

Our Vision at SUMC

Back on January 19, 2014, I talked about vision in my sermon. I said, “We don’t dream big enough!” I think this is true, but I also think it is natural. Children have big imaginations, but as we grow up, we typically grow away from dreaming and imagining. Proverbs 29:18a states clearly, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” This is a heavy and serious warning! It is also a call back to dreaming and imagining!

In that sermon, I presented a vision for SUMC. This vision is to double each and everything we do: double the worship attendance at 8:30am and 11:00am, double the size of our Sunday School classes, double the number of people participating in Small Groups, double the size of the choir, double our involvement in Soup Kitchen, double our involvement in Family Promise, double our prayer life, double our spiritual devotion, etc.

I’ve continued to pray and think about this vision since that day. I believe strongly that God is pushing and challenging us to grow wider and deeper. Deeper is the spiritual growth we all need to cultivate and wider is the increase in numbers that God wants us to reach in our community with the love and message of Jesus. We need to look out beyond the stained glass windows in our church and develop a real heart

for our community and the people who are our neighbors.

I believe this vision is from God and I am calling it “Double Vision” because we need to be much more serious about doubling up everything we do! Here are some of the things I see through this vision into our future:

- 300 people worshipping in our sanctuary each week
- a community church that loves our neighbors
- more missions, including hands-on mission like adult work trips and Habitat for Humanity
- a more welcoming and inviting church that makes a fantastic first impression
- a movement, which is Christ-centered, vibrant, and relevant
- committed believers who are growing wider (numerically) and deeper (spiritually)

Can you see any of this? This might all seem overwhelming at first. How exactly can we double up on everything? Well, it begins one step at a time. Can you invite one person to attend church with you? That would increase our attendance by one — and that would be one (you) plus another one, so that is a double! Can you get involved in a ministry if you are not doing any yet? What about inviting a neighbor or a friend to get involved, too?

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

I am pleased to see some significant results from what we started back in January. For example, if you remember, I asked for a show of hands of how many people were actually involved with Family Promise. There were some, but not nearly enough of our congregation who are involved in this vital ministry. Well, just yesterday, I was looking at the signup lists for Family Promise and there was only one blank spot left for the week! We're making some progress, but I know we can do better with our involvement in Family Promise and in every other ministry, too!

I don't know about you, but I'm getting tired of hitting foul balls and some singles for God. It's time for us to hit more and more doubles!

So, from now on, SUMC has Double Vision! We are going to double up everything we do! Are you with me? Are you ready to live into God's dream for this church? Let's get started right now!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Shank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Shank

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

Daily Scripture Readings

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To Serve You in June

Greeters	8:30
1	Eleanor Bentzoni
8	Jack & Barbara Hinline
15	Ronald & Jenny Bogart
22	Janet Woolever
29	Kay Bucci
	11:00
1	Joanne Reed
8	Ana Caraballo
15	Betty Michelin
22	Marion Stewart
29	Doris Philips
Ushers	8:30
	Bruce Miller
	Kay Bucci
	Irene Goforth
	Janet Woolever
	Norma Snow
	Pam Price
	11:00
	Bob Cool
Counters	
	Lynn Seip & Claribel Sebring
Altar Guild	
	Eleanor Bentzoni
Soup Kitchen	
Sunday at 4:00pm	
1	
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Tuesday at 6:00pm	



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers	Everyone
Pastors	Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor of Church Growth	Gar Pollard
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

OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team
 Chairperson, Boyd Butz
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Property & Building
 Chairperson, Dick Seip relseip@ptd.net

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 Chairperson, C. J. Penwell cjpen53@ptd.net

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 Chairperson, Carole Everitt
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 Chairperson, Alberta Weber
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Membership & Evangelism
 Chairperson, Peggy Stewart bpstew@juno.com

Lay Leader Beryl Hellgren
 bykoh@verizon.net



June Birthdays

- 7 Jim Adams
- 7 Marisa Seip
- 8 Adelle Kopec
- 8 Bella Kopec
- 13 Ethan Zelizo
- 16 Alice Rinker
- 17 Walter Roekendorf
- 20 Kristi Harris
- 21 Ron Bogart
- 21 Ted Mitchell
- 23 Kyle Dougher
- 23 Howard Steiner
- 24 Valerie Parsons
- 26 Josh 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 - 570-421-6020.



**NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE**

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Congratulations to Russell Bontempo & Tyler Snyder - graduating high school this year! Congratulations to Carolyn Wert who graduated college! Their names were inadvertently left out of last month's Courier.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

VBS will be held July 14-18, 2014 9am-12pm here at SUMC. Registration forms are available in the back of the sanctuary or visit sburgybs.blogspot.com

VBS TEACHER MEETINGS: June 4 & June 25, 7pm at First Presbyterian Church in Stroudsburg.

(use the rear entrance off the parking deck) For questions, please contact Lee George at

570-424-5875 or by email at

eandpgeorge@gmail.com



Property and Building

The Property and Building team is looking for 2 greeters to help out the regular greeters. One greeter would be at the elevator door from 8:15 am until 8:35 am for the 8:30 service and one greeter would be at the elevator door from 10:45 am until 11:05 am for the 11:00 service. If you could help in this way, please contact Jackie or Dick Seip.

Here are some things that maybe you could help us do:

We are looking to buy a new sandwich board and letters for the church.

One more banner would look nice in the Fellowship Room.

A white board to be used in the conference room next to Pastor Bob's office for meetings.

Chris Cook has finished the room above the choir room for his Eagle Scout project. We would like to get a 32" wireless flat screen to be used for teaching and for conference sessions.

It has been brought to our attention to have new bright drapes for Pastor Bob's office and the small conference room. Maybe the ladies will have some ideas.

Last, but not least, Thank You! to the couple who donated the parking lot signs. They will be put up by the Property and Building team.

If you can help with any of these things, please call the church office or Dick Seip.

“IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER”

Axel Wilhelm Nelson

by Karen Vaughn

Close your eyes
See with me
Visions as plain as day.
Knee-high snow
Berry pickin’ you know
Can’t hurt to look he’d say.

Corn waving’ in air
Tall ripening hay
Bees swarming high in the sky.
Life’s mystery he’d ponder
And often he’d wonder
God, tell me the reason why?

Back porch in the evening
Rockin’ chair creaking
Sitting with coffee and cream.
Big harvest moon
Stars high above
Secret things of life he’d dream.

I’m 13 please
Got blessings and wishes
A love-pat right on the knee.
Accept what He gives
With peace you will live
God cares for you, you see.

You’ve guessed it all
As I stand very tall
You wonder what makes me so glad.
With a smile on my face
For the whole human race.
I’ve got memories of my dear Dad.

So vision with me
A dream fulfilled
As he sits at God’s right hand.
God shows the way
I’ll see you someday
In the Lord’s most perfect land.

Stewardship

	April 6	April 13	April 17 (Holy Thurs)	April 20	April 28
Need	\$5,121.86	\$5,121.86		\$5,121.86	\$5,121.86
Envel. Giving	4,504.25	3,108.00	\$455.00	5,495.50	2,226.50
Cap. Imp.	391.50	366.00		171.50	414.50
Lease	40.00	125.00			
Plate	102.00	78.00	136.00	719.00	39.00
Total	-(\$ 84.11)	-(\$1,44.86)	+\$591.00	+\$1,264.14	-(\$2,441.86)

Through April YTD deficit= \$18,750.72

Elevator	\$205.00	\$ 110.00	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$40.00
Balance	\$66,852.69	\$66,742.69	\$66,732.69	\$66,672.69	\$66,632.69

UMW NEWS AND DATES FOR JUNE

Reminders for important dates in June:

Sundays, June 1st, June 8th: Taking names for Father's Day Booklet. Booklet to be passed out on Sunday, June 15th.

