

Summertime = Fun Time!

How is your summer going? Are you enjoying any picnics and other outings with family, neighbors, and friends?

I remember summers as a kid when I was growing up. We were outside early in the day and only came back inside for suppertime. We had a great neighborhood of kids my brother's and my age and we did all kinds of things together in the summer. It was a great neighborhood to grow up in! Come to think of it, my parents hardly knew where we were most of those days, but they were different times, I suppose.

Summertime is still fun today! School is out of session and many families get the opportunity to take fun vacations. The days are longer and we get to enjoy the beauty of God's creation throughout the summer.

Do you take vacations? Vacations are important for ourselves, our families, and even for our employers. How does that old saying go, "All work and no play makes for..." You see, we need to have time to relax and refresh our minds. Vacations are the perfect opportunity to get our mind in a different place. This allows us to go back to work rejuvenated and full of renewed vigor.

Vacations and time away are also biblical. Think about the first story of the Bible in Genesis. God creates light and then God creates the heavens and the earth. God creates everything that walks on the land and swims in the seas. God works hard every day creating something new and something wonderful. But do you pay attention to what God does on the seventh day? That's right, nothing! He rests from all his work

and this all part of God's plan. If this is important enough for God than it certainly is important enough for us!

Think about Jesus' routine, too. During his ministry, he did some incredible and even miraculous things. He healed, he taught, he preached, he even brought some back from the dead! But read these stories more closely and you will discover that Jesus took quite a bit of time off. He "went to the other side of the sea" and he "went alone up on the mountain." I wonder how many times the disciples turned around and wondered where Jesus went?!

Jesus knew that he could not do his ministry effectively without taking time away and time off. This reflects what God did in the old story of Creation.

So, do not feel guilty taking vacation and getting away this summer. In fact, if you do not take vacation you should feel terribly guilty! Time away is so important and benefits everyone around us.

I thoroughly enjoy living in the Poconos I am happy that we have four different seasons. It reminds me of Ecclesiastes 3: There is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..." There is a time to work and there is a time for vacation. Be sure to do both!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

August 1

1 Thessalonians 1

August 2

1 Thessalonians 2

August 3

1 Thessalonians 3

August 4

1 Thessalonians 4

August 5

1 Thessalonians 5

August 6

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Deuteronomy 23

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

August

To Serve You in August

Greeters

8:30

Jami Lipe

All Month

11:00

7

Gale Butz

14

Mandy Cunard

21

Doris Philips

28

Doris Philips

Ushers

8:30

DeAnn Harris

Cliff Rogell

Diane Rogell

11:00

C.J. Penwell

Counters

C.J. Penwell & Doris Philips

Altar Guild

Jenny Bogart & Marina Maroney

Soup Kitchen

Sunday Afternoons at 4:00pm

All month - Middle Smithfield Presbyterian

Tuesday Evenings at 5:00pm



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
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Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
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Church YARD SALE

Reminder: The church yard sale will take place
on Friday, August 5 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm,
and Saturday, August 6 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Help is needed to sort, price and set items out for sale.

Volunteer sign up sheets are up in the Fellowship Room. Help is also needed after
the sale is over to pack items that did not sell.

We will be having another Salvation Army
Clothing and Household Item Drive on Sunday,
August 7 and any items that did not sell as well
as any donations you may have will be picked up here at church that morning.

Jeff & Audrey Weber visited Jane Hartley in Kittery, Maine last month. Jane is doing well and misses all her friends at SUMC. She loves hearing from her friends at SUMC. Her address is:

Jane Hartley
220 State Road #126
Kittery, ME 03904



AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Family Promise 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	1 Set up for Yard Sale 7:00 PM Mostly Mondays Small Group 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	2 Set up for Yard Sale	3 Set up for Yard Sale 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge	4 Set up for Yard Sale 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts	5 8:00 AM Yard Sale-Downstairs	6 8:00 AM Yard Sale-Downstairs
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21 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 1:00 PM Church Picnic 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	22 7:00 PM Mostly Mondays Small Group 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	23 5:00 PM Soup Kitchen	24	25 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Downstairs 7:00 PM Scouts	26	27 1:00 PM M & E Sponsored Free Community Meal "Picnic" Set up 4:00 PM M & E Sponsored Free Community Meal "Picnic"
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August Birthdays

