

Things are Heating Up!

Do you remember the old radios and televisions, which used tubes? If you do, then you will recall that these old electronic devices needed time to warm up before they were fully operational. That was definitely not the era of instant gratification!

My dad worked a second job repairing these old radios and televisions. I spent many nights with him in the repair shop or making a call to a customer. My job was simple: keep quiet and hand dad the tools he needed exactly when he needed them. Oh, and be sure to hand him the right tool, too! That was all many years ago, but there is something nostalgic about those old-school radios and TVs. I believe I am even patient enough today to wait for those old tubes to warm up before being able to use the device.

Well, things are heating up at SUMC, too!

September marks new beginnings in the church on many levels. Sunday Schools start meeting again and we have classes for all ages. This is a great way to learn more about God, the Bible, and our faith. If you have not previously attended Sunday school, consider attending one this year! You will be glad you did and you will learn a lot!

Our adult Choir starts up again in September, too. Most of you know that our choir is awesome and we have excellent musical talent on our staff. We are blessed each Sunday and should not ever take these musical talents for granted. Some of you sing well and should join the choir. They would love to have more voices so talk to Dave or Marti Lantz and get involved with them! You will have fun singing in the choir, too!

Small Groups also kick off a new season in September. We have several Small Groups to choose from including walking, studying, knitting and crocheting, and much more. Check out our website or call the church office to find a Small Group to join this year! You will get to meet new people and have some incredible experiences together!

The weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays starts up again, too. This is a great opportunity to be with others who have an interest in learning more about what the Bible teaches us and how it all applies to our modern day. We have a great deal of fun as we share our different perspectives about each story, and learn what biblical scholars taught about these stories. Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.!

Youth Group will begin a new season of meetings as well, and it will be exciting! Vin is our fearless and excellent leader, with whom the youth relate to so easily. Don't miss the exciting youth schedule of events. They will be a blast!

Stay informed about all these and other exciting upcoming events by tuning in to our church website or getting on our e-mail list. We also have an e-Prayer list so you can keep abreast of all the joys and concerns we are praying about each week, too.

SUMC has something for just about everyone. Are you tuning in to our activities? Tune in and get involved... Things are definitely heating up here at SUMC!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

September 1

Job 17

September 2

Job 18

September 3

Job 19

September 4

Job 20

September 5

Job 21

September 6

Job 22

September 7

Job 23

September 8

Job 24

September 9

Job 25

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Job 26

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Job 36

September 21

Job 37

September 22

Job 38

September 23

Job 39

September 24

Job 40

September 25

Job 41

September 26

Job 42

September 27

Song of Songs 1

September 28

Song of Songs 2

September 29

Song of Songs 3

September 30

Song of Songs 4

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

Acolyte Ministry

We would like to propose an initiative to re-establish an active Acolyte Ministry at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church.

This ministry would be open to youth as well as adults. The focus, however, would be on the youth for this is often the first opportunity children in the 3rd to 6th grades have to serve in the Church. The purpose is to promote the mission of the Church from the inside by growing our youth and adults to make a difference by their service being leaders in worship and preparing them for the responsibility of gathering disciples for Christ.

We propose to begin recruiting and training acolytes beginning in September and have a full contingency by Anniversary Sunday.

There will be no initial cost to begin this ministry. A training session will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 1 pm - 2 pm; additional training sessions will follow.

A sign up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary for those interested. If you have questions, please see Diane Rogell or Pam Cool.

Volunteers Needed

VNA/Hospice of Monroe County is looking for caring individuals for their volunteer program - the next training session is scheduled for September 2013.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Provide friendly visits to patients and provide respite for their caregivers in their home.
- Provide friendly visits to patients staying in the acute care unit - Hospice House.
- Assist with fundraising events.

Assignments and hours vary according to volunteer's interests and availability. For more information, please call Tammy Hiestand, Volunteer Coordinator at 570-421-5390.

Ministry Fair 2013

Dear Church Leaders and Committee Chairpersons,

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting it's annual appeal campaign for three Sundays beginning Oct. 27, ending with Commitment Sunday on Nov. 10, 2013. We are planning a Ministry Fair on Commitment Sunday to encourage more participation in our church by our membership. As in the past, we will need your help and co-operation.

The fair will be held in the Fellowship Room after each service in place of after church fellowship. We are asking that each committee and group within the church prepare an information booth for the fair detailing their purpose, responsibilities and time commitment in such a way as to encourage participation from the congregation. Hand-outs about your group would be great. We want this to be an informative and FUN event so please plan a festive table-balloons, flowers, etc. Plan to have one or two members from your committee present at your booth to answer questions after each service.

Since this event will be taking the place of after church fellowship we would ask that each booth provide a small snack (cookies, candy, crackers ,beverage, etc.). We would also ask that you provide a small take home gift (pencil, keychain, tablet, etc.) for those who visit your booth to encourage participation. To further encourage participation a drawing of names who visited your booth for a door prize at the end of the fair is suggested. Suggestions for door prizes: inspirational books, donated lunch or dinner to a local restaurant, carwash, raking leaves, potted plant, etc. If smaller areas of ministry or involving different services such as ushers and greeters or altar guild and quilters wish to team up that would be fine. We want all areas of our ministry at SUMC represented.

