

Upcoming Sermon Series: Heaven is for Real!

What do you think about heaven? Do you ever ponder what it will be like there? Do you ever wonder if it is really for real?

In 2010, Todd Burpo wrote a book with the title: "Heaven is for Real." The book is based on his young son's near-death experience that he related to his parents in the months afterward.

The book is engaging, inspirational, and filled with many insights from a young boy's experience. This book is a great gift for someone who recently lost a loved one. My mom received the book right after my dad's death back in November and she found it incredibly helpful during the months after her loss.

The book describes what Colton Burpo experienced and relayed to his parents. It is truly an inspirational read and I strongly recommend this book to you. Starting in the second week of September we will begin a five-week sermon series on this topic: "Heaven is for Real."

I hope this series will be helpful and inspirational as we take a closer look at heaven during these sermons.

The Bible speaks on occasion about the reality of heaven, but many of us have many unanswered questions about it. Perhaps many questions will remain unanswered because God's mysteries are definitely beyond our human comprehension. Hopefully, however, this sermon series will address some of your

questions about heaven. Join us for the series and bring a friend or two who might have similar questions about the reality of heaven. It is sure to be an engaging and inspiring five weeks!

Sunday School starts us for all ages on September 9th at 9:45. We will have three age divisions for children and youth, as well as the continuing Sunday School for adults led by Jeff Weber. Pre-K through 3rd grade will be taught by Peggy Stewart with Denise Shank assisting. 4th through 6th grades will be taught by Bob Cool with Pam Cool assisting. And 7th through 12th grades will be taught by Vin Zelizo. We will dedicate the teachers in worship on Sunday, September 9th. Spread the word and bring your neighbors and friends to Sunday School this year!

Choir starts up again right after Labor Day. Rehearsals are held on Thursday nights beginning at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. The choir would love to have you stop in to sing with them and try it out! They really are a great group of people and they love to sing God's praises! Drop in at one of their upcoming rehearsals and sing with them!

There are many events and activities starting up this month so pay attention to your weekly bulletin and the weekly eNews that comes via email. Look over all the activities and consider where you can plug into SUMC. There is literally something for everyone!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

September 1
Deuteronomy 32

September 2
Deuteronomy 33

September 3
Deuteronomy 34

September 4
Matthew 1

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Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



September



TO SERVE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Greeters	8:30
2	Kay Bucci-Rutt
9	Bonnie Cramsey
16	Norma Snow
23	Irene Goforth
30	Cliff & Diane Rogell
	11:00
2	Betty Michelin
9	Marti & Nelson Ernest
16	Eileen Sebring
23	Janet & Norm Marsh
30	Sue & Ron Gouger
Ushers	8:30
Jack Hinline	
Barbara Hinline	
Carole Burrus	
John Burrus	
	11:00
C.J. Penwell	
Eileen Sebring	
Glenn Singer	
Joni Singer	
Gary Braman	
Altar Guild	
Eleanor Bentzoni	
Counters	
Ray Singer & Janet Woolever	
Soup Kitchen	
2	McMichael UMC-Pastor Ed Unangst
9	Pen Argyl UMC-Tom Odenwelder
16	PMC Internal Medicine-Nancy Fisch
23	Analomink UMC-Nancy Shoemaker
30	Berean Bible Fellowship-Sylvia Carmella



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 Leader	Vincent Zelizo
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Parton

CHURCH LEADERS

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



September Birthdays

- 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

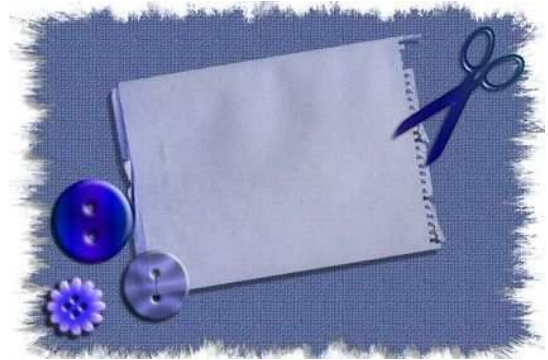
If you would like a card on your special day, please contact the church office - 421-6020.

A NEW BANNER IS HANGING IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

Pam Price has purchased a new banner in memory of her late husband, Bruce W. Price.

It is hanging in the Fellowship Room.

Please take a moment to look at it. Thank you, Pam for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated by all at SUMC!



New Small Group

Nancy Haase would like to start a new small group making greeting cards. Meetings would be held once a month, either on Monday or Thursday early afternoon. Sign up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested, please indicate your preference for either Monday or Thursday. If you have any questions, please call Nancy @ 629-9345.

