

We Are 225 This Year!

Most of you are aware that Stroudsburg United Methodist Church is celebrating 225 years of active ministry this year. How does it feel to be 225 years old?

We already started our anniversary celebration by bringing back some of our former pastors to preach in worship, and more of this will be upcoming in the months ahead. This month Rev. Thomas Anderman will be preaching on June 16th. Come join us for this special worship on Father's Day.

The rest of the schedule includes:

Rev. Scott Widmer - July 14

Rev. William Ramsden - July 21

Rev. Kirby-Price - August 11

Rev. Rigby - September 15

Rev. Hartenstine - October 6

Bishop Johnson - December 22

October 6th will also be our big Homecoming Sunday, too! We will have one combined worship at 10:00 a.m. and then have a luncheon after worship. This is sure to be a big day!

Please join us for this special occasion and bring a friend or two along with you! Great preaching, wonderful music, and inspiring worship are sure to be experienced this year!

An anniversary, whether for a married couple or for a church, is an occasion to look back and also look forward. We look back over our history as a church and can remember or point back to some very special times in our church life. This church did some amazing things over our lifetime so far and it is a wonderful opportunity this year to remember our past and give thanks for all we did up to this point in time.

An anniversary also gives us the opportunity to look ahead to our future. Just as before, we have leaders in the church who are moving us forward as God's church here in Stroudsburg. We have more young families getting involved in the life of our church and the youth group is also very active. There are a number of ministries that are very strong and some others that are growing spiritually in a variety of ways.

But we need you!

Our future actually depends on you! We need everyone to pitch in and help in whatever way you can and want to right now. We cannot sit back and wait for the future to arrive--no, we have to start living out our future right now, today!

Are you a church member yet? Are you active in the ministries and activities of Stroudsburg UMC? Where do you want to get more involved? What new ideas do you have to start something new in the church?

There is a place for you here at SUMC. Where do you see yourself fitting in to our church family? Are we providing everything you would like to see a church provide? What new ideas do you have for the church?

Come on! Let's start living into our future right now!



Bob Shank

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

Daily Scripture Readings

June 1

1 Chronicles 15

June 2

1 Chronicles 16

June 3

1 Chronicles 17

June 4

1 Chronicles 18

June 5

1 Chronicles 19

June 6

1 Chronicles 20

June 7

1 Chronicles 21

June 8

1 Chronicles 22

June 9

1 Chronicles 23

June 10

1 Chronicles 24

June 11

1 Chronicles 25

June 12

1 Chronicles 26

June 13

1 Chronicles 27

June 14

1 Chronicles 28

June 15

1 Chronicles 29

June 16

2 Chronicles 1

June 17

2 Chronicles 2

June 18

2 Chronicles 3

June 19

2 Chronicles 4

June 20

2 Chronicles 5

June 21

2 Chronicles 6

June 22

2 Chronicles 7

June 23

2 Chronicles 8

June 24

2 Chronicles 9

June 25

2 Chronicles 10

June 26

2 Chronicles 11

June 27

2 Chronicles 12

June 28

2 Chronicles 13

June 29

2 Chronicles 14

June 30

2 Chronicles 15

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To Serve You in June

Greeters

8:30

2 Jami Lipe
9 Irene Goforth
16 Eleanor Bentzoni
23 DeAnn Harris
30 Jackie Herrero

11:00

2 Star Jones
9 BJ Bachman
16 Sue & Ron Gouger
23 Betty Michelin
30 Joanne & Bob Reed

Ushers

8:30

Bruce Miller
Kay Bucci-Rutt & "The Ladies"

11:00

Bob Cool

Counters

Lynn Seip & Doris Philips

Altar Guild

Eleanor Bentzoni

Soup Kitchen

2 SUMC Missions Committee
Alberta Weber
9 Pocono Internal Medicine
Nancy Firsh
16 Elk's Youth Group
Carol Hutson
23 McMichael's UMC
Pastor Ed
30 Wesleyan Church Youth Group
Steve Kemmerer

