

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page



JOYS

- *God Bless the United States of America.
- *Celebration of 103 years for Robert (Bob) Bush on September 17th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY card sent from SUMC!!
- *Thank you God for the caring medical staff - doctors, nurses, technicians working tirelessly in our country.)
- *Bless all the helpers during these trying times.
- *Blessings to all those returning to their learning centers (school/colleges/university/stay-at-homers)
- *REMINDER: To Vote -- Mail-In or In-Person
- *The beautiful season of fall that is blessing us with cooler weather with open windows and fresh air

CONCERNS

- *Prayers for the Brown family following the sudden death of Dr. Bradley Brown this week.
- *Prayers for Ray Rohrback and his chemo treatments.
- *Prayers for healing for Vicki H., following a car accident
- *Continued prayers for Sandy Webb as she heals from her neck surgery. Sandy is now home.
- *Anne Z.'s brother Michael recently suffered a massive stroke. Anne and her Mom, Dona Mae went to Minnesota to be with Michael's wife, Sue. He is now out of surgery and his surgeon is more optimistic of his recovery. Asking for prayers for Michael's recovery.
- *Pray for G.J. and the family and friends of his Father, George Emge's passing.
- *Please keep Mike & Betsy V. in your prayers as Mike is dealing with many health issues. He is currently in a skilled nursing facility in Maryland.
- *Pray for those involved in and around the unrelenting wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington States.
- *Be in prayer for Chris B.'s daughter Rachel B. now living in Oregon and watching the wildfires as they draw closer. Please keep Rachel and her family in your prayers.
- *Continued prayers for Lennox. Little boy burnt in a gasoline explosion. Please be with him and his family at this time.
- *Prayers for many of our elderly staying-at-home to keep safe and for all the needy, the lonely and the less fortunate.
- *Prayers also for many remaining at home for safety reasons during the impacts of this virus.
- *Praying that a safe vaccine will be found for corona virus and that no more lives will be lost.
- *Prayers for Gene who is currently in York Hospital. Please pray that God be with him, providing the care that he needs watching over and protecting, keeping him safe from harm, and feeling the love of God through medical staff who are responsible for his care.
- *Pray for all God's children and all the churches around the world.
- *Pray for the families and friends of all those who recently passed away.
- *Pray for our leaders throughout the U.S.A. and the WORLD.
- *Pray for all those involved in damages and lose from the recent and upcoming Hurricanes.
- *Prayers for the mental health of everyone and those with health conditions and other problems.
- *Prayers for all those having family and/or friends of those suffering or having passed from the COVID-19 and other diseases (health issues) at this time.
- *Praying that those opposed to mask wearing will wear masks out of respect for their friends, neighbors, co-workers and family in hopes of getting coronavirus under better control for all of us. We need to unite to fight this battle.
- *Pray for those awaiting results from medical tests and those waiting on doctor appointments with specialist.
- *Pray for those around the tropical storms occurring throughout the U.S.
- *Pray for the COVID-19 clusters of increase in several States.

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.



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
at SUMC • for Grades 6 - 12
Mondays, 6:15 - 8:15 pm
starting Sept. 14
Outside (Weather Permitting)
please bring your mask
Snacks, Games, Fellowship,
& Growing in Christ

Fall Day Apart for All Men Saturday, October 24 Sponsored by the Band of Brothers



Socially distanced but close to God - day of study, prayer, and fellowship. 9:00 - 4:00 pm at Stewartstown UMC. The day will be spent outside if the weather permits, but will meet inside the church is needed.

Financial Giving Update \$ 281,154 YTD (87.7% of Budget) as of September 13, 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.

Birthdays

- Sept 20 Brian Humphries, Lori Kunkle, Derek Cooper
- Sept 21 Gracy Pickel
- Sept 22 Bridget Eckrote, Charlotte Henneman, Tom Davidson
- Sept 23 Eleanor Myers
- Sept 24 Jesse Hairfield
- Sept 25 Angela Rehmeyer, Tony Paglia, Megan Ransom, Rachael Holle
- Sept 27 Dustin Dablock

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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All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia!
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Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia!
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Praise Him

Verse 1

I want to clap my hands and sing unto the Lord, Thank Him for His love; I want my voice to rise Up through the clouds into the heavens above.

Chorus I want to praise Him, early in the morning, praise Him late at night; Praise Him let all of creation praise Him.

Verse 2

I want to be in the presence of the King, just to worship His name; Join with the angels as they glorify Jesus, the Lamb who was slain.

