

# SUMC Weekly Prayer Page



## JOYS

- \*Praise for the good fortune of those at Life Path in York - No COVID.
- \*Blessings of happy memories of life of G.J.'s Dad for G.J. and his family.
- \*Derek's Grandmother is doing better.
- \*God Bless the United States of America.
- \*REMINDER: To VOTE - Either by mail or In person.
- \*Penny M's foot surgery went well. Pray for full recovery.
- \*FALL is here! Enjoy the refreshing Season!!

## CONCERNS

- \*Please pray for the Family of Dr. Craig A. Manifold (his wife Denise and children) of Helotes, Texas who suddenly died late Sunday evening. Craig is Ray's youngest brother. Craig was so humble, and his family was always so proud of him. He will be dearly missed by all.
- \*Continue prayers for Jane Brown and family regarding Pastor Bradley Brown's sudden death.
- \*Anne Z.'s Brother, Michael E. Ison passed away at the age of 69. He is at peace, and now pain-free. Mom, Dona Mae Ison is devastated. Please continue your loving prayers for my mother's peace. No mother should have to outlive her child. Prayers for Anne, Mark, Dona Mae and Mike's wife Sue and their family and friends. Thank you.
- \*Pray for all those who recently lost loved ones.
- \*Jerry R.'s granddaughter, Cady who woke up two months ago with a condition called Bell's palsy. They haven't been able to figure out what has caused it and she has shown no improvement. The whole left side of her face is paralyzed. Prayers would be much appreciated.
- \*Pray for Kim's Mom, Barbara S., hospitalized in Texas.
- \*My wife, Kathryn's Cousin, Denise W. has brain cancer. Thanks for your prayers.
- \*Pray for Jane H. healing from knee replacement.
- \*Pray for Michelle P recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- \*Pray for Sandy's granddaughter, Leah who had a fall in gymnastics.
- \*Pray for Gene and Kathy F.
- \*Continued prayers for Sandy and Don W.
- \*Mai C., Tina L.'s mother-in-law has been in the hospital in Arizona for the past 5 weeks. Please prayer for her.
- \*Pray for Mike and Betsy V.
- \*Prayers for Shawn C. He is locked down at Pleasant Acres and would love to get out after all these months. So with that, prayers are needed for all the nursing home shut-ins with COVID restrictions to be in quarantine. And the staffs as well. ( I know Elenor S. is feeling the same way)
- \*Pray for those close to the forest fires out West.
- \*Keep Vicki H. in your prayers.
- \*Friend's son, Michael, has been diagnosed with cancer. He goes Wednesday to discuss plan of treatment. Please pray for him. Thanks.
- \*Pray for our grandchildren with all the dangers and changes they are going through.
- \*Pray for all those suffering from the COVID virus. Give them comfort and strength.
- \*Pray for our leaders throughout the U.S.A. and the WORLD.
- \*Prayers for baby Charlotte and her growth and development

Any new prayer requests or updates, please call or text Ev Barrows at 717-818-2874, or Email: [ebarrows@zoominternet.net](mailto: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.



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

Tuesdays and Saturdays  
from 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) (<https://ttsu.me/vrc5ec> and [sign up to assist](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E44ABA623ABF85-sumc1) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E44ABA623ABF85-sumc1>.

## STUNTS Youth Group invites all 6th through 12 Graders to the Fall Fun Fest!

October 17th 10 am – 3 pm

at Stewartstown United Methodist Church  
(outside weather permitting)

### Fun - Food - Friends - Fellowship

Fun - *Scavenger Hunt, Pumpkin Carving, Crafts, Games, and more!*

Food- *Goodies and food from the grill!*

Friends- *Have a great time with your friends and make new ones!*

Fellowship - *Learn & Share about God's love and friendship*

Please register at [stewartstownumc.org/students](http://stewartstownumc.org/students)

Questions?

Please email: [stunts@stewartstownumc.org](mailto:stunts@stewartstownumc.org)

Remember to bring a lawn chair and wear your mask. Dress for play and fun!



## Birthdays

- Sept 27 Dustin Dablock
- Sept 28 Keith Kurtz, Pearl Madden
- Sept 29 Caleb Bakalyar, Hilda Miller, Owen Martin
- Oct 1 Jennifer McGraw, Marcia Vanover
- Oct 2 Carol Jones
- Oct 3 Helen Lytle
- Oct 4 Joan Hovatter

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 \$ 287,335 YTD (87.3% of Budget) as of September 20, 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](http://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](http://www.stewartstownumc.org/learning-support)

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*Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church*

## *Sunday, September 27, 2020* *Surrender and Receive Your Life*

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

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Pastor Keith Braucher

**Opening Hymn #133**

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

**Praise Song**

For the Lord is Good

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayer Song**

The Potters Hands

**Prayer Time with The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Lessons**

Psalm 51:1-2, Acts 5:1-11, John 8:31-32

**Message**

Surrender and Receive Your Life – Quit Lying

Pastor Keith Braucher

**Closing Song**

The Way

**New Fall Worship Schedule beginning Sunday, October 4, 2020**

*Worship will be moving inside with social distancing guidelines.*



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

**9:15 – 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.



**Friday, October 2, 2020**

**Philippians 2:14-18**

*14 Do all things without murmuring and arguing, 15 so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. 16 It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— 18 and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.*

**Notes**

What if we committed ourselves to never ever complaining? I have suggested some couples and families have a complaints jar. Behavior changes quickly if your complaint is going to immediately cost you \$10 or \$20 dollars.

