

Harvest Time

This time of year always takes me back to my childhood. You see, I grew up in the country. Our neighbors were farmers and I worked on two farms until I went off to college. For the farmer, this time of year is harvest time.

Crops that were planted in the spring are now ready to be harvested. Once the leaves change colors and the corn dries, it is time for the harvest. Thanksgiving is a celebration of the harvest, where food was blessed and people were so thankful for what God provided in the harvest.

In the 23rd Psalm we read these words: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." This means the Lord will supply all that we ever need.

For the farmer, some harvests are not always plentiful. Hail and wind can destroy a complete crop and then the harvest is not plentiful at all. What is a farmer to do when he put so much effort and money into a crop that fails? How will his family survive through the winter? How will his children get shoes and books for school?

We even read about famines and scarce harvests in the Bible. Times are not always good nor are they always easy. Still, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Do you believe these words to be true? What do you do when times are lean? Do you worry about the future in these times or do you turn your worries over to the Lord?

As I write this newsletter article, we have two weeks until Election Day. I do not remember a time when I've heard to many people talking so negatively about each candidate. This election has become downright ugly. Some worry that our country has no future if these are the best candidates we can put forward to be president.

I worry sometimes, too. But I must remember the words of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

If I truly believe these words to be true, then I do not have to worry too much about lean harvests or ugly presidential elections. Putting my trust in the Lord is not always easy or even comfortable at times. Worry still creeps in at times for me. But if I believe that God is in charge of this wonderful world, then I know deep down that everything is going to be okay some way.

This trustful dependence on God is what should happen as we grow in faith. My problem tends to be "letting go and letting God." I like to be in charge. I like to decide who should lead our country. But trusting in God requires trust at harvest time.

I trust that the Lord is my shepherd, so I shall not want. Do you?



Bob Shank

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

Daily Scripture Readings

November 1
Numbers 30

November 2
Numbers 31

November 3
Numbers 32

November 4
Numbers 33

November 5
Numbers 34

November 6
Numbers 35

November 7
Numbers 36

November 8
Colossians 1

November 9
Colossians 2

November 10
Colossians 3

November 11
Colossians 4

November 12
1 Peter 1

November 13
1 Peter 2

November 14
1 Peter 3

November 15
1 Peter 4

November 16
1 Peter 5

November 17
2 Peter 1

November 18
2 Peter 2

November 19
2 Peter 3

November 20
1 John 1

November 21
1 John 2

November 22
1 John 3

November 23
1 John 4

November 24
1 John 5

November 25
2 John 1

November 26
3 John 1

November 27
Jude 1

November 28
Psalm 1

November 29
Psalm 2

November 30
Psalm 3

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Harvest Food Ingathering

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship

SUMC Soup Kitchen & PATH

Carrots

Corn, niblets preferred

Mixed Vegetables

Kidney Beans

Pears and peaches

Tuna

Baked Beans

Marinara and spaghetti sauce

Salad Dressing

Pasta

Tomatoes, stewed, diced and/or paste

Juices, canned or bottled. NO TOMATO JUICE

Kool Aid or other juice mixes

Dish washing detergent

All purpose cleaners, 409, Lysol or store brand

Aluminum foil, storage bags, quart or gallon sized

Trash bags for 10 gallon kitchen cans

Sponges

Paper towels

*****NO SOUP, PUMPKIN, CRANBERRIES OR BEETS**

*****LARGE CANS OF VEGETABLES, BEANS, FRUIT AND TOMATOES PREFERRED - THANK YOU!**

****Cash donations are always welcomed.**

For PATH -

Paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, all purpose cleaners, dish detergent

Bring your gift to the communion rail before the start of services and present to either our traditional American Indian or Pilgrim.

We know times are difficult but please do the best you can. Everything helps.

Your Mission Committee and our guests thank you.



2016 POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year again! The florist requires our orders by November 30th. So please take the time **now** to fill out your form and enclose your check with it.



