

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS



- *Blessings to everyone, God is always with us.
- *God Bless the United States of America.
- *Blessings of love, joy and fortitude to all those reaching out to others during this time
- *Thank you for those teaching our children during these trying times. The teachers in Schools and Colleges and other Learning Support Centers. The Moms, Dads, Grandparents and other Relatives and Friends. Supervising kids with their schoolwork -- Because They Care.
- *The blessings of all the Youth Groups and Leaders.
- *Blessings for God's Patience.
- *Celebration for all the Food Pantries delivering and giving out food to those in need. SUMC - Drive up Food Pantry distributions are available for anyone that has a need - Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10AM-NOON.
- *REMINDER: To VOTE - Either by mail or In person for the upcoming elections.
- *Enjoy the refreshing Beautiful Fall Season!!

CONCERNS

- *Healing Blessings go out to Our President and 1st Lady and other Administrative Staff members.
- *Many prayers go out to the Family and Friends of Ray Rohrback on his passing from cancer. Thoughts of love and heartfelt encouragement go to his wife Diana and son, Justin.
- *Pray for the family and friends of Corinne Gibbs who passed away at the Lutheran Nursing Home in Shrewsbury. A VERY FAITHFUL FOLLOWER
- *Please add Tommy Morrow to your prayer list. He is son of Gerri M. Lives in Leesburg, VA with his wife, Renee
- *Also, please continue to pray for the Alpaugh and Manker families in prayer at the passing of Ginny Alpaugh
- *Prayers for Vanessa Nickens losing her son.
- *Continued prayers for the family and friends of Dr. Craig A. Manifold, Ray's brother.
- *Pray for all those who recently lost loved ones.
- *Prayers for the health and wellness of Sandy's daughter, Cathy and Leah's fracture and Charlotte's development.
- *Keep Glenn Spamer and Kathy Yeager in your prayers.
- *Continue your prayers for Jerry R.'s granddaughter, Cady with a condition called Bell's palsy. Prayers would be much appreciated.
- *Continued prayers for Gene and Kathy as Gene remains hospitalized.
- *Continue prayers for Mike and Betsy V., Sandy and Don W., Willy G., Vicki H., Jane H., Denise W., Michelle P/D, and Mai C.
- *Prayers for those in Nursing Homes/Hospitals/Rehabs; the workers and doctors also.
- *Pray for those close to the forest fires out West.
- *Pray for our grandchildren and all the little children with all the dangers and changes they are going through.
- *Pray for all those suffering from the COVID virus. Give them comfort and strength. Be with the doctors and nurses and medical staff.
- *Continued prayers for Kim's Mom, living out-of-State.
- *Pray for all those fighting cancer.
- *Pray for our leaders throughout the U.S.A. and the WORLD.
- *Pray for all God's churches throughout the World.

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. *Last names are only listed if permission was given by immediate family member.*



Drive up Food pantry distributions are available for anyone that has a need

Tuesdays and Saturdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thank you to all the volunteers who have kept the food ministry running smoothly, and for the generous donations of food as well. Please use the links below to sign up to [donate food](#) (<https://ttsu.me/vrc5ec> and [sign up to assist](#) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e44aba623abf85-sumc1>

Birthdays

- Oct 10 Lesli Kunkle, Lillian Lay, Stacy Kuhns
- Oct 11 David McDowell
- Oct 12 Jason Weirich, Mia Stiffler
- Oct 13 Autum Boyer, Linda Henry, Samantha Roedts
- Oct 15 Robert Hoyt
- Oct 16 Jacqueline Geiple, Jenni Sipe
- Oct 17 Nathan McCloskey
- Oct 19 Jill Hamme, Kelli Landis

The Board of Trustees have scheduled a **Fall Church Pride** day for **Saturday, Nov 7th** with



Nov 14th being held if weather doesn't permit outside care on Nov 7th. Please mark your calendar. There is something for everyone to do to help with in caring for the church facility and property.

Save the Date
October 31st
TRUNK OR TREAT
Donations of candy are welcome!

Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

For a four-week period this fall, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (not just money but time and energy as well) affects our spiritual and emotional lives. Starting on Sunday, October 25, we will begin a new sermon series called *Treasure*. We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will receive commitment cards in the mail, and cards will be available at Sunday services. We will consecrate these commitment cards at worship on Sunday, November 15. Cards may also be returned through the mail drop slot in the ramp door or mailed to the church. Plan to join us in the coming weeks as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can free ourselves from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.



Financial Giving Update \$ 307,969 YTD (88.9% of Budget) as of October 4, 2020

Making a financial donation can be done in several ways:

- Use the wooden offering box as you enter or while leaving worship
- 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.

Learning Support Center

at Stewartstown United Methodist Church



Helping families juggle work with supervising kids schoolwork

- Supervised learning program for small groups of school-aged children to complete assigned schoolwork
- Also includes times for snacks, lunch, and recreation
- Creative opportunities, enrichment activities, and skills development, plus formation of new friendships

Grades K- 8
Open 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Mon.- Fri.
(can enroll for up to 5 days/week)

Details, tuition rate, and enrollment information at
www.stewartstownumc.org/learning-support

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“The Scripture, The Prayers, and the Music for the Holy Days” is a teaching of preparation for Advent and Christmas. In person Bible study with Pastor Ed Zeiders on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 am in the sanctuary with social distancing. October 20 – November 17. Please register for this study by email to connie@stewartstownumc.org.



