

Learning from History

Many of us learned that history is an important subject because without learning our history, we are doomed to repeat it!

Some people like history and some don't. I do. I especially like learning about the various stages of our American history. I only wish I could retain more of what I read and learn. I suppose history is an acquired taste. Do you like the subject of history?

I am currently reading a biography on John Paul Jones. He is credited with being "America's first sea warrior" according to the biography written by Joseph Callo. Jones began his sea career at the tender age of thirteen when he signed on for a seven year apprenticeship on the merchant ship *Friendship*. His duties included many menial tasks required by the thirty-man crew: sail handling and repairing, and line handling. However, in a crew so small, the young teenager was required to grow up quickly and hold his own in this crew. So he also learned helmsmanship, navigation, serving the guns, and much more! Jones apprenticeship was cut short when the owner sold the ship, but Jones now knew he was meant for sailing and it changed his life. Jones would eventually go to the American Colonies and serve them by fighting in the American Revolution, even though he was born in Scotland. His passion for liberty was a strong factor in this decision. Jones would eventually become known for never losing a battle--not one!

So impressive was Jones naval career that President Roosevelt once said, "Every officer should know by heart the deeds of John Paul Jones."

I wonder, who is the equivalent of John Paul Jones in our early Christian history? I am guessing someone sharing a similar name, like the Apostle Paul who traveled by boat many times on voyages to spread the gospel and bring the message to many, many people who never heard of Jesus.

These voyages were not without peril either. Storms and other problems were encountered by Paul on his journeys. Still, he persisted and the gospel was spread both near and far thanks to Paul's tenacity and determination.

I wonder, too, who might be the equivalent to John Paul Jones in our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church history? I realize that we are not on the sea, but maybe someone like Rev. Colbert might fit this bill to some degree.

We can and should definitely learn from our history. This does not mean we stop pressing forward to create new history. It just means that we remember the past and learn from it so not to repeat past mistakes.

What has your personal history taught you? Did you learn from some of your past mistakes? Are you committed to making a future that is enlightened by your past?

Where we are going can definitely be helped by learning from where we came. History is helpful. We just need to commit ourselves to learning history and remembering it!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

August 1

Daniel 11

August 2

Daniel 12

August 3

Nehemiah 1

August 4

Nehemiah 2

August 5

Nehemiah 3

August 6

Nehemiah 4

August 7

Nehemiah 5

August 8

Nehemiah 6

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Job 1

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Job 2

August 18

Job 3

August 19

Job 4

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Job 5

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Job 6

August 22

Job 7

August 23

Job 8

August 24

Job 9

August 25

Job 10

August 26

Job 11

August 27

Job 12

August 28

Job 13

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Job 14

August 30

Job 15

August 31

Job 16

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

August

To Serve You in August

Greeters

	8:30
4	Kay Bucci-Rutt
11	Alice & Ray Singer
18	Pam Price
25	Walter & Hilda Roeckendorf

11:00

4	Gar & Linda Pollard
11	Joanne & Bob Reed
18	Roy Pipher
25	Betty Michelin

Ushers

8:30

DeAnn Harris
Diane & Cliff Rogell

11:00

C.J. Penwell

Counters

C.J. Penwell & Pam Price

Altar Guild

Eleanor Bentzoni & Carole Everitt

Soup Kitchen

All month - Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church
August 9th - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Every Tuesday - Daughters of Thunder Outreach



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	Vin Zelizo
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Parton

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Membership & Evangelism

Chairperson, Peggy Stewart bpstew@juno.com

Lay Leader

Beryl Hellgren

Anniversary News for August

The guest preacher on August 11 will be Pastor Mary Jane Kirby, who will preach at the 8:30 am service in the sanctuary.

The 11:00 am service is held at our annual picnic at Jay Albertson Park on North Fifth Street at the duck pond behind the firehouse. Pastor Mary Jane will be the celebrant at the picnic.

Mary Jane was baptized and confirmed at SUMC and sang in both the youth and senior choirs. She graduated from Stroudsburg Area High School and East Stroudsburg State College (now ESU) with a degree in teaching. She taught remedial reading and math in the East Stroudsburg School District before deciding to go into the ministry, graduating from Drew University. Her first pastoral charge was at Blakeslee United Methodist Church. She is married to Herman Kirby and they have two grown sons, Matthew and Daniel.

