

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers of JOYS/BLESSINGS/PRAISES/HOPE

- *Praise for families that support each other through all situations and trials
- *Friend healing from broken vertebrae
- *Dan Lekrone mending
- *Praise for wedding anniversaries
- *Praise for school reunions
- *Gracyn Pickel is now back to school
- *Thankful for new roof before winter arrives
- *Thankful for the rain – thankful for the coming sunshine



Prayer CONCERNS

- *Prayers for Wanda R on hospice care
- *Ukraine war
- *Barbara Schuessler has Covid. Please pray for Barbara's healing as well as pray for all residents of SpiriTurst as they continue to experience cancellation of activities and isolation due to this Covid outbreak.
- *Prayers for those mourning the lost of pregnancy
- *Prayers for those with COVID
- *Prayers for the Betsy Vahey and family at the passing of her husband, Michael Vahey
- *Prayers for the Akins family at the passing of Melvin Akins
- *Prayers for the Troutman family at the passing of Brent due to motorcycle accident
- *Prayers for Pat Kerrick healing from heart attack
- *Prayers those affected by Hurricane Ian
- *Prayers for the Fousek and Reynolds family at the stabbing death of Christine and Rylee
- *Prayers for those going away to college for the first time or returning for another year
- *Prayers for individuals and families that struggle with mental illness and/or addictions
- *Continued prayers for Rich "Chug" Gibbs, Rosie Horton, Jose & Denise Rosado, Pauline B, Mary Ellen Deavers, Dennis & Jean McCleary, Larry Seitz



THANK YOU to my SUMC family for their many cards and words of condolences on the death of my husband, Mike. Your thoughts and prayers have helped sustain me. *Betsy Vahey*

Any new prayer requests or updates, please call or text Ev Barrows at 717-818-2874, or email: barrowsevelyn@gmail.com.

The Stewartstown Food Pantry is open every other Saturday from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Appointments can be made calling 717-501-6018 and leave a message or contact pantry@StewartstownUMC.org. **The October distributions are 8th and 22nd**



If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, please use this link or the QR code: <https://tinyurl.com/4dw3tf7s>

We are currently accepting donations of rice, peanut butter, jelly/jam, spaghetti noodles & sauce, pancake syrup & fresh produce

This institution is an equal opportunity provider



The Well is a casual gathering with food, music and discussions and a time to build relationships. The Well meets at 5:00 pm starting with a meal (never fear that!), but we will be sharing that time with folks from other Sunday evening ministries. At 5:30, we will move to the Youth Room to continue our fellowship with worship, prayer, and discussion.

We're excited to continue connecting with old friends and looking forward to the opportunity to make new friends this Fall!

Follow us on Instagram at [thewell.stewartstown](https://www.instagram.com/thewell.stewartstown)

Stewartstown Area CROP WALK

October 16th - 1 PM
Starting at Stewartstown Presbyterian Church

For the 2022 Stewartstown Area CROP WALK:
25% of the Funds Raised will benefit the Stewartstown Food Pantry
75% will help provide food and clean drinking water elsewhere in the world.



Contact Terri Hebel
terrihebel@gmail.com
For more information or to join our team.



REGISTER NOW:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/stewartstown-umc>

Library Book Review

Living for Today, Planning for Tomorrow by Shelly Lynch

This book is a practical guide to financial, estate, and survivorship planning. It is easy to be so busy with everyday life that we neglect making plans for the future--until it's too late and crucial decisions are made in haste. This book can provide helpful information in the areas of creating a will, planning for retirement, deciding on long-term care insurance, pre-planning a funeral, filing for insurance and social security benefits, and finding emotional support. The author worked for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Development Ministries.

Our Nursery is Open Again!

We have an immediate need for nursery caretakers for October 9th and 16th.

Please contact Sandy at spietrowicz@stewartstownumc.org if you are able to assist on these dates or are willing to serve in the futures.



