

## Enjoy God's Creation this Summer

Okay, I confess: I really enjoy living here in the Poconos. I do. I like the wildlife we get to see sometimes even in town and, yes, sometimes even in our gardens. I enjoy the cool mountain breezes after a thunderstorm and I enjoy the fading sunsets that come at the end of the day.

We have a backyard bird feeder and we enjoy observing all species of birds. Some are new to me, in that I never saw them before, so I photograph them and then study various resources to properly identify each one.



In our backyard we see whitetail deer, squirrels, chipmunks, an opossum, a groundhog, and a skunk! All this along with many varieties of birds keep our eyes open as much as possible for the next sighting. God's creation and the animals that roam it are truly amazing!

I always enjoyed the outdoors since I grew up in the rural parts of Lancaster County where farmland and vast woods were in abundance.

Many long summer days were spent entirely outdoors from sunup to sundown. We just couldn't get enough!



Living in the Poconos is similar, except that I just don't have or make enough time to spend in the outdoors here.

This summer, take some time to enjoy God's Creation.

Some of us will be going on vacation and have a lot of activities throughout the summer. But make sure you take some time to enjoy the beauty that is all around us right here.

Take some time and enjoy God's creation. It truly is amazing and wonderful! Don't you enjoy living in the Poconos?



Bob Shank

# Daily Scripture Readings

**June 1**  
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**June 2**  
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**Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!**



### To Serve You in June

|  |   |
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| <b>Greeters</b>                              | 8:30  |
| 3  | Kirsten Lee                                       |
| 10   | Cliff & Diane Rogell                              |
| 17   | Ray & Alice Singer                                |
| 24   | Irene Goforth                                     |
|  | 11:00   |
| 3  | BJ Bachman  |
| 10   | Sue & Ron Gouger                                  |
| 17   | Roy Pipher  |
| 24   | Marti & Nelson Ernest                             |
| <b>Ushers</b>                                | 8:30  |
| Pam Price                                    |   |
| Bonnie Cramsey                               |   |
| Norma Snow                                   |   |
| Kay Bucci-Rutt                               |   |
|  | 11:00   |
| C.J. Penwell                                 |   |
| Eileen Sebring                               |   |
| Glenn Singer                                 |   |
| Joni Singer                                  |   |
| Gary Braman                                  |   |
| <b>Counters</b>                              |   |
| C.J. Penwell, Lorraine Cruse & Carole Vuchak |   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                           |   |
| Eleanor Bentzoni                             |   |
| <b>Soup Kitchen</b>                          |   |
| 3  | SUMC Mission Team Members<br>Alberta & Ruth Weber |
| 10   | Pen Argyl UMC Members<br>Tom Odenwelder           |
| 17   | Wooddale UMC Members<br>Carol Hutson              |
| 24   | McMichael's UMC Members<br>Pastor Ed              |



### 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          |

### CHURCH LEADERS

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| <b>Daniel's Dream Team</b>                     |  |
| Chairperson, Boyd Butz                         |  |
| <b>Worship</b>                                 |  |
| Chairpersons, Ralph Harrison, Pastor Bob Shank |  |
| <b>Stewardship</b>                             |  |
| Chairperson, Carole Everitt                    |  |
| <b>Property &amp; Building</b>                 |  |
| Chairperson, Carl Karchner                     |  |
| <b>Servant Resource Team</b>                   |  |
| Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren                    |  |
| <b>Missions</b>                                |  |
| Chairperson, Alberta Weber                     |  |
| <b>Membership &amp; Evangelism</b>             |  |
| Chairperson, Peggy Stewart                     |  |
| <b>Lay Leader</b>                              |  |
| Beryl Hellgren                                 |  |



## June Birthdays

|    |                    |
|----|--------------------|
| 3  | Amanda Hilbert     |
| 7  | Jim Adams          |
| 7  | Marisa Seip        |
| 7  | Adam Williams      |
| 15 | Joan Coke          |
| 16 | Alice Rinker       |
| 16 | Walter Roeckendorf |
| 20 | Kristi Harris      |
| 21 | Ron Bogart, Sr.    |
| 21 | Ted Mitchell       |
| 23 | Kyle Dougher       |
| 23 | Howard Steiner     |
| 24 | Valerie Parsons    |
| 26 | Joshua DeHaven     |
| 28 | JoAnn Calkins      |
| 28 | Callan Braman      |
| 30 | Janine Philips     |

## **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **SUMC SCHOLARSHIP**

One scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.00 is awarded to a single recipient for continuing education after high school, based on demonstrated academic achievement, community involvement, and an expressed interest in pursuing further education. The scholarship is available to a student who is actively involved in the life of SUMC and who has been accepted into an accredited college, university or trade school for the 2012-2013 school year. Scholarship applications are available in the back of the sanctuary. Completed application packets must be returned to the church office no later than July 15, 2012.

