

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS

- Thank you for Sunshine, Friends and Family.
- Victory in Jesus!!! Always was - Always will be!!!
- All God's Children.
- Thank God for friends who include me in their gatherings.
- Beauty and joy and relaxation of summer.
- No surgery needed on my Achilles injury.
- The awesome students in our summer theater and the folks who brought the show together.
- Prayers for young man entering the ministry speaking at his home church today.
- SINGING IN THE RAIN - Stewartstown SUMMER THEATRE (cast, crew, supporters). JULY 31 - AUG 10.
- Continued prayers for the on-going work for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.

CONCERNS

- Prayers for families and individuals that struggle with mental illness and/or addictions.
- Prayers for Yvonne and Jack on upcoming surgery and procedures.
- Prayers for Jose R.'s continued recovery from back surgery.
- Prayers for my brother-in-law, Ron B. who is dying of cancer who does not have Faith in his ultimate destiny. Thank you.
- Prayers for Larry M.'s upcoming surgery on Wednesday and Linda O. - ongoing chemo/radiation treatments.
- Prayers for Jenna and Jon.
- Pray for All God's Children.
- Prayers for Linda S. and ongoing medical issues.
- Thank you for continued prayers for Gracyn P. Thanks be to God for His Love, Grace and Mercy.
- My Dad continues to have memory/mental acuity issues. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers for Gene and Kathy F.
- Be with my wife, Nancy.
- Prayer for my Dad - Wiley with heart issue.
- Prayers for Stephen.
- Pray for the elderly.
- Prayers for all who have cancer and heat-related problems breathing.
- Tracey Covert, awaiting treatment for aggressive breast cancer

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

All our Recruits and Servicemen and Women
Our President and leaders all around the world
Our Sunday School Teachers and all Leaders of Our Church



Bible Study at the Parsonage led by Pastor Keith
Join us 7:00 - 8:30 on Thursday nights in the parsonage backyard. Bring your Bible and a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will meet inside.

No sign-up or rsvp needed.

Study will NOT be held on Aug 8



Stewartstown
Summer Theatre
Performances
July 31st –
August 10th

**Tickets for any shows
must be purchased by**

- ✓ order online at www.sumctheatre.com
- OR
- ✓ leave a message at the ticket number 717-993-7862.

Tickets are NOT available through the Main or Music offices.



Seeking special music for worship services during the summer months.

Soloist, small groups, instrumentalists welcome. To sign up, call the music ministry office (993-2507 x11) or sign up on the music office door. Dates available: Aug 11, 18, 25 and Sept 1



Pastor Ed will be leading a Wednesday morning Bible study from August 14 till Sept 18. Class will meet from 10 – 11:30 am in the church library. "The Parables and Miracle Stories". Register in the church office or come to the class.

GIVING UPDATE AS OF JULY 28, 2019

Total Needed \$257,456
Actual Giving \$243,061

Give on Line Stewartstownumc.org/give.

Thank you for your generosity & financial commitment to Stewartstown United Methodist Church



The Veteran Service Officer will be at the Stewartstown Senior Center on August 14, 2019 from 8 am – 2 pm. All veterans, of any age, can make an appointment to see the VSO. Call the center at 717-993-3488 to be scheduled. If you know a veteran, please pass on the information about this valuable free service.

Announcements

Library News

Book Review 241.4 Dim A Garden of Virtues
Through the past several decades, we have seen the steady erosion of a common moral authority in America. The stories, quotations, scripture selections, and poetry included in this book remind us that our moral authority is God. His nature sets the absolute standard. The qualities that comprise the character of God are the essence of what is right for all society. This book will call you to virtue again.

Free Books - Here are books that were removed from the library. They are on the 2nd shelf of the library book cart.

Praying for Those You Love by Jack Hayford

When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box

by John Ortberg

God Is Closer Than You Think by John Ortberg

Jesus: Life Coach by Laurie Beth Jones

#Struggles by Craig Groeschel

Happy Birthday

8/3: Gene Fix
8/4: Beth Waltemire, Timmy Hughes
8/5: Susan Herbert, Steve Helfrich
8/6: Matthew Breault, Rebecca Wood
8/7: Leah Klein, Susan Paglia, Bill Herbert
8/8: Darlene Taylor
8/9: Jaimee Myers
8/10: Jean Maniford, Pat Dablock, Polly Kreiss

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EVENTS

August 4 – August 11, 2019

Sunday, 8/4

10:00-11:00 am Combined Summer Worship, *Sanctuary*
11 am – 12 pm Adult Sunday School, *Heritage Hall*
12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
12:45 pm Dessert Matinee, *Heritage Hall*
2:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance

Monday, 8/5

8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*

Tuesday, 8/6

8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*
7:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance

Wednesday, 8/7

8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*
7:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance
7:00-9:00 pm Ping Pong 4 All, *Stewartstown Community Bldg*

Thursday, 8/8

8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*
2:30 pm Library Committee, *Library*
7:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance

Friday, 8/9

8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*
7:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance
7:00-9:00 pm Ping Pong 4 All, *Stewartstown Community Bldg*

Saturday, 8/10

12:45 pm Dessert Matinee, *Heritage Hall*
2:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance
7:00 pm Singin' In the Rain Performance

Sunday, 8/11

10:00-11:00 am Combined Summer Worship, *Sanctuary*
11 am – 12pm Combined Adult Sunday School, *HH*
12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
1:00-5:00 pm Theatre Set Strike



Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

Sunday, August 4, 2019

10:00 am Combined Worship

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Gounod

Welcome Pastor Keith

***Opening Praise**
Your Grace is Enough
Grace Greater Than Our Sin

***Greeting One Another**

Prayer Song Revelation Song

Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Scripture Lessons
Genesis 1:26
1 John 3:17-18
Matthew 9:35-36

Message Pastor Keith
Serving God, Made for Service to Others

Special Music Seek Ye First Klein Family

Holy Communion
There Is A Fountain
The Lamb Is Worthy
O Happy Day

Choral Benediction Go Now In Peace

Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Today's Servant Volunteers

Worship Band – David McDowell, GJ Emge, Nate Herbert, Ryan Keeney & Levi Tart
Organist – Gloria Winemiller
Liturgist – Paul Nesbitt
Ushers – Jeff Beatty, Bob Hoyt, Gail Nesbitt
Audio/Visual – John Malachowski and Chuck Bosley
Nursery – Kim Hoyt and Carl Rader

The Klein family assists us in worship this morning. Thank you for offering your musical talents in worship today.

Know



Love



Serve



Summer
Combined Adult
Sunday School
11:00 am
Heritage Hall

Knowing God

Loving God

Serving God

Wednesday, August 7
Greater than circumstances
Genesis 45:5

And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Notes

Joseph was thrown into a pit to die, sold into slavery, falsely accused, imprisoned, and almost sentenced to death. Yet God's purpose is greater than any circumstances. How has your life been? How has God used your life experiences to position you to do things for God's glory?

Prayer

God, instead of complaint, Christ embraced suffering to accomplish Your will and invites me to do the same. Forgive me for the insult of only doing what is convenient and painless.

Thursday, August 8
Everything is backward
Mark 10:31

But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Notes

Christians have a problem because we think we are special. We think that Jesus is on our side and everyone else are poor losers who don't know God and are not going to that special place that is just for folks like us. So when Jesus tells us that this is backwards it is hard to hear. How do we think of ourselves as "special" and look down at others? Jesus tells us to "knock it off"

Prayer

Jesus teach me to serve as you served, to love as you loved, and to count it gain when I am least of all.

Friday, August 9
Show me
1 John 3:17-18

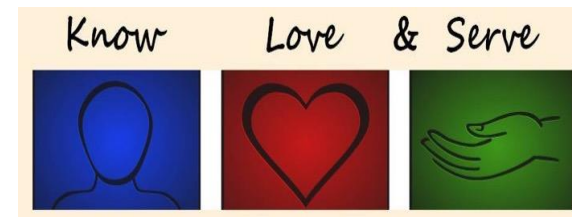
How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

Notes

Talk costs us nothing and unless backed up by action it means nothing. Tell someone what is most important in your life. Then show them a record of how you spent your time and energy in the last week. Repent, repeat.

Prayer

Lord you call for truly authentic lives where the loving heart is expressed in action and our actions reflect a loving heart. May all my actions flow from a heart of love.



Serving God
August 4 - Session 1
Made for Service to Others

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. Matthew 9:35

Journeying with God Leads to Other People

- Every journey with God leads to other people. "Our" = Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- Right from the beginning, God introduces the concept of community.
- God made Adam and Eve, who had Cain and Abel and Seth—community.
- We are meant to be dependent on one another.
- We survive by sharing our gifts and talents with others—that's the way God created us to be.
- Joseph was led away from his family but toward God. *The Lord was with Joseph.* Genesis 39:2a
- Joseph was on a journey that led to community.
- When we commit to following God, we can be sure that we will be doing it in community.

Learn About Serving From Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45

- If you want to see God, look to Jesus. Jesus is God with skin on.
- In story after story in the Gospel Jesus is serving—healing others, teaching, raising people from the dead, comforting.
Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. Luke 7:11-17
- Compassion means to suffer alongside someone.
- Jesus' heart broke and then he acted. He healed people because he loved them and loved serving them.
- Jesus was downwardly mobile—a carpenter who preached, taught, healed, served; a working king.
So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.' Mark 10:42-45

When we follow Christ, we want to look like him; what does that mean?

- Christ looks like a servant who comes to serve,
- Christ looks like the face of compassion. (When he sees people suffering, his heart breaks.)
- Christ teaches about God and what it looks like to live in God's kingdom.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11

- The way of Jesus is serving others—loving people the way that Jesus loved them.

The Church Serves

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

- We need one another to serve in community.
- The early church identified themselves as servants—being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.
 - They:
 - brought health and healing to a hurting world;
 - took care of orphans and widows—those who couldn't care for themselves;
 - preached about Christ, sharing the good news of the kingdom of God; and
 - prayed for people's physical, emotional, and spiritual sicknesses.
- Our goal as the church is to continue the work of Christ.
- We don't have to look very far to find people in need.
- We should be moved and compelled to serve as Jesus did.
- We identify a need—prompted by a broken heart.
- Knowing God = Showing God.
- John Wesley believed it is as important to live out one's faith as to profess it. He knew that suffering and need had to be addressed before the good news would have meaning.



Monday, August 5

On a mission

Matthew 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.'

Notes

Jesus Christ calls us to follow and Christ is on a mission to save the world. So, that means you and I are on a mission too. How does that change your plans for today?

Prayer

Priority one, follow you Lord, help me to stay on the only tasks that matter in the end, Your tasks.

Tuesday, August 6

Call to care

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,* and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'*

Notes

Dominion or sovereignty is about responsibility, power, and identity. We care for creation because that is our identity as ordered by God who holds the ultimate authority and power. What will you do with the portion of creation that is your direct responsibility today?

Prayer

Lord, you have given us the power to destroy or to cultivate your creation. Teach us your ways of loving care for all that you have made.