

## Batter Up!

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church has a softball team again!

For the first time in a long time, members and friends of the church have put a softball team together to join the all-church slow pitch league. Fourteen teams will compete in the church league.

The camaraderie around our team is already obvious as the teammates are practicing and getting ready for the season. Players are having a lot of fun at these practices and it seems like everyone is going to have a great time!

Eight teenagers and thirteen adults currently make up the roster. Some players are working out some old kinks, some are getting into better athletic shape, and we are all having loads of fun.

The church softball league has been around for a long time. The churches participating in the league enjoy the competition and fellowship among the different churches of our community.

Each game begins with a prayer as the players stand at home plate. Then the action begins!

Softball is a great sport for people of all ages. In my last church our associate pastor was in his sixties and one of our best players. In fact, he was one of the fastest base runners on our team, believe it or not. He was lightning quick!

At the very least, players on our church softball team will get into a little better physical shape, enjoy teamwork, and have fun!

It is going to be an enjoyable season!

The softball schedule of games will be listed in the weekly worship bulletin, so come out and support our team when you have the chance. Support the team and cheer us on!

Some years ago, Forrest Sebring was involved in the church softball team and had hats made for the players. "SUM" was displayed across the front of the hat. We are SUM church, right? (Stroudsburg United Methodist)

So, in keeping with this tradition that Forrest started, we are again sporting ball caps that feature SUM proudly displayed. We will do our best to honor this tradition!

This tie back to our past reminds us of traditions from before as we forge ahead in the present to play once again in the church league.

So this spring and summer we will have batters up at the plate to try their best, work as a team, and enjoy the fun and fellowship with each other and even the opposing teams.

Support the team, pray for us, and attend as many games as you can.

Batter up!



Bob Shank

# Daily Scripture Readings

**May 1**

Ecclesiastes 1

**May 2**

Ecclesiastes 2

**May 3**

Ecclesiastes 3

**May 4**

Ecclesiastes 4

**May 5**

Ecclesiastes 5

**May 6**

Ecclesiastes 6

**May 7**

Ecclesiastes 7

**May 8**

Ecclesiastes 8

**May 9**

Ecclesiastes 9

**May 10**

Ecclesiastes 10

**May 11**

Ecclesiastes 11

**May 12**

Song of Solomon 1

**May 13**

Song of Solomon 2

**May 14**

Song of Solomon 3

**May 15**

Song of Solomon 4

**May 16**

Song of Solomon 5

**May 17**

Song of Solomon 6

**May 18**

Song of Solomon 7

**May 19**

Song of Solomon 8

**May 20**

Esther 1

**May 21**

Esther 2

**May 22**

Esther 3

**May 23**

Esther 4

**May 24**

Esther 5

**May 25**

Esther 6

**May 26**

Esther 7

**May 27**

Esther 8

**May 28**

Esther 9

**May 29**

Esther 10

**May 30**

Haggai 1

**May 31**

Haggai 2

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



**To Serve You in May**

<b>Greeters</b>	8:30
6	Bonnie Cramsey
13	Norma Snow
20	Carole & Dick Everitt
27	Janet Woolever
	11:00
6	Betty Michelin
13	Joanne Reed
20	Howard Steiner
27	Eileen Sebring
<b>Ushers</b>	8:30
Ray Singer	
Alice Singer	
DeAnn Harris	
Bryan Hill	
Bob Howell	
Ralph Harrison	
	11:00
Charlie Vail	
Howard Steiner	
<b>Counters</b>	
Ray Singer & Pam Price	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	
Eleanor Bentzoni & Alice Singer	
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	
6	Poplar Valley UMC Members Pastor Paul Crikelair
13	Barth family & friends Cindy Barth
20	Cherry Valley UMC Members Pastor Paul Crikelair
27	SUMC Adult SS Class Members Jeff Weber



**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>	Dave Lantz
<b>Organist</b>	Marti Lantz
<b>Handbell Director</b>	Lynn Seip
<b>Custodian</b>	Matt Parton

**OUR CHURCH LEADERS:**

**Daniel's Dream Team**  
 Chairperson, Boyd Butz  
[boydbutz@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:boydbutz@stroudsburgumc.com)

