

It's Kickoff Time!

I just love this time of year! Fall is my most favorite season. The color of the leaves will soon be changing, it's football season (yes I'm ready for some football!), and activities in the church move into full swing! Yep, this is a great time of year!

Adult Sunday School has continued through the summer, but children's Sunday School will kickoff in September after Labor Day. We are still looking for a few more teachers to help with this. If you can give some time to this important ministry, we sure would appreciate it. Children need to have opportunities to learn about Jesus and how to live as a follower of Jesus. How many of us adults have fond memories and were shaped spiritually by a Sunday School teacher or two in our past? Please help us provide this opportunity to our children here at SUMC. Even if you only have time to help out once a month or be an on-call backup, this will be very helpful.

We also are looking for people who can help in the nursery during 11am worship. If we can get several people who can give one Sunday a month, or even every other month, we can staff the nursery and help visitors and members who need this important service for their children.

Have you noticed the increase of children in worship lately? We had more baptisms so far this year than any year I can remember. It is exciting to see young families and their children participating in worship. Having nursery care is vital if we are going to continue this trend of being a young-family-friendly church.

SUMC has come a long way to being a friendly church. I hear this all the time from visitors and new members. Now it is time to take the next steps in being even more friendly! Children's Sunday School teachers and Nursery Care Providers are needed now!

Another kickoff item this fall is my blog. Each week I will be writing a blog entry about the upcoming worship theme. I did some of this during the summer but with vacations and other times away my blogging wasn't as consistent as I would have liked. But starting this fall I am making the commitment to write at least one blog entry each week. You can check it out on the church website at www.stroudsburgumc.com and then click on the link to Pastor Bob's Blog. I might also add some additional thoughts from our Bible Study and Small Group throughout the year.

One more kickoff item is the new sermon series we will be starting this month. Starting in the second week of September, after Labor Day, we will be starting a sermon series on "Family Issues." Topics will include, how to be a better husband, how to be a better wife, how to live as God's child, and grand parenting—a how-to manual. These sermons will be very practical to all of us. So spread the word and tell your friends and neighbors that they can learn something valuable by coming to worship on Sunday. They will also hear some inspiring music and experience the presence of God in worship, too!

It is time to kickoff a new season. Are you ready for some church?

Join us at SUMC because things are moving in exciting directions. Help us take the next step to being the church God intends for us. This is an exciting season and these are exciting times!



Bob Shank

**Daily Lectionary Scripture References
September 2010**

September 1

2 Kings 6
Lamentations 2
1 Corinthians 15

September 2

2 Kings 7
Lamentations 3
1 Corinthians 16

September 3

2 Kings 8
Lamentations 4
2 Corinthians 1, 2

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2 Kings 9
Lamentations 5
2 Corinthians 3, 4

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2 Kings 10
Ezekiel 1
2 Corinthians 5, 6, 7

September 6

2 Kings 11, 12
Ezekiel 2
2 Corinthians 8, 9

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2 Kings 13
Ezekiel 3
2 Corinthians 10, 11

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2 Kings 14
Ezekiel 4
2 Corinthians 12, 13

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2 Kings 15
Ezekiel 5
Luke 1

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2 Kings 16
Ezekiel 6
Luke 2

September 11

2 Kings 17
Ezekiel 7
Luke 3

September 12

2 Kings 18
Ezekiel 8
Luke 4

September 13

2 Kings 19
Ezekiel 9
Luke 5

September 14

2 Kings 20
Ezekiel 10
Luke 6

September 15

2 Kings 21
Ezekiel 11
Luke 7

September 16

2 Kings 22, 23
Ezekiel 12
Luke 8

September 17

2 Kings 24, 25
Ezekiel 13
Luke 9

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1 Chronicles 1
Ezekiel 14
Luke 10