ZOOM Bible study led by Pastor Keith
Wednesday evenings @7 pm starting Oct 7



Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Surrender and Receive Your Life

Quit Blaming

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

9:00 am Worship at The Well

Welcome

Opening Praise

Come as You Are
Stand In Your Love

Purpose of The Well in Community

Reading and Message Set up

Genesis 3:6-13

Time of Sharing- Prayers of Petition & Celebration

Reflection Song

Trust In You

Message Follow Through

Closing Prayer & Song

No Longer Slaves

9:45 – 10:45 am Sunday School

Christian Sunshine (HH)

Wesleyan/1784 (Sanctuary)

Men's Group (Sexton office)

Parent's Group (Nursery)

11:00 am Worship

Prelude

Praise to the Lord Almighty

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn #79 vs 1

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Prayer Song

Jesus What A Beautiful Name

Prayer Time with The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 3:6-13

Message

Surrender and Receive Your Life: Quit Blaming

Pastor Keith Braucher

Time of Silence

Closing Hymn #473

Lead Me, Lord

New Fall Worship Schedule

Worship will be moving inside with social distancing guidelines.



9:00 am Worship at The Well
an informal, guitar led, interactive worship

9:30 – 10:45 am Kids Connection

9:45 – 10:45 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

a blended service with organ and piano

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The church office remains closed. Please call and leave a message to schedule an appointment with staff members or to gain access to the facility.



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.
We will check temperatures with a touchless thermometer
No congregational singing when inside.

Friday, October 16, 2020

1 Peter 5:1-5

Tending the Flock of God

5 Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you 2 to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. 3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. 5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Notes

In our individualistic and self-centered world everyone is an expert on everything. With age I increasingly understand that I do not know as much as I think and I have been flat out wrong about so many things.

What do you think you “know” that you need to question today?

What does appropriate humility look like for you?

Prayer

Lord, teach me to listen, to learn, to trust you, to admit when I am wrong, so that I may grow in grace.

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Psalm 99:1-5

Praise to God for His Holiness

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! 2 The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! 4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Notes

Sometimes we are afraid of someone because of what they will do to us if we get caught. Or we might be concerned because of how much we love someone and how much they love us so we don't want to let them down. Sometimes we apply those ways to God. But God is so so much more and one way or another God will have the final say. So, just maybe, we should pay attention to the truth that there is a Ruler of the Universe and it is not you or me.

Prayer

Lord, come to me like an earthquake. Shake up my world and shake me out of my disorder and self-centeredness. Awaken me to you and to your requirements. Holy are You!



Daily Devotional Readings for the week of October 11 – October 17, 2020

Surrender and Receive Your Life Quit Blaming

God given freedom of choice.

Monday, October 12, 2020

Jude 17-25

Warnings and Exhortations

17 But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 for they said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lusts.” 19 It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions. 20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; 21 keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on some who are wavering; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.

Benediction

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Notes

Heed Jude's warning that there are teachers who claim to be Christian but who are worldly, devoid of the spirit, following their own lusts. We need to be alert, thoughtful, and discerning. Jude then describes the antidote.

Prayer

Replace the word “you” with “me” and claim the benediction for your life.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Philippians 3:13-4:1

13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. 16 Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. 17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Notes

Where is your attention focused? What is behind or straining for what is ahead? To paraphrase something I read recently. We choose to live in hope and faith, that what we are doing is right and necessary and worth all our effort. Death isn't when your body stops working. Death is when there is no more future, when you can't see past right now because you stopped believing in tomorrow. But Paul is pointing out that tomorrow has already been won, so stand firm.

Prayer

Too easily, Lord, I cannot see past what is happening right now. I can get caught up in the world's way of reacting and looking for the immediate rather than the long term. Remind me once again of the scale of eternity as you bind me closer to you.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

2 Kings 17:7-9

Israel Carried Captive to Assyria

7 This occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They had worshiped other gods and walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had introduced. 9 The people of Israel secretly did things that were not right against the Lord their God.

Notes

God did not primarily give us rules, God gave us a way of life based upon a divine relationship. When we reject God's ways as Israel did we are weak and vulnerable. The world says national strength and security is based upon god, guns, and country where you hate your enemy, fear the stranger, and despise weakness. God says love your enemy, treat the immigrant or stranger like a family member, and care for the most vulnerable.

Prayer

Lord you give us your heart for the least and the lost. You teach us the way of the cross, that strength comes from weakness and vulnerability. You have shown us that your way of love has the strength to change the direction of all creation and ensure your victory over all things. I am slow to learn but willing.

Thursday, October 15, 2020

3 John 11

11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

Notes

John writes this in a passage about leadership problems in the church. Consistently the scriptures teach that our deeds reveal our heart and that good deeds can only come from God. There are many who claim "Christ" but their deeds will always tell.

Who do you imitate?

What do their deeds reveal?

What do your deeds say about your heart for God?

Prayer

Lord, may my calendar and my accounts reflect a heart for you and if they do not then correct me in my inner being as I seek to be faithful in all I do.



If you would like to electronically receive the daily devotionals each morning, please send a request to connie@stewartstownmc.org.