

Branches

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Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches."

April 2011

God our Guide

A few years back, I took a group of Seniors from our Youth Group on a Senior Trip. We travelled 12 hours from West Michigan to West Virginia for a white water rafting excursion. The New River in West Virginia boasts some of the best white water rafting in the United States and we wanted an intense experience! After arriving at the outfitters camp, we took an hour bus ride to the drop off location. During the bus trip our instructors put the fear of God into myself and the teens. They made it very clear that if we did not follow our guides instruction while out on River, people could drown.

Once we arrived at the drop in location, our group was paired with the youngest looking guide from the bus. She looked younger than many of the Seniors I had with me on the trip! Once afloat on the river, I quickly realized that this girl knew what she was doing. She knew the river like the back of her hand. This young guide steered us through each section of choppy water with skill and knowledge. She described to us before each section of rapids what lay below the service of the water and which way we should try to swim if we were unfortunate enough to fall out. Thanks to her clear directions, we had a great day on the New River!

The Psalmist tells us in Psalm 48 that God is our guide and the He will be with us forever. "For God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide ever to the end."

God can see the way; He can see the Big picture. God is the perfect guide that will direct our lives in such a way that we experience life the way He intended. Through Jesus Christ, we can hold onto the promise today that God knows the way and sent Jesus to us that we might have a guide that would take us deep with Him.

Perhaps you feel like your life is like a white water rafting trip with no guide. Take hold of the promises in God's word...may you know that God comes to us in Jesus to turn our lives around so that we might experience true life in a relationship with Jesus Christ, who promises to be our guide forever.

See you this weekend!

Pastor Jason

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Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your kids and their friends to hunt for the nearly 6,000 candy-filled eggs all over our campus on

**Saturday,
April 16
beginning at
11:00 AM.**

All kids, crawlers through 5th grade, are invited!



Prayer Gathering

Friday, April 1 - 7:00 PM



All are welcome!

Continues monthly
every first Friday



MUMS MEETINGS

Be sure to join us every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Youth Annex. Our next meeting will be April 13 and our last meeting before summer vacation will be May 25. Hope to see you there!

First Wednesday Dinner

Join us for our next dinner on Wednesday, April 6 from 6:00-6:45 PM. The cost is \$3/adults and \$2/kids 10 years-old and under. If you plan to attend, call Felicia in the church office at 570-421-0750. This will ensure we have enough food for everyone. On the menu will be baked macaroni and cheese, salad, chicken nuggets and fries.

EASTER SERVICES

You will not want to miss SWCs celebration of Christ's Resurrection! Reach out and be sure to invite your friends and family to one of our four services. Perhaps those we invite will experience with us the power of the resurrected Christ, giving us new life!

Saturday, April 23, 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 24

**9:00 AM, 10:30 AM &
12:00 PM**



Seder Dinner



Passover

Join us on

**Saturday, April 16
at 6:00 PM**

in the gym as we experience Passover as Jesus and his disciples would have experienced it at the last supper. Bring a friend with you to share this experience.

This will be a time of interactive learning and fellowship.



Join us on

Thursday, April 21

as we reflect upon the passion of Christ. Join us at

6:00 PM

for a soup supper followed by a service at 7:00 PM. Childcare will be provided during the service for children ages 0-5.

Vertical Kids Ministry

Growing Up In Christ



A Magical Event with Earl and Kimberly Long



Location: *SWC SANCTUARY*
SATURDAY, APRIL 9—

Date: *6:00 PM*
SUNDAY, APRIL 10—

Time: *9:00 AM & 11:00 AM*



www.VerticalKids.com

anxiety pain

bitterness

Had Enough?

guilt

anger

depression

anxiety

reliving the past

addiction

Celebrate Recovery-(hurt, habits & hang-ups)

Every Thursday

6:30 PM for dinner/Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

What Can I Expect?