Chorus

Let the Peace of God Reign

Verse

Father of life, draw me closer, Lord, my heart is set on You;
Let me run the race of time, with Your life enfolding mine, and let the peace of God, let it reign.

Verse

O, Holy Spirit, You're my comfort, strengthen me, hold my head up high;
And I'll stand upon Your truth, bringing glory unto You, and let the peace of God, let it reign.

Chorus

O Lord, I hunger for more of you, rise up within me let me know Your truth;
O Holy Spirit, saturate my soul, and let the life of God fill me now,
let Your healing pow'r bring life and make me whole, and let the peace of God, let it reign.

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

O how I love Jesus O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!



Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 20, 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 Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise Song

Praise Him

Offering Prayer

Prayer Song

Let the Peace of God Reign

Prayer Time with The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 32:1-8, 19-21, John 12

Message

Surrender and Receive Your Life

Pastor Keith Braucher

Closing Hymn

O How I Love Jesus

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
10:00 – 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, September 25, 2020

Acts 13:32-41

32 And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors 33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you.' 34 As to his raising him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, 'I will give you the holy promises made to David.' 35 Therefore he has also said in another psalm, 'You will not let your Holy One experience corruption.' 36 For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors, and experienced corruption; 37 but he whom God raised up experienced no corruption. 38 Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; 39 by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. 40 Beware, therefore, that what the prophets said does not happen to you: 41 'Look, you scoffers! Be amazed and perish, for in your days I am doing a work, a work that you will never believe, even if someone tells you.'"

Notes

Lately I have been having conversations with Christians who are very anxious about the outcomes of coming elections. I have become convinced that our fear comes from having a God who is too small. Maybe a god instead of GOD. Paul reminds us that God is "doing a work" and warns us "you will never believe, even if someone tells you." I am telling you that God is at work and is bigger than anything you fear. Do you believe?

Prayer

Hey God, times are rough and uncertain. But my times are in your hands and I trust you to deliver me.

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Psalm 78:1-4

God's Goodness and Israel's Ingratitude

*1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.*

Notes

I wonder if the generations have become more anxious because we have not passed along the teachings of old and the stories of God's faithfulness? One of the most valuable spiritual practices is writing a gratitude list each day.

Prayer

Lord, I will remember and tell of your goodness today and always.



**Daily Devotional Readings for the
week of
September 20 – September 26, 2020**

**Surrender and Receive Your Life
Quit being afraid of what others think**

We need to be okay with and stay true to who we are in God.

Monday, September 21, 2020

Psalm 119:97-104

*97 Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.
98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.
101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
102 I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.
103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.*

Notes

There is no shortcut to life-giving faith, knowledge, understanding, and aged wisdom. If you want these things you have to spend time with God's word which means reading, studying, and meditating on the scriptures. If you receive these things in proportion to your effort how are you going to grow in faith? What is your plan?

Prayer

Pray the song as an aspiration of how you want to engage God's word until it becomes reality.

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Romans 16:17-20

Final Instructions

17 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep an eye on those who cause dissensions and offenses, in opposition to the teaching that you have learned; avoid them. 18 For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the simple-minded. 19 For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil. 20 The God of peace will shortly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Notes

God save us from “smooth talk and flattery”. As Pastor, I see how people are drawn to popular churches that preach what we want to hear. Words that reinforce our prejudices rather than challenging us to grow in love, openness and grace. How aware are you of the differences in “Christian” teaching? How discerning?

Prayer

Guide us in Your love and truth, O God our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Matthew 18:1-5

True Greatness

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 He called a child, whom he put among them, 3 and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Notes

Quick, who is the greatest? If you had not read the scripture before this question how might you have answered? We use terms like great, greatest, hero, star, even superstar, all the time. Picture a child, apply the label, let it sink in.

Prayer - Once again, God, you show us how upside down our values and priorities. Teach us your way, the only way that leads to the kingdom of heaven.

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Isaiah 48:17-21

*17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go. **18 O that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your prosperity would have been like a river, and your success like the waves of the sea;** 19 your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me. 20 Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it forth to the end of the earth; say, “The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob!” 21 They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; he split open the rock and the water gushed out.*

Notes

A recent Time magazine article points out that there has been a huge shift of 50 trillion dollars to the top 1% from the bottom 90% over the last 30+ years. If the income distribution had remained the same as the 30 years following WWII current employees would be earning \$26,000 - \$64,000 more per year in 2020. Reread vs. 18. Throughout scripture God is always a God of justice, equality, opportunity. Where do we need to align our lives to God’s ways? First, how aware are we of God’s ways?

Prayer

Speak to me Lord, your servant listens. May my thoughts and actions be according to Your will this day and always.



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