Pastor Mary Jane is very excited and honored to be coming to preach and visit at her home church. We are delighted to have her with us.

Please welcome the family on August 11.

The memorial tiles have been ordered and should be delivered in approximately 25 days. We have ordered extra in case someone still wants one and didn't place an order previously.

Pastor George Rigby will be with us on September 15.

The homecoming with Reverend Milton Hartenstine, followed by a luncheon after the 11:00 am service will be on October 6.

Tenth Anniversary of the Packs for Backs Project

Ten years ago we started the Packs for Backs Project, which is an endeavor to secure backpacks and school supplies for needy children. We had a goal to gather one hundred book bags and other necessary items for the youngsters. We distributed over one hundred fifty of them the first year. We did it in conjunction with the Stroudsburg Council of Churches and Church Women United. Kathy Lombardo and her staff handed them out when the parents came to the Clothing Room to get their boys' and girls' school clothes. The program met with extreme success and the mothers and fathers were very appreciative of the necessary items.

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile aim you can do so by choosing the method that pleases you the most. You can buy a backpack or traditional school supplies and take them to the First Presbyterian Church's Office at 575 Main Street in Stroudsburg from 9:00 until four, Monday through Friday. You could also bring the items to church and place them in Pastor Ted's office. Trapper Keepers do not fit into the students' desks and we avoid using them. Useful pieces include glue, glue sticks, tooth brushes, toothpaste, crayons, washable markers, erasers, spiral notebooks, notepaper, pencils, pens and similar products. If you would like to donate the funds to purchase the backpacks at a reduced price you can use a check, which is a tax deductible donation, made payable to Pack for Backs Project and mail it to 1119 Beacon Hill Road, East Stroudsburg, PA. The items will be purchased and taken to the Clothing Room for distribution. Your participation is greatly appreciated and we thank you for it. If you have any questions about the program please call Margie Good at 424-5251.

A little church humor.....

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay", said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'"

Church Trip to Historic Philadelphia - August 17, 2013

If interested, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

More details to follow shortly. Check your Sunday bulletins and weekly eNews publications for updates or call the church office.

Dear Pastor Shank,



We would like to thank you for your support and ministry during this difficult time. The eulogy was a wonderful tribute to our mother's life. Your words were inspirational and comforting for all who attended. She always loved the fellowship at SUMC and made a lot of good friends there. Also, many thanks to the secretary, organist, sexton, audio person and care team. The music provided by the organist was exceptional. And we were grateful that Mr. Edinger provided us with a CD of the service. The care team and sexton also did great jobs. As well as the secretary with the programs. We will miss our mother dearly, but cherish the memories.

Sincerely,

The Abel Family

Upcoming Public Concerts at Spruce Lake

Friday, August 30 @ 7 pm - The Brunner Family
\$5.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door
Labor Day Music Festival

Saturday, August 31 @ 7 pm - The Talleys
\$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door
\$20.00 for chicken BBQ dinner & concert package
Labor Day Music Festival

Sunday, September 1 @ 7:00 PM - Vocal Union
\$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door
Labor Day Music Festival

For more information, visit www.sprucelake.org or call 800-822-7505

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life



The good news is that YTD we have seen a \$7,315.00 increase in general giving over 2012. Thank you to all who have given so faithfully. The bad news is that through the month of June, 2013 our income was \$20,955.62 and our expenses for that time period were \$28,866.37. That leaves us with a \$7,910.75 deficit for the month. Our YTD deficit is \$27,069.82 averaging around \$4,500.00 per month, though large, much less than the \$66,238.00 deficit at this same time last year. Thankfully all bills, including our Conference apportionment, are paid to date with the aid of our Property & Building (Trustees) funds. Last year at this same time we had \$23,600.00 more in memorial donations to help sustain those funds. Though improving, we need continued prayers for our church and its financial concerns.

We have also seen an increase this year in envelope giving by \$337.00 over last year at this same time period. For the same time frame we have had a decrease of \$14,700.00 in the memorial donations toward the elevator this year. During the month of June we had a \$25.00 memorial donation and \$1,075.00 in envelope giving designated toward the elevator project giving us a grand total through June of \$284,188.31 toward the project. Total payments thus far are \$327,325.00 with a projected balance of \$41,685.00 to be paid.

As always the Stewardship Committee asks for your continued prayers for our church and its growth as well as for our committee as we address these financial issues.

