

## Kick Off!

Charlie Brown sees Lucy holding a football on end and lines up to run and kick it. He approaches the ball, ready to give it a swift, upward kick, and, at the last second, Lucy pulls the ball away. Charlie Brown whiffs, flies up in the air, and lands on his bottom. Ouch!

This sequence reminds me of a story I was sent many, many years ago. A monk was being chased by a tiger across a field. The faster he ran the more the tiger gained on him. With the tiger getting closer, the Monk realized the field was coming to an end. Looking ahead he saw a cliff where the field ended and, looking back, saw the tiger pressing onward. With no hope of escape behind him, he threw himself over the edge of that cliff. As luck would have it, the Monk clutched onto a vine growing out of the rocky cliff as he fell. The tiger was growling above him and the bottom of the cliff was over a hundred feet below him. He looked out to his right and saw a mouse nibbling on the vine he was holding on to. Then he spotted a bright red strawberry on that vine. Holding on tight to the little vine with his left hand, he reached out with his right hand to pick the strawberry. How sweet it tasted!

When I was a kid in school, having to read books for English class, I did not like any story that did not have a good ending. In the story about this monk, how does the story end? Does the mouse eat through the vine, dropping the monk to his death? Does the monk manage to successfully climbing the rocky cliff to the bottom? We just do not know.

This type of none-ending to a story used to drive me nuts. Did you ever watch a movie that

had a terrible ending? If so, then you know exactly what I mean.

Over the years, these types of story endings are more welcome by me. Not everything is logical in life. We desire life to be predictable. We prefer to know what we're getting into before we get into it. Unfortunately, life does not work this way.

Risks and changes are required. Imagine a life lived with no risks being taken. Sometimes we are like that monk whose vine is being nibbled by a rodent. We have a choice. We can complain or we can taste the fruit of that vine. I prefer the latter and believe most of you do, too.

September is a kick-off season in many ways. Football has started by now, and there are also many things starting up again in the church. Our choir is getting ready to sing, and Sunday School and Small Groups will resume. Check out the schedule in the church bulletin to see what else is happening in our busy church schedule.

My challenge to you is not just to look at the church schedule, but to make the decision to get involved in something new this fall. Join a Small Group, start attending Sunday School, or come more frequently to worship.

Take a risk. Reach out and taste the strawberry!



Bob Shank

# Daily Scripture Readings

**September 1**  
Ecclesiastes 4

**September 2**  
Ecclesiastes 5

**September 3**  
Ecclesiastes 6

**September 4**  
Ecclesiastes 7

**September 5**  
Ecclesiastes 8

**September 6**  
Ecclesiastes 9

**September 7**  
Ecclesiastes 10

**September 8**  
Ecclesiastes 11

**September 9**  
Ecclesiastes 12

**September 10**  
Genesis 1

**September 11**  
Genesis 2

**September 12**  
Genesis 3

**September 13**  
Genesis 4

**September 14**  
Genesis 5

**September 15**  
Genesis 6

**September 16**  
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**September 17**  
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**September 18**  
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**September 19**  
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**September 20**  
Genesis 11

**September 21**  
Genesis 12

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**September 24**  
Genesis 15

**September 25**  
Genesis 16

**September 26**  
Genesis 17

**September 27**  
Genesis 18

**September 28**  
Genesis 19

**September 29**  
Genesis 20

**September 30**  
Genesis 21

**Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!**

# SEPTEMBER

## To Serve You in September

**Greeters** 8:30  
Jack & Barbara Hinline (all month)

11:00  
3 Joni Singer  
10 Debbie Hardy  
17 Sue & Bill Weitzmann  
24 Ana & Bob Dellicker

**Ushers** 8:30  
Jack Hinline  
Barbara Hinline  
John Burrus

11:00  
C.J. Penwell

**Counters**  
Ray Singer & Claribel Sebring

**Altar Guild**  
Cathy Doane & Jackie Herrero

**Soup Kitchen**  
**Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm**  
3 St. Peter's UMC-Dale Bone  
10 Leader - Jeff Weber  
17 Neola UMC-Pastor Todd  
24 NarAnon-Al Michie