September 19

1 Chronicles 2
Ezekiel 15
Luke 11

September 20

1 Chronicles 3
Ezekiel 16
Luke 12

September 21

1 Chronicles 4
Ezekiel 17
Luke 13, 14

September 22

1 Chronicles 5
Ezekiel 18
Luke 15

September 23

1 Chronicles 6
Ezekiel 19
Luke 16

September 24

1 Chronicles 7
Ezekiel 20
Luke 17

September 25

1 Chronicles 8
Ezekiel 21
Luke 18

September 26

1 Chronicles 9
Ezekiel 22
Luke 19

September 27

1 Chronicles 10
Ezekiel 23
Luke 20

September 28

1 Chronicles 11
Ezekiel 24
Luke 21

September 29

1 Chronicles 12
Ezekiel 25
Luke 22

September 30

1 Chronicles 13, 14
Ezekiel 26
Luke 23

Two Dates – Two Locations
Two Community Benefit Christmas Concerts
A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER
Tara Lynn & Jimmy Fortune



 *Together For Christmas!*

Opening for Tara & Jimmy will be Bob Varricchio

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday September 1, 2010

Saturday December 11, 2010

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

7:00 PM Show Time

Details and Ticket Info: sumc@stroudsburgumc.com

Your Support Helps the SUMC Missions Team and Camp Erin

Sunday December 12, 2010

Penn View Christian School Souderton, Pennsylvania

5:00 PM soup & sandwiches 6:30 PM Show Time

Details and Ticket Info: chessiepeak@netcarrier.com

Your Support Helps Keystone Opportunity Center, Yokefellow Prison Ministry and Camp Erin

Food collection benefits Keystone Opportunity Center

Bible Collection benefits Yokefellow Prison Ministry

Because HE is the Reason...

Celebrate the Season!



TO SERVE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Greeters	8:30
5	Norma Snow
12	Irene Goforth
19	Fran & Ralph Harrison
26	Pam Price
	11:00
5	Vivian Cobbs
12	BJ Bachman
19	Marti & Nelson Ernest
26	CJ Penwell
Ushers	8:30
Bryan Hill	
Cliff Rogell	
Ken Rutt	
Ray Singer	
	11:00
Eileen Sebring	
Joni Singer	
CJ Penwell	
Glenn Singer	
Counters	
Ray Singer & Doris Philips	
Altar Guild	
Janet Woolever & Eleanor Bentzoni	
Soup Kitchen	
5	Neola UMC-Pastor Todd Glassmire Members
12	Grace UMC-Tom Odenwelder Members
19	Berean Bible Fellowship-Sylvia Carmella Members
26	ESU Christian Fellowship-Ross Gunderren Members



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers	Everyone
Pastors	Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus	Tom Anderman
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Dave Lantz
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Director	Kim Miller
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Transue

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September 2010

5	Ray Singer
6	Bill Ramsden
7	Barbara DeVivo
10	Scott Decker
12	Terry Flatt
12	Alice Singer
13	Kathy Cook
13	Bonnie Cramsey
14	Jarrett Seip
15	Dorothy Baldwin
16	Thomas Anderman
16	Marion Stewart
16	Gladys Warnick
17	Elsa Ramsden
18	Rory Stanton
22	Elizabeth Schuler
23	Janet Woolever
23	Peggy Stewart
25	Jenny Bogart
30	Alexis Paige Philips

If you would like to receive a card on your special day, please call the church office.

In July, the DASH Youth Group did a work mission trip to Altoona, PA. We worked for a couple whose older, two story house needed exterior scraping, priming, and painting. We also did some landscaping and weeding. In the evenings we shared “chapel” time (a contemporary worship) with over 100 other mission workers, counselors, and group leaders. We learned how God uses others as our “scaffolding” and how to surround ourselves with good scaffolding and how He is always there to lean on and guide us through good times as well as bad times. The week was filled with hard work, good times, laughs, enriching experiences and teamwork. Thank you to Pastor Bob and Cathy Doane for chaperoning. We would also like to thank Roz Evans for our gas money and the SUMC Missions Committee for their sponsorship and red bucket monies. We could not have met our financial need without your support.

