

Fall

The leaves on the trees are no longer green. They are now red, yellow, and orange. The tree line is a burst of colors brightening up these fall days. The wash of bright colors signals the cool weather coming to sweep the remaining leaves off the trees and onto the forest floor. Soon there will be a blanket of snow covering the leaves and they will be forgotten.

Living in the Poconos is a privilege we too often take for granted. Places like Cherry Valley, Bushkill, the Delaware Water Gap, the Boulder Field, Skytop, and so many other beautiful locations paint a fall picture that only God can be behind. The ultimate artist of creation certainly knows what he is doing as the fall season progresses. Are you paying attention? Are you watching the beauty unfold?

I enjoying living in Pennsylvania, and the Poconos in particular, because I like the changing of the seasons. Fall turns to winter. Winter melts into spring. Spring pours into summer. The changing of the four seasons mirrors the passing of time. Time marches forward. We cannot stop it. All we are left to do is enjoy it as it unfolds.

God certainly created a beautiful creation. The way the seasons change and watching new birth each spring point to a designer like no other. Pictures and paintings attempt to capture the beauty, but they barely do the real thing justice.

Today I saw a rainbow. The sun was shining brightly behind me but ahead of me it was raining. The rainbow was brilliant. It mirrored itself and for a while there was a double rainbow.

Noah and his family survived the great flood. It was like no flood before or since. It was, perhaps, the ultimate hurricane. When the rain stopped, God put a rainbow in the sky.

We think rainbows are for us to enjoy. Not so with the rainbow in Noah's day. Genesis 9 records the covenant or promise of the rainbow. Verses 14 and 15 record it this way:

"When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

Genesis 9:14-15

Does God really need such a reminder? We put a string around our finger to remember something important. God puts a bow in the sky to do the same.

God made a promise and God always keeps a promise. We, on the other hand, make pinky promises and tend to forget them. God makes a promise and keeps it forever. A God-promise is one you can always count on. We can even stand on the promises of God!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

October 1
Genesis 22

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October 31
Haggai 2

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



To Serve You in October

Greeters 8:30

Kirsten Lee (all month)

11:00

1 Marina Maroney
 8 Sue & Ron Gouger
 15 Sherri Lombardi
 22 Eva Knight
 29 Joanne Reed

Ushers 8:30

Ray Singer
 Alice Singer
 DeAnn Harris

11:00

Dick Seip
 Bob Dellicker
 Sue Gouger
 Kelly Edinger
 Eva Knight
 Beth Armitage

Counters

C.J. Penwell & Doris Philips

Altar Guild

Alice Singer & Nancy Haase

Soup Kitchen-Sunday Afternoons at 4 pm

1 Diane-Feeding Families
 8 Nick Rosato-Poplar Valley UMC
 15 Tom Odenwelder-Pen Argyl Faith UMC
 22 Fred Catalano-Cherry Valley UMC
 29 Marie Link-McMichael's 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

OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

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Membership & Evangelism
 Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
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Lay Leader
 Beryl Hellgren

Audio Visual Assistant
 Beth Armitage

happy bIRTHday to you!

October Birthdays

2	Carrie Zelizo
4	Janet Marsh
6	Michael Fox
8	Ted Good
11	Marti Lantz
15	Alina Adams
22	Matt Parton
23	Matt Transue
24	Nick Herrero
28	Jim Maroney
28	Margie Good
30	Ivan Moyer

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

DID YOU KNOW



The theme for the M & E Second Saturday Supper that was held on September 9 was "Trivia - How well do you know our church?" Those that attended found out the church electric bill runs on average over \$400.00 every month. I was a bit surprised at this and thought the figure would be less.

I think we can all do our part in trying to save some money each month on the church electric bill. If you notice lights left on in the building when you know they should not be on, please turn them off.

There were other questions about our church also included in the program and it was a lot of fun trying to get the correct answers and seeing the answers other groups had picked.

If you haven't yet been to a Second Saturday Supper, I highly recommend you check it out! In addition to all the great food that's shared, it's a wonderful time to get together with your church family and enjoy a time of fellowship. Maybe there are some people within our church you don't see as often as you'd like? Maybe you can't make it church on Sundays?

Thank you to our Membership & Evangelism Team for hosting the covered dish dinners each month! Information for the October 14 Second Saturday Supper is included in this month's Courier. Hope you can make it!

- Jackie

The Membership and Evangelism Team
invites everyone to our September

Second Saturday Supper
October 14, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

We'll provide:

Plates, utensils, and beverages
(iced tea, punch, and coffee)

Our Program will be:

Highlights from the 2017 Mission Trip

Bring your favorite casserole, side dish or dessert
all are invited and welcome!

Help us plan: Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office (570-421-6020) and let us know how many will be coming and what type of dish you plan to bring.

Questions?? Contact Peggy Stewart
570-424-0625 or bpstew@juno.com

OPEN

OFFICE HOURS

Starting on Wednesday, October 18 Pastor Bob will be holding open office hours for anyone needing to talk about anything. Hours will be on Wednesdays from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11 NIV

StroudFest 2017 Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in ANY way for this year's StroudFest!

