

Chimes
 Prelude "Great Day" Arr. David Schelat
 Choral Introit (11:00) "Lord, I am not mine..."
 Words: John Wesley, Music: Jay Locklear and Adam Seate
 Welcome Pastor Monica
 Announcements Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie
 *Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" 529
 *Call to Worship (Inspired by Isaiah 43 and Psalm 73)
 Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie

One: Fear not! For the Lord is with us.
Many: Through trial and tribulation, through fire and water, we are God's.
 One: We are claimed and named as children of God.
Many: In times of joy and sorrow, the Lord is the strength of our hearts and our portion forever.
 *Unison Prayer Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie
God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your images, and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns Pastor Monica
 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica
 Praise Song "I Will Trust in the Lord"
 Traditional Spiritual/Arr. William Farley Smith

Call to Offering Pastor Monica
 Offertory "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Arr. Heather Sorenson
 *Presentation of Gifts "Doxology" 95
 *Prayer of Dedication Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie
Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Special Music (8:30) "Covenant Prayer"
 John Wesley, Jay D. Locklear and Adam Seate
 Sung by: Aram Tchobanian

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie
 *Gospel Lesson Luke 3:5-17, 21-22 Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie
 Children's Message Pastor Monica
 Sermon "I Am Yours" Pastor Monica
(I want my listeners to commit themselves to God and hear God's claiming of them.)
 *Wesley Covenant Prayer 607
 Cliff Rogell/Pastor Margie
 Choir Anthem (11:00) "Take My Life, and Let It Be"
 Frances Havergal/Henri Malan, arr. Lowell Mason

This Week's Schedule

Today 8:30 & 11:00am Worship
 9:45am Sunday School - Children through Adult
 10:00am Choir Rehearsal
 12:30pm Coffee with the Pastor
 2:00pm Soup Kitchen

Monday 10:00am Pastors Meeting - Conference Room

Tuesday 1:30pm Just Social Small Group
 1:30pm Downtown Clergy
 6:30pm Property & Building Meeting

Wednesday 10:15am Bible Study
 11:15am Worship Planning - Conference Room
 12:00pm Open Sanctuary
 12:15pm Prayer on Wednesdays - Live on Facebook and in the Sanctuary
 6:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday 10:00am History Committee
 1:30pm Stitch & Pray Small Group
 7:00pm Scouts

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Prayer List - Joys and Concerns

Our Troops Todd Martin Annie Haase
 First Responders, EMT's, Police Officers, Firefighters Prayer Mailboxes
Special Person of the Week: Sue Sheeley, Eastern Comfort, 206 Diamond Street, Slatington, PA 18080. Please remember her in prayer and if possible, please send a card.

*Hymn "Spirit Song" 347
 *Benediction and Sending Pastor Monica
 *Choir Benediction Response (11:00) "Let me be employed for you..."
 Words: John Wesley, Music: Jay Locklear and Adam Seate
 *Postlude "March of the Three Kings" Roger C. Wilson

*Rise in body or in spirit.
Bold Print = Say in unison.

SOUP KITCHEN Pitch in with your family or a few friends to serve our neighbors. Sign up to prepare and/or serve a meal for our neighbors with the soup kitchen. **We are filling in the 2025 calendar. Please contact Jackie in the office with your interest and availability to serve.**

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Fellowship Room. Please pick up your box after worship today.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR today after the 11 o'clock worship service. Bring questions and curiosities. Come if you are interested in joining the church or if you would like more information.

UMC 101 COURSES are starting up again on January 27th - Theology 101: It's All About Grace

Future dates to save: April 28th - Worship 101: Singing and Sacraments; June 30th - Ecumenism 101: Similar and Distinct from Other Christians. We will meet in the Fellowship Room. Snacks provided. Please let the office know of your interest in joining.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Items for Christmas Stockings - this month's item is pocket tissues. Please bring your donations in and place them in the bin located in the Fellowship Room near the Missions display. Thank you!

OPEN SANCTUARY Every Wednesday, our church is open from noon to 1pm for prayer. We have a devotion and live prayer at 12:15. You can join us live in person, online or view it later on Facebook. You do not need a Facebook account to participate. Join us for Open Sanctuary.

NORMALIZING NEXT Our District Superintendent, Dr. Hun Ju Lee, invited us to join other thriving churches in the episcopal area (Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey) in a new opportunity, Normalizing Next. This twelve-month cohort program is designed for clergy and lay leaders eager to reimagine ministry in a post-COVID-19 world. This program is specifically designed for Churches seeking innovative solutions for challenges brought by the pandemic. Leaders passionate about growing attendance, generosity, and leadership capacity within their congregations. Pastor Monica and Jeanette Kuhns will represent our congregation in these sessions, which begin on January 16th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Connection Card
Welcome Members & Visitors!
Please let us know how we can help each other this week:

Name _____

Address _____

Email/Phone _____

Prayer requests, needs, comments:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning! Check in on Facebook! [Facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC](https://www.facebook.com/StroudsburgUMC)
Whether you are visiting with us or you are a member, WELCOME! Please fill out the "Connection Card" in your bulletin today and place it in the offering plate. Help yourself to a copy of our weekly eNews in the back of the sanctuary. We are glad that you are here today!

