

Spring is in the Air!

Yes, spring is definitely in the air! We certainly shouldn't complain about the mild winter we had this year, but I am glad that spring is in the air!

Springtime reveals new life that is all around us. Driving to church the other day through Cherry Valley, I saw three little baby goats. Baby geese and ducks will soon be seen as will baby bunnies. Yes, new life abounds this time of year!



This new life is a sign of the resurrection that we celebrate on Easter Sunday. But the resurrection is so much more, too! It is hard for us to put into words all that the resurrection means for us.

Yes, the resurrection means new life. Jesus, who died on the cross on Good Friday, was buried in the tomb. He was "dead and buried," as The Apostles' Creed puts it. The women were going down to the tomb on Sunday morning to give Jesus a proper burial since things were so hurried on Good Friday. The Sabbath was coming quickly at sundown that day, so they had to make haste and get Jesus' body buried very quickly. There just wasn't time

for a proper burial. But when the women arrived at the tomb, they immediately saw the stone was rolled away. Jesus was not in the tomb!

The women wondered what happened and in John's gospel we hear Mary ask a gardener where he had placed the body of Jesus. But the man she was speaking to was not a gardener; not all all. He was Jesus!

New life! From "dead and buried" to resurrection and new life! However, there is more to the story. Not only is this a story about Jesus' resurrection to new life, but it is also about the possibility of our resurrection to new life, too!

That's right! Jesus' crucifixion took away and paid the atonement for all our sins. "When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness." We get a do-over, a new, fresh start. And Jesus' resurrection is a promise that we, too, will be offered new life through the resurrection of our own bodies. The Apostles' Creed puts it this way: "I believe in the resurrection of the body..."

Do you? Do you believe in the resurrection? Do you believe that Jesus offers us new life? Do you believe we are given new chances and a new start?

This time of year beckons the question: do you believe in resurrection? New life is all around us now, but these lives are limited, unless we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

What do you believe?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Shank". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

April 1
Philippians 1

April 2
Philippians 2

April 3
Philippians 3

April 4
Philippians 4

April 5
Hebrews 1

April 6
Hebrews 2

April 7
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April 10
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April 15
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April 16
Hebrews 12

April 17
Hebrews 13

April 18
James 1

April 19
James 2

April 20
James 3

April 21
James 4

April 22
James 5

April 23
Ruth 1

April 24
Ruth 2

April 25
Ruth 3

April 26
Ruth 4

April 27
Malachi 1

April 28
Malachi 2

April 29
Malachi 3

April 30
Malachi 4

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



April Birthdays

- | | |
|----|------------------|
| 1 | Tim Harris |
| 2 | Peggy Lou Vail |
| 4 | David Montgomery |
| 5 | Sarah Principe |
| 6 | Abigail Braman |
| 10 | Fred Fiedler |
| 14 | Ruth Bensinger |
| 16 | Matthew Adams |
| 18 | John Rasmussen |
| 20 | Kay Bucci-Rutt |
| 20 | Cherise Decker |
| 22 | Jane Thomas |
| 27 | Byron Coke |
| 27 | Audrey Mitchell |
| 27 | Lois Shaffer |
| 30 | Ethel Peveraro |

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

Missions Opportunity

East Stroudsburg UMC is sending a team to Riverton, Vermont from April 15 through April 21 to work on recovery from last year's flooding. They have room for several people to join them, either as individuals or another small team from another church. Wayne Mertz can be contacted, if anyone is interested, at wdmertz@gmail.com.

Book Sale April 28th

The Missions Committee is holding a book sale on Saturday, April 28 from 9 am until 3 pm in the downstairs dining room. Please bring in your used books. There are boxes located in the Fellowship Room and in the Narthex. You can also put your books in the Blue Sunday School room downstairs. Please use the right side of the room, closest to the food pantry.

Thank you!

Soup Kitchen

Starting Friday, March 23, 2012 Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church will be hosting a Soup Kitchen every 4th Friday at 5:00 pm. However, due to the Book Sale they will not host a meal on Friday, April 27th. We understand their members are every excited and grateful to be a part of our ministry.