### **CAMPERSHIPS**

The Mission Committee has funds available to assist SUMC families with sending children or youth actively involved in the life of SUMC to summer church camp. Please see a member of the Mission Committee for more information.



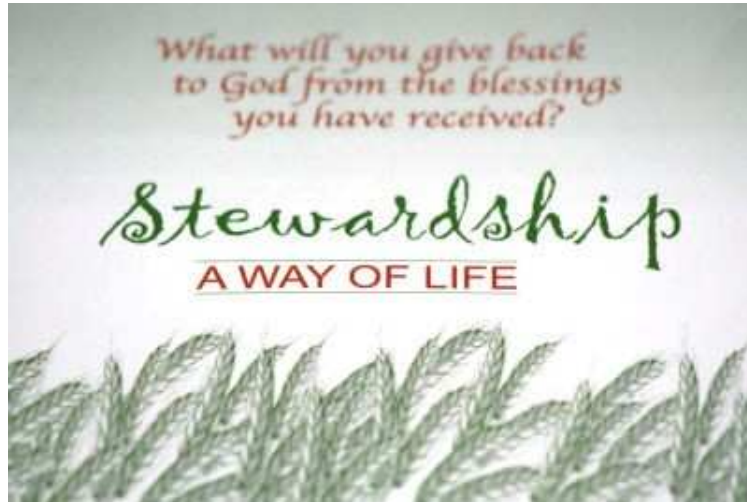
### **SUMC SOFTBALL HATS AVAILABLE**

Softball hats are available for purchase - \$10.00 each. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Bob Cool.

Softball game schedule - All games start at 6:00 pm:

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| June 1  | Pinebrook Park      |
| June 8  | Zacharias Pond Park |
| June 15 | Zacharias Pond Park |
| June 22 | Pinebrook Park      |
| June 28 | Pinebrook Park      |

Come out and cheer our team!



The Conference has recognized SUMC again for our 100% payment of our 2011 apportionment fee. A certificate was presented to Paul Edinger recently acknowledging our full payment. The certificate is hanging in the Fellowship Room. Thank you to all who gave faithfully to make our commitment possible.

Year to date our giving is up 5.3% (\$3,643.35) over last year. Again, thank you to all for your financial support of our church.

In April we had \$745.00 donated through envelope giving toward the elevator and a \$5,000.00 gift toward the elevator from an outside giver who appreciated our church's help with his deceased wife's clothing. Thank you Jackie for your kindness to this gentleman. Good acts do come with rewards. We also received \$260.00 for the elevator in memorials for Reverend George deKrafft. We continue to need financial support of this project with approximately \$100,000.00 needed to fully fund the elevator project. Thank you to all who have and are currently supporting this project financially.

As always the Stewardship Committee asks for your prayers for our church and it's growth as well as for our committee as we face the financial challenges of the church.

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

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Congratulations to our 2012 Graduates!



Michael A. DeWitt  
Tyler Lee  
Maggie Stewart  
Bethany Wert

## **PROPERTY & BUILDING UPDATE**

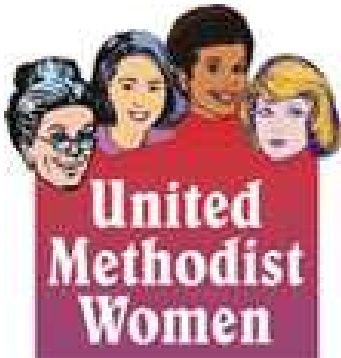
The elevator is foremost on our agenda, and we are working toward a completion date for that. The following items have been completed:

- The roof over the offices has been replaced.
- The roof over the side entrance at the alleyway has been replaced.
- The roof over the front porch at the courtyard has been replaced.
- The gutters along the alleyway have been completed.
- The breaker boxes in the narthex have been replaced.
- The freezer in the dining room has been defrosted.
- The hot water handle in the men's room has been replaced.