Set up for the fair will be Sat. Nov. 9 from 10am to 2pm. Please let JoAnn or Carole know by Nov. 4 how much space you will need so that table arrangements can be made. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. With everyone's co-operation hopefully we will benefit from more commitment and participation from our congregation.

Thank you and God Bless.

JoAnn Calkins and Carole Everitt, Stewardship Program Co-Chairpersons



September Birthdays

5	Ray Singer
6	Bill Ramsden
7	Barbara DeVivo
7	Bryan Hill
10	Scott Decker
10	Bridget Paige Hardy
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	Camryn Leah Philips
22	Elizabeth Schuler
23	Janet Woolever
23	Peggy Stewart
25	Jenny Bogart
30	Alexis Paige Philips
30	Tyler Snyder

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

STEWARDSHIP

Our income for the month of July was \$15,255.66 and our expenses were \$20,350.82 leaving us with a deficit of \$5,095.16. YTD our expenses exceed our income by \$22,168.48. Thankfully, all bills including our Conference Apportionment are up to date with the aid of our Property and Building funds. This deficit is not uncommon during the summer and vacation time. If you have been away and are behind in your giving please remember that SUMC does not take a vacation during the summer, our ministries continue along with our expenses. Thank you to all who have been faithful with your giving.

Many thanks also to those who continue to give so faithfully to the elevator fund. In July \$1,960 was donated toward the elevator project. To date \$285,688.31 has been designated for this fund. Another \$83,321.69 is needed to fully fund this project.

Giving statements were emailed to 77 of our members the beginning of July with paper statements prepared for the remaining members. They were available in the sanctuary through the month of July and those statements that were remaining were mailed the end of July. If you did not receive a statement or have a question about your statement please notify the church office.

Our annual stewardship campaign will begin Oct. 27 with Commitment Sunday Nov. 10. A Ministry Fair is being planned for Commitment Sunday. The Fair will be held after each service Sunday morning in place of After Service Fellowship. Please plan to join us for food, fun and prizes as well as information on how you can become more involved at SUMC. Our stewardship to the church and our community includes our time and talents as well as our treasures. Watch for more information and plan to join us on Nov. 10.

The Stewardship Committee welcomes Drenen Tucker, a former member, back to our committee. Our committee asks for your continued prayers for our church and its growth as well as for our committee as we begin the budget process for 2014.

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

DASH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On July 21 the Youth Group traveled to Rutland, VT for this year's mission trip. Ten youth and 4 adults took the 5 hour journey. During the 6 day 5 night trip we worked hard, played hard, and met many people we will never forget.

We stayed in dorm rooms on the campus of St. Joseph's College in Rutland. Each morning after devotionals we divided into our crews and left for our work sites. We had the opportunity to work at several sites during the week including two separate Salvation Army sites, a retirement home, the Parks and Recreation Department, a facility for people with mental disabilities, and a hiking/biking trail.

After working at our job sites, we returned to our dorms for some free time, chores, and our dinner before heading off to our nighttime fun activity. During the week we got to swim in the Rutland town pool, hike, rock climb in an indoor gym, and go to a barbecue. Wednesday night we also got to go to a Ben and Jerry's ice cream shop. Be sure to ask the boys about the Vermonster.

At the conclusion of our nighttime fun activity we returned to the College and went to Club. Club was a contemporary worship experience which we hope emulate here at SUMC. More details about that will follow.

We shared our week in Rutland with three other churches from Minneapolis, MN, Westfield, NJ, and Cape Cod, MA. They were all very kind and we made many happy friendships.

Thank you to everyone who helped support us to take this trip. Special thanks to the Missions Committee, Roz Evans, and Kim Miller for their contributions. Thanks to Peggy Stewart, Poppy Seip, and Pastor Bob for chaperoning. Thanks to Jackie Herrero for your endless support. And thanks to everyone who supported us in our fundraisers and by volunteering at various events throughout the year. Our Youth Group gets tremendous support from our congregation and we do not take that for granted.

Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Teams

Please give prayerful consideration to participating in the Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Teams. 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 our Father that the Holy Spirit not only be present, but work through those leading our service and work in and through those participating in the service.

A sign up sheet has been posted in the Fellowship Room (on the bulletin board near the kitchen). 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.

Join with us to pray, grow deeper in the Lord and watch as He changes lives and makes a difference one person at a time. 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.

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

The Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church hosts a Helping Hands Clothing Closet. There is no cost for these gently used clothes. The Clothing Closet is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 am until 12 noon. They are also open every 1st and 3rd Friday from 4 pm until 6:30 pm. The Wesleyan Church is located at the corner of Avenue A and North Fifth Street in Stroudsburg. For more information, please call 421-0750.

Sunday School Classes Starting in September

September 8 @ 9:45 am - Youth Sunday School - Youth Room
September 15 @ 9:45 am - Grades 3-6 - Third Floor Classroom #303

Handbell Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 4 @ 7 pm
in the sanctuary.

