

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page



JOYS

- * Blessings to everyone.
- * God Bless the United States of America.
- * Blessings for new life - Great Grandchildren/Grandchildren.
- * No one is invisible to God.
- * Blessings of home, health, food, clothing, schooling/learning.
- * Life takes on perspective in the Light of Christ.
- * Blessings of all things taken for granted - fire department, police, grocery stores, drug stores, clothing stores, on-line services, mail carriers/delivery men and women, etc.
- * Remembering God's provision for yesterday gives hope and strength for today and tomorrow.
- * Blessings of pastors/ministers, musicians, doctors, nurses, etc. and etc.
- * REMINDER: To VOTE - Either by mail or In person.
- * Enjoy life to its fullest.
- * Spending time with my family at the marriage of my brother, Todd, and his beautiful wife Erin Carlile.

CONCERNS

- * Please pray for the family and friends of the Bush Family on the passing of Wayne Bush.
- * Prayers for Rebecca R., former COP/summer theatre alumni, facing serious health issues at age 50
- * Continue to pray for Glenn S. and Kathy Y.
- * Continue to lift the Alpaugh and Manker families in prayer at the passing of Ginny Alpaugh.
- * Prayers for Chris H. and family and friends at the passing of her husband in August of congestive heart failure.
- * Continued prayers for the Manifold family at the passing of Craig Manifold.
- * Continued prayers for Ann Z. and her Mom, Dona Mae.
- * Pray for all those who recently lost loved ones.
- * Prayers for Chris's son, Andy M. after his motorcycle accident. Pray for complete healing of his body Dear Lord.
- * Prayers for Jerry T. (Marsha's Uncle) who is in a nursing home and has pneumonia.
- * Prayers are requested for my friend Cathy Mai who had a mild stroke last week and is now at a Rehab after being in the hospital for a few days.
- * Prayers for Pauline B. with skin problems coming from many different home products.
- * Prayers for Liz S. in the hospital. Be with the doctors and nurses in her care.
- * Prayers for the doctors, nurses and medical staff all over the world.
- * Continue prayers for Cady with Bell's palsy.
- * Pray for all those fighting cancer.
- * Prayers for all the smaller companies like Penn Mar at this time fighting to keep things going.
- * Continue prayers for Mike and Betsy V., Gene and Kathy F., Sandy and Don W., Willy G., Vicki H., Jane H., Denise W., Michelle P/D, and Mai C.
- * Prayers for the elderly in Nursing Homes; the workers and doctors also.
- * 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.
- * Pray for our leaders throughout the U.S.A. and 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 16 Jacqueline Geiple, Jenni Sipe
- Oct 17 Nathan McCloskey
- Oct 19 Jill Hamme, Kelli Landis
- Oct 20 Noel Waltmire
- Oct 21 Lacey Sheppard, Rita Streett
- Oct 22 Kara Klein, Lily Jones
- Oct 23 Aubrey Miller
- Oct 24 Declan Gallagher

On Sunday, October 25, we will begin a church wide study and worship emphasis called Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money. The study will be based on Jesus' words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Over a period of four weeks, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our hearts. We will consider how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships with people and with God. We will see how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act.

If you have stress related to money or feel there may be more that God is calling you to do with your resources, this will be a helpful study. Sermons will be based on the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount as follows:

Week 1: Where Is Your Treasure? (Matthew 6:19-21)

Week 2: The Problem with Two Masters (Matthew 6:24)

Week 3: Giving Your Treasure Back to God (Matthew 6:1-6)

Week 4: Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing (Matthew 6:25-34)

We are also planning an all church Wednesday evening study to delve more deeply into these themes. It will be led by Pastor Keith and held by Zoom starting October 21. Watch your e-mail and Our Family News for details on how to participate in the study. Everyone is invited to join us for a kickoff event by Zoom next Sunday evening, October 25, at 7:30 PM. Often we see only the things in which we are personally involved and are not aware of the full range of our church's ministries. The Zoom meeting will highlight the many ways in which our giving enables us to nurture our own family of believers and reach out to our local community and the wider world. The link to join the kickoff event is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2143764128> Meeting ID: 214 376 4128 At the end of this four week study, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving to support God's work at Stewartstown UMC in the coming year. All of us will receive commitment cards in the mail, and the cards will also be available on Sunday mornings. We can fill out these cards and bring them to worship on our Commitment Sunday, November 15, or return them by mail or through the drop box at the ramp entrance to the church. We look forward to an exciting month considering our treasure and God's treasure.