To Serve You in April

Greeters

8:30

1	Janet Woolever
8	Joe & Carole Vuchak
15	Lori DeWitt
22	Irene Goforth
29	Kirsten Lee

11:00

1	Vivian Cobbs & Starlet Jones
8	Sue & Bill Weitzmann
15	C.J. Penwell
22	Janet & Norman Marsh
29	BJ Bachman

Ushers

8:30

Jack & Barbara Hinline
John & Carole Burrus

11:00

Kelly Edinger
Bob Dellicker
Sue Gouger
Eva Knight
Dick Seip

Counters

C.J. Penwell & Carole Vuchak

Altar Guild

Eleanor Bentzoni & Betty Schuler

Soup Kitchen

1	East Stroudsburg North Kiwanis Club Members/John Millard
8	Pocono Internal Medicine Staff/Nancy Fisch
15	Christ Hamilton Lutheran Church Confirmation Class/Alicia & Joe DeLong
22	Girl Scout Troop #08 Scouts/Sue Sebring
29	Stroudsburg Sr. High National Honor Society-Students/Cecilia Yost

Media Team Operators

8:30

1	Lydia Shank & Michael DeWitt
8	Emily Vail & Lydia Shank
15	Chris Cook & Michael DeWitt
22	James Shank & Lydia Shank
29	Chris Cook & Michael DeWitt

11:00

1	Charlie Vail & Anna Maroney
8	Ryan DeHaven & Chris Cook
15	Bill Weitzmann & Matt Stanton
22	Charlie Vail & Justin Stanton
29	Emily Vail & Julia Webster-Flatley



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 Parton

OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team

Chairperson, Boyd Butz
boydbutz@stroudsburgumc.com

Worship

Chairpersons, Ralph Harrison, Pastor Bob Shank
bobshank@stroudsburgumc.com

Property & Building

Chairperson, Carl Karchner
carlkarchner@stroudsburgumc.com

Servant Resource Team

Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren
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Stewardship

Chairperson, Carole Everitt
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Missions

Chairperson, Alberta Weber
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Membership & Evangelism

Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
bpstew@juno.com

Lay Leader

Beryl Hellgren



Would you like to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit to make decisions?

Are you aware you are a citizen of two worlds and they each have different laws?

Do you know what you could have by using your faith?

Did you know that the words you speak can mean life or death?

God has given us principles that will cause us to walk victorious through the problems of life. These are principles of faith and confession, not just formulas.

"The world is full of so called prayer warriors who are prayer ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with and He knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this: Our Father in heaven....." Matthew 6:7-8 The Message

Come be part of the Victory in Jesus small group, beginning April 10 at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. Sign up by April 1 is desirable in order to purchase the book. The cost is \$5.00 - read the book and discuss. There is no workbook. Call Jackie in the church office - 421-6020 or JoAnn Calkins - 402-1210, email: carotjce@ptd.net

Pleasant Valley Choral Society
presents
Saturday Night!

Ahh Life Could Be a Dream if we could only go back to those great Saturday nights when every one of us was *A Teenager in Love*. Those were the days when we were ready to *Rock This Town* and *Celebrate* by *Dancin' in the Street* or possibly *Up on the Roof* - yes, we all said *Goodbye, Cruel World* for at least a little while and got caught up by the *Rhythm of the Night* where all of the answers to life were *Blowin' in the Wind*. We went *Here, There, and Everywhere*, caught the *Boogie Fever* and danced everything from *The Locomotion* to *The Twist* until it was time to say *Wake Up, Little Susie* and *Goodnight, Sweetheart, It's Time to Go!* If you wish you could do it all over again, then *Don't Stop Believin'!* Just *Come Sail Away* with us as we make our way through *Fire and Rain* to party *Down at the Twist and Shout!* We'll serve up a little *Love Potion No. 9* and catch tunes from the likes of the Beatles, Journey, the Association, Roberta Flack, Carol King and James Taylor - they're all coming to dig some *Old Time Rock and Roll*, and you should too! P.S. - dancing in the aisles is optional, but there will be dancing on the stage!