## OUR CHURCH STAFF:

<b>Ministers</b>	Everyone
<b>Pastors</b>	Bob Shank & Ted Good
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Tom Anderman
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Jackie Herrero
<b>Choir Director</b>	David Lantz
<b>Organist</b>	Marti Lantz
<b>Youth Leader</b>	
<b>Handbell Director</b>	Lynn Seip
<b>Cherub Choir Director</b>	Kim Kopec
<b>Custodian</b>	Matt Parton

## OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

**Daniel's Dream Team**  
Chairperson, Sue Scarborough  
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Chairperson, Pastor Bob Shank  
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**Property & Building**  
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**Missions**  
Chairpersons, Ruth Weber & Kathy Cook

**Membership & Evangelism**  
Chairperson, Peggy Stewart  
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**Lay Leader**  
Beryl Hellgren

**Audio Visual Assistant**  
Beth Armitage



### September Birthdays

5	Ray Singer
7	Bryan Hill
10	Scott Decker
10	Bridget Hardy
12	Terry Flatt
12	Alice Singer
13	Kathy Cook
13	Josh DeVivo
14	Jarrett Seip
15	Dorothy Baldwin
16	Thomas Anderman
16	Gladys Warnick
18	Rory Stanton
22	Camryn Philips
22	Elizabeth Schuler
23	Janet Woolever
23	Peggy Stewart
25	Jenny Bogart
30	Alexis Philips
30	Tyler Snyder

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



The Stewardship Committee and the Property & Building Committee are seeking donations to help fund a new heating and air conditioning unit for the church offices. The church offices have been without air conditioning for two summers. A new unit will eliminate the need for space heaters in the winter. The total needed to complete this project is \$5,380.00.

To date, over \$1,000 has been generously donated! Thank you!

If you can help, please place your donations in the offering plate marked for "Heating and Air Conditioning Unit". If you have questions, please contact the church office or a member of either Property & Building or Stewardship.

Thank you!



# Family Promise®

We are hosting Family Promise families the week of September 10, 2017.

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Room at church.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

To help with meals

Overnight hosts

Fellowship with the families

Laundry during the week

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Cook at 570-476-6261. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Yard Sale last month.  
The sale was a success and everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you all!

Missions Committee

## **SOUP KITCHEN HELP**

Beryl Hellgren is seeking help with the soup kitchen duties. She is unable to handle all of the tasks herself. Volunteers are needed to inventory the pantry downstairs, schedule soup kitchen volunteers and volunteer a few Sunday's during the year when she needs people. Volunteers are needed to help with recycling, too.

Please contact the church office or Beryl directly (570-421-4024) if you can help out. Thank you!

## **We're planning another trip to NYC!**

We're planning to take another trip to NYC on Saturday, November 18 to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular and tour New York City. The show starts at 11 am and runs for 90 minutes. That leaves plenty of time to sight see in the city!

Since we're only in the planning stages right now, I would like to have an idea of how many people would definitely be interested in going on the trip.

I am waiting for several bus companies to get back to me with rates so I can compare and keep the trip at a cost that will allow everyone interested to attend. I'm also waiting for a reply from Radio City with the price of group tickets.

Please let me know your interest in this trip. Those of you who were on the last trip we took in 2013 remember how much fun we had and certainly should remember the snow storm and the ride back to Pennsylvania! All in all it was a fun day with lots of laughs. Hopefully this time we're going early enough in the season to avoid snow!

- Jackie



# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

On Sunday, August 27, 2017 we welcomed the following into membership at SUMC:

Pamela Miller Hendrix

Norman Marsh

Mike Weaver

Vicki Weaver

Please give our new members a word of welcome when you see them in church!

**THE FRONT OF OUR BULLETIN SAYS:  
OUR MISSION  
SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS IN  
INNOVATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE WAYS**

This is a part of the final conversation Christ gave as instruction to His disciples, and as a member of the body of Christ, He has spoken it to each of us. "Preach the gospel and tell the Good News!" As an individual many people find it difficult to share their testimony of a relationship to Christ with others. Being uncomfortable doing it; however, does not relieve us of our responsibility to do it. Fortunately there are many more ways to let the world know we live for Jesus besides face to face conversations. Asking the direct question expecting an honest answer can be done in several ways. Membership and Evangelism committee is launching a new program of tracts which will be an excellent resource to help you share the gospel with others. They are sometimes called "silent missionaries".

