

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS

- Prayers for Pastors Keith and Dave and Our Church Family.
- Thank you Lord for a Wonderful Pastor.
- Praise for David's healing.
- Prayers for President Trump and Our Country.
- Prayers for the upcoming wedding of daughter, Felicia C. and Steve L.
- All God's Children.
- I got the job at the eye doctor's. The prayers helped. Thank you!!!
- The joy of a nice vacation and the break from work.
- Continued prayers for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.

CONCERNS

- Prayers for JoAnne C. having knee replacement and Jim S. having shoulder replacement on their upcoming surgeries on Wednesday.
- Prayers for Brett L. suffering from mental illness to seek medication he needs to suppress this issue. His "Mom" is requesting prayers for her son -- from Helping Hands Food Run on Saturday in York.
- Prayers for the Bakalyar Family.
- Prayers for Dick and Helen H.
- Prayers for Susan P. recovering from surgery last week.
- Pray for Linda O. thru her hard times.
- Pray for everyone who is having or recovering from surgery. For everyone's basic physical and emotional needs to be met.
- All in our world needing your guidance Dear Lord.
- Prayers for my sister-in-law, Pam S. still in hospital and safe return travels to California for my sister, Rose.
- Prayers for young people to want a relationship with you. Keep them safe in this world.
- Prayers of healing for Pauline B.
- Prayers for my father-in-law, Bill in the hospital - Prayers for comfort.
- Prayers for my friend, Reid, suffering from aggressive prostate cancer and facing consequent financial struggles.
- Prayers for Norma B. with health issues.
- Prayers for a family friend, Linda, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Pray for All God's Children.
- Prayers for all individuals and families that struggle with mental illness and/or addictions.
- Pray for my wife, Nancy.
- Prayers for continued healing for Jerry R. in Rehab.
- Prayers for Brittany for healing from wisdom teeth removal and Tony for a better job.
- Prayers for our Country.
- Prayers for residents at Westminster Place, especially those experiencing illness, loneliness and deaths of loved ones.
- Please continue to lift Gracyn P. in prayer and her family. Thanks be to God for His Love, Grace and Mercy.
- Prayers for wisdom in choosing new windows for our home.
- Prayers for those grieving the loss of a beloved pet and not being able to say goodbye

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



TIME TO SEND OUR COLLEGE KIDS
MORE THAN PIZZA!!

Seeking college care kit donations

HYGIENE PRODUCTS, GIFT CARDS, SNACKS AND
CANNED SOUPS

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE
DONATION BOX OUTSIDE THE YOUTH ROOM
BY 10.20

October 20, 2019

Ending HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

Register to Walk or donate here
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/stewartstownpa>

Stewartstown Senior Center News

Matt from the Veterans office, will be here on October 9th to talk to veterans about any issues you may have with the military. If you would like to talk to Matt, please schedule an appointment by calling 717-993-3488.

Public Chip Beef Breakfast will be served on October 17th from 7:00-9:30 am.

Place an order for Apple Dumplings by calling 717-993-3488 by October 22nd.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The people of The United Methodist Church umcivgiving.org/WCS

Please use the enclosed envelope to give a donation today which helps promising young adults to become leaders for Christ.

Due to the enhancements in the sanctuary, there will be (6) 14 foot pews available for a suggested donation over \$50. If you are interested in any of the pews, please contact the church office. We will take names for the pews and contact you when they are available for pick-up.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To everyone who helped with and supported the first, and hopefully, annual Peach Festival! We did so well...over \$2000 toward the September 2020 Mission trip to Kenya! It would not have been this successful without the support of so many of our congregation! If you feel even a slight pull toward joining the team please call Janet @ 717-858-8588 to talk about it. Take the chance to serve as Jesus has commanded us. We are all called to different missions...perhaps this is yours!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of a few volunteers that would be willing to donate about an hour a week to help clean the church. Some of our faithful volunteers have retired. You can pretty much set your own schedule as long as there are no scheduling conflicts. Areas we could use a little help include: Children's Classrooms, Sanctuary, Youth room, Kitchen. Contact our Sexton, Gary Schwinn

Announcements

Library News



#struggles by Craig Groeschel

Today we are almost never out of arm's reach of a screen, and we are almost never out of eyesight of a status update. Is it possible to engage in the endless stream of social media and also keep our eyes focused on Christ? This is a life-changing book that will help you break free of your digital dependency and regain control over your life. Move from a "selfie-centered" life to a Christ-centered life.