Tuesdays @ 6 pm - Daughters of Thunder Outreach

2nd Friday @ 5 pm - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church



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
Handbell Director Lynn Seip
Custodian Matt Parton

OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team

Chairperson, Boyd Butz
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Chairperson, Peggy Stewart bpstew@juno.com

Lay Leader

Beryl Hellgren



FATHER'S DAY BOOKLET

**June 16th, 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 26th, June 2nd, and June 9th. \$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 9th AT NOON



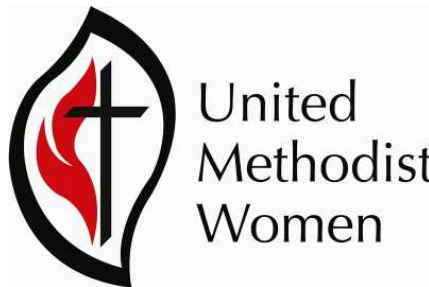
Congratulations to the following graduates who were inadvertently left out of last month's Courier.

We apologize for the error.

Jay Chamberlin

David Lantz IV

Congratulations once again!!



Thank you to all who contributed to our Mother's Day Booklet. Now it is time to honor or remember the men in our life. Father's Day is June 16th. \$2.00 per name. We will collect after both services on May 26th, June 2nd and June 9th. Deadline June 9th at 12 noon. Make checks payable to the Stroudsburg United Methodist Women. Requests may also be sent to Eleanor Bentzoni, 1755 Honeysuckle Lane, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

The June trunk collection item is deodorant.

June 25th will be our final meeting until the fall. This will be a special meeting with a covered dish dinner for members and their families at 6:00 PM. Followed at 7:00 PM by a special presentation on "Our Congo Partnership" by Reverend David Ryan. This presentation is open to everyone and will be in the sanctuary.



The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos Baby Bottle Boomerang continues until Father’s Day, June 16th. Baby bottles will be available at the back of the church. Please consider taking a bottle or two or three, fill them with coins, cash or a check made payable to PRC. Bring the filled bottle back to church by June 16th. All proceeds go directly to PRC. For more information, please call 424-0373. Thank you!

NOTICE FROM OUR PROPERTY & BUILDING

COMMITTEE: A new system has been implemented in our church. All visitors that enter the building while the church office is open are being asked to sign in with the office, give your reason for being in the building and sign out when leaving the building. We need to know who is in the building and for what reason at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.





Bryan and Eileen Hill
22 Franklin Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022



Unfortunately for SUMC April did not have five Sundays. Our income through the month of April was \$14,279.42 and our expenses totaled \$22,936.76 for the month leaving us with a deficit of \$8,657.34 for the month of April YTD our deficit is \$12,416.48. Again, we are fortunate to have reserve funds from Property and Building to maintain our monthly expenses without reducing any programs. Please give prayerful consideration to your financial support of SUMC and our programs.

Thank you to all who continue to give on a regular basis to the elevator fund. Through the month of April \$650.00 was donated through envelope giving toward this project and \$1,000.00 was generously donated as a memorial gift toward the elevator. YTD another \$45,551.69 is needed to offset monies from Property and Building funds for payments made to Edinger Construction for the elevator project with another \$41,685.00 remaining to be paid for the total project.

The Stewardship Committee continues to work on developing an Internal Control Policy for finances as suggested by the Conference. We are also planning our annual Stewardship appeal in the fall. We ask for your continued prayers for our committee as we discuss and plan for the financial future of SUMC.