Please note the following address changes:



John & Candice Ace
PO Box 222
Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

Gil Bennett
1003 Lower Glencoe Road
Sparks, MD 21152

Daniel Christiansen
388 Greentree Drive Apt. E-3
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Bob & Pam Cool
116 Avon Court Apt. 26
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Jeanette Kuhns
2536 Country Club Drive
Tobyhanna, PA 18466

Mission Committee News

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available soon in the Fellowship Room. The completed shoeboxes need to be returned by November 15.

Event Calendar

Please make sure your events are listed on the main church calendar outside the Conference Room. This will ensure your event is listed in the weekly bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP

Through July our giving is up by 7% or \$8,104.37 over last year at this time. That figure includes \$1,620.00 donated to the Giselle Lopez Fund and \$1,390.00 from the Bell Ringer Concert both separate from our regular giving. That said, we are still at an increase over last year but continue to draw monies from P & B to meet our expenses. All bills including our Conference Apportionment are up to date. Thank you to all who have been so faithful in your giving especially over the summer vacation time.

On July 18 a payment of \$48,300.00 was made to Edinger Construction for services rendered on the elevator to date with an estimated balance of \$50,220.00 due upon completion. To date \$317,595.00 has been paid to Edinger Construction with donations through envelope giving and memorials totaling \$262,236.31. The \$55,358.87 difference has been paid from our Property & Building funds. Thank you to all who have given so generously to this project. We ask that all of our congregation give prayerful consideration of their financial support of this project. We will have to raise about \$106,000.00 to fully fund the elevator.

Giving statements were mailed mid-July. If you did not receive your statement either by email or snail mail, please notify the church office. Also, please notify the church office of any questions or concerns about your statement.

We welcome Janet Woolever back as a counter. Please let Carole Everitt know if you have two hours on Monday mornings, two months out of the year, to serve our church as a counter. Training and supplies are included at no charge.

Hopefully you all had a great summer and are ready to get back to a more scheduled routine with committee meetings. Daniel's Dream Team is planning the second annual Ministry Fair the end of October. As committees are meeting please add fair ideas to your agenda. More information will be sent to the committee chairpersons when a date has been confirmed.

The Stewardship Committee asks that you keep our church and its growth in your prayers as well as our committee as we face the financial challenges of our church.

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

A message from our new Youth Director.....

Hello, everyone. I am Vin Zelizo, the new Youth Director. As summer draws to a close the Youth Group is gearing up for another exciting year.

I'd like to start by thanking Kim Miller, the last Youth Director, for her service. She was great with the youth and a great ambassador for our church. I enjoyed working with Kim when I taught Sunday school and I hope to continue working with Kim in the future.

I'd also like to wish Michael DeWitt a fond farewell. Michael "graduated" from our youth group this spring and will attend college this fall. Michael was a shining star among our youth. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and could be found most Sunday's at the media board during church. Michael was quick to help anyone in need and we will miss him tremendously.

It should be a great year for the Youth Group. We have talked about many exciting ideas so it should be interesting to see which direction the group chooses to take their energies.

I invite each of you to participate as well. Many members of the church have already helped out at various Youth events. Some have helped with 30 hour famine, others have spoken at one of the retreats, and some have shown slides or talked about their careers during Sunday school. Feel free to talk to me about any ideas you have or ways you'd like to help.

On the other side we'd like to help too! If your group or event needs help please let us know and we'll see if we can make some new connections.

I'm eager to meet the challenges of the year ahead and look forward to sharing our adventures with you.

Sincerely,

Vin
vzelizo@hotmail.com
570-730-8331

UMW NEWS

We hope everyone has had a fun, enjoyable and relaxing summer. Please join us for our first meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm in the Lounge.

Our trunk collection item of the month will be body lotion.

My Brother's Keepers and Little Quilts will resume on Thursday, September 20th at 10:00 am in the downstairs dining room.

2012 Men's Fall Retreat

A Men's Wilderness Weekend

Friday, November 9, 7 pm through Sunday, November 11, 2 pm

Why Can't I Hear God's Voice?

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

Is your desire to hear God's voice more frequently and clearly, and to develop a more intimate relationship through Jesus? Join us as we explore how to hear His voice more clearly!

This retreat is for men of all ages. Enjoy a Sabbath weekend in fellowship and study with fellow Brothers-in-Christ.

