

Weekly Prayer List



Prayers of JOYS/BLESSINGS/PRAISES/HOPE

- *Praise for the updates in Fellowship Hall kitchen and the library
- *Praise the Casey's Great Grandmother is home from the hospital
- *Praise for a very successful basketball season for coach Andrew
- *Praise for nephew released from hospital and doing much better
- *Praise that child fever of 103 degree broke in the morning so no hospital visit needed
- *Praise that an abandoned newborn, named Hope, found in Africa has been found and is safe and being cared for.

Prayer CONCERNS

- *Prayers for the family and friends of Charles Cadden at his passing
- *Prayers for the family and friends of Beth Waltemire who passed suddenly
- *Prayers for Sharon with health concerns
- *Prayers for aging parents and their health concerns
- *Prayers for family being harassed by neighbors
- *Prayers for Laura S. home recuperating
- *Prayers for Melinda L. sister in law, Ginny, fighting cancer
- *Prayers for the guidance counselor from Stewartstown who lost her 17 year old son to apparent suicide
- *Prayers for our youth as there was another suicide of school student
- *Prayers for Jim R whose wife died in September and he is battling depression and eating disorder
- *Prayers for the Webb family at the passing of Sandy Webb on February 27th
- *Prayers for a nephew hospitalized with symptoms that are difficult to diagnose, which is difficult to treat
- *Prayers for the McDowell family at the passing Gene McDowell, cousin to David McDowell and Jerry Hildebrand
- *Prayers for continued healing of granddaughters fiancé
- *Prayers for Susan Waltemire health and healing
- *Prayers for the family of Rosalee who recently passed away
- *Prayers for family and friends of Barb who lost her life due to a brain bleed
- *Prayers for Brian, cousin of Sandy P, who fell and passed away suddenly
- *Prayers for Polly with health issues and facing several surgeries
- *Prayers for Aaron D as he continues to have testing to determine type of aphasia he will be faced with.
- *Prayers for Annie Hebel in Spain
- *Prayers for Jennifer K. recovering from recent brain surgery
- *Prayers for brother dealing with early onset of dementia
- *Prayers for Jenn M healing from total knee replacement
- *Prayers for a young man coming home from rehab and ask for continued prayers for his sobriety
- *Michael Paules recovery from leg amputated
- *Continued prayers for Rich "Chug" Gibbs, Rosie Horton, Jose & Denise Rosado, Pauline B, Mary Ellen Deavers, Dennis & Jean McCleary, Larry Seitz, Richard Seitz, Dottie Blevins

Any new prayer requests or updates, please call or text Ev Barrows at 717-818-2874, or email: barrowsevelyn@gmail.com.



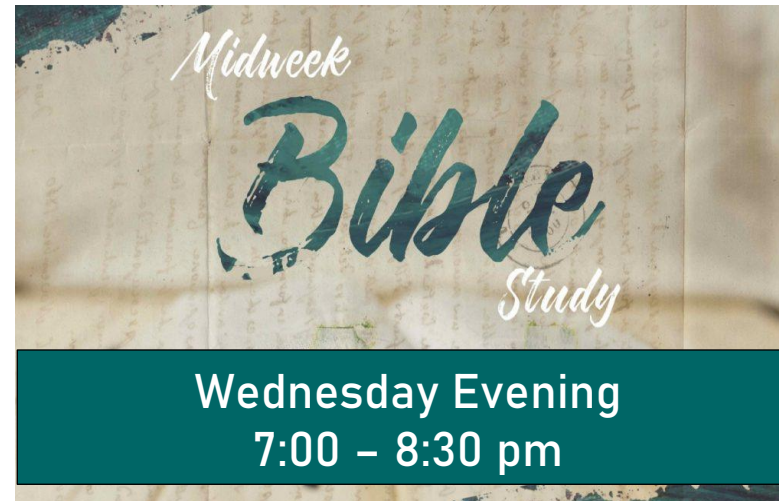
AARP Foundation
TAX-AIDE



Free tax return preparation, especially for seniors and those with financial needs, is available at a number of sites around York County. Preparation is offered on Mondays 1/30 through 4/17 at Grace Church Shrewsbury.