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

Family Promise Clothing Drive

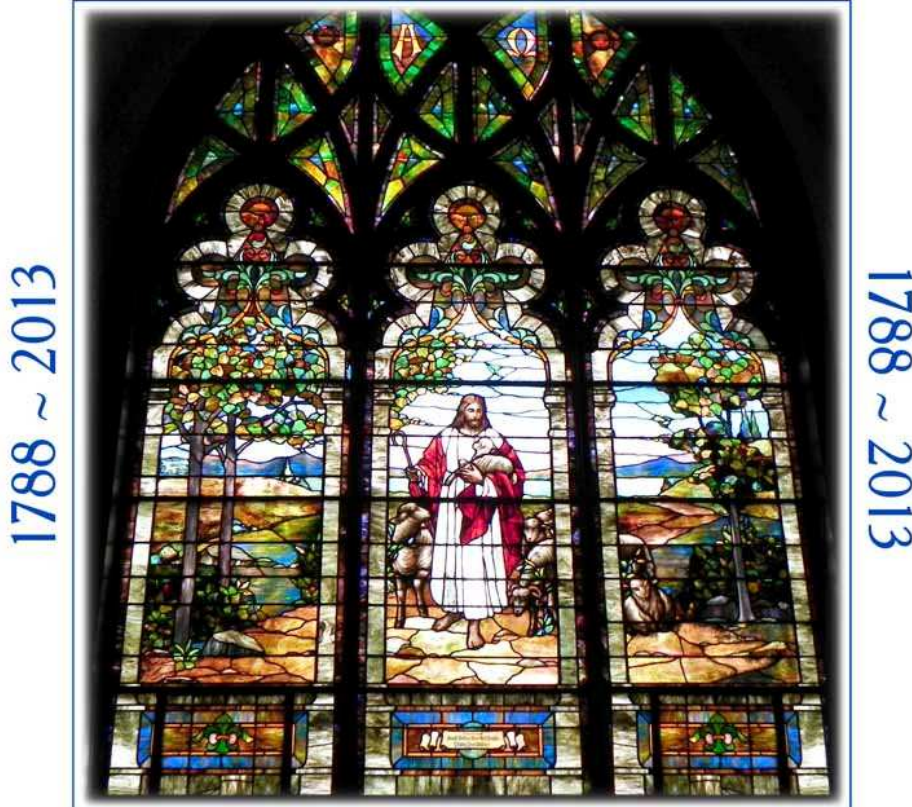
Thursday, June 6, 2013 9am-6pm
at Faith UMC, 1160 Clause Drive, Stroudsburg
(off Chipperfield Drive)

All wearable and useable clothing accepted as well as shoes, belts, handbags, hats, gloves, ties, stuffed animals, linens. For more information, please call Family Promise @ 420-8589. Items need to be securely tied in a strong plastic bag.

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Stroudsburg United Methodist

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ # of tiles at \$10 each = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Stroudsburg United Methodist Church**

Payment due at time of order. Orders due by: **June 30, 2013.**

Orders will be collected after church services or can be mailed to:

Peggy Stewart, 90 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301



June Birthdays

7	Jim Adams
7	Marisa Seip
7	Adam Williams
8	Adelle & Bella Kopec
13	Ethan Victor Zelizo
16	Alice Rinker
17	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

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



WALKING SMALL GROUP

The Walking Small Group will be starting again in June. To start the season Dave Cook will lead the group on a history walk through Stroudsburg Monday evening June 3rd. Meet at the Ann Street parking lot at the church for a 7:00 PM start. The walk will last about an hour and we will stop along the way for information at each location concerning our church. This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Then on Monday June 10th the Walking Group will meet for our weekly walks at 7:00 PM at the Ann Street parking lot of the church. Weather permitting we will walk every Monday evening throughout the summer. The group will walk about two miles in approximately an hour at a comfortable pace so that everyone can participate in the group. These will not be power or brisk type of walking. We will walk along sidewalks of streets in the Borough of Stroudsburg or along easy trails such as the Brodhead Creek greenway. So get out your favorite pair of walking shoes and come out for some fun, exercise, and companionship. For more information contact C.J. Penwell.