Sunday Morning

- 9:30-10:30 am *Worship Service*
 10:10-11:45 am *Kids Connection*
(social time, snack, small/large group time)
 10:30 am *Happy Coffee Hour* (Heritage Hall)
 10:45-11:45 am *Adult Sunday school*



Sunday Evening

- 5:00 pm *Free Fellowship Meal*
 5:30 pm *SPARK Musical Rehearsal*
 5:30 pm *The Well*
 5:30 pm *Company of Praise Rehearsal*

Financial Giving towards General Operations as of October 2, 2022: \$285,829 YTD (86.3% of YTD Budgeted)

Making a financial donation can be done in several ways:
 Mailing a check to SUMC 26 S Main Street, Stewartstown, PA 17363
 Text the amount that you wish to give in a message to **84321**
 Set up online giving through our website link
sumc.churchcenter.com/giving or scan the QR code to the left
 Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting Stewartstown UM Church.

Stewartstown United Methodist Church 26 South Main Street, Stewartstown, PA 17363
 (717) 993-2507 info@stewartstownumc.org www.stewartstownumc.org
 Office hours are: Monday – Thursday 8 am – 2 pm Friday 8 am – noon

Happy Birthday

- Oct 8**
Pat Shaw
- Oct 9**
Colleen McGonigle
- Oct 10**
Lesli Kunkle
Lillian Lay
Stacy Kuhns
- Oct 11**
David McDowell
- Oct 12**
Mia Stiffler
- Oct 13**
Samantha Roedts
- Oct 15**
Bob Hoyt
- Oct 16**
Jacqueline Geiple
Jenni Sipe
- Oct 17**
Nate McCloskey



*Stand as you are able

- Prelude David McDowell
How Great Thou Art arr. Hamilton
- Welcome
- *Opening Hymn #365 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
- *Opening Praise Song *How He Loves*
- Greeting One Another
- Praise Song *How Great Is Our God*
- Offering and Stewardship Moment Tyler Madden
- Dedication of Offerings Patrick Byers
- Time of Sharing – Celebrations and Prayers
- Chancel Choir Anthem *Because He Lives* Gaither
- Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:5-6, Luke 12:15, Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
- The Message *Cultivating Contentment* Keith Braucher
- Hymn #397 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
- *Closing Song *Go Now In Peace*
- *Dismissal with Blessing

Coffee Hour will be held in Heritage Hall directly following worship.
Adult Sunday School begins at 10:45 am with locations listed below.
The Adult Sunday school – Library
The Men's class – Gary's Office
Parent's class - front narthex

New to Stewartstown United Methodist Church? Welcome!
 We are glad you joined us today. Please scan the QR code to give us a way to contact you if you would like to receive more information about the church, upcoming event or to answer any other questions.



Sunday Worship in person or on Zoom each Sunday at 9:30 am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257056329> ID: 832 5705 6329 Passcode: sumc

Interest Faith Groups at SUMC

Golfing Group

Leaders: Randy Babcock randybabcock58@gmail.com Bob Hoyt bobhoytiam@gmail.com

"Golfing with God", has decided to meet every Friday afternoon at the Pleasant Valley golf course around 5pm. A short devotional and time for prayer will be followed by nine holes of golf on the course. Anyone that has a basic understanding of the game is welcome to participate.

Flower Gardening Group

Leader: Betsy Vahey mimivahey@gmail.com

At the first meeting our gardening group of eight decided on logistics and discussed our various interests in gardening- from potted plants to native plants. The group meets the first Friday of each month usually at 2:00 at a different member's home or different location, sometimes including a field trip. The host decides on the subject. We discuss how the topic relates to our own lives and it's connection to God's Word. We are excited each month to learn about new gardening ideas! Please join us if you have an interest in plants/flowers. PS - And our hosts have provided some delicious snacks after the meeting!!

Let's Pray

Leader: Pat Hendrix pashendrix@gmail.com

A small group to pray for our congregation, the Church, our community, our world, our families and friends, and any prayer needs we know of. We will praise God and thank Him in a quiet setting on the first Friday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m. weather permitting, in the church library.