These are just a few of the many items on our list of "to do's", but we are working to complete all of them.

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### **UMW News**



Our trunk collection for June will be pocket tissues or combs. Thanks to all of you who are helping with this local mission endeavor at Christmas. Just a reminder to let you know we do have RADA knives and some of their other utensils. They are available anytime, just see a UMW member.

The School of Mission will be held in Lancaster, PA, on July 27-29 this year. If interested in going, see the flier on the UMW bulletin board.

On August 3rd - 5th, West Lawn UMC Campus, Reading, PA, will hold the 29th Annual Academy for Laity. If interested, see the flier on the UMW bulletin board.

Our June meeting will be on the 26th at 6 pm and will be our Annual Covered Dish with family invited. This will be our last meeting until September. Have a great summer!!

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### **Helping Hands Ministry**

Included in this month's Courier is an information sheet for those interested in serving as part of the Helping Hands Ministry. Please fill out the top portion of the sheet and check the areas you are willing to serve in. Please return the completed sheet to Cathy Doane or the church office. Thank you!



**Church Picnic  
Sunday, July 8th**



**Everyone is Welcome!**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Jay Albertson Park, Stroudsburg  
(Fifth Street Duck Pond)**

**Bring a salad, side or dessert to share  
and an extra dessert for the "Cake Walk"**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Beverages Provided**

**11:00 - Worship**

**There will be traditional 8:30 worship at the church.**

**The picnic will start with an informal worship service.**

**If you go to the 8:30 service, come to the picnic about 11:45**

**About 12:00 - Lunch**

**1:00 - Games & Fellowship**

**There is a pavilion with picnic tables,  
but feel free to bring a folding chair to relax in if you wish.**

**To help us plan, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary**







Congratulations!  
2012 Graduate Emily Lantz

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### **Farewell Service for our District Superintendent**

On Sunday, June 10th at the Wesley UMC in Bethlehem starting at 4 pm, our district will have a farewell service for our current District Superintendent, Bronwyn Yocum. The service will include some of Bronwyn's favorite hymns, as well as her last sermon to us as our D.S. Of course, there will be refreshments and a time to wish Bronwyn and her family well. If you plan to attend this service, please think about bringing with you a personal note as to how Bron affected your life and any personal photos you may have.

# Vacation Bible School Registration Form 2012

Sponsored by the Stroudsburg Council of Churches



**Where:** Stroudsburg United Methodist Church 547 Main St Stroudsburg

**Dates:** Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday June 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9am-12noon

**Cost:** \$10 per child

**Registration Deadline June 18<sup>th</sup>**

All students between the ages of preschool age 3 through Grade 6 are invited to attend. To register, complete the below form and return it with payment to your parish representative.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Age Just Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone # to contact during VBS classes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of emergency contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies (including food) or other medical conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Home Church, if any:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We Need Volunteers!!**

**Circle One - I am a Youth or Adult**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



- Teacher (  )
- Teacher's Aide (  )
- Nurse (  )
- Crafts (  )
- Snacks (  )
- Registration (  )
- Recreation (  )

For additional forms and up to date information on the Stroudsburg Council of Churches VBS, please visit our blog at <http://sbugvbs.blogspot.com>



MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED WITH THE JUBILATION RINGERS CONCERT ON APRIL 22, 2012.

THANK YOU FOR UNLOADING AND LOADING THE EQUIPMENT.

FOR INTERMISSION REFRESHMENTS FOR THE BELL CHOIR.

FOR OUR CHOIR ENSEMBLE WHO SANG BREATHE WITH THE BELL CHOIR.

FOR THE BRASS PLAYERS.

FOR HELP SETTING UP, MAKING AND SERVING DINNER AND CLEANING UP.

THEY SAID WE WERE VERY HOSPITABLE AND THEY ENJOYED THEIR TIME HERE.

