

Great Leaders

Think of all the great leaders that you can think of right now. I even encourage you to write them on a piece of paper or on your computer or smartphone. Go ahead. Take some time to make your list of great leaders...

Now, who is on your list? Are there any United States Presidents? How about military leaders like Generals or Admirals? Are there any well-known and successful leaders in business?

Look at your list again and answer this question: what made or makes them great leaders? Are the reasons all the same? Does each leader lead the exact same as all the others?

Let me ask one more question about your list, if I may. Are there any biblical characters on your list?

Starting this month of July, we will be exploring great biblical leaders in a sermon series. Each sermon will focus on a different biblical leader and examine what made that leader great.

There are plenty of leaders to pick from in the Bible and we certainly will not be able to cover them all by any means. However, we will cover some excellent leaders in this series and explore how they were similar and how they were different in their leadership styles.

As we prepare to celebrate July 4th, I cannot help but think of the great leaders of our country, too. We fought for our freedom from England in the American Revolution and we fought against Adolf Hitler in World War II. I just recently watched the movie D-Day (2004) and was struck by some fascinating details of that infamous day.

First of all, the producers of this movie interviewed several survivors from the invasion on D-Day. One of the German soldiers remembered how the American soldiers just kept coming. At one point, he knew he had shot over 10,000 rounds of ammunition and, yet, the Americans still kept coming!

The American casualties on Omaha Beach alone were extraordinary.

Another fact was the large number of French civilian casualties recorded: over 20,000 killed by Allied bombings.

The price of war is high, but without D-Day World War II would certainly have lasted much longer and perhaps even had a different outcome. The major success of D-Day can most definitely be credited to great military leaders and the brave men who followed their command; a large number of whom paid with their lives.

As we celebrate the fourth of July, let us remember that freedom is not free. It took many brave and courageous people to secure the freedoms that most of us take for granted many times. We owe a huge debt of gratitude for these brave soldiers who put others before themselves and were willing to fight that we might be free.

I hope you will remember them on July 4th.



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

July 1
Ezekiel 45

July 2
Ezekiel 46

July 3
Ezekiel 47

July 4
Ezekiel 48

July 5
Genesis 1

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Genesis 2

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Genesis 3

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Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



To Serve You in July

Greeters 8:30
 5 Kay Bucci
 12 Ray & Alice Singer
 19 Irene Goforth
 26 Janet Woolever
 11:00
 5 Gale Butz
 12 Joni Singer
 19 Janet & Debbie Marsh
 26 Sherry Lombardi
Ushers 8:30
 John Burrus
 Carole Burrus
 Walter Roekendorf
 Kirsten Lee
 11:00
 Bob Cool
Counters
 Ray Singer & Claribel Sebring
Altar Guild
 Joni Singer & Betty Michelin
Soup Kitchen - Sunday Afternoons at 4 pm
 5
 12 Poplar Valley UMC-Nick Rosato
 19 Feeding Families Mission-
 Karina Thek
 26 Pen Argyl UMC-Tom Odenwelder
Tuesday Evenings at 5 pm



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers Everyone
Pastors Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus Tom Anderman
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Thank you so very much!

Thank you to Property & Building members for the heavy and dirty job of dismantling and moving the old Vulcan cast iron stoves out of the kitchen. That endeavor must have taken every muscle in their bodies.

Next came the tremendous job of cleaning the space, where those old stoves stood for 60 years. The steel plate on the wall behind the stoves looks like new. Not to forget the time, energy and stick-to-it-ness that went into cleaning the vents.

I don't really like to single out anyone in particular when so many are involved. But, two names stick out: Dick Everitt and Dick Seip. Special kudos to these two dedicated workers. Lynn Seip mentioned her husband, Dick, almost had moved into the kitchen, he was there so many hours and days.

We truly have great workers at SUMC!

-Beryl Hellgren



July Birthdays

2	Molly Maroney
2	Ralph Harrison
3	Kim Miller
4	Bob Shank
5	Tori Principe
9	Bill Hardy
10	Nancy DeHaven Imgrund
12	Sally Edinger
16	Joni Singer
17	Morgan Tucker
17	Keelyan Sheeley
19	Christopher Vail
21	Dick Seip
24	Jeremy Stoeckel

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

Hi!

