

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS/BLESSINGS/PRAISES/HOPE

- *The Greatest Thing ever found on Easter wasn't eggs. It was an Empty Tomb.
- *Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church, but He did say that the church should go to the whole world.
- *Way Maker - Miracle Worker- Promise Keeper - Light in the Darkness - my GOD - that is Who You are!
- *Appreciate those who are happy for you and sad for your sadness. These are people to truly treasure. Amen.
- *God never sends you into a situation alone. God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now, be confident. God is with you.
- *Another way to hear GOD's Word each week - Call 717-200-1380 to hear our latest Worship services.
- *New beginnings, healthy living and happiness

CONCERNS

- *Prayers for friends from the food pantry, Virginia and John
- *Prayers for Jennifer deFontes
- *June Bowers passed Sunday morning, March 21, 2021. Be in prayer for her son Ralph and Francis Bowers and their family and friends.
- *Prayers for Joy Stoermer for the loss of her sister-in-law, Pamela Scarff. She was a teacher for many years and became assistant principal before she retired. Pam had a history of heart problems which was what she succumbed to. Prayers for the Scarff family, especially, Pam's father, Harold Stewart who at age 100 is deeply grieving the loss of his daughter Pam. And prayers for the rest of her family that she leaves behind.
- *Prayers for Reed Anderson (attorney living in New Park) has been hospitalized for COVID-19 and placed on a ventilator.
- *Mike Vahey has fallen and has a broken hip. Please keep Mike and Betsy in your prayers.
- *Miss Arlyne, she's weakening every day. Prayers for the Hoke/Dickson Family. She has stage 4 cancer, and has declined chemotherapy.
- *Prayers for all those families who recently had a loved one pass away.
- *Please pray for the little children crossing the border. Keep them in your prayers for their safety and protection.
- *Prayers for the Brother-in-law of Jean S. - Lee Bennett and his wife Betty living in Washington State.
- *Continued prayers for the complete healing of Dennis McCleary. Be with Jean as his caregiver.
- *Continued prayers for Mark and Betty Starck, John Malachowski, Dan Leckrone, Steve Freeman and Pauline Biggley.
- *Prayers for Jerry Rohrbaugh and Ralph Bowers.
- *Prayers for all those in jobs performing cleaning and maintenance projects in the hospitals and nursing homes.
- *Prayer for all the many other Religious activities (Baptisms, Birthdays, Burials, Communion, etc.) that cannot be fully celebrated and attended due to conditions and results from the virus.
- *Prayers for all COVID and Cancer Patients and others with medical problems.
- *Prayers for UMCOR.
- *Prayers for the AWOL work camp, March 29- April 3.
- *Pray for the April 2022, Jesus Christ SUPERSTAR to be held at the Allegro Winery.
- *Prayers for the Medical Staff - Doctors, Nurses, Technicians, etc. in Hospitals and Nursing Homes, etc.
- *Prayer for all those hurting - physically, emotionally and spiritually
- *Prayers for all upcoming weddings.
- *Pray for small businesses.
- *Prayers for the Kids Connection.
- *Pray for the Food Ministry now serving about 55 households in Stewartstown.
- *Prayers for the elderly.



Any new prayer requests or updates, please call or text Ev Barrows at 717-818-2874, or email: ebarrows@zoominternet.net. Please inform the church office of those hospitalized or at home recuperating so that we are able to *connect* and *care* for them during their time of healing.



STEWARTSTOWN SENIOR CENTER MEALS

The Senior Center here in town, provides meals on Wednesday every week. You get a hot meal for Wednesday, and a frozen meal (TV dinner) for Thursday and one for Friday. With every hot meal you get a slice of bread or roll and a dessert. With every frozen meal you get a slice of bread, a half pint carton of milk, a 4 oz. container of juice and a cookie. They ask for a donation of \$1.00 per meal. The meals are made and delivered to the Senior Center by The Nutrition Group. You must be 60 years of age to get the meals. You need to fill out an intake form and provide a copy of your photo ID. Please call the Senior Center at 717-993-3488 for more details.