FOR ALL THE BEHIND THE SCENES WORK THAT TOOK PLACE, STAGING, SOUND SYSTEM ETC.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

SUMC BELL DIRECTOR, LYNN SEIP

# Helping Hands Ministry Information Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Areas of Service

(please check all areas you are willing to serve in)

- Make Meals \_\_\_
- Grocery Shopping \_\_\_
- Phone Calls \_\_\_
- Visitation \_\_\_
- Prayer \_\_\_
- Give Rides \_\_\_
- Light Housekeeping \_\_\_
- Respond to Emergencies \_\_\_

## Our Mission Statement

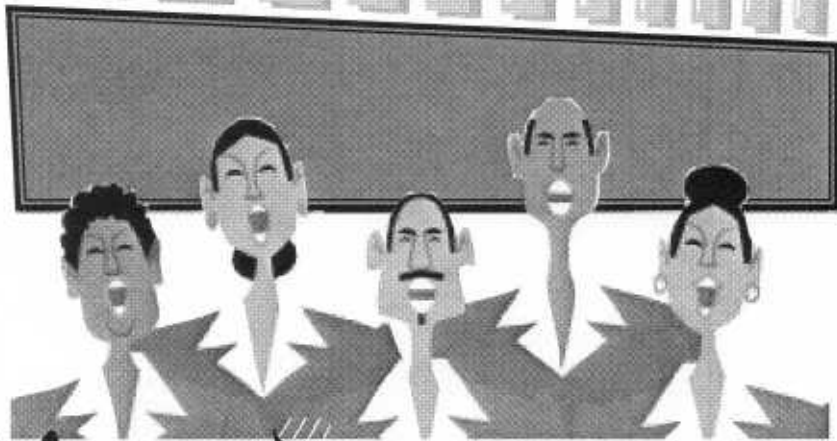
The Helping Hands Ministry exists to utilize our God-given gifts and talents to assist members of the body of Christ. We grow together in Christ's love by helping each other and just by being there for each other in times of need.

# 2012 Concert Series



East Stroudsburg  
United Methodist Church  
83 S. Courtland Street

**Sunday  
June 24  
3:00 p.m.**



**Sacred Song Fest  
for Audience  
“Sing-Along”**



**Variety of Gospel Hymns  
Contemporary and Show Tunes  
Coordinated by Pauline Fox, organist  
with Joe Dorsch, sax, and Doug Malefyt, guitar**

**Also: Fine Art Exhibit by congregation members  
\* Free admission \***

**Coming:  
September 16 – Mark Miller, Concert Organist**

*Organ “Elite Opus III” by Allen Organ Co.*

# JUNE 2012

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| <b>27</b><br>8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary<br>9:45 AM Adult Sunday School<br>9:45 AM Dash Youth Group-Youth Room<br>11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary<br>3:00 PM Family Promise<br>4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room | <b>28</b><br>Church Office Closed<br>Family Promise-Upstairs | <b>29</b><br>Family Promise-Upstairs<br>7:00 PM Small Group<br>Conference Room   | <b>30</b><br>Family Promise-Upstairs<br>10:00 AM Morning Bible<br>Study-Lounge<br>7:00 PM Cub Pack Meeting<br>7:00 PM Handbell<br>Rehearsal-Sanctuary | <b>31</b><br>Family Promise-Upstairs<br>10:00 AM My Brother's<br>Keepers/Little Quilts-<br>Downstairs<br>7:00 PM Handbell<br>Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br>7:00 PM Scouts<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | <b>1</b><br>Family Promise-Upstairs<br>6:00 PM Softball<br>Game-Pinebrook Park | <b>2</b><br>Family Promise-Upstairs III<br>8 am |
| <b>3</b><br>8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary<br>9:45 AM Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary<br>4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room   | <b>4</b><br>7:00 PM Alberta Weber's<br>Small Group           | <b>5</b><br>1:30 PM Victory in Jesus<br>Small Group-Lounge<br>7:00 PM Missions Meeting-<br>Downstairs<br>7:00 PM Small Group-<br>Conference Room                                 | <b>6</b><br>10:00 AM Morning Bible<br>Study-Lounge<br>2:00 PM Stitch & Pray<br>Small Group  | <b>7</b><br>10:00 AM My Brother's<br>Keepers/Little Quilts-<br>Downstairs<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  | <b>8</b><br>6:00 PM Softball<br>Game-Zacharias Pond<br>Park                    | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br>Choir Sunday<br>8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary<br>9:45 AM Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary<br>4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room  | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>1:30 PM Victory in Jesus<br>Small Group-Lounge<br>7:00 PM Small Group-<br>Conference Room   | <b>13</b><br>10:00 AM Morning Bible<br>Study-Lounge   | <b>14</b><br>10:00 AM My Brother's<br>Keepers/Little Quilts-<br>Downstairs  | <b>15</b><br>6:00 PM Softball<br>Game-Zacharias Pond<br>Park                   | <b>16</b>                                       |
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