Financial Giving Update \$ 314,931 YTD (88.7% of Budget) as of October 11, 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.

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 care for the church facility and property.



Virtual Church Conference Monday, Oct 26th at 7 pm

Mtg ID: 214 376 4128



A Work of Love

Fall Community Workday

Sat., Nov. 14
(Nov. 21 raindate)
8am-4pm



To sign up or to refer someone in need, please pick up a form at the communion railing



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



Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Surrender and Receive Your Life

Quit Overfunctioning

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

9:00 am Worship at The Well

Welcome

Opening Praise

Help
Trust In You

Community

Luke 10:38-42

Closing Prayer & Song

Good, Good Father

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

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn #92 vs 1

For the Beauty of the Earth

Worship Dance

Lord of the Dance

Anna Klein

Prayer Hymn #453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Prayer Time with The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Luke 10:38-42

Message

Pastor Keith Braucher

Surrender and Receive Your Life: Quit Over-functioning

Time of Silence

Closing Song

Better Is One

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 23, 2020

Titus 2:7-8

7 Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

Notes

Consider your behavior over the past week. In person and maybe online. Have you left any possibility that someone could accurately say something evil of you? Have you only used words and actions with integrity, sincerity, dignity, accuracy?

Prayer

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Saturday, October 24, 2020

John 5:39-47

39 "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. 40 Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. 41 I do not accept glory from human beings. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47 But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

Notes

Jesus is talking to those who had dedicated their lives to studying the Bible, that points to Christ, yet refused to come to Christ. Bible scholarship does not change your life, only Christ can do that. Then the Bible is an endless and powerful source for life because of that relationship with Christ. Today you will be tempted to look for a way to have life which is already the gift for those who believe.

Prayer

Lord, you alone offer life. My efforts have been and will continue to be fruitless seeking only what you can give. Tell me again of your love for me and your ability to provide all that I need.



**Daily Devotional Readings
for the week of
October 18 – October 24, 2020**

**Surrender and Receive Your Life
Quit Over-functioning**

Doing for others what they can do for themselves is unhelpful and can actually cause harm to ourselves and others.

Monday, October 19, 2020

**Psalm 63 - Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence
A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.**

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. 5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips 6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; 7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Notes

Remember a time when you were extremely thirsty, maybe even weak from thirst. Consider that because we do not daily seek God we are usually spiritually dehydrated. Remember how good that water tasted! Now pray the Psalm, seeking God who alone can satisfy what we really need.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Psalm 98

Praise the Judge of the World

1 O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Notes

All creation rejoices for not only has the Lord done great things, but because of God's judgment.

What wonderful things has God done?

How do you want to respond?

What song would be a new song or response for you?

What needs set right?

How do you feel about God coming to set all things right?

Prayer

Pray or sing in any way that is new for you. If you use words - try silence. If you do it silently sing instead or pray out loud. The extra effort is worth the result.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Matthew 17:24-27

Jesus and the Temple Tax

24 When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes, he does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?" 26 When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free. 27 However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me."

Notes

In Jesus's teaching the children are those who believe and have been adopted as God's children and who are thereby set free. They contribute out of what God provides, not because they are required, but out of choice. What does freedom mean to you? This freedom that God has provided?

Prayer

Surrendering to you as my Ruler and Savior, you have set me free from any authority, idea, or power that might seek to bind me. You have freed me for a life of joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. Forgive me for giving in to the obligations, the constraints, the limitations. Instead help me stand strong in You!

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Psalm 90:13-17

13 Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

Notes

The theme of connecting with God in the morning appears over and over again in the scriptures and in Jesus' personal habits. Don't we hope that each day we end the day satisfied including the results of our work?

How about starting the day already satisfied? (vs. 14) And with God responsible for the outcome of our efforts.

We are called to be faithful, not successful.

We are called to do all we can and trust God for any outcome.

Prayer

Pray the psalm. Place emphasis on what touches your life as you face the day.



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