

Give Thanks

“Thank you.”
“Yes, Sir.”
“Please, Ma’am.”

Were you taught to speak this way? How do you speak? Are you polite and cordial with others?

Speaking politely used to be in vogue and expected from everyone. Nowadays, not so much. It appears our culture made a drastic shift in recent years. Politeness is being replaced with disregard toward others and self-centeredness is taking its place.

Facebook is a great tool to stay in touch with family and for grandparents to keep in touch with their grandchildren. It is a useful tool, but some of us get sick of hearing all the self-centered posts which appear all too frequently.

This reminds me of an old Toby Keith song. In the song the main character is lamenting how much his girlfriend talks about her problems. His response is found in these lyrics from the chorus:

I want to talk about me
Want to talk about I
Want to talk about number one
Oh my me my
What I think, what I like, what I know,
what I want, what I see
I like talking about you, you, you, you
usually, but occasionally
I want to talk about me
I want to talk about me

“I Wanna Talk About Me”
Toby Keith, Singer
Bobby Braddock, Songwriter

I sometimes wonder if people hear what they are saying. Do they realize how disrespectful they treat others? Do they actually hear the words and intonations they are uttering?

I can clearly hear my grandmothers advice on this topic: “If you don’t have anything nice to say about someone, don’t say anything at all.”

The Epistle of James puts it this way:

“but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.”

James 3:8-9

Be mindful of how you speak to others. Show a little kindness. Choose your words carefully.

Polite and kind words need to be heard today, and they can come from you. Be the example. Set the standard. You might alarm some people at first, but if you are persistent you might be the impetus for another cultural shift. Our world desperately needs it!

Thank you!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

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Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



November

To Serve You in November

Greeters 8:30
DeAnn Harris (all month)

11:00
5 Doris Philips
12 Joni Singer
19 Pam-Miller Hendrix
26 Martie

Ushers 8:30
Dick Everitt
Cliff Rogell
Diane Rogell

11:00
C.J. Penwell

Counters
Lynn Seip & Sue Gouger

Altar Guild
Debbie Hardy & Nancy Haase

Soup Kitchen
Sunday Afternoon at 4 pm
5 Pastor Todd-Neola UMC
12 Nancy Fisch-Ladles of Love
19 Marie-McMichael's UMC
26 Tom Odenwelder-Pen Argyl Faith UMC



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	
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Cherub Choir Director	Kim Kopec
Custodian	Matt Parton

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Beth Armitage



Following are the current projects of our Missions Committee. Please see members of Missions after church for more information or call the church office -

- Bon Ton Community Days Booklets - \$5.00 each. Filled with over \$500.00 worth of coupons. Community Days are November 8-11.
- Operation Christmas Child - shoeboxes are available and are due back November 12.
- Christmas Totes Collection - totes are filled with specific items to be delivered to individuals in assisted living and nursing home facilities. Please see a member of the Missions Committee for a list of what is still needed for the totes.



Photography dates for our new church photo directory are:

Sunday, November 5 - 1-7 pm

Monday, November 6 - 2-9 pm

Tuesday, November 7 - 2-9 pm

Please register for your photography session online <http://bit.ly/2z371H2>, or call me in the church office - 570-421-6020.

Everyone receives a free 8x10 just for having their picture taken. \$10.00 coupons are available if you provide an email address and \$5.00 coupons are available if you bring a non-perishable food item (will go to Oasis of Love) OR a new, unwrapped toy (Toys for Tots) to your photography session.

Our directory won't be complete without you!
Register today!



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

Our local food pantry, Oasis of Love, is in need of donations. Please bring non-perishable food items to church on a Sunday (there is a box in the back of the sanctuary) or drop them off to me in the church office during the week. I will see to it that they get to Oasis of Love.

Thank you in advance!

Jackie

The Membership and Evangelism Team

invites everyone to our November

Second Saturday Supper

November 11, 2017 @ 5:30 pm

We'll provide:

Plates, utensils, and beverages

(iced tea, punch, and coffee)

Our Program will be:

“Veteran’s Day”

(We'll have a few of our veterans tell us about themselves)

Bring your favorite casserole, side dish or dessert

all are invited and welcome!