Concerts are held in the auditorium at Pleasant Valley High School, Route 209 in Brodheadsville. This is an experience the entire family can enjoy together - and of course there will be the traditional reception with cookies and punch following the concert - even more reason to set this date aside! So mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 pm. For more information, call Janet at 570-620-1570 or Dottie at 570-688-9067.

Make plans now to include the Pleasant Valley Choral Society on your Spring calendar - it's a great way to kick off a season on sunny fun!

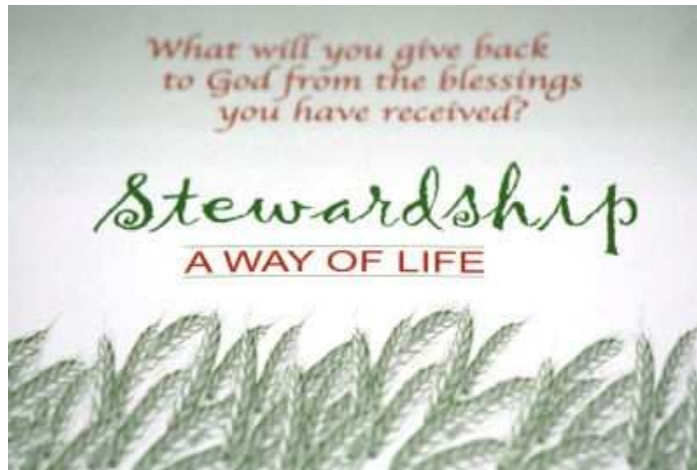
Address Changes

Virginia Savitz
6224 N. Shadowhill Way
Loveland, OH 45140

Janet & Norman Marsh
120 Leafy Greene Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Ben Miller
c/o Gino Merli Veterans Center
401 Penn Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

Rory & Debbie Stanton
5073 High Terrace Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



Stewardship

Through the month of February our giving income is up 1.3% or \$1,048.56 over last year at this time. Thank you to all who have been giving so generously. To date all bills including our Conference apportionment are paid.

Thank you also to those members who have been giving faithfully to the elevator fund. In 2012 through February \$2,445.00 has been given through envelope giving and \$1,500.00 has been given through memorials for a total of all funds to date \$244,675.31. Another payment was made to Edinger Construction on February 9 for \$29,376.00 for a total paid of \$269,295.00 leaving a balance of \$97,070.00 for completion of the project. As you can see by these figures we have had to use \$24,619.69 from savings or Trustees funds to meet these payments with \$121,689.69 needed to fully fund the project. Please give prayerful consideration as to what you can contribute toward this fund. Again, thank you to all who have financially supported this needed addition to our church.

Our committee asks for your continued prayers for our church and it's growth and for our committee as we oversee the finances of our church.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Fran Harrison, Paul Edinger, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, Ruth Weber

Preschool at East Stroudsburg UMC

East Stroudsburg UMC has a preschool. Open house is scheduled for April 19 from 10:00 am to 1 pm, or call for a personalized tour. Foundations Christian Preschool has been open for 2 years and is recruiting new preschool students from the Pocono area. Two, three and five day sessions are available for 3-5 year olds. Class is from 9 am to 12 noon. Call Mrs. Pam O'Brien or Mrs. Gail Brady at 421-3280, ext. 19 for more information.

Visit the website: <http://www.foundationpreschool.esumc.net>

Donations Needed

Hey Church!

As many of you know, this summer I'm working for a mission organization called TEAMeffort. The money's not great, but the opportunity to do God's work will be amazing! I'll be gone from May 23rd to August 10th doing disaster relief somewhere in the continental United States. There is a small stipend for living expenses over the summer, but no travel expenses are covered. It was suggested that I ask my home church for donations to be used to offset my traveling expenses. If you would like to help, please leave donations at the church office. Thank you in advance for supporting my mission efforts! Please keep me in your prayers as I mentor youth and spread God's love across the country. See you in the fall!

God Bless!

Liz Miller

UMW News

This month's trunk collection will be hand soap - cake or liquid.

Our regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, the 24th of April at 7 pm in the Lounge.

Please bear in mind we will be hosting Church Women United on Friday, May 4th, at 11 am for their May Fellowship Day. Light refreshments will be served following the service. All are invited.