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

[Growing Strong at Broken Places](#), [The Way of Agape Workbook](#), [The Resolution for Women](#), [The Resolution for Men](#), [His Stubborn Love](#)

Happy Birthday

- 10/4: Joan Hovatter
- 10/5: Kathleen Rager
Patrick Barker
- 10/8: Pat Shaw
- 10/9: Colleen McGonigle
- 10/10: Lesli Kunkle, Lillian Lay, Roman Manfredi,
Stacy Kuhns, Stephanie Weirich
- 10/11: David McDowell
David Wickrowski
- 10/12: Jason Weirich
Mia Stiffler
- 10/13: Autum Boyer
Linda Henry
Samantha Roedts



GIVING UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Total Needed \$334,692 Actual Giving \$312,154
Thank you for your generosity & financial commitment to Stewartstown United Methodist Church. The deficit reflects lower giving during the summer months and is normal for this time of year. Remember to give even if you are away. Give on Line Stewartstownumc.org/give.

Event schedule October 6 – October 14, 2019

Sunday, 10/6	
9:00 am	Sunday School for all Ages
9:00-10:15 am	Kids Connection
10:00 am	Fellowship Time, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:30 am	Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
11:30 am	Outreach Ministry Meeting, <i>Heritage Hall</i>
12:00 pm	Prayer Ministry Meeting, <i>Library</i>
5:00 pm	Company of Praise, <i>Sanctuary</i>
5:00-5:45 pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal, <i>Toddler Room</i>
5:00-6:15 pm	Spark Choir Rehearsal, <i>Music Room</i>
5:00-6:15 pm	Adult Bible Study, <i>Heritage Hall</i>
Monday, 10/7	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:15-8:15 pm	STUNTS Youth Group, <i>Youth Room</i>
Tuesday, 10/8	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, 10/9	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:30-8:00 pm	MOPS Group, <i>Heritage Hall</i>
7:00-8:30 pm	Disciple Bible Study, <i>Library</i>
7:00-9:00 pm	Ping Pong 4 All, <i>Stewartstown Community Bldg</i>
Thursday, 10/10	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
2:30 pm	Library Committee, <i>Library</i>
6:30-7:30 pm	Jubellieres Handbell Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i>
7:30-8:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Friday, 10/11	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
7:00-9:00 pm	Ping Pong 4 All, <i>Stewartstown Community Bldg</i>
Sunday, 10/13	
9:00 am	Sunday School for all Ages
9:00-10:15 am	Kids Connection
10:00 am	Fellowship Time, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:30 am	Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
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Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:30 am

Prelude	Come Just As You Are	Jubellieres Handbell Choir
Welcome		Pastor Keith
*Opening Praise	Celebrate the Lord of Love People Just Like Us Christ for the World We Sing	Hymn #568
*Greeting One Another		Indescribable
Company of Praise Anthem		Bless the Lord (10,000 reasons)
*Praise and Worship		
Time of Prayer		
Prayer Hymn #431		Let There Be Peace on Earth
Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives	Mission Moment, Prayer Warriors	
	Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	Hymn #94
Time with the Children		
Scripture Lessons	Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:54-60
Message	<i>Hallelujah Anyhow (Martyrdom)</i>	Pastor Keith
The Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion	One Bread, One Body There is A Fountain	Hymn #620
Choral Benediction		Go Now In Peace
Dismissal and Blessing		
Postlude		

Sunday Worship Schedule



9:00 am
Sunday School
for all Ages
Kids Connection
ends at 10:15

10:00 am
Fellowship Time
in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am
Worship

Today's Servant Volunteers

Worship Band – David McDowell, GJ Emge, Nate Herbert, Ryan Keeney and Levi Tart
Organist – Gloria Winemiller Liturgist – Jennifer McGraw
Tech Team – John Malachowski, Chuck Bosley, Paul Nesbitt Nursery – Steve Schwartz and Susan Herbert
The Jubellieres Bell Choir minister to us in worship today. The Jubellieres are under the direction of Gloria Winemiller. They rehearse on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in the bell choir, modest music reading skills are necessary. Contact Gloria at 717-993-6735. The Company of Praise ministers to us in worship today. COP is for youth ages 12 to post high. Singers rehearse Sundays at 5pm, instrumentalists at 6pm. For info regarding COP, contact director Pastor Dave McDowell 993-2507 x11. Thanks COP and Jubellieres for leading us!

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[Dr. Keith Braucher](#), Lead Pastor x10
[Sandy Pietrowicz](#), Director of Children's Ministries x19
[Connie Zetterman](#), Administrative Assistant x13
[ChurchAdmin](#), Susan Herbert (Financial)/Janice Bosley (Safe Sanctuary) Church Administration x12

[Rev. David McDowell](#), Pastor of Music Ministries x11
[Jason Weirich](#), Director of Youth Ministries x 18
[Gary Schwinn](#), Sexton x14

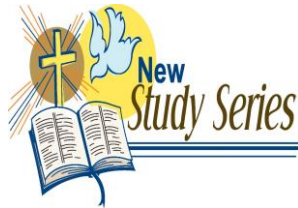


DISCIPLE

FAST TRACK

Becoming Disciples
Through Bible Study

Led by Pastor Keith
Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30
starting September 11 and running 12 weeks
until Thanksgiving.



