

SUM eNews
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

April 5, 2019

Gather

This Sunday, April 7 -

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. It's also communion Sunday. The scripture reading is 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and Pastor Bob's sermon title is "Old vs. New." See you Sunday!

2019 Lenten Services - All Services Begin at 7:00 pm With a Time of Fellowship to Follow.

Wednesday, April 10, Analomink UMC, Reaffirmation of Baptism - "Service" with Pastor Nina Patton-Semerod.

The offering from each night's worship service will go towards camperships to Pocono Plateau and UMCOR hygiene kits which provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of conflict or natural disaster. In addition to monetary donations we will collect the following items for these kits:

Hand Towels (15 x 25 - 17 x 27 inches), washcloths, combs (sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth/no pocket combs or picks), toenail or fingernail clippers, bath-size soap (3oz. bar or larger in original packaging/no Ivory or Jergen's soap, adult toothbrushes (in packaging/no advertising), adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches), one gallon size re-sealable bags.

The Church Website Has Been Updated

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

Boy Scout Troop 86 Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 7am-11am in the church dining room. \$6 per person, children under 5 are free. Please use the Ann Street entrance. All proceeds support the boys in Troop 86.

Second Saturday Supper

April 13 at 5:30pm. Please join us for great food and fellowship! Bring a covered dish to share if you are able. To help us plan, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or call the church office - 570-421-6020.

Sunrise Service

We will be having a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday - 7am in Ann Street Park.

Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 23 1pm-6pm in the church dining room. Please use the Ann Street entrance.

We Need to Get Rid of an Old Grill

We recently purchased a new grill to be used for church fundraisers throughout the year. The old grill we were using has a lot of rust on it and wasn't cooking the food evenly or properly. Now we need to get rid of that grill. It can be taken to a scrap metal facility and any cash can be donated back to the church. Please contact me in the church office if you can volunteer to take the grill. Thank you! Jackie

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a group to host Soup Kitchen on Sunday, June 16. Please contact Jeff Weber or the church office if you are available to help out that day. Thank you!

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.

Sunday School Teachers are Needed!

We are in need of Sunday School teachers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering and contact Jeff Weber if you can help. Thank you!

Our Special Person of the Week:

Betty Schuler, 561 Roosevelt Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Please note the new address for Sue. Please remember her 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!

2019 Offering Envelopes

The 2019 offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Room. It would be appreciated if you can deliver a box to a friend or neighbor that cannot make it to church.

Knitting Basket Available at the Back of the Sanctuary

If you listen better when you're doing something with your hands, we invite you to take a scarf from the basket located in the back of the sanctuary, and knit a few rows during worship on Sunday. After worship, please return the scarf to the basket. Completed scarves will be given to those in need.

Fundraiser to Help With the Cost of Repairing the Broken Stained Glass Window

If you'd like to donate: <https://bit.ly/2W9RsZI>. You can also give a donation with your weekly offering or mail a check to the church office - please note for the repair of the stained glass window. So far over 64% of our \$5,000.00 goal has been donated! Thank you!

Prayer Chain Email and Phone List

If you would like to be added to either the email or phone prayer chain list, please contact me in the church office. Jackie

Save the Date! Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, April 28 9:35-10:45am. Stay after the 8:30 service or come early for the 11:00 service. Enjoy a time of fellowship with other members of the church you may not see very often. Menu to include: Quiche, muffins, pancakes, sausage 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 - we'd like to make this a monthly event. To help us plan, please 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 email Peggy - bpstewart59@gmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 28, 1pm-5pm at the Elk's Club, Washington Street, East Stroudsburg. Sponsored by Teddy's Tavern and Keyco Warehouse Outlet. All proceeds benefit Developmental Education Services of Monroe County, Inc. Adults \$7, Child (3-8 years) \$4, Take-out \$7. Tickets available at program centers or by calling 570-424-5410.

