

## Springtime Promise

When was the last time you used the word “promise?” When was the last time you heard the word “promise” spoken by someone else?

According to Webster’s Dictionary, a promise is “a legally binding declaration that gives the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the performance or forbearance of a specified act.”

I wonder if this is what God had in mind when he put the rainbow in the sky and promised Noah and his family that God would never flood the earth again?

A bride and a groom make promises to each other at their wedding. Parents make promises to their children. People in tight and difficult situations make promises to God.

Did you ever make a promise to God something like this: “God, if you get me out of this I promise to go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life!”

Today, we rarely hear the word promise being spoken and do not think much about promises. Springtime, however, is filled with promise!

Flowers begin to burst through the soft ground and buds on trees reveal promises of new colors all around us. Chicken eggs in a nest incubated by their mother are a promise of new barnyard life. The longer days promise warmer weather is on the way. Geese flying north promise the same thing.

God is full of promises, too!

One version of the Bible has the word “promise” appearing 76 times. Not all of these references are promises from God, but a major majority are directly from God!

God made a promise to Noah. God made a promise to Abraham. God made a promise to Isaac. God made a promise to many people in the Bible.

Promises are very important and whenever we make a promise we must be sure to keep our promise. When I was a kid, I often heard this phrase: “Promises are made to be broken.” No, promises should be made carefully but they should never ever be broken.

God always keeps a promise. Springtime is full of one promise after another. It is not by accident that Easter occurs in the springtime.

Easter is the ultimate promise from God to you!



Bob Shank

# Daily Scripture Readings

**April 1**  
Psalm 125

**April 2**  
Psalm 126

**April 3**  
Psalm 127

**April 4**  
Psalm 128

**April 5**  
Psalm 129

**April 6**  
Psalm 130

**April 7**  
Psalm 131

**April 8**  
Psalm 132

**April 9**  
Psalm 133

**April 10**  
Psalm 134

**April 11**  
Psalm 135

**April 12**  
Psalm 136

**April 13**  
Psalm 137

**April 14**  
Psalm 138

**April 15**  
Psalm 139

**April 16**  
Psalm 140

**April 17**  
Psalm 141

**April 18**  
Psalm 142

**April 19**  
Psalm 143

**April 20**  
Psalm 144

**April 21**  
Psalm 145

**April 22**  
Psalm 146

**April 23**  
Psalm 147

**April 24**  
Psalm 148

**April 25**  
Psalm 149

**April 26**  
Psalm 150

**April 27**  
Proverbs 1

**April 28**  
Proverbs 2

**April 29**  
Proverbs 3

**April 30**  
Proverbs 4

**Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!**



### To Serve You in April

**Greeters** 8:30  
Walter & Hilda Roeckendorf (all month)

11:00  
2 Sue & Charles Armitage  
9 Joyce & Gerald Neil  
16 Joanne Reed  
23 Debbie Hardy  
30 Sue & Bill Weitzmann

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

11:00  
C.J. Penwell

**Counters**  
C.J. Penwell & Claribel Sebring

**Altar Guild**  
Sue Weitzmann & Joanne Reed

**Soup Kitchen**  
**Sunday Afternoons at 4:00 pm**  
2 Stroudsburg HS Honor Society-Teresa Onady  
9 West End Food Pantry-Karina Thek  
16 Ladies of Love - Nancy Fisch  
23 St. Peter's UMC - Dale Vone  
30 Faith UMC - Kate Andrews



### 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  
**Cherub Choir Director** Kim Kopec  
**Custodian** Matt Parton

### OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

**Daniel's Dream Team**  
Chairperson, Sue Scarborough  
admin@poconoymca.org

**Worship**  
Chairperson, Pastor Bob Shank  
bobshank@stroudsburgumc.com

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Chairperson, Dick Seip relseip@ptd.net

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

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Chairperson, Paul Edinger  
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**Missions**  
Chairpersons, Ruth Weber & Kathy Cook

**Membership & Evangelism**  
Chairperson, Peggy Stewart bpstew@juno.com

**Lay Leader** Beryl Hellgren  
bykoh@verizon.net

**Audio Visual Assistant** Beth Armitage



### April Birthdays

- 1 Tim Harris
- 2 Peggy Lou Vail
- 4 David Montgomery
- 5 Sarah Principe
- 6 Abigail Braman
- 16 Matthew Adams
- 18 John Rasmussen
- 20 Kay Bucci
- 20 Cherise Decker
- 27 Audrey Mitchell
- 27 Lois Shaffer