Pastor Ed will begin a
Wednesday morning
Bible study on
October 9th till
November 13th.
Class will meet in the
church library
from 10 – 11:30 am.

*“Amos and Friends,
Prophetic Voices in
Perilous Times.”*

Register in the church
office or come to the
class.

By the Power of the Holy Spirit

“You will receive power when the Holy
Spirit has come upon you:
and you will be my witnesses.”
Acts 1:8

Grow Pray Serve

Hallelujah Anyhow
(Martyrdom)

October 6, 2019

Grow Pray Serve is for personal daily growth and small groups.
Simply have your group pick the scriptures and questions that speak to you.

Adult Classes Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:15 pm Spiritual Development for Life

Adults, Couples, Parenting, Empty Nesters,
Second Journey

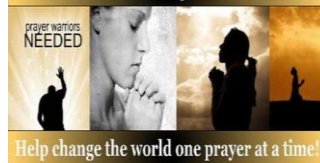
Pastor Keith will present a topic each week with
opportunity for discussion
and sharing based on his
30+ years of experience
as a pastoral counselor.



The Car Ministry is continually
prepared to receive vehicle
donations to assist those in need
within our community. There is
a current need to assist a
homeless family with 3 small
children with a vehicle. If you or
someone you know has a
car/van to donate, please
contact Joe Dablock.



Become a Prayer Partner



Looking for
prayer warriors/prayer
partners to connect with
those in college or the
military.

Please contact music
office 717 993 2507 x 11
for details.

Monday - Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, ‘We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.’ They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, ‘This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.’ And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Then the high priest asked him, ‘Are these things so?’ And Stephen replied.....*

Notes - God enabled Stephen to be the authentic human God created him to be, “full of grace and power.” There is always opposition to love, truth, mercy, grace, which is to say opposition to the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not personal. When are you most authentically alive? When are you most filled with grace? When are you most powerful in the Spirit? How might others oppose you for the very things that God has placed in your life and that please God?

Prayer - Surrendered to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, make my life not about me but about you in all things so that I might show forth your life, love and grace in me.

Tuesday - Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60

'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Notes - Before the end of his speech Stephen tells the history of Israel related to Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, and Solomon. Two themes come out of his defense. God's gracious pattern of working with God's people outside of Israel and the temple. The historic pattern of rejection of the Holy Spirit in the leaders and prophets like Moses and Jesus. Where in your life might you oppose the Holy Spirit? We resist change even if it is for our own good. Where might you sabotage what God is trying to do for you?

Prayer - Holy Counselor, my life is an open book to you. Be patient with me and show me once again Your way that leads to life and heals my brokenness. And give me the courage to let go so that I might let you.

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Notes - The Greek word for remembrance is anamnesis (ἀνάμνησις) It is not simply remembering a past story of Jesus's last supper. It is calling to mind the entire paschal mystery of the cross, the tomb, resurrection, ascension, enthronement and second coming. We enter into the mystery of the divine presence. In short, we die with Christ and rise up to new life with Christ who carries us into the embrace of God's holy presence in victory. How might God be inviting you into mystery? When are the times and situations when you experience the wonder of God's presence and love?

Prayer - God you always have a place at your table just for me. Feed me your presence and in your presence. Then in loving gratitude I can go forth and feed the world.

Thursday - Luke 22:14-24 - The Institution of the Lord's Supper

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

Notes - There are always rumors. The early church was accused of cannibalism for eating the body and drinking the blood of their children. It was also accused of incest because of the love between brothers and sisters. Who would believe that the holy meal of bread and wine and the genuine love and care for one another as if a single family of God could so badly be misunderstood? And in a society that thought nothing of abandoning a newborn in the wild if it was not the gender they wanted. And a society that had rampant abuse on all levels with little or no legal restrictions. So, not much has changed. I can't believe the conspiracy theories people embrace. Why be surprised when people respond to Christ and His church with prejudice. How can we offer ourselves as Christ offered himself - in love, service, and self-sacrifice? How can we respond best when our lives are misunderstood or interpreted?

Prayer - Lord, you created a new covenant, a living agreement between heaven and earth that forever changed the way we relate to you and to each other. May our lives, like yours, be poured out as an offering. Use us Lord, all of us, for all the time we have left, to cover the world in love.

Friday - Luke 22:25-30 The Dispute about Greatness

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Notes - The verses immediately before this were about the outpouring sacrifice of God's love in the Lord's supper, the death and resurrection of Christ. Yet now the disciples are arguing over who is greater? Jesus himself comes as servant of all. So who is the greatest? What do you need to stop doing to be great? What do you need to start doing?

Prayer - Lord, straighten out the twists in my thinking: When I still think the first should be first, remind me that the last will be first. When I still think the winner should take all, remind me that you came to give abundant life that is adequate for all.