1	Kim Kopec
2	Natalie Hardy
8	Anna Maroney
9	Kelly Edinger
9	Anne Grant
10	Joanne Reed
14	Susan Sheeley
21	Krista Montgomery
22	Bob Cool
23	Kermit Chamberlin
23	Irene Goforth
24	Gale Butz
27	Evan Hardy
27	Eva Knight
31	Paul Edinger

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

StroudFest 2016 is Saturday, September 3
Set up at 9:30 am - StroudFest starts
at 11:00 am

Once again SUMC will have a spot in front of the church to sell hot dogs, bottled water and baked goods to raise money toward our bell tower repair fund. Even though the bell tower has been repaired, we still need to raise money to pay back the funds that were borrowed from our trustees account.

We need volunteers. Please contact the church office if you are available to help in ANY way for ANY amount of time.

Donations of hot dogs & hot dog rolls, condiments, napkins and baked goods would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!

The Membership & Evangelism Team (M&E) is seeking assistance and donations. M&E will be selling food at the church yard sale on August 5th & 6th. Proceeds of the sale will help fund a free Community Meal/Picnic on Saturday, August 27th. The Yard Sale food will be simple - beverages & coffeecake in the morning and hotdogs, chips and cookies for lunch. The Community Picnic will be hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, and dessert. If you can help by either giving your time, a donation of food, or cash to help purchase food, please talk to Peggy Stewart (570-424-0625 or bpstew@juno.com). Thank you, and remember to come to the Yard Sale and support the Mission Team!

**CAN YOU
HELP?**



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 21st

Everyone is Welcome!

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Swimming – Softball – Horseshoes – Volleyball
Relaxing in the shade, and of course there will be food!

We plan to eat about 2:00 pm.
Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship,
including our traditional “Cake Walk*”

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages provided
(we’ll have paper plates, cups and plastic ware too!)

You are asked to bring a Salad, Side, or Dessert to share
Suggestions: potato, macaroni, pasta or fruit salads, coleslaw, baked beans, sliced tomatoes, deviled eggs, pickles, chips, brownies, cookies, pies or cakes.
(serving size 8-10)

Don’t forget an extra dessert for the “Cake Walk”

(*bring a dessert, stand in a circle; spin a spinner, ‘winner’ chooses a dessert*)

To help us plan, **please sign up** at the back of the sanctuary
and give us an idea of what you’ll be bringing.

Questions, contact: Peggy Stewart 570-424-0625 or bpstew@juno.com

There is a pavilion with lots of picnic tables and chairs, but feel free to bring a folding chair if you wish to relax in the shade of the many trees or around the pool.



Directions from Church:

Route 80 West to exit 304 (Route 209 So)
merge with Route 33 South.

Take the Leighton/209 S. Exit. Take first exit (Sciota). Turn left at end of exit onto Hamilton South.

Go about ½ mile, turn right onto Brick Church Road, go about ¼ mile turn right onto Jacobsen Way (this is the driveway). Follow until you see the pool on your left and then a ball field on your right.

Parking is just past the ball field.

You can avoid the highway by taking West Main St (Business 209) all the way to Sciota.



Join us for another trip to Coca Cola Stadium on Wednesday, August 31, 2016

I'm organizing another outing to see the Iron Pigs play on Wednesday, August 31. Game starts at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and this time you will receive \$4.00 of ballpark credit on each ticket! That means you are only paying \$6.00 per ticket! Plus, the stadium is giving away foam fingers that night - who doesn't need another foam finger?!?



We will carpool again as we did last month. Hopefully this time we will have our tickets in hand before then so anyone who gets there early can go inside the stadium when they arrive.

It was a really fun time when we went last month - we had a group of 22, we all sat together, enjoyed good food and fellowship! And the Iron Pigs won!

Please consider joining us this time! If you have questions, please call me in the church office or email - jackieherrero@stroudsburgumc.com

Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested so I can make the reservation. We need a group of at least 20 in order to get the special group rate.

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