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

### Pleasant Valley Choral Society

Presents

### “Spring Pops 2017-Best Songs Ever!”

Over the years millions of songs have been written, and most fade away as quickly as they appear. But there are those that speak to us in a special way, that hold a certain meaning or mark an event that resonates across the generations. Songs like Blue Skies, At Last, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Aquarius, Leavin’ on a Jet Plane, Hey Jude and Imagine are songs we know so well that we can identify them from their opening chords. Come and join us as we listen once again to those

### Best Songs Ever!

Performances are held in the auditorium at Pleasant Valley High School, Route 209 in Brodheadsville, PA. This is an experience the family can enjoy together and you won’t want to miss it! So mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 29 at 7:00 pm or Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door. If you have any questions about the event, please call 570-688-9067.

## *Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser*

*Sponsored by Teddy's Tavern & Keyco Warehouse Outlet*

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**1:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**The Elk's Club**

**Washington Street, East Stroudsburg**

All proceeds benefit Developmental Education Services of Monroe County

Adults - \$7.00

Child (3-8 years) - \$4.00

Take Out - \$7.00

Tickets available at Program Centers or by calling 570-424-5410

Family Promise of Monroe County

*presents our 5th annual*

### **SPRING FORWARD**

**April 23, 2017 1-4 pm**

Spring is a perfect time for makeovers.

Whether for yourself or your home  
why not get started at our Spring Fashion

Show and Luncheon at the  
**Great Bear Golf Club**

One Great Bear Court, East Stroudsburg

*Elegant Luncheon*

*Fashion Show by Dunkelbergers*

*Silent Auction*

**Reservations: \$40 in advance**

**\$45 at the door**

**\$300 Table for 8**

Phone: 570-420-8589 or 570-688-4045



Recently the Children's Sunday School room was renovated in order to accommodate guests from Family Promise. A closet area was also created. Thank you to Dick Seip who led this project and thank you also to the following volunteers who committed their time and talent to this project:

Charlie Armitage

Boyd Butz

Kathy & Dave Cook

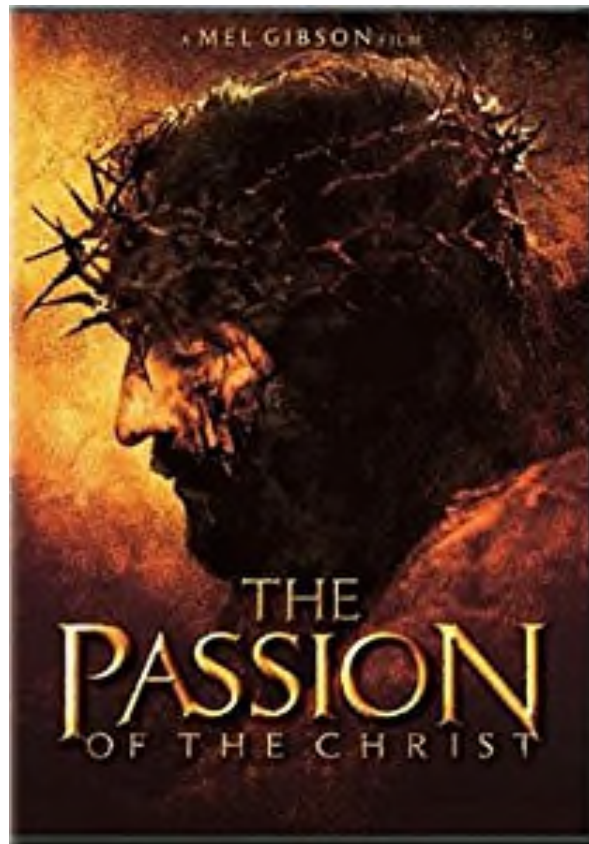
Pastor Bob

Dale Werkheiser

# Free Movie Night

Friday, April 14 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

***“The Passion of the Christ”***



**Free popcorn! Feel free to bring your own bottled water and/or soda**

**All are welcome! Hope to see you there!**

# Order Form for Memorial Tree Leaves

Each leaf costs \$25.00. Leaves will be imprinted with the name and year of your choice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print)*

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to SUMC and note for “Memorial Tree Leaf” in the memo portion. Completed order forms and payment may be left in the box outside Jackie’s office, mailed to the church office, or you may place your order form in the offering plate along with your payment. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you!