**Worship**  
 Chairpersons, Ralph Harrison, Pastor Bob Shank  
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 Chairperson, Carl Karchner  
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 Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren  
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 Chairperson, Carole Everitt  
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 Chairperson, Alberta Weber  
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**Membership & Evangelism**  
 Chairperson, Peggy Stewart [bpstew@juno.com](mailto:bpstew@juno.com)

**Lay Leader** Beryl Hellgren

# MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

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Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

Sponsored by Troop 86

**SATURDAY MAY 12TH**

5:30 pm

## MENU

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes

Glazed Carrots, Green Beans

Cranberry sauce, Rolls

Salad, Desserts

Juice, Coffee, Tea

COST: \$9.00 per person, \$7.00 under 12

For tickets see Rory Stanton, Dick Seip, Matt Stanton

Justin Stanton, Ron Bogart or call

(570) 856-1029

## **Stewardship**

**Our Conference has recognized our church with a certificate for our full payment of our Conference apportionment in 2010. The certificate was received the end of 2011, was framed and is hanging in the Fellowship room. Also, a thank you letter was just received from UMCOR for our \$1,000.00 donation to Russia Mission Initiative, part of our mission budget for 2011. It too will be framed and placed for all to read. Thank you to all members who gave faithfully and generously to make these financial commitments possible.**

**To date all bills including our Conference apportionment for 2012 are paid. Our income through March is down by 1.6% or \$810.65 less than last year at this time.**

**Thank you also to all who are giving faithfully to the elevator fund. In March we had another generous memorial of \$10,000.00 for the elevator as well as \$630.00 in envelope giving for the elevator. To date we have spent about \$14,000.00 more than we have received for the elevator and we have a balance of \$97,000.00 for the project. Please give prayerful consideration as to what you can financially contribute toward this project.**

**The Stewardship Committee asks for your continued prayers for our church and its growth as well as for our committee as we oversee the finances of our church.**

**Thank you.**

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

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**PATH walk 2012  
Sunday, May 6**

**All funds benefit Pocono Area Transitional Housing**

**Registration begins: 12:30 pm  
Walk begins: 1:30 pm**

**Gather in Courthouse Square in Stroudsburg for registration and a rally.**

**Turn in your blue sponsor sheet with at least \$50.00 and receive an official PATH tee-shirt.  
Walk, run, jog, stroll, as an individual, family or team on a 2 mile route through the charming  
Hill District.**

**Catch your breath, have a snack or drink, and stick around for the awarding of prizes and trophies  
to the top fundraising teams, families, school student groups, and individuals.**



### **May Birthdays**

1	Joe Vuchak
3	Matthew Transue
6	Barbara Hineline
9	Bill Stewart
10	Beryl Hellgren
13	Boyd Butz
13	Leia Transue
14	Denise Shank
15	Hannah Imgrund
21	Sheryl Flatt
24	Audra Williams
24	Everitt Transue
25	Jack Hineline
26	Richard Hilbert
28	Edward Masgula
28	Henrietta Metzgar
29	Ryan DeHaven
29	Chris DeHaven

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

### Higher Education Grants Available

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is offering a number of grants to assist those church members pursuing higher education for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications are available through the church office and will be accepted no earlier than May 1 and no later than May 31. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

### **Church Picture Calendar**

UMW is planning to make a "Church Picture Calendar" for sale at the Holiday Boutique in November. We ask for pictures from the congregation for each month of the year.

They can be a beautiful picture of something in the church, or a picture of someone in the congregation or a group in the church. They can be a posed or action shot.

If it is something you would like to see in the calendar, submit it to Ruth Weber or Joni Singer. A committee will judge which ones will be used. All others will be returned to you.

We need your pictures no later than May 30th, as we have to get them to the printer and have the calendar ready for sale on November 3rd. Orders may be taken and picked up at the Holiday Boutique.

More information to follow.