**Prayer**

Lord, forgive my whining, give me words that uplift as I hold fast to the words of life in You.

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**Exodus 23:10-13**

**Sabbatical Year and Sabbath**

*10 For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; 11 but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.*

*12 Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and the resident alien may be refreshed. 13 Be attentive to all that I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.*

**Notes**

God has designed us for a 6 and 1 pattern of life. There is overwhelming evidence that completely unplugging one day out of seven has major mental, physical and spiritual health benefits. Separate from the sabbath teaching, the standard rhythm to maximize spiritual growth is one hour a day, one day a month, one week a year spent alone with God. What is one change you can make to move you towards better health grounded in God?

**Prayer**

Lord, I am too easily caught up in the rhythms of the world rather than the dance tune that you sing. I acknowledge that the thought of letting go and letting You run my life frightens me. Teach me your way, ground my life in you and alone.



**Daily Devotional Readings for the  
week of  
September 27 –October 3, 2020**

**Surrender and Receive Your Life  
Quit lying**

*Lying and pretense are deeply ingrained but God's plan is for us to live in truth.*

**Monday, September 28, 2020**

**Philippians 1:3,6, 9-11**

**Paul's Prayer for the Philippians**

*3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

**Notes**

Notice how Paul refers to the process of the Christian life. What is the good work that God began in you/us? How is God increasing knowledge and full insight in you/us?

**Prayer**

Thank-you for the good things you have done in my life. May my heart and life be open to what you wish to increase in my heart and mind today.

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020 - Psalm 42 (The Message)**

**A psalm of the sons of Korah**

*42 1-3 A white-tailed deer drinks from the creek; I want to drink God, deep draughts of God.*

*I'm thirsty for God-alive. I wonder, "Will I ever make it— arrive and drink in God's presence?"*

*I'm on a diet of tears— tears for breakfast, tears for supper. All day long people knock at my door, Pestering, "Where is this God of yours?"*

*4 These are the things I go over and over, emptying out the pockets of my life. I was always at the head of the worshipping crowd, right out in front, Leading them all, eager to arrive and worship, Shouting praises, singing thanksgiving—celebrating, all of us, God's feast!*

*5 Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul? Why are you crying the blues? Fix my eyes on God— soon I'll be praising again. He puts a smile on my face. He's my God.*

*6-8 When my soul is in the dumps, I rehearse everything I know of you, From Jordan depths to Hermon heights, including Mount Mizar. Chaos calls to chaos, to the tune of whitewater rapids. Your breaking surf, your thundering breakers crash and crush me. Then God promises to love me all day, sing songs all through the night! My life is God's prayer.*

*9-10 Sometimes I ask God, my rock-solid God, "Why did you let me down? Why am I walking around in tears, harassed by enemies?" They're out for the kill, these tormentors with their obscenities, Taunting day after day, "Where is this God of yours?"*

*11 Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul? Why are you crying the blues? Fix my eyes on God— soon I'll be praising again. He puts a smile on my face. He's my God.*

**Notes**

Read the Psalm several times. What word or phrase draws your attention?

What is God saying to you?

What do you want to say to God?

**Prayer**

Hear my prayers, as I pray maybe down in the dumps, maybe with the smile you put on my face, I proclaim you my rock-solid God. I will trusty You always.

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

**Matthew 9:2-8**

**Jesus Heals a Paralytic**

*2 And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." 3 Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." 4 But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"*

*5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? 6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." 7 And he stood up and went to his home. 8 When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.*

**Notes**

Note how Jesus knows hearts and what is needed. Some hearts need forgiveness, some need conviction.

What does your heart need? How does it feel to know that God knows and responds?

**Prayer**

Hear my heart's need and longing Lord. I listen and obey.

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**Exodus 23:1-9**

**Justice for All**

*23 You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness. 2 You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice; 3 nor shall you be partial to the poor in a lawsuit. 4 When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back. 5 When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free. 6 You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in their lawsuits. 7 Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and those in the right, for I will not acquit the guilty. 8 You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the officials, and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. 9 You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.*

**Notes**

As long as there have been human beings we have spread false information, born false witness, jumped in with the majority even though they are wrong, hurt others with false charges, oppressed the poor and the aliens (immigrants) Social media enables us to be super-spreaders. Where have you passed along lies or not confronted others who are spreading untruths? We don't want to be seen as an outsider or causing difficulty yet God sees our hearts and our actions. It is also interesting that on some level all of us who are not descendants of Native Americans are alien/immigrant.

**Prayer**

Forgive us Lord for ignoring justice. For our lack of attentiveness to truth-telling. For our judgments against others as we divide your family into us vs. them. Show us the way of the true heart filled with your peace, the way of justice.



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