

Branches

A monthly publication of the
Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

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

September 2011

Going Deeper

SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays Beginning September 14

6:45-8:15 PM

Beginning September 14, we will be launching opportunities for adults to gather for worship, prayer, teaching, and small group interaction. These groups will be offered at the same time as AWANA for the kids, and youth group for the teens, so bring the whole family out and spend some time learning, growing, and developing relationships. It is our prayer and goal that all ages have

Opportunities to connect in deeper ways with God....

Through praying together, receiving Communion together, searching the Scriptures together, and sharing experiences and insights together, we will be challenged to live in a deeper relationship with Christ and learn to follow Him in new ways.

And opportunities to connect in deeper ways with each other...

Through small group fellowship, listening, and learning, we will not only connect with God in deeper ways, but also with each other. Our prayer is that through the small group connection time, we can encourage each other (Hebrews 10:25), share each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2), celebrate each other's successes (Romans 12:15), and motivate each other to be more devoted followers of Christ (Hebrews 10:24).

Our relationship with Christ is not meant to be experienced in a vacuum – we are brothers and sisters in Christ, meant to take this journey together and learn from each other. Please take this opportunity to develop and grow with us! All are welcome. We will be beginning other studies on other nights of the week for those who cannot come on Wednesdays. Watch for more details!

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18

Praying with you for His Presence to fill us and take us deeper.

Pastor Lynda and Pastor Dana

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IGNITE: A Forum for Ministry Leaders

All pastors, board members, trustees, and ministry leaders will gather together on Saturday, September 17 at 7:00 PM for a time of leadership training, encouragement, and planning. A meal will be provided. Please contact the pastor who oversees the ministry you lead by Wednesday, September 14 if you cannot attend.



All 6th-12th grade teens are invited to attend the Youth Retreat on September 23-25 at Spruce Lake in Canadensis, PA. There will be games, activities, nature and devotion time. The cost is \$50 per person and the deadline to sign up is September 18. If you are interested in attending, please sign up and complete the form at youth group which meets on Sundays from 6:45-8:15 PM or contact Pastors Joe & Shasta Gross in the church office at 570-421-0750. There will be a group leaving the church on Friday, September 23 at 5:00 PM and returning back to the church on Sunday, September 25 at 12:30 PM.

Prayer Gathering

Friday, Sept. 2-7:00 PM

Continues every Friday of each month.



All are welcome

Come join us as we pray for our church, community and world we live in.

Food Pantry Volunteers Wanted

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is in desperate need of volunteers to assist in handing out bags of groceries on the 1st & 3rd Friday from 4:30-6:00 PM. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Rob Devenezia at 570-656-0066 or the church office at 570-421-0750.

Senior's Luncheon

Join us for our first Senior's luncheon on Tuesday, September 13 at 12:30 PM in Uptown. There will be fellowship, short devotion and a delicious lunch. All are welcome!

Westland Kids Ministry

Growing Up In Christ

balloon twisting

jokes

the gospel

SWC SANCTUARY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



puppets



illusions

Come and experience
God's love
in an interactive way.
Fun for ALL ages!

Would you like to learn gospel magic, balloon twisting, juggling and how to work puppets? Join us for one-day workshop on **Sunday, September 11** from **12:00-4:30 PM** in Uptown.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday Schedule Worship—9:00 & 11:00 AM Adult Growth Groups 9:00 & 10:00 AM Coffee Time—10:15 AM Sr. & Jr. High Youth Group 6:45—8:15 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday Evening Adult Growth Groups 6:45-8:15 PM Thursday Evening Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM</p>		<p>* Those celebrating a birthday ** Those celebrating an anniversary</p>	<p>1 * Michael DeSanto * Logan Strouse</p>	<p>2 Helping Hands Food Pantry-4:30-6:00 PM Prayer Gathering-7:00 PM * Craig Keefer</p>	<p>3 * Teena D'Auria ** George & Lorraine Woodling</p>
<p>4 Nursing Home Ministry-2:30 PM * Michael Craig * Nick Walborn * Danielle Weber</p>	<p>5 Prayer Shawl Ministry-6:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 * Aita Barzev * Mike Crosby * Emily Tirella</p>	<p>8 * Alberta Hanlin * Forrest Hellivan * Jordyn Payne</p>	<p>9 * Maria Cicala * Carol Kennedy * Bianca Rosedo ** Robert & Teres Bond ** Bob & Pam Cool ** Bob & Alberta Hanlin</p>	<p>10 Yard Sale-9:00 AM Day of Hope-1:00-5:00 PM * Madeline Kirk * Erin Reish Vertical Kids Ministries</p>
<p>11 Vertical Kids Ministries</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Senior's Luncheon -12:30 PM LBA Meeting-6:30 PM * Sally Gilholm * Daniel Macrini</p>	<p>14 AWANA-6:45-8:15 PM Going Deeper Group-6:45 PM</p>	<p>15 * Holley Kearns * Stephen Ridner * Nicole Stewart</p>	<p>16 Helping Hands Food Pantry-4:30-6:00 PM</p>	<p>17 Celebrate Recovery Leader's Meeting-3:30 PM IGNITE Meeting-7:00 PM * Lou De Matteo * Isaiah Lebron * Melissa Moore * Todd Sallo</p>
<p>18 RTB Seminars-12:30 PM * Kayla Fluck * Melissa Lopez * Hannah Werner</p>	<p>19 * Becky Ostrow * Amber Wyckoff</p>	<p>20 * Andrew Hwang * Ciara Longo * Liz Walborn</p>	<p>21 AWANA-6:45-8:15 PM Going Deeper Group-6:45 PM * Christine Everitt * Becky Frey * Patsy Somers</p>	<p>22 * Juan Jimenez, Jr. * Evi Trueman * Lorraine Woodling</p>	<p>23 * Mike Hutta * Laura Moore ** Joe & Melanie Howard Youth Spruce Lk Retreat</p>	<p>24 * Erica Sallo</p>
<p>25 * Tori Graves * Lexi Graves * Jen Thornton * James Titus Youth Retreat</p>	<p>26 * Christine Antal * Lauren Eckert * Matthew Ostrow ** Jim & Antoinette Heitmann</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 AWANA-6:45-8:15 PM Going Deeper Group-6:45 PM * Katrina Crosby * Trey Davis</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Saturday Service 6:00 PM</p>	

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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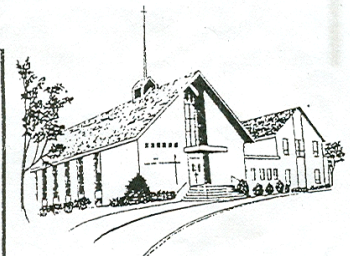
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Creative Learning Center

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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