**UMW NEWS**

**The trunk collection for May will be body lotion.**

**We will be hosting Church Women United's Friendship Day on Friday, May 4th at 11:00 am. This year's theme is "Sights and Sounds of Harmony - Listening to Our Sisters." A luncheon will follow the service. All are welcome. Our regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the Lounge.**

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**Elevator Update**

**A completion date has been set for the end of July, 2012.**

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**Pastor Tom Anderman would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and well wishes before and after his recent surgery. Your concern and thoughtfulness is appreciated!**



## *Terrific Tuesday Dinner*

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 pm

### MENU:

Baked Chicken, Oven Roasted Red Potatoes,  
Vegetable Medley, “Terrific Tuesday” Salad,

Rolls & Butter

Assorted Desserts

\$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 Tues.) and cleanup after the meal.*





**FATHER'S DAY BOOKLET**

**June 17th, a day to honor or remember that special man in your life.**

Names for the Father's Day booklet will be taken after both services on May 27th, June 3rd, and June 10th. \$2.00 per name, in honor of or in memory of. Please make checks payable to: **Stroudsburg United Methodist Women**. Requests can also be sent to: Eleanor Bentzoni, 1755 Honeysuckle Lane, Stroudsburg PA 18360.

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presented by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE IS JUNE 10th AT NOON**

More UMW News.....

UMW is attending a district meeting, "Day Apart" at Christ UMC at Poplar Valley on Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 am until 2 pm. The theme is "Healing Mother Earth". Several of our members are planning to attend. Bring a bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Anyone wishing to join us is most welcome.

Contact Joni Singer or Ruth Weber.

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**2012 Run for the Red Marathon - Approximate Road Closures 5/20/2012**

**Stroud Township: 9:30 am-1:00 pm Route 191  
Clearview Avenue  
Wallace Street**

**Stroudsburg: 10:00 am-2:00 pm Wallace Street  
Scott Street  
6th Street  
Main Street**

**Stroudsburg High School Stadium (Finish)**

For more information visit [www.redcrosspoconos.org](http://www.redcrosspoconos.org)

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**Compassionate Care Hospice Needs Volunteers:**

**Volunteers are needed to read to patients, hold their hand, talk with them, pray with them, write letters, be a good listener, or assist with a meal. Volunteers are also needed to assist with various clerical duties in the Stroudsburg office. Free training is provided to any individual wishing to volunteer. Please contact Jessica Ritchie @ 570-476-0150**



**MAY 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group- Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room</p>	<p>30 7:00 PM Mostly Mondays Small Group</p>	<p>1 1:30 PM Victory in Jesus Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Missions Meeting-Downstairs 7:00 PM Small Group-Conference Room</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 2:00 PM Stitch &amp; Pray Small Group 6:00 PM Bear Cubs 6:00 PM Tiger Cubs 6:00 PM Webelos 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 11:00 AM Church Women United Friendship Day</p>	<p>5 9:30 AM UMW "Day Apart" Christ UMC @ Poplar Valley</p>
<p>6 Music Study Club Presentation from Pocomo Alliance 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM New Member Class-Conference Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 6:00 PM Cud Pack Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM Alberta Weber's Small Group-Downstairs 7:00 PM Mostly Mondays Small Group</p>	<p>8 1:30 PM Victory in Jesus Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Small Group-Conference Room</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 6:00 PM Bear Cubs 6:00 PM Tiger Cubs 6:00 PM Webelos 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 2:00 PM Troop 86 Mother's Day Dinner-Setup 5:30 PM Mother's Day Dinner</p>
<p>13 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room 9:45 AM New Member Class-Conference Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Mostly Mondays Small Group 7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>15 1:30 PM Victory in Jesus Small Group-Lounge 6:00 PM Terrific Tuesday Dinner 7:00 PM Small Group-Conference Room 7:00 PM Stitch &amp; Pray Small Group</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 6:00 PM Bear Cubs 6:00 PM Tiger Cubs 6:00 PM Webelos 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p>	<p>17 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Dash Youth Group- Youth Room 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 3:00 PM Family Promise 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room</p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed Family Promise-Upstairs</p>	<p>29 Family Promise-Upstairs 1:30 PM Victory in Jesus Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Small Group-Conference Room</p>	<p>30 Family Promise-Upstairs 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 6:00 PM Bear Cubs 6:00 PM Tiger Cubs 6:00 PM Webelos 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p>	<p>31 Family Promise-Upstairs 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 Family Promise-Upstairs</p>	<p>2 Family Promise-Upstairs till 8 am</p>