Once again we will be doing a Mother's Day Booklet. Collection dates will be on April 22nd, April 29th and May 6th after both services. Still \$2.00 each, in honor of or in memory of. Mother's Day is May 13th.

DASH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The DASH Youth Group participated in the 30 hour famine at the end of February. We would like to thank all of you who sponsored us and physically helped with the famine. A special thank you to:

Vin Zelizo
Kathy Cook
Kirsten Lee
Emily Stewart
Liz Miller
Frank Miller
Alberta Weber
Marina Maroney
Patti Miller Warner
Debbie Fox
Stephanie
Debra Brickey
Pastor Bob
Theresa DeHaven
Lynn Seip

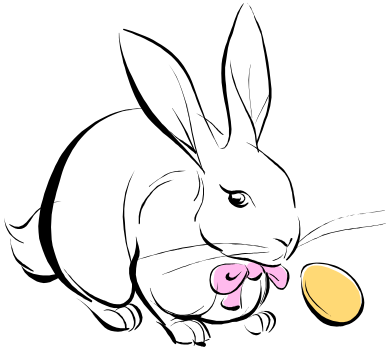
Thank you to those who donated money and helped us reach our goal as well as those who donated canned goods for our food drive.

We will be meeting every Monday night from 6-7 pm in the youth room. A full schedule of events and times can be found on our bulletin board or on our DASH SUMC Facebook account.

April Schedule

April 2nd - 6-7 pm Meeting
April 6th - Good Friday Crosswalk starts 11 am; meet at church. Service at SUMC starts 12:15 pm
April 8th - Sunrise Service; meet at church 6:15 am
April 9th - NO MEETING
April 16th - 6-7 pm Meeting
April 23rd - 6-7 pm Meeting
April 26th & 27th - setup for Book Sale downstairs. Call Ruth Weber for details - 992-0671
April 28th - Help at Book Sale 9 am-3 pm. Any hours you can help will be appreciated.
April 30th - 6-7 pm Meeting

All youth 7th-12th grade are welcome! Any questions, please contact Kim Miller @ 476-5721.



Terrific Tuesday Dinner

Tuesday, April 17th ~ 6:00 pm

MENU:

Pot Roast, Carrots,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Terrific Tuesday Salad, Rolls & Butter
Dessert

\$8.00 per person
under 10 ~ \$3.00

If you plan on joining us for an evening of “terrific” food, fellowship, and fun . . . sign up at the rear of the sanctuary.

*We always need assistance with set up (3 pm Tuesday) **and** cleanup after the meal.*



MOTHER'S DAY BOOKLET
**May 13th, a day to honor or remember that
special lady in your life.**

Yes, once again the UMW will be doing a Mother's Day Booklet. The cost is \$2.00 per name. Please make checks payable to: **Stroudsburg United Methodist Women**. Names will be taken after both services on April 22, April 29 and May 6 OR you can send it to: Eleanor Bentzoni, 1755 Honeysuckle Lane, Stroudsburg PA 18360.

In Honor of: _____

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Deadline is 12 Noon - May 6th



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570-421-6020.*

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April 14, 2012

6A.M.-11A.M.

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To All Concerned,

As of April 1, 2012 the Stewardship Committee is putting in to use a voucher system for reimbursement of church expenditures. The purpose of the voucher is to enable the Treasurer to charge expenditures to the appropriate line items more accurately and thus assist with developing a more accurate budget in the future as well as to speed up the reimbursement process.

A copy of the voucher is attached and additional vouchers will be available in the church office. When submitting a voucher, please complete all information asked on the form including the appropriate signatures and leave the request in the church office. Please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee if you have any questions about the voucher.

It is also requested that all purchases for the church be made with a tax exempt form. A copy of the form is available through the church office. Though small this will be a savings for the church.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Paul Edinger, Fran Harrison, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, Ruth Weber

Payment Voucher

\$ _____

Vendor to be paid:

Budget line number: _____

Authorized by:

Printed Name

Signature

Payment Voucher

\$ 25.00

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Always Dependable Printing

Budget line number: 205d

Authorized by:

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