Monthly Friday Night Movies

The next movie night is scheduled for April 26 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Sight and Sound's "Moses" will be shown. Free popcorn and bottled water will be available. Bring a friend or two! All are welcome!

Blood Drive at SUMC

A community blood drive will be held at SUMC on Tuesday, April 23 from 1-6pm. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Stroudsburg to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Please use the Ann Street entrance.

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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.

"Great Things He Has Done" - a Lenten Bible Study

Join us as we explore the wonder stories found in II Kings in the stories of Elisha! In this Season of Lent 2019, journey with Elisha through northern Palestine in his conflicted, compromised world...and discuss how followers of Jesus Christ can restore hope and wonder today. A seven week study, on Monday evenings during Lent, 7-8:30pm. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary, by calling the church office (570-421-6020), or by contacting Peggy Stewart at 570-350-8589 or bpstewart59@gmail.com. Can't decide ahead of time? Walk-ins are always welcome!

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: Stitch & Pray has an ample supply of prayer shawls now. Thank you to all who helped with knitting and crocheting. We are now in need of baby blankets for baptisms. Please contact the church office if you can help out. Thank you again!

Monday Tea Time Small Group

This group meets on Mondays at 1:15 pm and continues weekly. This series study will be weekly episodes of Season 1 of the CBS premier "Touched by an Angel." The series begins on a park bench with two angels (Roma Downey and Della Reese) and ends 9 years later in the same place with the same two angels. Every week we will hear the bold and comforting promise that God exists. He loves you and He wants to be part of your life. A message of hope that can change lives. A discussion of life application will follow. Everyone is welcome. Come for a time of inspirational entertainment and fellowship. No cost and no commitment required, just show up at 1:15pm in the Lounge or designated area. Will finish about 3:30pm. Contact the church office with questions.

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. Meets in the Conference Room beside Pastor Bob's study.

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 Help Needed

The families (8 individuals) will be staying at Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center the week of March 31-April 6. No meals are provided during this time. If anyone would like to donate food or provide a meal during this time, the food may be dropped off at the Family Promise Day Center before 4pm. No pork products, please. If you have questions about the needs, it would be best to speak directly with the Family Promise staff at 420-8589. Kathy Cook can give directions to the day center (on Route 611 near Target).

Missions

2019 Yard Sale Update - Because of the difficulty we've been experiencing in getting rid of the leftover furniture from this past year's yard sale, we will not be taking any future donations of furniture.

Lenten Giving Boxes are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Room. All proceeds will benefit Missions projects within SUMC.

Book Sale - Dates for the Book Sale are May 3 & 4. Collection of books has begun. Please bring your books to church and leave them in the blue room downstairs. No magazines, encyclopedias, text books or Reader's Digest condensed books.

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

The March items of the month for the Christmas totes are toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please leave your donations in the box wrapped in Christmas paper located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display.

Annual Yard Sale - August 2, 9am-3pm and August 3, 9am-1pm. Watch for updates!

Save Your Shoes! We're Running a Shoe Drive!

In August, after the Yard Sale, we'll be running a shoe drive for 60 days. Our goal is to collect 2500 pairs of gently worn or new shoes. Any size and type of shoe can be donated - men's, women's children's dress shoes, high heels, sneakers, flip flops, sandals. Ice skates, roller skates and heavy winter boots cannot be donated. Tell your friends, family & neighbors! More information will be coming soon but if you have any questions now, please contact me in the church office. Thank you! Jackie

Oasis of Love - Food Pantry

We are always collecting donations for Oasis of Love, our local food pantry here in Stroudsburg. There is a box for donations in the sanctuary. Thank you! Please note: clients of Oasis of Love are in need of basic necessities such as bottled water, toilet paper, soap, etc. If you can help out, please bring your donations to church on Sunday and leave them in the back of the sanctuary or drop them off to me in the church office during the week. I will arrange to get the items to Oasis of Love. Thank you in advance! Jackie

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