We have received the license to stage Jesus Christ Superstar during Holy Week of 2022 culminating in a Community Easter worship. The events will be held at Allegro Winery.

We are asking the entire church to be involved in this outreach ministry that we believe will impact our church for years to come. If you wish to help in any way, from prayer to food prep to setting up chairs, contact the music ministry office 717-993-2507 x11 or musicministry@stewartstownumc.org



ANOTHER WAY TO HEAR WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Call 717-200-1380

To hear our latest services

The Company of Praise will present an outdoor concert Sat., April 3 at 2pm at Summer's Ice Cream Stand. The singers will wear masks and shields. We ask that anyone that comes to listen and buy ice cream to please park at SUMC and walk to Summer's as parking will be quite limited. The concert will last approximately 1 hour.

Financial Giving Update \$ 82,007 YTD (81.0 % of Budget) as of March 21, 2021

Making a financial donation can be done in several ways:

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

Set up online giving through our website link sumc.churchcenter.com/giving

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

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting Stewartstown United Methodist Church.

Drive up Food pantry distributions are available for those in need every Saturday morning from 10 am – 12 pm



Thank you to all the volunteers who have kept the food ministry running smoothly, and for the generous donations of food as well.

At this time, we are asking for limited food donations, but asking for people to volunteer to assist with the distribution of the food. [Sign up for food donations.](#) Please [sign up to assist](#) with the food distribution <https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/8050e44aba623abf85-sumc1>

THE MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM FALL 2021

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM INTEREST MEETING

MAY 4TH • 7 PM VIA ZOOM

A New CLASS of the Ministry of Spiritual Direction program begins September 2021



Join Us!

for an informational meeting to learn about the program and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The Ministry of Spiritual Direction Program comes out of the Center for Spiritual Formation.

For more information visit centerformation.org

TO REGISTER FOR MEETING VISIT: [HTTP://BIT.LY/MINISTRYOFSPRITUALDIRECTION2021](http://bit.ly/MinistryofSpiritualDirection2021)

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, 3/28
worship 9 & 11 am

Maundy Thursday, 4/1
worship at 7 pm

Good Friday, 4/2
worship at 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4
10:30 am Outside Worship (weather permitting) or
9:00 am & 11:00 am Inside Worship

Birthdays

Mar 26

Pearl Carson
Ryan Herbert
Shirley Little

Mar 27

Stella Ferraiuolo

Mar 28

Christina Wagner
Karen Starr
Mary McSorley

Mar 30

Carol Knepley
Charles Cadden
Olivia Leatherman

April 1

Carrie McClockey
Megan Plasterer

April 2

Lynn Skovran

April 3

Nancy Hairfield

April 4

Quin Toomey

April 5

Joe Shanabrough
Rosie Hull



*Welcome to Stewartstown
United Methodist Church*

Sunday, March 28, 2021

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the World*

The Well Worship 9:00 am

Praise Songs

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
Great Are You Lord

Scriptures

Mark 11:1-11

Time of Sharing

Message

Covenant: What Happens When You Assume

Pastor Keith

Closing Song

How He Loves

Kids Connection 9:30-10:45

Adult Sunday School Class 9:45 – 10:45

Traditional Worship 11:00 am

Prelude

The Palms

arr. Faure

Welcome to Worship

Hymn #278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer Hymn #277

Tell Me The Stories of Jesus

Prayer

Scriptures

Mark 11:1-11

Message

Covenant: What Happens When You Assume

Pastor Keith

Hymn #299

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Pastor David

Establishing the Cross

Hymn #288

Were you There?

Cello Solo, Jake Hebel

Please leave in silence. If you wish, you may place your palms at the foot of the cross.

Worship will be held in the sanctuary following all CDC guidelines. Important reminders:
Masks are required at all times. Face shields may be worn, in addition, to a mask as an additional precaution.
Social distancing of at least 6 feet using the marked seating areas. Please be sure to sign the COVID screening log as you enter the building. No congregational singing when inside.