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

The holidays are fast approaching!
Kick off your holiday season here with us
at Stroudsburg UMC
547 Main Street
Stroudsburg, PA
4th annual

PIZZA WITH SANTA!

Save the date -

Friday, December 8, 2017

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$5.00 admission (2 slices of pizza and a soft drink)

(Children under 5 are free)

Enjoy pizza, caroling, photos with Santa and other Christmas activities

RSVP's are appreciated so we know how many to plan for

Questions? Please call the church office - 570-421-6020

or email - jackieherrero@stroudsburgumc.com

(All proceeds benefit the remaining bell tower repair bill)



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**

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

I wish to order _____ plants at \$10.50 each (*) to be listed:

In Honor Of: _____

Presented by: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Presented by: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Presented by: _____

In Memory Of: _____

(*Payment must accompany order)

Heating and Air Conditioning Unit Update

To date close to \$3,000.00 has been given towards the new heating and air conditioning unit. Thank you to all who have generously contributed thus far!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

More Than A Day

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.
We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.
We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.
We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.
So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

By Karl Fuchs



November Birthdays

- 2 Robbie Heller
- 3 Jackie Herrero
- 6 Jay Chamberlin
- 6 Nancy Haase
- 6 Lee Philips
- 7 Maggie Stewart
- 7 C.J. Penwell
- 11 Lori DeWitt
- 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 call the church office - 570-421-6020



SMILE
JESUS LOVES YOU



***Harvest Food Ingathering
Sunday, November 19, 2017
8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
SUMC Soup Kitchen & PATH***

Carrots

Mixed vegetables

Pears and peaches

Salad Dressing

Applesauce

Juices, canned or bottled (NO TOMATO JUICE)

Iced tea and lemonade powdered juice mix

Dish washing detergent

Aluminum foil, saran wrap

Trash bags for 10 gallon kitchen cans

Sponges



******NO SOUP, PUMPKIN, CRANBERRIES, GREEN BEANS, CORN OR BEETS***

******LARGE CANS OF VEGETABLES, BEANS AND FRUIT PREFERRED***

******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 guests thank you.

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adults 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 7:00 PM Trivia Night	30 1:15 PM Monday Tea Time Small Group-Nancy Haase's home 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	31	1 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 11:30 AM Pastor Bob's Open Office Hours 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	2 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 1:00 PM Holly Day Market Vendor Set up	4 7:30 AM Holly Day Market-Vendor Set up 9:00 AM Holly Day Market
5 8:30 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adults 11:00 AM Worship/Communion-Sanctuary 1:00 PM Photography for Directory-Fellowship Room 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	6 1:15 PM Monday Tea Time Small Group-Nancy Haase's home 2:00 PM Photography for Directory-Fellowship Room 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	7 2:00 PM Photography for Directory-Fellowship Room	8 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 11:30 AM Pastor Bob's Open Office Hours 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	9 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10	11 Matt using downstairs all day 5:30 PM Second Saturday Supper-Fellowship Room
12 Family Promise Host Week 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adults 11:00 AM Baptism of Paislee Jean Storm 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	13 Family Promise Host Week 1:15 PM Monday Tea Time Small Group-Nancy Haase's home 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	14 Family Promise Host Week 6:30 PM M & E Meeting-Downstairs	15 Family Promise Host Week 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 11:30 AM Pastor Bob's Open Office Hours 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	16 Family Promise Host Week 10:00 AM My Brothers' Keepers Quilting 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 Family Promise Host Week	18 Family Promise Host Week
19 Family Promise Host Week 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adults 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 2:00 PM VNA Hospice Celebration of Life-Sanctuary & Fellowship Room 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	20 1:15 PM Monday Tea Time Small Group-Nancy Haase's home 7:00 PM Nar Anon - Dining Room	21 7:00 PM Stitch & Pray Small Group-Lounge	22 12:00 PM Prayer and/or Quiet Reflection-Sanctuary 12:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive-Dining Room	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed	24 Church office closed	25
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