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Head Ushers: DeAnn Harris, C.J. Penwell, Soundboard: Jackie Herrero, Alisabeth Guepet; Camera: Alex Herrero, Adelle Kopec; Streaming: Kevin Kopec, Bella Kopec

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE Cliff Rogell and Pastor Margie

THE WHITE BANNER hangs in memory of William Dildine, given by the Dildine family.

WINTER WEATHER Wondering about winter weather and snow? How will you know if the worship service is canceled? Announcements will be posted by 7am on the Sunday morning regarding worship. You can check your emails for cancellation or the church Facebook page. Feel free to share the news with others as well. Our congregation comes from a large geographic area. The weather in town might be different from the accumulation or the road conditions in Tobyhanna, Analomink or even East Stroudsburg. Please use your best discretion for travel. If there is a service, you can worship online.

MISSIONS SOUPER BOWL SOUP SALE Our Missions Team will be selling soup again this year. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Room by the Missions display. We will be selling Vegetable Soup, Ham and Potato and Cheddar Broccoli. All soups are \$10 per quart and all proceeds benefit Missions projects in our church. Orders and payment are due by January 26th. Pick up will be on February 9th. If paying by check please note in the memo portion "Souper Bowl". If paying by cash, please note on an envelope "Souper Bowl". If you have any questions, please see Amanda Miller or contact the office.

We cordially welcome each visitor, member and friend to our Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. We pray that God will touch your life through the worship and fellowship we share. If you would like to make Stroudsburg United Methodist YOUR church, please mention your interest to the Pastor at the end of the service.

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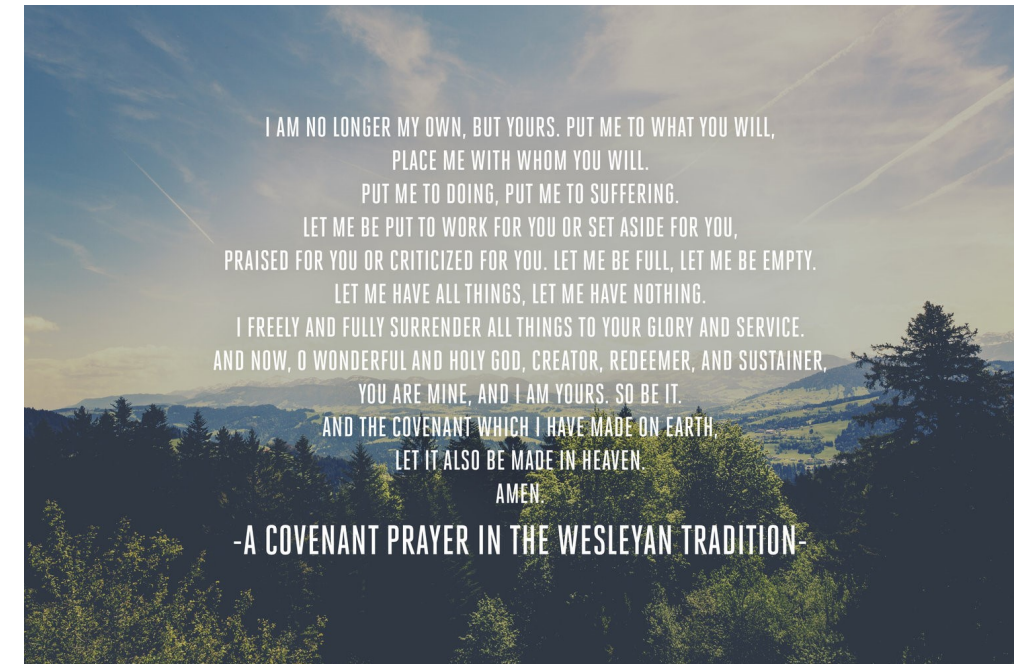
CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor	The Rev. Monica B. Guepet, M. Div.
Pastor of Visitation	Pastor Margie Good, M. Ed.
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Aram Tchobanian
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	Downtown Youth Initiative
Custodian	Gina Cristi

CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team	Chairperson, Jenny Bogart
Worship	Chairperson, Pastor Monica Guepet
Giving and Funding Committee	Chairperson, C. J. Penwell
Property & Building	Chairperson, Kay Bucci
Staff Parish Relations Committee	Chairperson, Buddy Rambo
Missions	Chairperson, Amanda Miller
Membership & Evangelism	Chairperson, Peggy Stewart
Co-Lay Leaders	Jeanette Kuhns, Jeremy Miller

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The Worship of God
January 12, 2025



*Church Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm;
Friday 9:00am-3:00pm*

Facebook.com/Stroudsburg UMC

Instagram: stroudsburgumc

Giving is easier than ever. Use this QR code to give to the general fund or special ministry. Contact the office for more information.



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Our Mission

Share the love of Jesus in welcoming & compassionate ways.

Would you like to receive our weekly eNews?

Email address _____

How did you learn about our church?

Friend/Family Internet/Website

Other _____

What I/we look for in a church _____

Please circle your age group: 18-23 24-35 36-49 50-64 65+