What is a tract?

A tract is a small, folded, printed pamphlet with articles or stories that invite the reader to think about their relationship with Christ. It informs them how they may be lost and how they can obtain Eternal Life.

Where are they available? There is a rack placed at the entry of the narthex and one in the elevator foyer. They are available for everyone and visitors. These racks were constructed by Charles Armitage.

How do you use them?

Encourage visitors at Meditation time, send to new visitors. Send one in a card from you, take them with you when you visit a shut in or a nursing home, and keep a few in your purse.

You may purchase favorite packets fitting for your personal ministry. The "Thank you" tract is for leaving a tip for your server; the one called "where are you going?" is a good one to take traveling with you, leaving one in airport bathroom. Go to [www.mwtb.org](http://www.mwtb.org), order on line. They will also send you a catalogue with your first order. They come in packets of \$2.00/20 or \$6.00/100.

**CAUTION BEFORE YOU USE, READ THE TRACT "100 REASONS AND WAYS TO USE GOSPEL TRACTS"**

This tract is enclosed as part of this article and is on the rack as well. This pamphlet gives 90 ideas of how to use and 10 ways not to use gospel tracts. It is important to know how to and how not to use them for several reasons:

All distributions should be done in kind, loving manner that brings glory and honor to God

These have our church name on them, so please use them in a manner that is appropriate and honorable

Read what you pass out, so you don't put yourself in an uncomfortable situation

Don't litter- tracts left outdoors can easily blow around and become a nuisance to those who have to clean them up

Don't leave tracts in Post Offices or other places where literature is prohibited

Don't force tracts on people

Don't be rude if someone turns down a tract

Do not trespass

Do not leave tracts on houses or cars where they can get wet and make a mess

Don't leave a tract in place of a tip (or with a tip of less than 15%) that is poor testimony

Don't use bad tracts. Make sure they are attractive and contain the true Gospel Message.

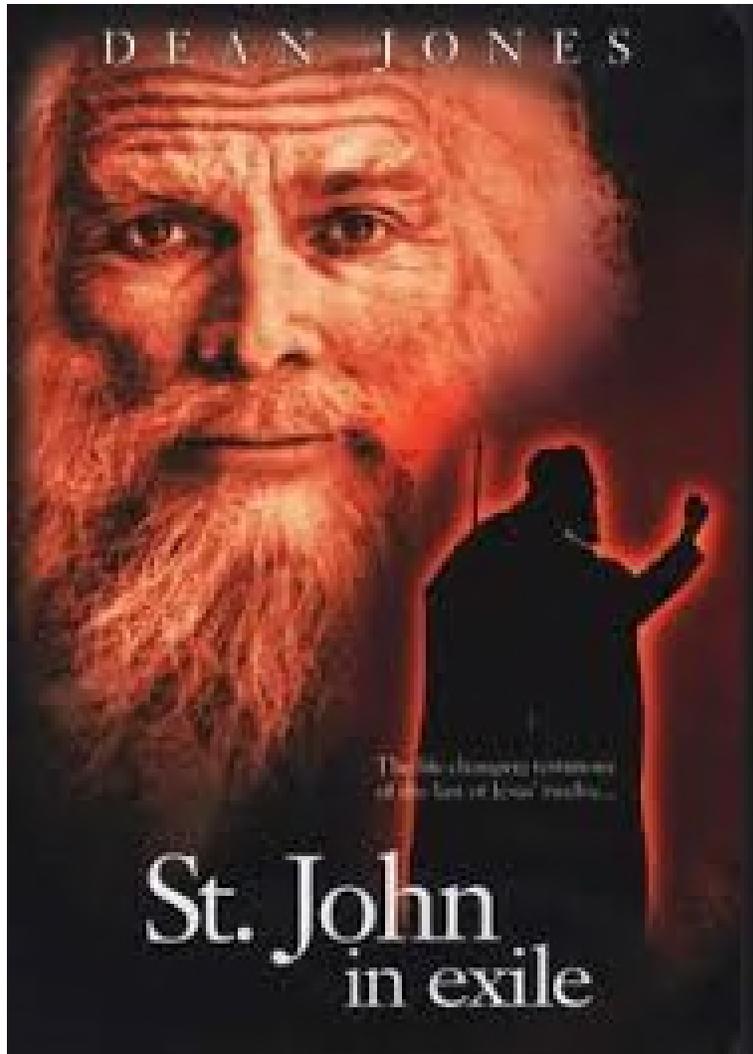
Don't use tracts that you haven't read. Make sure to study the message and references so you are familiar with what they say

