

We Can't Go Back, or Can We?

Lionel trains. These two words conjure up memories from days gone by for me; two different eras, in fact. First, my uncle Jim put up a huge Lionel display in his parent's living room when he was a kid. They moved all the furniture out of the living room to make room for the seasonal display. I eventually inherited much of that display over the years and it still amazes me how those postwar engines work so consistently and reliably. The best part is, whenever I run that 2350 New Haven Electric engine, I am taken back to the '50s. I didn't live in that era myself, but I sure appreciate those simpler times. It doesn't hurt that the '50s were the heyday for Lionel trains. Second, I vividly recall that day when my dad gave us our first Lionel train set as a gift. It, too, was a postwar era train from the '60s, an era I did live partly through. We put the track together and ran that short consist on the floor, watching it go around and around. As that little train chugged around the track, I cannot adequately or fully describe the feelings inside me. I was taken to that tiny railroad, almost as if I was actually the engineer running the 1060 steam locomotive.

These modern days are filled with anxiety, change, and fear. Jobs are not as secure as they once were and companies no longer seem to be as loyal to their employees. I don't even have to mention the political turmoil of this past year, do I? And even our denomination is chock full to the brim with uncertainty, arguing, and downright fighting. Just yesterday, I was with a bunch of clergy who quietly wonder and worry what will happen with our denomination over the next year or two. These days are uncertain on many, many levels. Fear and uncertainty can drive us to the point of madness and even paralysis.

Watching little toy trains does not seem like a normal thing for a grownup to do. But for me, at least, operating my Lionel trains takes me back to a simpler time. They say we can't go back. In fact, some expert psychologists say trying to do so is even downright dangerous. I do not agree. Sometimes we need an escape. Sometimes we need to take a few moments and forget our troubles and the troubles of our world.

Something else happens, too. As I am now slowly expanding my postwar Lionel collection I meet people with similar interests. I see their trains and hear their stories. It widens my circles and takes me to pleasant and enjoyable places.

I recently wrote these song lyrics:

We grew up in the country
Out by Bellaire
We were just a bunch of kids
Playing out in the air

Fishing in the morning
Baseball after noon
Kick the can in the evening
Gotta get home soon

Yeah, we played all summer
Thinking it would never ever end
Wouldn't trade it for anything
Wish I was back there once again...

Every once in a while I do go back, as I pull the throttle on my Lionel train!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

June 1
John 5

June 2
John 6

June 3
John 7

June 4
John 8

June 5
John 9

June 6
John 10

June 7
John 11

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John 12

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John 13

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John 21

June 18
Job 1

June 19
Job 2

June 20
Job 3

June 21
Job 4

June 22
Job 5

June 23
Job 6

June 24
Job 7

June 25
Job 8

June 26
Job 9

June 27
Job 10

June 28
Job 11

June 29
Job 12

June 30
Job 13

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



To Serve You in June

Greeters 8:30
 Kay Bucci (All month)

11:00
 4 Joni Singer
 11 Martie
 18 Joanne Reed
 25 Sue & Charles Armitage

Ushers 8:30
 Bruce Miller
 Kay Bucci
 Pam Price
 Carol Decker

11:00
 Dick Seip
 Sue Gouger
 Kelly Edinger
 Eva Knight
 Beth Armitage

Counters
 Lynn Seip and Pam Price

Altar Guild
 Jenny Bogart and Marina Maroney

Soup Kitchen
Sunday afternoons at 4 pm
 4
 11
 18
 25



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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June Birthdays

7	Jim Adams
7	Marisa Seip
8	Adelle & Bella Kopec
13	Ethan Zelizo
16	Alice Rinker
17	Walter Roeckendorf
20	Kristi Harris
21	Ron Bogart
21	Ted Mitchell
22	Allie Zelizo
23	Kyle Dougher
26	Joshua 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 - 421-6020



Church Yard Sale
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Missions Annual Church Yard Sale will be held on Friday, August 4 & Saturday, August 5

Collection of items for the yard sale has begun. Please bring your items in and leave them in the blue room downstairs.

PLEASE *DO NOT* BRING IN:
TV's, computers, printers, etc.
Small kitchen appliances and gadgets are gladly accepted. No clothing and no encyclopedias. Only bring in items that you no longer want but you think someone else would. Most importantly, please make sure what you bring in is ***clean and in good condition.***

Preparation for the sale will begin on July 31. Help is needed to unpack and sort items, set items out for display and pricing. Help is also needed on the days of the sale, including clean up. Please consider how you can help.

If you have questions, please call the church office or speak with a member of the Missions Team.



With much gratitude, we thank members of the congregation for the prayers, cards, calls and all expressions of Christian love, kindness and thoughtfulness during Fran's recent health issues.

- Fran and Ralph

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...
1 Peter 3:15

Stroudsburg UMC will again be involved in a combined Youth/Adult mission trip to Philippi, West Virginia. Heart and Hand House is one of our United Methodist missions in Appalachia. We are looking for volunteers to go with us for this fun and eventful week. We leave on Saturday, July 9th and return on Saturday, July 15th. To sign up, please speak with Pastor Bob. Stretch yourself to get involved. It will be a trip you won't soon forget!



East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church presents

2017 Summer Concert Series

Sunday, June 4, 2017 3:00 pm

Mountain Winds Woodwind Quintet

Donna Predmore, flute

Marta Oberlin, clarinet

Molly Malone, oboe

Jenny Galunic, horn

Lisa Schwartz, bassoon

Jenny S. Collins, piano

Let 'em Eat Cake-Walk

W. Ryden

Carmen Fantasia

G. Bizet

Three Preludes

G. Gershwin

Four Selections from Dolly Suite

G. Faure

Nevermore!

E.A. Poe/ R. Geese

Robert Riday, narrator

Pirates of Penzance

Gilbert & Sullivan

**Free-will offering*

Monday Tea Time Small Group

The Monday Tea Time Small Group has ended. New sessions will start up again in September. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact JoAnn Calkins. Meetings are held on Monday afternoon starting at 1:15 pm at the home of Nancy Haase.



FATHER'S DAY BOOKLET

June 18th, a day to honor or remember that special man in your life.

Names for the Father's Day booklet will be taken after both services on May 28, June 4, and June 11. \$2.00 per name, in honor of or in memory of. You may also call the church office with your requests. Please make checks payable to SUMC Missions Committee.

In Honor of: _____

Presented by: _____

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In Memory of: _____

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Presented by: _____

DEADLINE IS JUNE 11th

The Membership and Evangelism Team
invites everyone to our January

Second Saturday Supper
June 10th at 5:30 pm

We'll provide:
Plates, utensils, and beverages
(iced tea, punch, and coffee)

Our Program will be:



*Come find out about this program that is
one of the local ministries we support.*

**Besides a covered dish to share,
if possible, we'd like you to bring one of the
following items that this program is always in need of:**
Cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toilet paper,
tall kitchen or large heavy duty garbage bags, dish towels.

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

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 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	29 Church Office Closed 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	30	31 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	1 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	2	3 Venture Crew 86 Event
4 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	5 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	6	7 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 2:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	8 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts	9	10 5:30 PM Second Saturday Supper-Dining Room
11 Choir Sunday 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 2:00 PM Recitals-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	12 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	13 6:30 PM M & E Meeting	14 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	15 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts	16	17
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25 Family Promise 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	26 Family Promise 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	27 Family Promise	28 Family Promise 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary	29 Family Promise 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts	30 Family Promise	1 Family Promise

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