What a great day we had! In addition to raising \$484.05 for our church, we also raised \$148.50 for UMCOR by having bags of popcorn available to anyone who gave a donation to UMCOR to go toward hurricane relief efforts in Texas.

We sold out of hotdogs and macaroni and cheese and almost sold out of sausage and peppers. Plans are already in the works for next year.

This was our fourth year being involved with StroudFest and raising money for our church.

Stay tuned for information on next year's participation!



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATES

Another great week of hosting Family Promise guests at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. The generosity and 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.

You served 24 meals and contributed more than 201 hours of service to the two families in shelter the week of September 10-September 17.

Thank you, all!



Volunteers are needed for Monroe County Habitat for Humanity. In order to complete 30 home repair projects in Monroe County this year, MCHFH is in need of skilled and unskilled volunteers!

Painting, lawn work, bathroom, construction, window install, siding, clean up and more....

Please contact MCHFH for schedules and locations - 570-216-4390 - habitatmc.org
volunteer@habitatmc.org



New Pictorial Directory

Plans are in the works for a new pictorial directory. The last one we had done was in 2013. We are using a different company this time around so hopefully things will go more smoothly than they did 4 years ago.

Once we have pricing and photography dates and other details, updates will be noted in the November newsletter, your weekly bulletin and the weekly eNews.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Instead of a movie night for the month of October, and because of the fun we had with church trivia at last month's M & E Second Saturday Supper -

SUMC is holding a Trivia Night on Sunday, October 29, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Start time at 7:00 pm

\$5.00 entry fee - teams of four

Free popcorn will be available. Feel free to bring your own snacks and soft drinks

Complimentary dessert and coffee served afterwards

Test your knowledge and brain power on different categories including:

The Bible

History

Sports

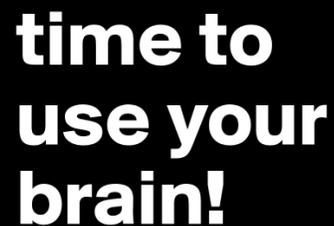
Entertainment, Music, Science and more!!

Prizes will be awarded!

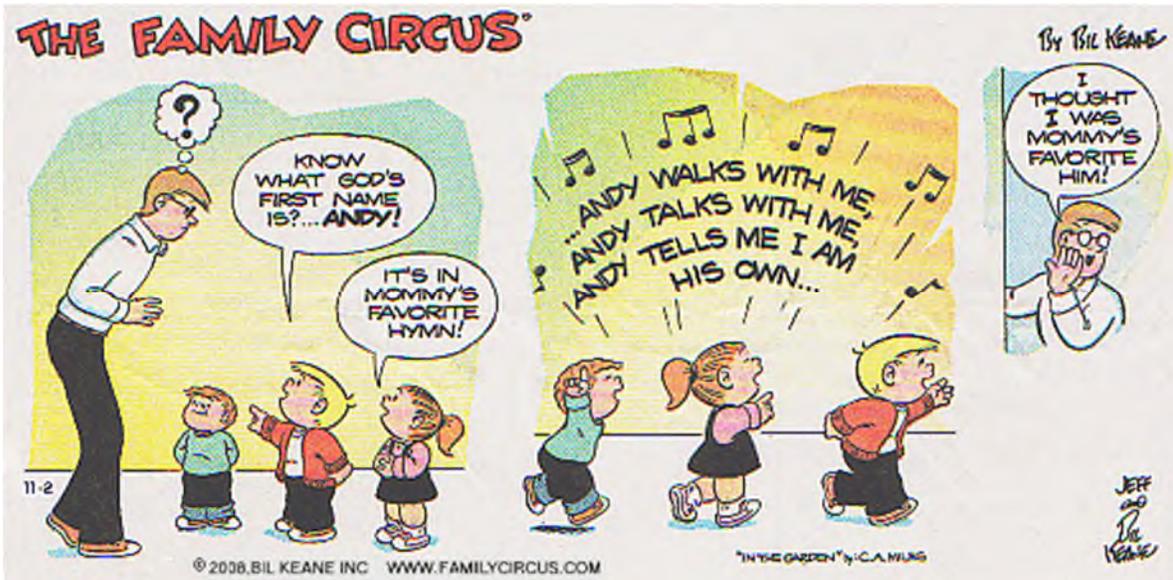
Please plan on joining us for this fun event!