Don't do it alone - seek God's guidance and blessing at every turn

Thank you for prayerfully participating in this program and being one more voice that proclaims the  
**GOOD NEWS!**

Any questions ask Peggy Stewart (570-424-0625 or [bpstew@juno.com](mailto:bpstew@juno.com)) or  
JoAnn Calkins (570-402-1210 or [carotjce@pet.net](mailto:carotjce@pet.net))

Free Movie Night  
Friday, September 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm  
St. John in Exile  
(not rated, runs for 93 minutes)



All are welcome!  
Free popcorn!  
(Feel free to bring your own bottled water or soda)

Church Groups &  
Committee Leaders -  
Are your meetings  
starting up for the fall?

To ensure your meeting dates and times are included in the weekly bulletin and on the online calendar, please contact me in the church office and let me know when your group will be starting up again for the fall.

Thank you!

- Jackie

*"They will fight you, but they will fail. For I am with you, and I will take care of you. I, the Lord, have spoken!" (NLT) Jeremiah 1:19*

*Put your faith in God and you can live every day with peace and reassurance.*

Gale Butz and Avon Doll would like to invite their church family to share in the upcoming celebration of their wedding. The ceremony will be held at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

No gifts, please!





## *Holly Day Market*

*at*

*Stroudsburg United Methodist Church*

*547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA*

*Saturday, November 4, 2017*

*9:00am-4:00pm*

Featuring two floors!

Handcrafted items made by individual crafters

Independent distributors with their products for sale

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](https://fb.me/2017HollyDayMarket)**

Questions? Please contact me in the church office - 570-421-6020 or [jackieherrero@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:jackieherrero@stroudsburgumc.com)

The Membership and Evangelism Team  
invites everyone to our September

*Second Saturday Supper*  
*September 9, 2017 @ 5:30 pm*

**We'll provide:**  
**Plates, utensils, and beverages**  
(iced tea, punch, and coffee)

**Our Program will be:**



**How well do you know our church?**  
Prizes will be awarded!

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](mailto:bpstew@juno.com)



**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!**



**STREET2FEET  
OUTREACH CENTER**

## SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> StroudFest 2017
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>2:00 PM</b> Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Second Saturday Supper Set up <b>5:30 PM</b> Second Saturday Supper-Dining Room
<b>10</b> Family Promise <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adults <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>11</b> Family Promise <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>12</b> Family Promise	<b>13</b> Family Promise <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice-Sanctuary	<b>14</b> Family Promise <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts	<b>15</b> Family Promise	<b>16</b> Family Promise
<b>17</b> Family Promise <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adults <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>12:30 PM</b> Carpet cleaning in Fellowship Room <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge	<b>20</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice-Sanctuary	<b>21</b> Setup for Butz/Doll Wedding-Fellowship Room <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts	<b>22</b> Rehearsal for Butz/Doll Wedding-Sanctuary	<b>23</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Butz/Doll Wedding Ceremony-Sanctuary <b>3:00 PM</b> Light Refreshments After Wedding-Fellowship Room
<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adults <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice-Sanctuary	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Free Movie Night-Sanctuary	<b>30</b>

78. Tracts can be placed in airport lounges, or distributed in bus, train, and subway stations.
79. Tracts can be given to students at Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.
80. Tracts can be given away from booths rented during fairs or carnivals.
81. Tracts can be given with Christmas cookies (or gifts) to neighbors each year.
82. Tracts can be given to attendees of church choral programs at Easter and Christmas.
83. Tracts can be handed to anyone who has helped you at a store, given you a haircut, serviced your car, or worked in your house.
84. Tracts can be taken overseas on short-term missions trips in the language of the country being visited.
85. Tracts can be handed out during special community outreach programs and events like fall festivals, Christmas programs, etc.
86. Tracts can be placed on a business counter or in an office for people to pick up.
87. Tracts can be included in disaster relief packages.
88. Tracts can be placed in Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets that are given to needy community families.
89. Tracts can be included with Christmas cards and annual letters for a clear gospel witness.
90. Tracts can be given out during appointments with doctors and health care workers.