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Please call and leave a message to schedule an appointment with staff members or to gain access to the facility.

Friday, April 2, 2021 Psalm 22:1-4 and Read the account of the crucifixion - John 18:1-19:42

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. 3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. 4 In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Notes and Prayer

You may recognize the beginning of Psalm 22 as being quoted/prayed by Jesus on the cross. The pattern is the pattern of our daily lives. The temptation to despair, that we and all our efforts do not make a difference. Yet in our brokenness we trust in God and are delivered another day. Pray the Psalm for your own circumstances. Take time to sit quietly and meditate on the crucifixion.

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24

*3:1 I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath;
3:2 he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light;
3:3 against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long.
3:4 He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones;
3:5 he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation;
3:6 he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago.
3:7 He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me;
3:8 though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer;
3:9 he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked.
3:19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
3:20 My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
3:21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
3:22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
3:23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
3:24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."*

Notes and Prayer

"It is just one of those days." There are Tomblike times in our lives that may be as short as a moment in a day or a season. Times when we feel bottomed out, cold and dark. Like our internal furnace has gone out and nothing is happening. Yet we endure those times when we remember - the faithfulness of God, and Easter is coming. Pray the psalm.



**Daily Devotional Readings
for the week of
March 29 – April 3, 2021**

Monday, March 29, 2021

Isaiah 42:1-9

42:1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Notes

The church has always found help understanding the Jesus event through the prophet Isaiah. Jesus quotes Isaiah 61:1,2 as his mission statement. (Luke 4:17-21). His followers continue his life and mission.

How are you allowing God to use you to care, to heal, to work to establish justice? The Lord cannot be stopped and will not stop until the work is finished.

Prayer

Lord, there is a work that you are doing in me and through me. With you, there is no fainting, I will not be crushed, if I stand with you for justice.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. 26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Notes

How is the cross foolish compared to the wisdom of the world? The cross says the way to strength and life is through loving self-sacrifice and vulnerable service. This is the opposite of the so-called wisdom of the world which declares we need to be tough and strong through war on poverty, war on drugs, walls for immigrants. Yet our experience and research shows these are not working. So the world tries the same ineffectual ways only harder. But we have evidence that treating immigration and refugee problems with development vs. walls, treating drug problems as health issues vs. war on drugs/crime, treating poverty as a relationship issue vs. a material issue/war.

Prayer

Lord, the world despised you and your ways. If I am comfortable with your ways because I have accommodated the world, please forgive me and renew and put a right spirit in me. Teach me once again your way, the way of the cross, the way of redemption for all creation.



"From Easter to Pentecost: The Emerging Church in Toxic Times"

Beginning on Wednesday, April 14th and concluding on Wednesday May 12th, Pastor Ed Zeiders will lead **Part One** of the study and will explore the early chapters of the Book of Acts. The focus will explore the challenges and conflicts the early Christians and congregations faced. What does it mean to be "in the world,

but not of the world?" Beginning on May 26th and concluding on June 16th, **Part Two** of the class will look at the Pentecost experience with a focus on both the personal and congregational nature of "Life in the Power of the Spirit." Classes will be held in the sanctuary from 10:00AM until 11:30AM. Social distancing will be observed. Please contact Connie Zetterman to enroll in the classes. Register for either or both parts as desired.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Notes and Prayer

The same joy that was set before Jesus is set before you and me. Can you see the course you need to run? Pray for clarity and perseverance. What are the weights and sins holding you back? Pray your confessions and be set free. What makes you weary or lose heart? Remember what Christ endured as did those who went before us and cheer us on now!

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday - John 13:12-17, 31-35

13:12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

13:31b When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Notes

Maundy Thursday - maundy from the Latin which means command in reference to John 13:34. How do you fulfill the commandment? Footwashing love.

Prayer

Lord, we complicate relationships - beneath the endless list including pride, shame, false faces, politics, posturing, shame, guilt, fear, - you ask us to simply love as you love - what is always best for the other. Teach us to love as you love. Love without counting the cost. Love that is always costly.