SAVE THE DATE



**time to
use your
brain!**



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2005

**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

A **country preacher** decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish - make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5, 2017 | 3:00PM

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POCONO ALLIANCE: CHANGING LIVES - CREATING SOLUTIONS - BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



*Donations of Baked Goods
are needed for the
Membership & Evangelism
Team to sell at the
Holly Day Market!*

We need:

Cakes ~ Pies ~ Breads

AND

Cookies, lots of Cookies

(lots of cookies, of different varieties, we'd love a batch of your favorite – we plan to sell plates of assorted cookies)

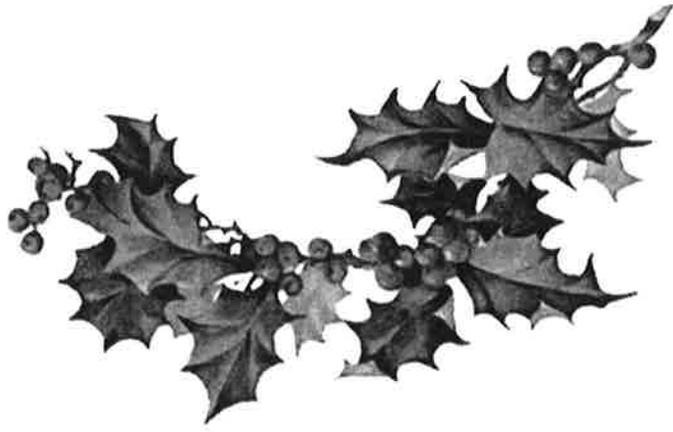
Because we plan to make plates of assorted cookies
it is important that we receive your
cookie donations before the day of the event.
Please bring your baked goods to the church on either
Thursday, November 2nd or **Friday, November 3rd**
and leave them in the downstairs kitchen.
(The church will be open in the evening both days)



Thank you very much for your donations!

Profits from the Bake Sale help to finance books
and other materials for our Small Groups Ministry.

Questions, contact Peggy Stewart (424-0625)
or Beryl Hellgren (421-4024)



Holly Day Market

at

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:00am-4:00pm

Featuring two floors and 40+ vendors!
Handcrafted items made by individual crafters
Independent distributors with their products for sale
Several church groups will be set up as well
Santa will be visiting
Christmas music will be playing throughout the church
Food will be available for purchase
Join us on November 4 and get started on your
Christmas shopping early!

Free parking available in the church parking lot located on Ann Street (around the corner from Main Street & directly behind the church)

Visit and like our Facebook page:

fb.me/2017HollyDayMarket

Questions? Please contact me in the church office - 570-421-6020 or jackieherrero@stroudsburgumc.com

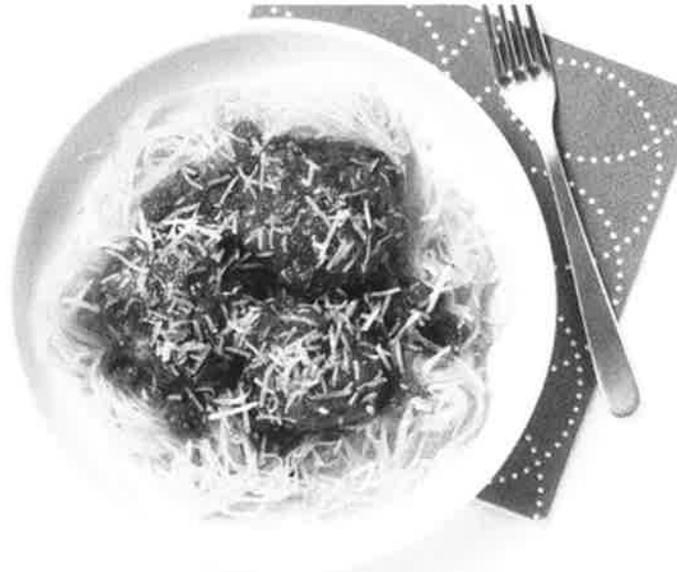
OCTOBER 2017

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Cub Scout Pack 86

Invites You to Our Semi-Annual

Spaghetti Dinner!



Saturday, October 7, 2017
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
547 Main Street, Stroudsburg (access Ann St.)

\$7.00 for adults (12 and over),
\$5.00 for kids ages 5-11
and children 4 and under are free.

Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad,
bread, dessert, and beverages.

Chat with friends and neighbors as you dine in, or order dinner to go.

All proceeds benefit the Cub Scouts of BSA Cub Scout Pack 86.



**COME VISIT US FOR A
SWEET TREAT AND A
GREAT EXPERIENCE!**

Where:

**Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360**

What:

Bake Sale & Homeless Education Event

When:

**Friday, October 20th – 3:30pm–7:30pm
Saturday, October 21st – 7:30am – 12:30pm**

**RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE
HOMELESS & BRING OUR
COMMUNITY TOGETHER!**



**STREET 2 FEET
OUTREACH CENTER**



Fall into the Arts

East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
83 South Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, PA

Sunday, October 1, 2017

2:00 – 5:00pm

Join us for a celebration of the arts!

Student Fine Art Exhibition:

Stroudsburg & East Stroudsburg High Schools

Music spotlighting local talent:

Joyful Noises barbershop quartet

Joe Dorsch, baritone sax

Doug Malefyt, guitar/vocal

Wendy Wilson, violin

String Students from Pocono Youth Orchestra

Woodwind Trio from Calliope

Special performance by organist

Christopher Johnson from

Riverside Church,

New York City



THIS IS A FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Donations accepted to be shared among high school art departments and Pocono Youth Orchestra.

For more information: visit www.esumc.net or call 570-421-3280

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