Retreat Leader: Rob Loughery

Speakers: Rob Loughery and the 'Band of Brothers' from Doylestown, PA

Cost: \$105.00 per person

Includes: 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, snacks, beverages and all activities.

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center

RR2 Box 2747

Cresco, PA 18326

Contact the camp office at 570-676-3665/camp@poconoplateau.org

Mother Daughter Weekend - October 19-21, 2012

Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA , Dingman's Ferry, PA

For more information and to register online:

www.campspeersymca.org - 570-828-2329

Full weekend package: Includes lodging, meals & activities

Mother & Daughter	\$285.00/duo
3rd & 4th Family Members	\$115.00 each
Additional Family Members	\$95.00 each
Saturday Only	\$100.00/duo



More Missions Committee News:

The Missions Committee wishes to thank the congregation for their support of the Yard Sale. You may have given an article to sell or purchased something at the sale. You may have helped set up or worked the days of the sale. However you helped, we thank you. We made a little over \$1500.00 this year. That is less than other years but we are happy that we will be able to help those less fortunate in our town and overseas. We also want to thank you for your wonderful support of all our projects throughout the year. You are a great congregation. May our good Lord shower blessings on each of you. Again, thank you.

Alberta Weber's Small Group

Alberta Weber's small group will meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 pm in the downstairs blue room. We will not meet the first Monday of September as that is a holiday. Our first meeting of this year will be on September 17 at 7 pm. We will continue our discussion of the book by Mitch Albom, "Have a Little Faith."

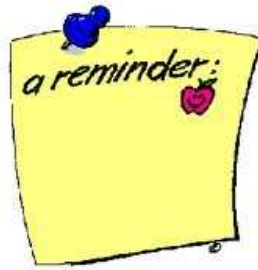
Oasis of Love Food Pantry

Oasis of Love, a local food pantry in Stroudsburg, is looking for volunteers to help with food distribution. If you are available during the week and are interested in volunteering, please contact Frank Medero, Program Director at 570-972-0838. Also, if you have any food donations for Oasis of Love, please bring them to church and I will arrange to get them to Frank. Thank you! Jackie

Compassionate Care Hospice - Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit Compassionate Care Hospice website: www.cchnet.net or call Jessica Ritchie, Volunteer Coordinator at 570-476-0150. A memorial service will be held at Zion UCC on September 9 from 3-4 pm. A reception will be held afterward from 4-5 pm. All are welcome. If you would like to have a candle lit in a loved one's memory, please call the church office with the name of your loved one.

A piano player and singers are also needed for the memorial service. Contact Jessica if interested.



Important Dates

Events and meetings starting up again in September:

Choir Rehearsals 9/6/2012 7:30 pm
Scouts 9/6/2012 7:00 pm
Sunday School 9/9/2012 9:45 am
Peggy Stewart's Small Group 9/10/2012 7:00 pm
Handbell Rehearsals 9/12/2012 7:00 pm
Alberta Weber's Small Group 9/17/2012 7:00 pm
Terrific Tuesday Dinner 9/18/2012 6:00 pm
My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts 9/20/2012 10:00 am
United Methodist Men Breakfast 9/22/2012 8:00 am
UMW Meeting 9/25/2012 7:00 pm

Handbell Choir

The SUM Celebration Ringers are looking for new "ringers"! If you are interested in joining the Handbell Choir, please contact Lynn Seip @ 421-6517

Cub Scout Schedule

September 12 - First Den Meeting - 6:00 PM
September 19 - Push Mobile Event - Ann Street Parking Lot
September 26 - Pack Meeting - 6:00 PM



Terrific Tuesday Dinner

Tuesday, September 18th

6:00 pm

MENU:

Pot Roast with Bow Tie Noodles

Fresh Carrots, Homemade Cole Slaw

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 Tuesday) **and** cleanup after the meal.*



2012 Concert Series

East Stroudsburg
United Methodist Church
83 S. Courtland Street

Sunday
Sept. 16
3:00 p.m.



**Bach and Roll:
Baroque to Gospel**

Mark Miller
Concert Organist

On faculties of Drew University and Yale University
Composer in 'characteristically American' styles
Concertized throughout USA and 8 other countries
Formerly at Riverside Church in NYC

*** Free admission ***

Organ "Elite Opus III" by Allen Organ Co.

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Blessing of the Animals 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 1:00 PM Daniel's Dream Team Meeting 2:00 PM Pocono Flute Choir-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	27 Church Office Closed	28 1:30 PM Victory in Jesus Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Dig Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	29 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study-Lounge 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group	30	31	1
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