your voice, seen your presence, or known you personally. Alert us to your divine presence in our lives. Make us attentive doorkeepers of our lives, so we are not attentive to the details of our calendars as to miss the truly central kingdom work. Come, Lord Jesus to save us. After all,

we belong to you. In you, our hope is restored, our lives made new, and the world recreated. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Anthem "Advent Kyrie" Words: John Parker, Music: David Lantz III

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting See Insert for Readings

The Miller family/The Kopec family

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastor Monica

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"The Journey"

Joseph M. Martin

(With "Simple Gifts" and "Going Home")

Call to Offering Pastor Monica

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Arr. Mark Hayes (13th century plainsong)

\*Presentation of Gifts "Doxology" 95

\*Prayer of Dedication Diane Rogell/Krista Montgomery

Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen.

# This Week's Schedule

| Today       | 8:30 & 11:00am<br>9:45am<br>9:45am<br>10:00am<br>2:00pm           | The First Sunday of Advent<br>Worship-Sanctuary<br>Sunday School-Pastor Monica's Class-Dining Room<br>Sunday School-Children<br>Adult Sunday School in Person & via Zoom-Lounge<br>Soup Kitchen         |
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| Tuesday     | 10:00am<br>6:30pm   | Advent Study via Zoom and in the Lounge M & E Meeting   |
| Wednesday   | 10:00am<br>12:00pm<br>12:15pm<br>6:00pm<br>7:00pm                 | Bible Study-Lounge Open Sanctuary Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary Cub Scouts Advent Study via Zoom and in the Lounge   |
| Thursday    | 7:00pm  | Scouts  |
| Friday      |   | Church Office Closed  |
| Saturday    | 9:30am  | Advent Study via Zoom and in the Lounge   |
| Next Sunday | 8:30 & 11:00am<br>9:45am<br>9:45am<br>10:00am<br>2:00pm<br>3:00pm | The Second Sunday of Advent Worship/Communion-Sanctuary Sunday School-Children Sunday School-Pastor Monica's Class-Dining Room Adult Sunday School in Person & via Zoom-Lounge Soup Kitchen Youth Group |

# **Prayer List - Joys and Concerns**

Our Troops Todd Martin Lynn Seip
Prayer Mail Boxes Avon Doll Joe Woolsey
Sis Sebring The family and friends of Scott Madden

Joy for Doris's 90th birthday

First Responders, EMT's, Police Officers, Firefighters

**Special Person of the Week:** Doris Philips, 1170 West Main Street, Room 257, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

\*Gospel Lesson Daniel 2:1-2, 24-47 Diane Rogell/Krista Montgomery
\*Gospel Lesson Mark 13:32-37 Diane Rogell/Krista Montgomery
Children's Message Pastor Monica
Sermon "Those Who Dream: Keep Awake" Pastor Monica

\*Hymn "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

\*Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica

Postlude "Let Praise Ring Forth" Edward Broughton

\*Rise in body or in spirit. **Bold Print = Say in unison.** 

#### **ALL CHURCH ADVENT STUDY**

Tuesday mornings at 10:00am, Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, Saturday mornings at 9:30am. Starting this week. Join us in person or on Zoom for all 4 weeks. Sign up in the office to get your book.

Tuesday morning Zoom information:

Meeting ID: 725 0496 2241 Passcode: 8qFgHX

Wednesday evening Zoom information: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84648001246

Saturday morning Zoom information:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531743585?pwd=NzhXNXZzNG5NNINoL2J1S0IRUIZxQT09

**SOUP KITCHEN 2021** We are currently scheduling groups to host our Sunday Soup Kitchen in 2021. At this time, we are still doing take out meals every Sunday from 2-4pm. If you and a few friends are interested in hosting one or more dates, please contact Al Michie (570-656-6190) or Jackie in the church office (570-421-6020). If you need more information on what is involved in hosting Soup Kitchen, please give Al or Jackie a call.

ADVENT BAGS If you haven't already picked one up, Advent bags are available in the Lounge.

COVID 19 UPDATE On Sunday, November 22nd, 2020, Daniel's Dream Team, our leadership team met and considered the directives of the Pennsylvania Health Department, county health officials, the pastoral epistle of Bishop Peggy Johnson, and rising numbers of COVID19 in Monroe county. We discerned the following precautions to keep our congregation and community safe and healthy: All indoor activities at the church require masks (covering mouth and nose), including worship. Our worship will not include congregational singing in person, instead, we will have hymns read in musical intonation. We will continue social distancing for those who gather in person, as well as have individually wrapped communion sets. Worship using virtual means by connecting with YouTube, through our website, or Facebook, are also excellent methods to healthfully be in worship. We pray for the day when a vaccine is efficacious, the pandemic is history, and act today as our efforts help to make it so. Thank you for your careful attention and continuing prayer as we care well for one another. In God's Love, Pastor Monica, on behalf of Daniel's Dream Team.

|                                   | bers & Visitors!              |
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| Please let us know how we c       | an help each other this week: |
| Name                              |                               |
| Address                           |                               |
| mail/Phone                        |                               |
| Prayer requests, needs, comments: |                               |
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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, WELCOME! Please fill out the "Connection Card" in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a newsletter in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: 8:30 Diane Rogell and 11:00 Krista Montgomery

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of Edward Little, given by Sue Scarborough.

**THE BLUE ADVENT BANNER** hangs in memory of Paul Warnick, given by Gladys Warnick and family.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES AND SERMON**

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25 "Those Who Dream Are Not Alone"

<u>POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS</u> are available in the back of the sanctuary. You may also call the church office and give your order over the phone or submit your order via email. Orders are due by Tuesday, December 1.

FAMILY PROMISE MEALS Stroudsburg UMC is providing meals to families in the Family Promise program. SUMC will provide a dinner meal on Mondays only. The meal should be provided in a non-returnable container and dropped off at the Family Promise Day Center, 905 Main Street, Stroudsburg - the old Everybody's Café, next to Little Angel's Café) at 4pm and handed to Family Promise staff. The families are able to use a microwave to heat meals and have dishware and utensils. Sign ups to provide a meal will be done via Sign Up Genius. Kathy Cook will send you an invitation to this website and you can choose your date for meal preparation. This is an ongoing outreach, and meals will be needed every Monday. Please consider helping on an individual basis or working with another person or family to cover the meal. Contact Kathy Cook - 570-476-6261 or email: kathykitty50@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS The wreaths on the front doors are

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

<u>HISTORY ROOM</u> If you have an item to donate to the church archives, please contact the church office. Please do not leave items outside the History Room. Thank you!

We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg
United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life
through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like
to make Stroudsburg United Methodist <u>YOUR</u> church, please
mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.

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### **CHURCH STAFF:**

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Pastors Emeritus Rev. Tom Anderman, Pastor Ted Good

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Youth Leader

**Custodian** Craig Banner

# **CHURCH LEADERS:**

Daniel's Dream TeamChairperson, Cathy Doane

Worship Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
Stewardship Chairperson, Paul Edinger

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Missions Chairpersons, Ruth Weber, Kathy Cook

Membership & Evangelism Chairperson, Peggy Stewart

Lay Leader

Audio Visual Assistant Beth Armitage

Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm; Friday 9:00am-1:30pm





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