## Ways NOT to use Gospel Tracts

- When distributing the Gospel, be sure to do so in a way that brings glory and honor to God. With that in mind, here are some things to avoid.*
91. Don't litter—tracts left outdoors can easily blow around and become a nuisance to those who have to clean them up.
  92. Don't leave tracts in Post Offices or other places where literature is prohibited.
  93. Don't force tracts on people.

94. Don't be rude when someone turns down your tract.
95. Don't trespass.
96. Don't leave tracts on houses or cars where they can get wet and make a mess.
97. Don't leave a tract in place of a tip (or with a tip of less than 15%)—it is a very poor testimony.
98. Don't use bad tracts. Make sure they are attractive and contain the true Gospel message.
99. Don't use tracts that you haven't read. Make sure to study the message (and all referenced Scriptures) so you are familiar with what you are distributing.
100. Don't do it alone—seek God's guidance and blessing at every turn.

*"Nothing surpasses a tract for sowing the seed of the Good News."—Billy Graham*

*"When preaching and private talk are not available, you need to have a tract ready . . . get good striking tracts, or none at all. A touching gospel tract may be the seed of eternal life. Therefore, do not go out without your tracts. Let each one of us, if we have done nothing for Christ, begin to do something now. The distribution of tracts is the first thing!"—Charles Spurgeon*

*"The smallest tract may be the stone in David's sling. In the hands of Christ it may bring down a giant's soul."—Robert Murray M'Cheyne*

*Did you know that George Whitefield, a preacher of the Great Awakening, was saved by a Gospel tract? After reading it he wrote, "God showed me I must be born again or be damned."*

*The great missionary to China, Hudson Taylor, was also saved by reading a tract.*

*God even used a Gospel tract as the tool that led Greg Koukl, founder of Stand to Reason, to Christ. He has stated that "some brave soul" put it in the bottom of his grocery bag while checking out.*

Tracts for Believers #B178

**MOMENTS WITH THE BOOK**

For more information, please contact:

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# 100 Reasons and Ways to use GOSPEL TRACTS

## Reasons to use Gospel Tracts

*Using good-quality Gospel Tracts gives every Christian a simple and effective way to share the good news of Jesus Christ.*

1. Tracts can get inside homes and stay there. You can't.
2. Tracts never lose their temper or become involved in arguments.
3. Tracts never flinch or show cowardice.
4. Tracts can stick to the point without compromising.
5. Tracts never get discouraged.
6. Tracts are willing to be sent anywhere.
7. Tracts can work 24 hours a day.
8. Tracts are not expensive.
9. Tracts can be read many times over.
10. Tracts contain portions of Scripture, which God will use and bless (Isaiah 55:10,11).
11. Tracts can be used without fear.
12. Tracts have unlimited patience.
13. Tracts are a great way for Christians to fulfill the Great Commission by sharing the Gospel often and widely.
14. Tracts are easy to give to another person with a smile and some encouragement to read them.
15. Tracts explain the Gospel clearly and simply so that the reader can make a decision to trust Christ (if he is at that point in his understanding and personal desire to believe).
16. Tracts go anywhere with you—work, school, vacation, shopping, repair shop, eating out, etc.