Please make checks payable to: **SUMC**

**2016 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM
(ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 30TH)**

I wish to order _____ plants at \$10.00 each (*) to be listed:

In Honor Of: _____

Presented by: _____

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Presented by: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Presented by: _____

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Presented by: _____

(*Payment must accompany order)



I'd like to thank all of you for your prayers and cards.
I miss church and all my friends.

Thank you,
Norma Snow

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank all of you for making Pastor Appreciation month so special for both of us! We are so grateful to have all of you in our lives. Thanks again!

Love,

Ted and Margie



Beth Armitage is selling an acoustic guitar. \$200.00 - In good tune and comes with a case.

If you're interested, please contact Beth at home - 570-992-4886 or on her cell phone - 570-730-0591.



November

To Serve You in November

Greeters 8:30
 DeAnn Harris - all month
 11:00
 6 Sherry Lombardi
 13 Sue & Bill Weitzmann
 20 Sue & Charles Armitage
 27 Betty Michelin

Ushers 8:30
 Cliff Rogell
 Diane Rogell

11:00
 C.J. Penwell

Counters
 Carole Everitt & Claribel Sebring

Altar Guild
 Nancy Haase & Debbie Hardy

Soup Kitchen

Sunday afternoons at 4 pm

6 Poplar Valley UMC-Nick Rosato
 610-578-1917
 13 Woodforest Bank-Deb Robacker
 570-839-4080
 20 ESU Relations Office-Brenda Friday
 570-422-3754
 27 McMichael UMC-Marie
 973-580-2671



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ministers | Everyone |
| Pastors | Bob Shank & Ted Good |
| Pastor Emeritus | Tom Anderman |
| Church Secretary | Jackie Herrero |
| Choir Director | David Lantz |
| Organist | Marti Lantz |
| Youth Leader | Bill Hardy |
| Handbell Director | Lynn Seip |
| Custodian | Matt Parton |

OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team

Chairperson, Sue Scarborough
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Chairperson, Pastor Bob Shank
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Chairperson, C. J. Penwell cjpen53@ptd.net

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Chairpersons, Ruth Weber & Kathy Cook

Membership & Evangelism

Chairperson, Peggy Stewart bpstew@juno.com

Lay Leader

Beryl Hellgren
 bykoh@verizon.net

The Membership and Evangelism Team
invites everyone to our November

Second Saturday Supper
November 12th at 5:30 pm

We'll provide:

Plates, utensils, and beverages

(iced tea, punch, and coffee)

Our Program will be:

"Family Promise"

*Laurie Kozar from the Family Promise program
will be our guest speaker.*

Besides a covered dish to share,
if possible, we'd like you to bring something
in support of our Family Promise ministry.

Such as:

new sets of twin size sheets,

new hand towels and wash cloths,

or a cash donation to go towards the purchase of these items.

Help us plan: Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office (570-421-6020) and let us know how many will be coming and what type of dish you plan to bring.

Questions?? Contact Peggy Stewart
570-424-0625 or bpstew@juno.com



*Donations of Baked Goods
are needed for the
Membership & Evangelism
Team to sell at the
Holly Day Market!*

We need:

Cakes ~ Pies ~ Breads ~ Cupcakes
and Cookies, lots of Cookies

(lots of cookies, of different varieties, - we'd love a batch of your
favorite – we plan to sell plates of assorted cookies)

Profits from the Bake Sale help to finance books
and other materials for our Small Groups Ministry.