Dear Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
Administration and Beryl,

On behalf of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Stroudsburg, we would like to thank you for allowing us to use your kitchen and facilities for our Soup Kitchen outreach this past 1 1/2 years. We are truly blessed to have begun our ministry under the direction of Beryl Hellgren, who has become a very gracious and kind friend to us.



Through her help and guidance, we have decided to organize our own Soup Kitchen to be held at our own Fellowship Hall the second Friday of each month. We will also continue our Community Breakfast each month on the last Saturday beginning at 10:00 am. Please join us sometime, as all friends and neighbors of the Stroudsburg area are warmly welcome. Again, our thanks and appreciation to you for allowing us to host our Soup Kitchen meal in your church.

May God bless you abundantly!

In Christ,

Rebecca and Brian Boyle

Veterans Day Service in November

The Membership & Evangelism Committee will be putting together a presentation honoring our veterans for Veterans Day in November. If you or a loved one served our nation and would like them and/or yourself to be honored, please provide a picture, preferably in uniform, to C.J. Penwell or to the church office. The picture will be scanned and returned to you. The veteran does not necessarily have to be a member of Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, past or present. We would like to honor all whether they are currently serving, are out of the service, or even if they are deceased. Along with the picture, please provide their name, rank if known, and branch of service. If you have any questions, please contact C.J.Penwell - 421-1666.



To Serve You in September

Greeters 8:30
 1 Jami Lipe
 8 Irene Goforth
 15 Jenny Bogart
 22 Janet Woolever
 29 Diane & Cliff Rogell

11:00
 1 Gale Butz
 8 BJ Bachman
 15 Starlet Jones
 22 Janet & Norm Marsh
 29 Sue & Ron Gouger

Ushers 8:30
 Jack Hinline
 Barbara Hinline
 John Burrus
 Carole Burrus

11:00
 Bob Cool

Counters
 Ray Singer & Sue Gouger

Altar Guild
 Eleanor Bentzoni

Soup Kitchen
 1 The Fox Family - Debbie Fox
 8 Berean Bible Fellowship - Sylvia Carmella
 15 Circle K/ESU - Jenna
 22 P.I.M. - Nancy Frisch
 29 Circle K/ESU - Jenna

Tuesday nights at 6 pm - 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

UMW News

We hope everyone has had a good summer. Fall activities are starting and we'd love to have you join us on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm every month in the Lounge.

On Saturday, the 7th, we are having a Craft Day, downstairs, from 9 am - 12 noon, to work on some Boutique projects. All are welcome.

Thursday, the 19th, quilting will begin again downstairs, 10 am - 11:30 am.

We will be hosting both services on the 22nd.

Our trunk collection for this month is shampoo.

The monthly meeting will be Tuesday, the 24th, at 7 pm, in the Lounge.

Missions Committee and United Methodist Women Scholarship

This year the recipient is Ronald Bogart, Jr. He will be attending Moravian College and will have a double major in Jazz Drum Performance and Music Education.

He graduated from East Stroudsburg High School South in June 2013. He was a member of the Choraliers, the Marching Band, the Concert Band and the Jazz Band.

He has played in the Dixieland Band and the Coda Cats at the Jazz Festival in Delaware Water Gap. He has also played at the Deerhead Inn in Delaware Water Gap.

Here at the church he has played drums for our Senior Choir on many occasions. He has also played piano solos and played the tuba for the Jubilations Ringers Handbell Concert held here.

He plays drums, tuba, piano and guitar.

He has worked at Akelaland at Trexler Scout Camp in Jonas for the last 6 summers. He received his Eagle Scout Award in our sanctuary on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

We bestow upon him this \$1,000 scholarship and wish him congratulations and good luck in the future.

May the love of Christ go with him as he begins his new journey.



STROUDSBURG UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN
6TH ANNUAL
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013
FROM
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

We need everyone in the church to support our worthwhile cause. It is a churchwide event and we need the help of everyone in the church to make it a success.

We have new crafters this year along with the ones that have been here every year since we started in 2008. This year is different, since we have the elevator up and running we will have TWO FLOORS of crafters. Guests will be able to enter by the side door upstairs or from the back of the church on Ann Street. That means that we will have to have more workers to keep an eye on things.

We will be making soup for the boutique on Wednesday, October 30 At 9 a.m. in the downstairs kitchen. Start thinking now about baking for the bake sale table and for the kitchen to serve at lunchtime.

The youth group could use donations of water and soda to sell. There will be breakfast sandwiches and lunch served. Hope you can help us in making this a great day for SUMC.

Co-Chairpersons, Eleanor Bentzoni, Gale Butz and Lynn Seip

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	2 Church Office Closed	3 6:00 PM Daughters of Thunder Outreach Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Missions Meeting-Lounge	4 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	5 7:00 PM Scouts	6 12:00 PM Missions Crafts-Downstairs	7 9:00 AM UMW Crafts-Downstairs 3:30 PM Wedding-Sanctuary
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