So figured I'd keep you updated on what's going on. I'm doing well here. I've been at my permanent site for about a month. My village is pretty great, even if I am out in the bush. I spend most of my days right now exploring the village, talking to people about their lives and things that they think are issues here in the village, and sitting in my village center also talking to people. I'm basically just hanging out for 3 months until I'm allowed to start projects. We only have 1 well, so I would like to start a well/water catchment project. I'm hoping to get grant money to build a well and teach people how to keep it maintained as well as get the people with tin roofs to install gutters so that they can catch more rain water. Many of them do have a gutter, but just a very small piece and not one that runs along the entire roof, so there's a lot of lost water catchment opportunities. Beekeeping is also a big source of income in our region - we're famous for our bees. The only thing is that they use either a wooden box or a log suspended from a tree, which doesn't last very long. We have designs to build a 3 tiered cement beehive that would be on the ground. It obviously would last longer and it would be much easier to harvest honey when it's on the ground and not in a tree. There are also many of opportunities for projects involving Malaria prevention, better nutrition and household gardens that have more than corn and sunflowers - we're also famous for our sunflowers. So there are lots of good project opportunities that I am excited to start.

The people in my village are all very nice and welcoming. They give me lots of food because they have this unwarranted concern that I'm going to die of starvation....I'm not, by the way. But they think I am. My diet consists of lots of fruits, veggies, legumes and potatoes. It works.

As you know I have a cat - Maurice Ravel (Mo). His Swahili name is "Ruka" which means jump. It's very fitting to his personality. He's quite the adventurous little guy as long as I'm there to get him out of trouble. He's also a big cuddler, which is great until I'm cooking and cutting things and he's trying to climb on me. But I like him. And I like that he's black, since I've only ever had black cats.

On a less happy note, sad news from Tanzania. A few of the people in my class were traveling and their bus flipped - totally a freak accident, but unfortunately one of them passed away. There is nothing to worry about as far as my safety is concerned, but it is a very unfortunate incident and we were all pretty shaken up by it. There will be a memorial held for him soon, and our Country Director will be escorting him back to his family in the states.

Other than that, everything is fine here. I have friends, lots of fun opportunities, and yes I'm playing my clarinet....although the plastic isn't doing me quite as much justice as it did in 6th grade. It's a little painful....

Best,

Molly G. Maroney

Please note: Molly's new address:

Sister Molly Maroney, PCV

P.O. Box 20

Singida, Tanzania

Celebration of Life Service for Christa Hellgren

Sunday, July 26 at 1 pm in the sanctuary

“Snacks” will be served after the service in the Fellowship Room

Please RSVP to Beryl Hellgren - 570-421-4024

Thank you!

Bidding for Good Online Auction

The church online auction is now activated and scheduled to begin on July 15, 2015.

Another auction is planned for October 15, 2015.

If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office or email me a photo along with a description and estimated value.

The auction proceeds will go towards the church kitchen renovations.

Here is the link to our auction:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/StroudsburgUMCKitchen>

Please spread the word!

Any questions, please contact the church office.

Devotional for July 2015

-Karen Vaughn

Psalm 23:5b "You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over."

Pardon me, but the following thought is not "religious". Have you ever had dry scalp? I have. It is itchy, annoying and makes me want to scratch. It needs treatment. If I use my own treatments it gets worse.

Just think if God pours a special oil on your head. It is warm, wonderful and relaxing. There is no way to contain the oil. Not to waste it, it must be given away to those who are irritable and discontented.

God does promise treatment for troubles we encounter in our lives. His treatment is warm, wonderful and gives us peace. He give us plenty to help other suffering people. We can count on it.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I am grateful for the overflowing healing oil you have given us. Give us the opportunity to pass it on. Amen.

Free Antique Pump Organ Needs a New Home

If you are interested in an antique pump organ or know someone who is,
please contact Debbie Fox.

Her dad, Charlie Jones, has an old pump organ in his home that needs a new home.

Please call Debbie at 570-656-7931.



Vendors and Crafters Wanted for Holiday Market

Saturday, November 14, 2015

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA

Two floors of spaces, each space is 8 feet by 10 feet, some with electric available, and the building has an elevator. The cost is \$25 per space if you provide your table, \$30 per space with an 8 foot by 30 inch table. Two chairs will be provided per space. Floaters for breaks are available to vendors and crafters. There will be paid advertising provided for the event and security overnight on Friday. Set up will be Friday, November 13 from 1 to 9 pm and Saturday, November 14 from 7 to 8:30 am. Also food service will be available for purchase.

For information and application
contact Lois Shaffer 570-424-2502 or Ruth Weber 570-992-0671

Hand Crafted items only. Items such as toy weapons, Halloween characters, crafts displaying offensive or objectionable words, pictures, or items related to alcoholic beverages, smoking, drugs or gambling will NOT be permitted for display.

DON'T DELAY SPACES ARE GOING QUICKLY

HAPPENINGS WITH UMW FROM JULY-SEPTEMBER

We have several activities coming up and things you need to be aware of from July through September.