17. Tracts can accomplish their purpose anytime—day or night, winter or summer, good times or bad, “right now” or “later.”
18. Tracts can take advantage of a special event or activity—elections, sports, etc.—by taking that interest and relating God’s truth to it.
19. Tracts inject spiritual truth through specialized Gospel messages during seasons such as Christmas, New Year’s, Easter, Halloween, etc.
20. Tracts are proven to work: History records the testimony of many who were saved through tracts.
21. Tracts often get read by more than one person.
22. Tracts are “portable”—carry them in your pocket, purse, planner, notebook, or laptop bag.
23. Tracts are also portable when used for large outreaches. Just one person can pack and carry several thousand tracts.
24. Tracts can be used in quantity, multiplying your witnessing opportunities.
25. Tracts can be distributed as part of your normal routine (if you’re living a consistent Christian life).
26. Tracts are available in a variety of designs and formats to suit your tastes and preferences.
27. Tracts address subjects that are current as well as topics that are timeless.
28. Tracts give God’s point of view about life and death issues.
29. Tracts get their point across in an easy-to-read, brief format suited for a generation raised on sound-bites, e-mails, and texting.
30. Tracts cross educational hurdles and are available on various “grade” levels.
31. Tracts can communicate in languages you don’t speak.
32. Tracts cross age and gender differences.
33. Tracts don’t require a degree, special giftedness, training, or experience to use.
34. Tracts never compromise their message.
35. Tracts cross socio-economic barriers.
36. Tracts may contain the only portion of God’s Word some people have ever read.

37. Tracts never get tired.
38. Tracts give their message when the reader is ready to receive it.
39. Tracts continue to repeat their message as often as necessary.
40. Tracts cross ethnic and cultural barriers.
41. Tracts can start a conversation.
42. Tracts reinforce what you say about the Gospel in a conversation, talk, or sermon.
43. Tracts get their message across when no conversation is possible—in a letter, with a bill payment, or when you have only seconds with another person.
44. Tracts can address difficult issues (when written by an expert) on which you aren’t an expert.
45. Tracts can communicate to a non-reader who asks someone to read it to him.
46. Tracts generally add their message to other factors from the reader’s past that may eventually lead that person to salvation.
47. Tracts are a testimony—even if the recipient doesn’t read the whole message, they are reminded of their need of Christ.
48. Tracts provide a point of reference for the reader to find spiritual help by contacting the publisher, church, individual, or website listed on the back.
49. Tracts can directly address certain beliefs—like Islam, Catholicism, and Mormonism—comparing them with Biblical truth.
50. Tracts can be adapted to share their message through various media to reach people and places that you cannot otherwise visit.

## Ways to use Gospel Tracts

*Hopefully the following list will give you some ideas of how you can put the “silent missionaries” to work. No matter where or how you choose to distribute tracts, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for each tract placed, and then pray for the Lord of the harvest to bless the seed sown.*

51. Tracts can be placed in greeting cards.
52. Tracts can be passed out door to door.

53. Tracts can be shared with fellow campers.
54. Tracts can be posted on bulletin boards in public areas.
55. Tracts can be put in pockets of used clothing given away.
56. Tracts can be passed out at parades, festivals, and other special gatherings.
57. Tracts can be handed out at stadium entrances before sporting events, concerts, etc.
58. Tracts can be left in laundromats.
59. Tracts can be included in a mailing to people in your community—or around the world.
60. Tracts can be given to attendants at parking garages, toll booths, etc.
61. Tracts can be left in motel rooms (in the drawers, telephone book, etc.)
62. Tracts can be included in bills paid by mail.
63. Tracts can be handed to store employees, check-out clerks, valets, etc.
64. Tracts can be left in returned library books.
65. Tracts can be put with other reading materials in waiting rooms.
66. Tracts can be placed in tract racks in stores and other public places—with permission, of course.
67. Tracts can be enclosed with letters to prisoners, pen-pals, etc.
68. Tracts can be left with a (generous) tip in restaurants.
69. Tracts can be given to hospital and nursing home patients while visiting.
70. Tracts can be handed out at zoos, picnic areas, and beaches.
71. Tracts can be left on a seat in a bus, cab, plane, etc.
72. Tracts can be left in a locker at the gym.
73. Tracts can be passed out on busy street corners.
74. Tracts can be given out on college campuses.
75. Tracts can be left in the break room or cafeteria at work or school.
76. Tracts can be left for paper and mail carriers, etc.
77. Tracts can be placed in each box or bag of merchandise you sell.

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