Trains and Tunes: Toy Train and Victrola Restoration

Leader: Paul Nesbitt paulnesbitt@zoominternet.net

This is a group for those who have interest in restoring or maintaining old mechanical devices with a focus on old electric trains and spring driven Victrolas. If you have a toy train from your past or an old Victrola family heirloom and want to get it working again this group is for you.

The group would initially meet at SUMC with a start date in mid-January. Subsequent meetings would be in homes. Key scripture verse would be presented at each meeting for discussion while working on restorations. Zoom check-in meetings are a possibility.

Sailing Small Group

Leader: Joe Dablock joseph.dablock@yahoo.com

This group is for seasoned sailors and persons who want to learn how to sail. Members will come together and each be enriched, through sharing knowledge and learning the sport/craft/heritage of sailing. The ability to swim is encouraged though not required. The group could meet as often as once a week during sailing season. Key scripture verses would be included in conversation.

Craft Beer Appreciation Group

Leaders: Mary and Edward Sloat marysloat@icloud.com edwardsloat0527@gmail.com

For those who have an interest in and appreciation for crafted beers. Suggested meeting twice a month, once at a member home, and again at a local brewery/tap house. The next gathering will be at the home of Bob & Kim Hoyt on Wednesday, October 19th from 5:30- 7:30 pm. The theme is Oktoberfest and guests are asked to bring an Oktoberfest-themed beer or snack to share. All are welcome.

Cars Maintenance Group

Leader: Joe Dablock joseph.dablock@yahoo.com

This group is for those who want to learn the details of how cars work and to teach basic maintenance. It will also include learning how to make good decisions regarding whether maintenance should be done by themselves or by professionals for best dollar value. Key scripture verses would be included in conversation

Women's Book Group

Leader: Janet Fischer-Byers janetfbyers@zoominternet.net

For women of all ages who like to read and share in discussion of books and who wish to be in fellowship. The group would encourage spiritual growth through discussion and devotions. This group meets at Janet's home every 2nd and 4th Monday. Name of the book is "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom, author of "The 5 People you Meet in Heaven". Books available on Amazon. Please contact Janet to let her know that you will be joining this group.

Baking Group

Leader: Julie Allen nerdygirljules@comcast.net

Do you love baking for family and friends? Maybe you've never baked, but always wanted to try! Do you just like getting to make a mess in the kitchen? This group may be for you! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church kitchen where we concoct and connect over recipe and Scripture. Recipes will be provided ahead of time, but supplies/equipment will need to be supplied by each attendee. If you want to join in, please email Julie.

Hiking Group

Leader: Ginger Babcock gingerbabcock@gmail.com

For anyone interested in hiking easy to moderate trails, mostly within an hour's drive of Stewartstown. Participants can participate during all four seasons and should dress according to the anticipated weather, and have additional items in their backpack. The group will share a key verse at the outset and will discuss during the hike. Future dates will be released in the near future.

Dementia Support Group

Leaders: Carol Knepley knepley5@aol.com Kathy Fix kathyifix@gmail.com

A support group for caregivers of people with dementia. The group will meet on the first Monday of every month from 11a.m.-1p.m. in the Community Room at the Stewartstown Library starting immediately. Will be using "The 36-hour Day" a family guide to caring for people who have Alzheimer's Disease and other related dementias and memory loss. It is NOT necessary to have or read the book before meetings. Chapter excerpts will be used to guide our discussions.

Seniors Fellowship Group

Leader: Ev Barrows barrowsevelyn@gmail.com

A group for seniors who are seeking fellowship. The group will meet 1-2 times a month in the beginning, starting with lunch at Taylor Haus then progressing to other restaurants. The hope is to add other fellowship events as the group grows. Key scripture verses will be discussed as a part of the gathering.