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

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Joni & Glenn Singer have a new address: Please make a note of it.

Joni & Glenn Singer
376 Greentree Drive Apt. B3
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

August Birthdays

2	Natalie Hardy
2	Bessie Frailey
8	Anna Maroney
9	Flora Barnes
9	Kelly Edinger
9	Anne Grant
10	Joanne Reed
14	Susan Sheeley
21	Krista Montgomery
22	Bob Cool
23	Kermit Chamberlin
23	Irene Goforth
24	Gale Butz
27	Sandra Selwood
27	Evan Jacob Hardy
27	Eva Knight
28	Glenn Singer
31	Paul Edinger



If you would like a card on your special day,
please call the church office - 421.6020

Membership & Evangelism

The Membership & Evangelism committee, working with the Worship committee is beginning a new ministry at SUMC. We are looking for a few prayer partners to meet on Sunday mornings before each service to pray together for the service to follow, asking the Holy Spirit to direct the services, and to work in the hearts and minds of all participating in each Sunday service.

We invite those whom the Holy Spirit would lead into this ministry to join a prayer team for a commitment of one month at a time. Teams should consist of at least three people and no more than five persons. This means we are looking for between six and ten people every month (3-5 for each service) who will meet before each service and ask the Holy Spirit to not only be present, but to work through those leading our service and to work in and through those participating in the service.

Each team will be led by a Team Leader, who will be your contact for the month you have offered to participate. We are asking that when considering participating in the "pre-service prayer teams" that each person be ready to meet and be committed to pray with your team for 15 minutes at 8:00 am for the 8:30 service and at 10:30 for the 11:00 service. Your Team Leader will contact you with where to meet in the sanctuary and will have a list of the prayer items for each service.

A sign up sheet has been posted in the Fellowship Room (on the bulletin board near the kitchen) for you to use. You may also call the church office @ 421-6020 to sign up or Dave Cottle @ 570-242-1480 for more information. We would like to begin the full ministry with both teams fully staffed on Sept. 8 of 2013.

Please give prayerful consideration to participating in this extension of our personal prayer time with our God. He has said, "*...test me in this,*" says the LORD Almighty, "*and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it*". Malachi 3:10.



Our Church Yard Sale will be held on Friday, August 16 from 9am-3pm and Saturday, August 17 from 9am-1pm. We need a lot of help. A sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Room. Please note: NO CLOTHING will be accepted to sell at the yard sale. If you have additional questions, please contact Alberta Weber or any other member of the Missions Committee.

Sunday School for children in grades 4, 5 and 6 will start up again on September 15 at 9:45 am. Please call the church office if your child will be moving up into this Sunday School class. Thank you!





New History Committee

The newly formed History Committee is seeking more members. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Dave Cook @ 476-6261, circlec123@msn.com or C.J. Penwell @ 421-1666, cjpen53@ptd.net. Mission Statement: "To preserve, research and record the history of the Stroudsburg United Methodist Church; and to make this history available to all interested parties and individuals." Here is some of the History Committee's agenda, in addition to re-searching and producing the rest of the history movie:

- To create a regularly changing history display in the church
- To clean and refurbish the history room
- To catalog the history room contents
- To reorganize historical documents and artifacts
- To make digital copies of important images and documents for preservation

The room is a major undertaking, but many hands make light work.



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 11th

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 - Guest Preacher Mary Jane Kirby

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



AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	29 9:00 AM MusiCamp-Downstairs 7:00 PM Walking Small Group	30 9:00 AM MusiCamp-Downstairs 6:00 PM Daughters of Thunder Outreach Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM DASH Youth Group Hike	31 9:00 AM MusiCamp-Downstairs	1 9:00 AM MusiCamp-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts	2 9:00 AM MusiCamp-Downstairs	3
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11 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship followed by Church Picnic - Jay Albertson Park 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	12 9:00 AM Set up for Yard Sale - all week 7:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Walking Small Group	13 9:00 AM Set up for Yard Sale - all week 6:00 PM Daughters of Thunder Outreach Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM DASH Youth Group Hike 7:00 PM M & E	14 9:00 AM Set up for Yard Sale - all week	15 9:00 AM Set up for Yard Sale - all week 7:00 PM Scouts	16 9:00 AM Yard Sale	17 9:00 AM Yard Sale
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