In August, we served food and sold clothing at the Annual Mission’s Yard Sale. Thank you to all who donated food, clothing, and money to our cause. Thanks also to Peggy Stewart for leading that weekend and all the parent and youth volunteers. The DASH will resume Tuesday, September 21st from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. All youth from 7th through 12th grade are welcome.

Upcoming events are hiking, working at the Holiday Boutique, a weekend retreat, Bible studies, etc.

Hope to see you in September!!

Save the Date!!

Church Covered Dish Dinner

When: Sunday, October 24, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm



REMINDER

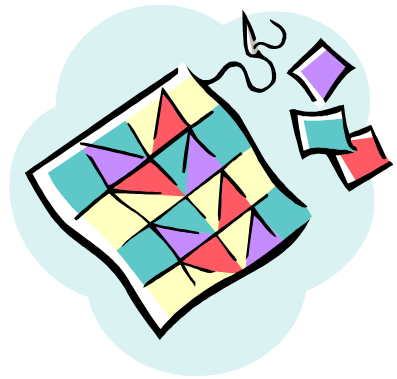
Little Quilts starts Monday, September 13th @ 7:00 PM

My Brother's Keeper starts Thursday, September 16th @ 10:00 AM

All sessions are held in the downstairs dining room. No experience is necessary if you are interested in joining.

Plain or multicolored FLAT sheets are needed for both Little Quilts & My Brother's Keeper. Any size can be used. Please place the sheets in the bucket beside the cedar chest in the Fellowship Room.

Thank you!



**Please make a
note of Pastor Tom & Carol's apartment
phone number:
215-871-5235**

Prostate Cancer Screening

Get Well! Program Hosted by the Dale & Frances Hughes Cancer Center

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

Dale & Frances Hughes Cancer Center
231 East Brown Street
East Stroudsburg, PA

Cost: FREE

Must meet eligibility requirements. Pre-registration is required. Please call 570-476-3750 to register. Registration runs from September 1-10, 2010.

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks, again, to the generosity of our members we continue to be about 20% above our income at this time last year enabling us to meet our Conference apportionment and keep current with our bills. We thank you for remembering SUMC during this hopefully relaxed vacation season.

Speaking of vacation, are you aware that you can make gifts to the church through our website? If you are away or for those of you who prefer making payments online, just click on the website: www.stroudsburgumc.com and follow the directions.

You will be receiving a mailing in September which will include a pledge card that we ask be completed and returned during service on October 24, Commitment Sunday, or to the church office prior to that date. Please keep our church, our committee, and the response of our members in your prayers as we prepare our Stewardship program.

Also, a mailing will be going out to the parents of our confirmed youth and young adults to update our records concerning schools attending, current addresses and distribution of giving envelopes. We would ask that you respond accordingly so that we may keep in touch with those students away at colleges or at different addresses than listed under their parents.

Giving statements will be prepared and mailed the beginning of September. Please notify Fran Harrison, Financial Secretary, or the church office if you do not receive a statement or if you have questions about your statement. Thank you.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Fran Harrison, Paul Edinger, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, JoAnn Calkins

BOWLERS WANTED!!

WHO: Both new 4-man teams and subs wanted to bowl in the Monroe County Church League, a 100% handicap league.

WHEN: League bowling begins on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM and continues weekly, at the same time (with holiday breaks) for 32 weeks ending in Spring of 2011.

WHERE: West End Lanes located on Route 209 in Brodheadsville.

HOW: Contact Terry Karhan, Secretary
Phone: 570-421-1758 or e-mail tlkjak@verizon.net
Contact Larry Savercool
Phone: 570-992-8724



This is a well established league that has been around for over 25 years. If any men are interested in joining the league either as individual or a full 4 man team, or if you are just interested in being a sub, please give Terry or Larry a call for more information.