1. Neither of our current Secretary and Treasurer will not be continuing after December. We need a Treasurer as soon as possible as Sharon Cottle, who has served us so well has had to step down effective immediately. Diane Rogell whose experience in UMW is extensive and has been an excellent Secretary will be stepping down at the end of this term. These are two vital positions. If you would be willing to accept either one, please contact Ruth Weber. We wish to thank both Sharon and Diane for their hard work and unceasing dedication to UMW.
2. Our trunk holding supplies for the Christmas Totes is in need of filling. At this writing we need the following items to complete sets of 36 for the totes.
Soap - 26, Toothbrushes - 28, Toothpaste - 27, Lotion - 33, Bic-Style Pens (no retractables with springs) - 27, Non-spiral Notepads - 9. The items coming up are: July - Toothpaste, August - Shampoo, September - Pocket Tissues and Emery Boards, October - Combs. If you are able to donate any of the above, please place them in the trunk in the Fellowship Room. Thank you.
3. We are asking for the return of any jam/jelly jars you have purchased at prior Holiday Boutiques/Markets so we can reuse them with new lids. Please place them in the marked box in the Fellowship Room.
4. We still have a selection of RADA Cutlery items for sale. We will not be ordering any more. If you are interested in what we have or wish to purchase items, please see Pam Cool.
5. Our Brothers' Keepers Quilters will be quilting all summer on Thursday mornings from 10:00am - 11:30am. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Seip. Also, they will be making pillows for the Holiday Market and will need pillow form inserts. If you can donate any, please contact Lynn to find out what sizes they will need.
6. Our UMW Worship Service will be on Sunday, September 20th, at both services. If you would like to participate

by speaking, reading scripture, ushering or providing some type of music, please contact Lois Shaffer.

7. Our September meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd, will be in the Lounge at 7:00pm. Our program will be a presentation by Jeff Gilbert from The Thrivent Fund on Long-Term Care Insurance.
8. Don't forget to save Saturday, November 14th, the day of our Holiday Market. We are still accepting vendors. If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please contact Lois Shaffer. We will be making Jams for sale. If you are willing to come on a Friday morning to help, please contact Lois Shaffer. Exact dates will be set later on.
9. I will be contacting all current Board members soon to find out if you are willing to continue in your position for the coming year. Slate nominations are scheduled for our September 22nd meeting.

Lois Shaffer
Publicity Chair

MISSION TEAM SUMMER NEWS

Summer is a busy time for the Mission Team. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have scholarship applications to review and award to a worthy student.

Our biggest fund raiser, the Yard Sale, will be on Friday, August 7th between 8:00am and 4:00pm, and Saturday, August 8th between 8:00am and 1:00pm. We accept all kinds of merchandise including furniture & household items, books, glassware and dishes, tools, electronics (NO TV'S OR COMPUTERS), and more. WE DO NOT ACCEPT CLOTHING. We ask that all donations be brought to the Church to the Blue Room off the Dining Room beginning July 1st but prior to Monday, August 3rd to allow time for sorting and pricing. Arrangements for transporting large items such as furniture can be made by contacting Mission Team members Ruth Weber, Kathy Cook, Beryl Hellgren or Lois Shaffer, or the Church office at 570-421-6020. Please make sure items are clean and in good condition. Our Youth Group will be selling food during the morning and lunch hours both days to raise money for their upcoming Mission trip in July.

We will need lots of help sorting and setting up, pricing, helping customers at the sale, and cleaning up (our biggest job which needs to be done Saturday afternoon immediately after the sale at 1:00pm). The Dining Room must be ready for Sunday Soup Kitchen. Watch for Sign-Up Sheets in the Fellowship Room.

There is a flier in this issue of the Courier and extra copies in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take some, circulate and post them around town or give them to friends and neighbors.



ATTENTION ALL RECYCLERS!

Whether you are a member or friend of Stroudsburg United Methodist Church or a local resident of the area, we are sure you can find some really good buys at our annual Mission Yard Sale on Friday, August 7th, between 8:00am and 4:00pm, and Saturday, August 8th, between 8:00am and 1:00pm, in our downstairs Dining Room and Scout Room. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the Ann Street entrance and place them in the Blue Room off the Dining Room beginning July 1st and prior to Monday, August 3rd for sorting and pricing.

We will be accepting a large selection of items including furniture, housewares, Christmas and holiday decorations, glassware, dishes, linens, books, tools, baskets, sports equipment, electronics (No TV's OR COMPUTERS) and more. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY CLOTHING. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION. If you have items too large to bring in your vehicle, such as furniture, please contact Mission Team Members, Ruth Weber, Kathy Cook, Beryl Hellgren or Lois Shaffer, and arrangements can be made to pick them up for you. Or contact the Church Office at 570-421-6020 and we will get the message.

WATCH FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM TO HELP. WE NEED LOTS OF HELP SORTING AND SETTING UP, PRICING, HELPING CUSTOMERS AT THE SALE, AND CLEANUP.

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