A place that is loving & non-judgmental

A place to demonstrate genuine love

A place to experience God's love

A place of belonging

Divorce, grief, addiction, depression, co-dependency, anger and abuse, spouses/children/parents struggling with someone addicted, for any and all life struggles

Life Hurts/God Heals for Teenagers

Kids program for 5-12 year olds

For more information please contact

Pastor Dana at 570-872-4228



If you lost someone who is close to you, or know someone who has, please join us for our weekly GriefShare seminar/support group beginning Wednesday, April 6 from 6:45-8:00 PM. For more information, contact Brenda Moore at 570-476-7362 or call the church office at 570-421-0750.

**We know it hurts and
we want to help.**

**The Awesome, Amazing,
Super-Good, Way-Cool
"Anni-birth-ary" Party
April 9, 2011, 7:00 PM**



If you have a birthday or anniversary in the months of March or April you are invited as our guest for a fun night of fellowship on Saturday, April 9 after the 6:00 PM service. We will be serving appetizers and cake in your honor.

Youth Activities

Saturday Night Live Presents The Christian Club

This event is for teens in grades 6-12. Join us Saturday, April 9 from 7:00-10:00 PM in the Youth Annex and listen to music by DJ Krucial from Audiophelia. There will be Christian music, rock music, house music and music for all. Free to enter and bring a friend.

AWANA Kids Camp Spaghetti Dinner

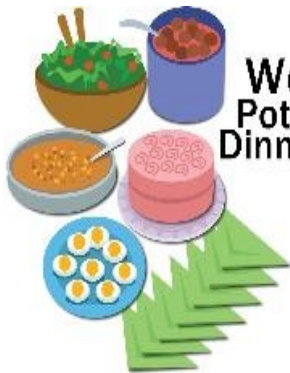


Come and support the children of SWC. They will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to raise money for children attending Penn-Jersey summer camps. Camp is open to any child who is going into 3rd-7th grade this coming school year. Tickets are being sold in advance and the cost is \$7/Adults & \$4/Kids. The cost will be \$1 more at the door. The following food donations are needed: salad, dressing, bread, butter, parmesan cheese, drinks, etc.

Date: Saturday, April 9 from 4:00-6:00 PM

Where: SWC Gym

Contact: Christine Mills at 570-656-2440 with questions or to donate food.



Women's Ministry Pot Luck Dinner

The Women's Ministry will be holding it's Spring Pot Luck dinner on **Friday, April 22 at 6:30 pm in Uptown.** Bring your favorite dish and be ready to share your favorite bible verse, song lyric, or poem verse that shows how you feel about Our Father. Hope to see you there!

Senior's Luncheon

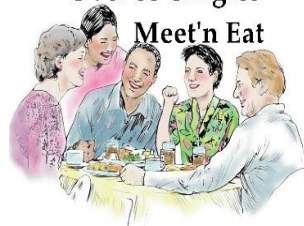


Our next Senior's Luncheon will be held on

**Tuesday, April 19 at
12:30 pm in Uptown.**

Be sure to join us for a warm and friendly fellowship.

Over 35 Singles Meet'n Eat



Join us on
**Friday,
April 8 at
6:30 PM**

at the Olive Garden to enjoy good food and fellowship. For more information and to RSVP, contact Brenda Moore at 570-476-7362 by April 7.

Stroudsburg Wesleyan's

Vision Statement

To become a prayerful, diverse, and community-involved church family whose passionate purpose is to help seekers become servants of Christ.

Our Purposes

To fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment by:

- **Going** out to seekers in the Community
- **Gathering** believers into Christ
- **Growing** followers through the Church
- **Grooming** servants for the Commission

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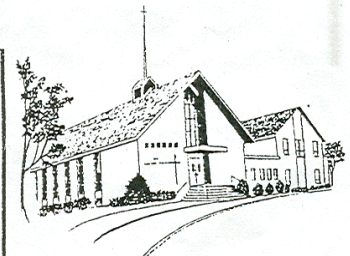
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Saturday Evening Worship

6:00 PM

Sunday Worship Schedule

Morning Worship

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Growth Groups

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Coffee Time

10:15-10:45 AM

Sr. High Youth Group

6:45 PM

Wednesday Night

AWANA

6:45 PM

Jr. High Youth Group

6:45 PM

Adult Growth Groups

6:45 PM