(Proceeds from the sale of memorial tree leaves will be put toward the remaining bell tower repair bill)





Cub Pack 86 had their Blue and Gold Banquet recently; it was fabulous. The banquet area was decorated with a tent, collages, a technological presentation and other points of interest. The centerpieces were fantastic and the desserts followed the Blue and Gold theme as well. There were two representatives from the Minsi Trails Council and other important presentations. My heart just sang to see how our church has helped so many wonderful young men grow into fabulous men. The leadership of the dens and the pack are such hard-working, dedicated, enthusiastic people. We had nine boys earn the Arrow of Light Award and eleven of them crossed over into the Boy Scout Troop and were received by our Scout Master, Tim Lloyd. One cub scout obtained the Super Achiever Award.

Our own, Dick Seip, is the Cub Master of Pack 86 and his leadership skills just exude in all areas. We had another fantastic experience when we attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 86.

We are huge believers in the Scouting Program. I remember my mother having a Cub Scout den in our home with my brother and his friends. Ted was a Cub Master when Bryan and David were young. I was a charter member when Cub Pack 300 started, serving as the Chairperson of the Committee and moving on to chair the committee of the Boy Scout Troop 300. Matthew went on to join our troop where he became an Eagle Scout; I was a member of their committee as well.

Let us share the joy of the successes of our Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop; they do so much to help with the development of our boys.

With deepest love and sincerity,  
- Margie

## Remaining Lenten and Holy Week Services

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 pm at Wooddale UMC  
Sunday, April 9, 8:30 & 11:00 - Palm Sunday  
Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service  
(Tenebrae Service)  
Good Friday, April 14, 12:00 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 16, 8:30 & 11:00





## Annual Book Sale!

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church

547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA

570-421-6020

(Please use the Ann Street entrance)

Friday, April 28, 2017 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Saturday, April 29, 2017 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Books for all ages and interests!

Supports Missions projects of Stroudsburg United Methodist Church



*Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
To Benefit Troop 86*



**MENU:**

Pancakes  
Sausage  
Coffee/Tea  
Juice/Milk

**When: Saturday, April 8  
7:00am-11:00am**

**Where: Stroudsburg United  
Methodist Church**

**(Please use Ann Street entrance)**

**Cost: \$6.00 per person  
(children under 5 free)**



*Thank you for your support*

*All proceeds support the boys in Troop 86*



## **MOTHER'S DAY BOOKLET**

**May 14th, a day to honor or remember that special lady in your life.**

Our Missions Committee will be putting together Mother's Day booklets this year. The cost is \$2.00 per name. Please make checks payable to: **SUMC Missions Committee**. Names will be taken after both services on April 23, April 30 and May 7 or please call the church office – 570-421-6020.

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presented by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presented by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Presented by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is Sunday, May 7th**

The Membership and Evangelism Team  
invites everyone to our April

*Second Saturday Supper*

*April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm*

**We'll provide:**

Plates, utensils, and beverages

**Our Program will be:**

*“SUMC’s Got Talent”*

Do you have a talent? Singing, playing an instrument,  
dancing, telling a joke, walking on your hands?  
Whatever it is, plan to share it with us!

**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](mailto:bpstew@juno.com)



Family Promise®

of Monroe County

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March 20, 2017

Dear Kathy, Florinda, Barbara, and Volunteers,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of Family Promise of Monroe County, we thank you and your volunteers for hosting and providing support to our families while at the Stroudsburg United Methodist Church during the week of March 12 - 19, 2017.

The generosity and hospitality of all volunteers, whether providing delicious meals, overnight supervision, or compassionate care, is greatly appreciated by the families and the staff of Family Promise. Thank you for the extra special planning involved in caring for the families 2 nights and a full day during the big snow storm on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Your preparations proved to be of tremendous help.

It is your genuine dedication and the extras that makes this program so successful!

**A few notations from the week:**

Number of people served: 12

Number of meals served: 72

Number of volunteer hours: 183.5

Nights of shelter: 81

Number of Volunteers: 15

Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of our families.

Warm regards,  
Laurie Kozar  
Executive Director

*Everyone Needs a Home*

## APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>12:30 PM</b> Daniel's Dream Team-Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Service-Cherry Lane UMC	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Cubs Vendor Show-Dining Room
<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>2:00 PM</b> Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Service-Wooddale UMC	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Lock In	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast-Dining Room <b>5:30 PM</b> Second Saturday Supper-Dining Room
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> M & E Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>3:00 PM</b> Private Event-Fellowship Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>7:30 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary	<b>14</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Good Friday Service-Sanctuary <b>6:30 PM</b> Movie Night-Sanctuary	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Easter Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Nar Anon - Dining Room	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>12:00 PM</b> Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brothers' Keepers Quilting & Little Quilts-Dining Room <b>12:00 PM</b> Blood Drive-Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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