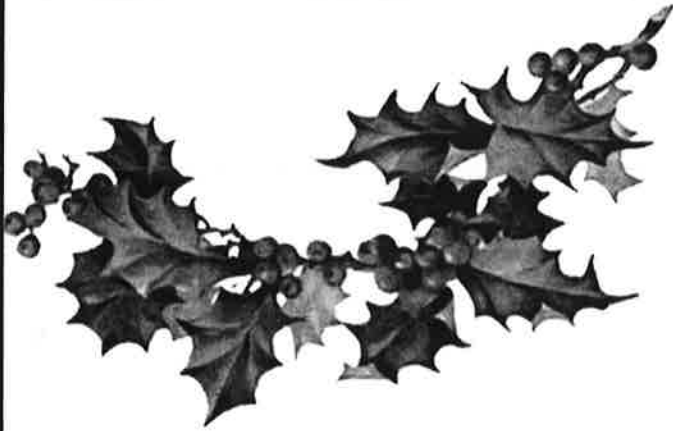
Please bring your baked goods to the church on either
Thursday, November 3rd or **Friday, November 4th**
and leave in the downstairs kitchen.
(The church will be open in the evening
on Friday for set-up)



Thank you very much for your donations!
Questions, contact Peggy Stewart (424-0625)
or Beryl Hellgren (421-4024)

NOVEMBER 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| 30 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Baptism 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room | 31 1:00 PM Monday Tea Time-Lounge 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room | 1 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room | 2 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 3 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 4 1:00 PM Vendor and Crafter Set up for Holly Day Market | 5 9:00 AM Holly Day Market |
| 6 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 2:00 PM Cub Leaders Planning Meeting 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room | 7 1:00 PM Monday Tea Time-Lounge 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room | 8 100 Year Meeting 6:30 PM M & E Meeting 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room | 9 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 10 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 11 | 12 9:00 AM Monroe County Farmer's Market 5:30 PM Second Saturday Supper (Covered Dish) |
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Holly Day Market

at

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:00am-4:00pm

Featuring three floors!

Handcrafted items made by individual crafters

Independent distributors with their products for sale

Over 45 vendors will be present

Santa will be visiting

Christmas music will be playing throughout the church

Food will be available for purchase

Join us on November 5 and get started on your

Christmas shopping early!

Free parking available in the church parking lot located on Ann Street (around the corner from Main Street & directly behind the church)

Please visit (and LIKE!) our Facebook page for more information and a listing of all vendors:

[Facebook.com/Holly-Day-Market-at-Stroudsburg-United-Methodist-Church](https://www.facebook.com/Holly-Day-Market-at-Stroudsburg-United-Methodist-Church)

Questions? Please contact Jackie Herrero at 570-421-6020, jackieherrero@stroudsburgumc.com, Kim Miller at 570-977-7033 or Kim Kopec at musicalfroggy@hotmail.com

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Mary McDonald

composer -- artist -- clinician

conducting a benefit concert
with the Project One Step Community
Choir and Orchestra

Reserved seat tickets: \$15

Seniors and Children: \$10

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 7:00 pm

Stroudsburg Area High School Auditorium

1100 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA

*Proceeds benefit Bridges Out of Poverty, Pleasant
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Happy
Birthday!

November Birthdays

| | |
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| 2 | Robbie Heller |
| 3 | Jackie Herrero |
| 6 | Jay Chamberlin |
| 6 | Nancy Haase |
| 6 | Lee Philips |
| 7 | Maggie Stewart |
| 7 | CJ Penwell |
| 11 | Lori DeWitt |
| 11 | Norma Snow |
| 12 | Marti Ernest |
| 13 | Jane Hartley |
| 21 | Jennifer Harris |
| 22 | Debbie Marsh |
| 23 | Katelyn Transue |
| 27 | Michael Seip |
| 28 | Lynn Seip |
| 28 | Charlie Vail |
| 30 | Doris Philips |

If you would like a card on your special day, please contact the church office - 570-421-6020.



Third Annual Pizza with Santa!

Join us on Saturday, December 3 from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Room for our Third Annual Pizza with Santa event!

Admission is \$5.00 and you will get 2 slices of pizza and a beverage. You and/or your child can have a photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus for a small donation. We will then email you the photo and you can print or share right from your own computer.

RSVP by November 25 so we have an idea of how many to plan for. Sign up sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary soon or you can also either call the church office - 570-421-6020 or email sumc@stroudsburgumc.com

All proceeds benefit the SUMC Bell Tower Repair Fund

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