

THE NEXUS

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Well the now that the news has been released; I am excited to share my joy in the anticipation of our future ministry together. I believe God has great things in store for this church in the New Year and beyond and I am elated at the thought of leading this wonderful group of people. Each new year tends to bring new things. In this new year, you will have a new pastor, some new leadership and you may see some new programs offered. In my interview with the PNC I shared one of my ideas that require the help of the congregation in my sermon writing, which I will share in greater detail in another article. I am confident God is doing great things here at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church and although Christmas 2018 has come to an end, may the joy of Christ's birth continue to inspire us to live faithfully all year long and embrace the new things God is doing in this church.

Pastor Nicki

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Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the February issue is Monday, **January 28th**.

Birthdays

Those celebrating birthdays in January are:

Sue Ellis, Brenda Bruce, Doris Schoonover, Ed Flory, Bobbie Long, Geraldine Gower, Betty Drescher, Jeff Gibbons, Fred Krach, Keli Butera, Ed West and Lois Swisher.

Anniversaries

Those celebrating anniversaries in January are:

John and Kathleen Kauderer

Thank You Choir!

Thank you to all members of the E. Stroudsburg Presbyterian Choir for their superb performance of this year's cantata. The message through song was an inspiration to all. I truly cherish your friendship and applaud your dedication.

Linda

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, **January 8th** at noon.

Men's Lunch

The Men's luncheon for January will be held on Wednesday, **January 9th** at noon.

Initial Offering Envelope

The first envelope in the offering packet each year is designated as the Initial Offering. It can be used to include a special start of the year gift to cover two of the overhead expenses that we incur each year.

The first is an apportionment assessed annually by the Presbytery. The assessment is based on the active membership of the church. The total for 2019 is \$4,644.00 for \$36.00 per active member. If you wish to help offset that cost, you may choose to pay part or all of the individual assessment amount for you as a contributing unit.

The second overhead cost is for the envelopes themselves. The envelopes cost just a few dollars and any amount you wish to contribute would be greatly appreciated.

Use of the Initial Offering Envelopes is optional. Thank you for your past and continuing generosity.

Brighter Christmas

Things are a little Brighter in East Stroudsburg this year. Because of your generosity, Brighter Christmas was a wonderful success. This year our congregation was able to help, fourteen children, six families, have a much Brighter Christmas.

Words cannot adequately express the impact these simple acts of giving, have on the families that you are supporting. Please know that all families are extremely grateful for your help. Many are brought to tears when they realize that they will have a Brighter Christmas, because of the generosity, compassion and caring shown by you, the congregation of the East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church.

The Mission Committee thanks you for your gifts and support for this very worthy cause.

I need your help!

I want to hear from you. What are questions you have about God? What burning questions or topics have you always wanted to hear preached on? What Bible questions do you feel you need more

clarity on to face today's trials? In the next few months I will be collecting these questions and creating a sermon series on trying to answer as many of these tough questions as I can. Starting in January, there will be a box on the table in the narthex where you can write your questions or topics down and place them in, or you have the option of emailing them directly to me at stnjbv01@moravian.edu.

Pastor Nicki

Fellowship Hour

As you have read or heard me mention before, fellowship is a time of sharing love for one another and getting to know one another more deeply. Many in this congregation love fellowship which is evident in the common request to have more opportunities for fellowship outside of our weekly worship. Because of this wonderful desire to be with one another more, we will be having a trial period from the new year until Lent begins where we will increase the fellowship hour to every week.

Trying a new thing means implementing it in a new way. The Fellowship Committee, with the help of our wonderful sexton, will ensure the coffee and supplies are there each week. The healthy snacks and goodies we all love can be brought by anyone who desires to bring it. There is no sign-up, no obligation, but there will be lots of fellowship time. I have witnessed effectiveness of this style fellowship in other settings and I know you all do fellowship well which will make this a success.

Pastor Nicki

Special Meetings

There will be a *Special Congregational* meeting on Sunday, January 13th and the stated Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 20th, both following worship.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year! Church Closed	2	3	4	5
6 Worship, 10:00 am Deacon's Mtg., 11:15 Session/Deacon Training, 11:15 Property & Finance Mtg., 11:30	7 CCC Group, 10:00-11:30	8 Women's Circle, noon	9 Men's Lunch, noon	10	11	12
13 Worship, 10:00 am Special Congregational Mtg., 11:15	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Worship, 10:00 am Congregational Mtg., 11:15	21 CCC Group, 10:00-11:30	22	23	24	25	26
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