Landscape Watercolor Painting Group

Leaders: Jim & Karen Starr jim@jimstarr.com

A group for people who seek fun, fellowship, and discovery while painting watercolor landscapes. All skill levels are welcome exploring basic tips and techniques, moving on to creating paintings from photos or references of your choice. Watercolor Paper will be provided, but participants will need to bring all other supplies into the class. Contact Jim Starr if you plan to attend and for the supply list. Meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm at various locations.

Midweek Home Fellowship

Leader: David McDowell uscldave@msn.com

A group for anyone who wants a midweek evening time to gather for a meal and for prayer and study. Wednesday evenings at the home of Dave McDowell. The intention is to do topical studies. To begin, the host will provide the main course for the meal with others bringing sides. Planning on Wednesday evenings beginning in November. If interested, contact Dave.

Quilting Group

Leader: Pat Dablock patricia.dablock@yahoo.com

A group of people that enjoy quilting, fellowship and devotions. The group is meeting twice a month in homes. Future dates are 10/12, 10/26, 11/2, and 11/16 from 1 – 4 pm. Contact Pat if you wish to join this group.



Pastor Dave

Join us for a time to say thank-you to Pastor Dave!

Enjoy some fellowship, food, and hopefully a few laughs immediately following the service on Oct 30th. Lunch will be provided with a potluck dessert. **RSVP name, number attending, and dessert item (if you are able) to info@stewartstownumc.org or 717-993-2507 x13.**

David has requested that if you would like to present him with a gift that it be in the form of a donation to the David's E. McDowell Theatre Endowment Fund. Gifts may be submitted by:

1. Mail a check to SUMC 26 S. Main Street, Stewartstown PA. 17363. Identify the McDowell Theatre Fund on the check or in the envelope.
2. Electronic On line giving is available at sumc.churchcenter.com/giving. Simply select the McDowell Theatre Fund option and follow the directions.

Enough

Daily Devotional Readings for the week of October 10 – October 14, 2022



withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread. Because of my loud groaning, my bones cling to my skin. I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places. I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop. All day long my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. Indeed, I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, because of your indignation and anger, for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside. My days are like a lengthening shadow; I wither away like grass. But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations. You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come. For your servants hold its stones dear and have pity on its dust. The nations will fear the name of the Lord and all the kings of the earth your glory. For the Lord will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute and will not despise their prayer.

Reflections

This Psalm is very personal for me. In 2016 I was hospitalized with Endocarditis for 12 days plus 3 months of IV antibiotics. The Psalmist describes how I felt both in illness and in hope. Never fear to feel your full feelings and to put them into words. God hears, God cares. Have you been holding back? Are there things you need to allow yourself to feel? To say to God? If we do not allow ourselves to feel pain we cannot fully feel joy.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Whole Armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reflections

Everyday there is darkness which tries to steal life, joy, hope. It is too late to put on your armor after the attack has already happened. The only reasonable response is to be prepared. Are you?

Monday, October 10, 2022

Psalm 102 –

Prayer to the Eternal King for Help

A prayer of one afflicted, when faint and pleading before the Lord.

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My heart is stricken and

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

Reflections

What stands out to you about Jesus instructions? The lack of resources other than what God’s Kingdom provides? The power to do such good? How to respond to those who will not welcome you or your efforts? When and where do you need to shake the dust off your feet? To let go and move on?

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

Reflections

“In God we live and move and have our being.” God is as close to us as water is to fish and air is to birds. God is the very medium in which we live. Let that soak in for a while.

Friday, October 14, 2022

22 Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, 25 correcting opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth 26 and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Reflections

We live in a world that does not create adults but instead encourages us to remain children. How else can we understand our fascination with stupid endless controversies and our pursuit of every shiny object. We are called to “pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace” and to do so with others, “along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” What is on today’s To Do list? Doesn’t this sound like a great place to start?

Matthew 10:5-15

Acts 17:22-28

2 Timothy 2:22-26

Ephesians 6:10-20