Sunday, June 1st, DURING BOTH SERVICES: Blessing of completed Little and Big Quilts.

Sunday, June 8th: RADA knife sales after both services.

Tuesday, June 24th, 6:00pm: Covered Dish Dinner in fellowship Room with program on Alcoholics Anonymous. Speaker: Ellen Palsar of Alcoholics Anonymous. Business meeting to follow.

Christmas Totes: June item is deodorant. Please keep your donations coming throughout the year.

Quilt Batting: Don't forget to shop for quilt batting when you have an A.C. Moore coupon. There haven't been too many in the Sunday Pocono Record lately, but sometimes they are available on line. It takes a lot of batting to make so many quilts.

Knit and crocheted 18" Doll Clothes: Our Boutique project is moving along. We have started making our doll clothes. If you don't knit or crochet contributions toward supplies are appreciated. Also, if you know of a girl who has an 18" doll she would be willing to loan to the UMW for the Boutique, we are hoping to have "Doll Models" on the table to show off our clothes. We can use several if available. We had an 18" doll put away, but it is no longer in our cabinet. If you have borrowed it, please let me know.

Weis tapes and Campbell's soup labels are coming in at a great rate and we appreciate them all. Please continue to donate them. I will be mailing Weis tapes in soon, but can use more Campbell's labels before I mail them.

Holiday Market (formerly Holiday Boutique) Update: Lynn Seip has announced she will not be chairing this event in the future. We had a planning meeting on April 28th with 21 people from the church attending and 6 others invited but unable to attend. Several sub-committees have been formed to handle various aspects of the Market, which will be on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Vendor table spaces will be in the Scout room, the dining room, the Blue

Sunday School room, the Fellowship Room and the yellow room behind it. We will have 30 available spaces. A total of 25 vendor applications have been distributed to people who have already indicated they wish to have a table, and responses have started coming back. Several SUMC members and groups will be having tables. We will be serving a full lunch menu in the dining room. Church members will be asked to donate food supplies for the lunch and for soup-and jelly-making for the UMW table, in addition to the usual request for baked goods for the Membership & Evangelism table. Soup will be made in the fall. We are planning to make strawberry, peach and apple jellies, dates to be determined by when the fruits are ripe and ready for picking. We will need help making jelly and soup. Please watch for dates or phone calls asking if you can help. Even if you are not a vendor or on any of the sub-committees, there are many ways Church members can help. Preparations take many months of planning and making food items to sell. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact me as Coordinator.

Lois Shaffer

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Sunday 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 1:00 PM Experiencing God Small Group-Lounge 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 6:00 PM Cub Leaders Planning Meeting	2 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group 7:00 PM Online Interactive Bible Study	3 6:00 PM Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	4 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group - Lounge 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meetings	5 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	6	7 5:00 PM M & E Fellowship Dinner
8 Choir Sunday 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 2:00 PM Recital-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	9 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group 7:00 PM Online Interactive Bible Study	10 6:00 PM Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	11 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meetings	12 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	13	14 9:00 AM "Dad Strong" - Fellowship Room 3:00 PM Recital-Sanctuary
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22 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	23 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group 7:00 PM Online Interactive Bible Study	24 6:00 PM Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM UMW Dinner-Fellowship Room 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	25	26 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	27	28 1:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony-Sanctuary & Downstairs
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Vacation Bible School 2014 Registration Form

Sponsored by the Stroudsburg Council of Churches

Where: Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 547 Main Street, Stroudsburg

When: Monday July 14th through Friday July 18th, 9am – 12 noon

Cost: \$10:00 per child

Registration deadline July 1st

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ School Age Grade just completed:

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

In case of emergency contact _____ at this Phone#

Allergies (including food) or other medical conditions: _____

(Use other side if necessary)

Name of Home Church (if any) _____

We need and welcome volunteers!

Circle One – I am a Youth or Adult

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check Choice:

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://sburgvbs.blogspot.com>

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