To schedule an appointment for Grace Church Shrewsbury, scan the QR code at left or call the Stewartstown Senior Center (717-993-3488) Mon -Thur 9am-3pm, Fri 9am- 1 pm

Scan the TAX-AIDE QR code at right for more detailed information on all sites and services, including types of returns we can and cannot prepare.



Come ONE week or ALL weeks.
March 1 – April 26
Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church library
Sacred Rhythms
Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation

Pat Hendrix will offer a day time home study on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm. Email Pat with questions at pashendrix@gmail.com.
4717 Mellow Road, White Hall, MD 21161

The SUMC kitchen renovations ARE completed!



Thank you to everyone that helped make this project a success!



Order Easter Flowers today thru Monday, March 20th. Use the order form in your church bulletin and return it to the church office.



Looking for fellowship opportunities?
consider joining an interest groups

Scan the QR code to request more
information or to register for a group



Interested in learning more about Stewartstown United Methodist Church including information about membership? We are trying to gauge the level of interest to set up a time to meet with Pastor Keith. Let him know at kbraucher@stewartstownumc.org, Or 717-993-2507 ext. 10.



SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2023

**June 19th –
June 23rd**

Financial Giving towards General Operations as of March 5, 2023:
\$64,638 YTD (82.4% of YTD Budgeted)

Making a financial donation can be done in several ways:



Mailing a check to SUMC 26 S Main Street, Stewartstown, PA 17363

Text the amount that you wish to give in a message to **84321**

Set up online giving through our website link

sumc.churchcenter.com/giving or scan the QR code to the left

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting Stewartstown UM Church.



The Women's Book Club will begin meeting every other Monday to read and discuss "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

Dates are:

3/13

3/27

Meeting at the home of Janet Fischer-Byers from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Contact Janet at 717 858 8588 or janetfbyers@zoo.minternet.net.

**Happy
Birthday**

Mar 13
Blanche Seitz

Mar 15
Annie Hebel
Susan Schwartz
Shannon Toomey
Jared Armes

Mar 17
Patty Manifold

Mar 18
Heather Jenkins

Mar 19
Denise Rosado
Richardo Pearce

Mar 20
Jennifer deFontes

Mar 21
Ginger Babcock

Mar 22
Owen Stiffler

Mar 24
Jackalene Kashner



Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Praise

Every Move I Make

Come and Tear Down the Walls

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Song

Time of Sharing – Celebrations and Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Greeting One Another

Offering

Dedication of Offerings

Chancel Choir Anthem

Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a supervised social time. Kids Connection follows at 10:45

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42

The Message

Give Me Water

Pastor Keith Braucher

*Closing Song

Forever

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction

Rock of Ages

Happy Coffee Hour will be held in Heritage Hall directly following worship.

Adult Sunday School begins at 10:45 am with locations listed below:

The Adult Sunday School – Library

The Men's Class – Gary's Office

Parent's Class – front narthex

New to Stewartstown United Methodist Church? Welcome!

We are glad you joined us today. Please scan the QR code to give us a way to contact you if you would like to receive more information about the church, upcoming event or to answer any other questions.



Would you like to serve in the church Nursery?

Please contact Sandy at spietrowicz@stewartstownumc.org to learn more.

Sunday Worship in person or on Zoom each Sunday at 9:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257056329> ID: 832 5705 6329 Passcode: sumc

Stewartstown United Methodist Church 26 South Main Street, Stewartstown, PA 17363

(717) 993-2507 info@stewartstownumc.org www.stewartstownumc.org

Office hours are: Monday – Thursday 8 am – 2 pm Friday 8 am – noon

The SUMC Library is temporary closed for some much needed updating, which includes a new floor. Thank you to the numerous volunteers that have worked to organize and complete this project.



Chair Yoga meets every Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Aerobics at Stewartstown UM Church
Monday & Thursday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30 am

Relaxed, friendly environment
 Set your own pace
 Easy to follow co-ed aerobics exercise and weight training
 Come join us and bring a friend

Registration not required for this FREE class

Call Barb Metzel, instructor at 717-235-3784 for more information or just drop in!



Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30 am	<i>Worship Service</i>
10:10-11:45 am	<i>Kids Connection</i>
10:30 am	<i>Happy Coffee Hour</i>
10:45-11:45 am	<i>Adult Studies</i>

Sunday Evening

5:00 pm	<i>Free Fellowship Meal</i>
5:30 pm	<i>The Well Worship</i>
	<i>Company of Praise Rehearsal</i>

Looking for volunteers to host Coffee Hour and Sunday evening meal!

If you or a group would like to sign up to host Sunday morning happy coffee hour or the Sunday evening meal, please sign up @ <https://tsu.me/jpdqvt>.



The Stewartstown Food Pantry is open every other Saturday from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Appointments can be made by calling 717-501-6018 and leave a message or contact pantry@StewartstownUMC.org.

The next distribution will be March 18th



If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, please use this link or the QR code: shorturl.at/FKR19. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



Worship at The Well every Sunday evening

The Well is a casual gathering with food, music and discussions and a time to build relationships. The Well meets at 5:00 pm with a light meal in Heritage Hall and then gathers in the Youth Room for music, discussion and more fellowship time beginning at 5:30 pm.

Follow us on Instagram at [thewell.stewartstown](https://www.instagram.com/thewell.stewartstown)

The Men's Group and Band of Brothers have many opportunities for fellowship and study.



- † The Men's Sunday School class meets every Sunday @ 10:45 in person with a zoom option.
- † The Band of Brothers meets every Saturday morning alternating between in person and on line.
- † A Men's Group meets monthly on the 3rd Wed for a gathering at SUMC for a dinner, fellowship and study.

Please reach out to Steve Schwartz steven.schwartz@volvocars.com to learn more about how to get connected with the Men's Group.

Helping Hands for the Homeless has been scheduled for Saturday, March 25th

SUMC is currently looking for food donations to prepare the meal as well as packed lunches.

Use the link below to sign up for food donations.
<https://tsu.me/za3b89>

Please reach out to Pat Byers at lionheart0709@yahoo.com to learn more about how to get involved and participate.





**Daily Devotional Readings
for the week of
March 13 – March 17, 2023**

Monday, March 13, 2023

Water from the Rock

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reflections

A threat, real or perceived, to life’s necessities and civility goes out the door. You can read this as an attempt to fire Moses. The truth is that we are thirsty. Our world is facing significant water shortages and it may only get worse. But this is nothing compared to how thirsty we are in our souls for what only God can provide. This passage is not about water, it is about faith and trust. Where do you go to relieve your soul thirst?

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reflections

Would you die for your enemy? Christ did for you and me.
How do you respond?

Exodus 17:1-7

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Reflections

Because we are not of the culture of Jesus time, we don’t appreciate how remarkable and outrageous it was for Jesus to treat this woman from a racial and religious minority with dignity and as an equal. Surely, we no longer have these attitudes and behaviors. Yet violence and attacks on human rights are on the rise against to the same type of people in our own day. When you have the chance to be like Jesus, be like Jesus every time.
When was the last time you had the chance? What did you do?

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Warnings from Israel’s History

I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reflections

Today’s scripture requires a little history. God saved the nation of Israel from the Egyptians. They all witnessed the miracles, God brought them safely through the sea, fed them with bread from heaven, gave them water from a rock. And despite all this most failed and died in the wilderness never seeing the promised land. Verses 1-12 is Paul saying, don’t be like them. And then there is the promise, you will be tested, and God will always provide a solution.
What is testing you now?
Where are you turning for solutions?

Friday, March 17, 2023

Rules for the New Life

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Reflections

There is a lot of good stuff here but “putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor” vs. 25, is what really got my attention today. Words matter and every time we speak or write we should use our very highest standards. Every . single . time. If you don’t know for certain that what you are about to say is true, will build someone up, will be graceful, then best to say nothing at all.

John 4:5-9

1 Corinthians 10

Ephesians 4:25-32

Romans 5:8