

# Branches

A monthly publication of the  
Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

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

August 2011

## Welcome Youth Pastors

Pastors Joe and Shasta Gross will be arriving in Stroudsburg the week of August 8. Pastor Joe and Pastor Shasta will be serving at Stroudsburg Wesleyan as our Youth Pastors. We are excited about their love for God, their passion to follow Him, and their desire to minister to our youth. Pastor Joe and Pastor Shasta are coming from Indiana, where they have served in different youth ministry areas. They are looking forward to their move to Stroudsburg, and feel this is where God has called them. Please pray for them as they move and transition to a new place, and be prepared to give them a big Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church welcome!

## New Sermon Series-Prayer Beginning August 13/14

In July, we walked through a series called "Divine Design," focusing on how God wants to transform us, from the inside out, into something beautiful. But how does that transformation occur? How do we surrender to the life of the Holy Spirit in us, so that He can take away the things that remain from the old life and fill us instead with the fruit that He brings? (Galatians 5:22 – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) Prayer is one essential way that we open our hearts and lives more fully to the work of His Spirit. In prayer, we ask God for His life to fill us, we acknowledge our need for Him, and we ask Him to do what we cannot do for ourselves. Dennis Kinlaw writes in his book, *"Let's Start with Jesus,"* of how God wants to clothe us with the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14) so that His life becomes part of ours. He writes, *"One does not rise to such a life. One kneels to receive, to let Him who is love fill and complete our personhood."* To experience all that God has for us, we must be people of prayer.

Prayer also opens spiritual possibilities for others, as we pray with them and for them. The mysterious force of this kind of intercessory (acting on behalf of someone else) prayer is inexplicable, yet absolutely powerful. Just as our actions affect those around us, so do our prayers. To be effective in sharing the love of Christ and helping others experience His grace, we must also be people of prayer.

We will be exploring these ideas together in a sermon series beginning August 13/14. We hope you can join us, as we seek God and pray for His power to be unleashed in our lives!

With our love –

*Pastor Lynda and Pastor Dana*

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*Awesome, Amazing,  
Super-Good, Way-Cool  
Anni-birth-ary Party*

*Saturday,  
August 13 at 7:00 PM*

**If someone in your family has a birthday or anniversary in the months of July or August, join us after the 6:00 PM service for food, fellowship, and fun! This is our way or remembering your special days. We hope to see you there!**



Join us Wednesdays from  
6:45-8:15 PM.  
All are welcome to attend!

## **2ND ANNUAL DAVE HOITSMA**



Come out and support this benefit on **Saturday, August 27** beginning at 8:00 AM at Pinebrook. There will be plenty of food and beverages. Sit down and enjoy the game and don't forget your lawn chair.

# CHURCH PICNIC

Come out and enjoy great food, fun and friends at our church picnic on **Saturday, August 20 at 7:00 PM** here on the church campus. Each person/family is asked to bring a main dish or dessert to share.



## **H** **PE IN THE POCONOS**

Come experience where the hope is! Many area groups will be represented at this event and available to you.

There will be free food, music, entertainment and a moon bounce and slide for the kids.

3rd Annual  
Event

Are you or is someone you know dealing with . . .

Addiction  
Health Issues  
Grief  
Depression  
Divorce

Are you feeling . . .

Isolated?  
Lost?  
Broken?

Saturday,  
September 10, 2011  
2:00-5:00 PM

# PRAYER GATHERING

Friday, August 5—7:00 PM

Continues  
monthly every  
first Friday

All are  
welcome



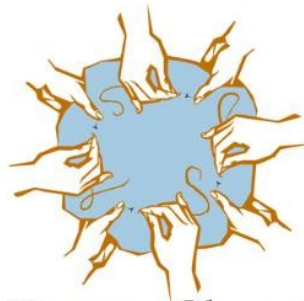
## Baptism Blast

Are you ready to publically declare through baptism, "I belong to Jesus and he belongs to me?" Please join us on the weekend of **August 6/7** as we baptize and celebrate with those dedicating their lives to Jesus.

## *Prayer Shawl Meeting*

If you have the ability to sew, knit or crochet we would like you to be a part of this ministry. We will have a meeting on Monday, August 8 at 6:30

PM to discuss service projects and future planning efforts for the upcoming year.



## Prayer Shawl

# August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Those celebrating a birthday ** Those celebrating an anniversary	1 * Andy Howell * Don Thornton	2 * Sean Kemmerer	3 * Susan Im * William Marshall	4 ** Fred & Michelle Wager	5 <b>Helping Hands Food Pantry- 4:30-6:00 PM</b> <b>Prayer Gathering- 7:00 PM</b> * Carolyn Antal * Charlie Fredholm * Richelle Matthews * Jason Rodriguez	6 <b>Baptism Blast</b> ** Brian & Donna McCann
7 <b>Baptism Blast Nursing Home Ministry-2:30 PM</b> * Debbie Bond * Alicia Palmer-Herrick	8 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting- 6:30 PM</b> * Kim Best * Juliette DeSanto * Matthew Mills	9 * Steve Kemmerer ** Chris & Shannon Pepitone	10 * Stacy Bond	11	12	13 <b>Anni-birth-ary Celebration- 7:00 PM</b>
14 * Brooke Givens * Talia Long * Thomas Sinner	15	16 * Ethan Kerprich * Roe Simonini	17	18 * Tim Ridner	19 <b>Helping Hands Food Pantry- 4:30-6:00 PM</b> ** Clifton & Marina Lovell ** Luke & Tamar Ulmer	20 <b>Celebrate Recovery Leaders Meeting-3:30 PM</b> <b>Church Picnic- 7:00 PM</b>
Penn-Jersey District Youth Camp						
21 * Robyn Holmes	22 * Robert Cool * Kimberly Herrick	23 * Camryn Kmiecak * Amelia Schuster	24 * Paul DeSanto	25	26	27 <b>Dave Hoitsma Softball Benefit 8:00-5:00 PM at Pinebrook</b>  * Joanne Drake * Mihee Hwang * Berlin Ulmer
28 ** Keith & Patsy Somers	29 First Day of School	30 * Miki Howell	31 * Kayla Best * Dorothy Geib * Rich Pryor	<b>Sunday Schedule</b> Worship—9:00 & 11:00 AM  Adult Growth Groups 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM  Coffee Time—10:15 AM  Sr. & Jr. High Youth Group 6:45-8:15 PM		<b>Wednesday Evening</b> Soul Shift Bible Study 6:45-8:00 PM <b>Thursday Evening</b> Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM  <b>Saturday Service</b> 6:00 PM

## 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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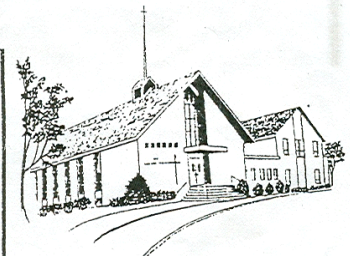
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### Saturday Evening Worship

6:00 PM

### Sunday Worship Schedule

Morning Worship

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Adult Growth Groups

9:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Coffee Time

10:15-10:45 AM

Senior & Junior High

Youth Group

6:45-8:15 PM

### Wednesday Night

Soul Shift Bible Study

6:45-8:15 PM