The Mission Committee wishes to thank each and every one who helped set up, price and sell at the Yard Sale. In spite of the heat everyone worked very hard and it was greatly appreciated. We also want to thank everyone who gave even one item for sale. Without your contribution there would have been no sale. Again we thank every member of our church for their enthusiastic support of Missions. We made about \$1500 on the sale. We will report next month the specific missions that our church will be able to support with the monies raised through this sale. Again, our heartfelt thank you.



Volunteers Needed!!



We are looking for volunteers to staff the children's nursery at 11:00 Worship for our members' and visitors' infants and toddlers.

Please let the church office know if you are available to help out at least one Sunday a month or even every other month.

Thank you!!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!!

We are looking for Sunday School volunteers to teach our children and youth on Sunday mornings.

Even if you can help out one Sunday a month or be a back up person, your help is needed and would be appreciated!

Please contact the church office if you can serve your church as a Sunday School teacher!

Thank you!



CORRECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER'S CALENDAR:

Please make the following change on this month's calendar:
Alberta Weber's Small Group will be meeting on Thursday,
September 9th and Thursday, September 23rd @ 7 PM in the Lounge.
Sorry for the confusion!!

Also, please note that Daniel's Dream Team will meet on Monday,
September 20th @ 7 PM in the Fellowship Room.



New Member Classes will be starting soon!
Look for updates in upcoming bulletins.
Please call the church office with any questions.
Thank you.

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE

Several dedicated church women from area churches who meet as a prayer group called "Women of Thunder" found themselves called by the Lord to reach out to the hungry and homeless. They have since December 2009 offered a warm meal, assorted clothing and other household necessities to needy folks. They have carried out this mission every Tuesday evening at 6 PM at our church, except on the third Tuesday when we have Terrific Tuesday. The response to this outreach has been very good. The group supplies all the food and serving items that are needed for each meal. We supply the light and gas used for warming the food.

Up until now the group has not had a key to the church, rather someone from our congregation has unlocked the door for them at 5 PM on Tuesdays. However, I was out of town the week of August 15 and WOE IS ME forgot to ask someone to open the door for the group. They were not able to get in but resourcefully went to plan B.

Stay tuned for their story in the October Courier. They now have a key.

Beryl Hellgren

UMW NEWS for SEPTEMBER 2010

Like all the other groups in SUMC, UMW is revving up for the beginning of our active season beginning with our September meetings and activities listed below:

Little Quilts: Monday, 9/13, at 7:00pm.
Brothers' Keepers Quilting: Thursday, 9/16, 10:00am.
Mary Circle: To be announced.
Lydia Circle: Wednesday, 9/22, 1:30pm.
Regular Business Meeting, Tuesday, 9/28, 7:00pm.

Our program for the September meeting will be Dr. Beth Soland, who will speak on "Nutrition". Dr. Soland is a practicing Chiropractor, but is also very involved in nutrition.

For our October 26th meeting we will be making a craft item for the UMW Holiday Boutique Table (**very simple, something anyone can do**).

At our November 23rd meeting we will assemble the Christmas Totes for Church Women United.

Special dates to mark on your calendar:

Saturday, 11/6, 9:00am - 3:00pm - Holiday Boutique

Saturday, 12/11, 2:00pm - 4:00pm - Christmas Tea

We have two more months to collect items for the Christmas Totes:

September - NOTE PADS (NOT SPIRAL)

October - COMBS

If you plan on donating any of the other items on our list, please try to put them in (or on) the trunk by Sunday, October 17th. I will be doing an inventory of the trunk items that week and will be printing a list of still-needed items in the November Courier.

Every lady in SUMC is welcome to be active in SUMW and invited to participate in any and all of our meetings and activities. If anything on the above list sounds interesting to you, please come and join us.



We are in the process of updating the church directory. Please complete this form as it applies to your family and return it in the offering plate or to the church office.

Name _____

_____ I **do** want to be included in the church directory. There have been **no changes** to my information since the last update.

_____ I **do** want to be included in the church directory. Here is my current information:

Names of all members of household:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

_____ I **do not** want to be included in the church directory.

_____ Check here if you **do not** wish to have your phone number or email address published.

_____ Check here if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter.

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