

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page



JOYS

- Praise for Ryan H. - All better!!
- Thank the Lord for Pastor Keith.
- All God's Children.
- Prayers for the wonderful wedding of daughter, Felicia C. and Steve L. Many happy years ahead.
- JOY - Birth of our great-niece Aubree on October 11th.
- Prayers for safe travel and enjoyable serving experiences for Joe S. while in Africa.
- Continued prayers for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.
- Fall is my absolute favorite season of the year! God's canvas of colors is simply gorgeous!

CONCERNS

- Prayers for Dennis and Jean McCleary. Dennis has a terminal cancer.
- Dennis recently diagnosed with blood cancer.
- Rev. Dennis McCleary with cancer.
- Bill B. with lung cancer.
- Continued prayers for Barb D. with cancer.
- Prayers for my cousin, Sue, who is battling cancer.
- Prayers for Barb D. for peace and comfort and for Tom B. for full recovery from a severe auto accident.
- Continued prayers for Jerry R. in Rehab., JoAnn C. and Jim S.
- Concern for co-worker John who traveled to South Carolina to care for a family matter.
- Please pray for Josibeth, a young woman who cares for her disabled veteran mother and works as a HHAG.
- Pray for my wife, Nancy.
- Prayers for World Peace and Kindness among mankind.
- Pray for All God's Children
- Prayers for all individuals and families that struggle with mental illness and/or addictions.
- Prayers for Tracey C, battling cancer

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.



If any SUMC members would like to join the Building Exploratory Team, please contact Randy Babcock. Randy can be reached via phone, text or email at: 717-309-3319 or randybabcock58@gmail.com

This team has been tasked to explore what renovations and/or new construction could be done to our building to improve our ability to serve our current AND future guests and members as well as our local Stewartstown community.



Pastor Ed is leading a Wednesday Bible Study till Nov 13th. *"Amos and Friends, Prophetic Voices in Perilous Times."* Class will meet in the church library from 10 – 11:30 am. Register in the church office or come to the class.

Stewartstown Senior Center News

The Center serves free lunches each day to seniors 60 yrs. and over. The lunches are free, but donations are accepted and appreciated. A Monthly breakfast is served the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 - 9:30 am, \$7.00 per person. This is open to the public. On November 8, 2019, the center will hold an event honoring all Veterans, any age, with a special meal and entertainment by New Song. Concert starts at 10:00 am: lunch at 11:30 am. No cost, but donations will again be accepted and are appreciated. The center offers a Christmas Candy sale. Orders will be due in November, call 717-993-3488 to place your order. The center offers monthly bus trips as well as art classes, table games, bocce ball, domino's, Wii bowling, ceramics class, chair message, card games and most importantly - Fellowship!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR is organizing! If you would like to sing in the Christmas Cantata, "The Night Before Christmas" please call the music ministry office at 717-993-2507 x11. Leave your name and voice part you wish to sing. Rehearsals are Sundays 3-4:30pm starting Sunday, November 10. There are rehearsal CDs to help you learn the music. The cantata will be performed Christmas Eve at 10:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 29 at 10:30am.



The Cherub Choir ministers to us in worship today. The Cherub Choir is for children ages 4-grade 1. They rehearse Sundays from 5:00-5:45pm in the Toddler Room. They are under the direction of Jean Sansonetti. For more information, contact Jean at 717-862-3259.
Thanks Cherubs for leading us today!

Announcements

Library News

So That's What a Christian Is! by Warren W. Wiersbe
This book gives you a fresh approach to understanding the Christian life. Here are 12 vivid portraits of the Christian's roles as a believer. The author points to the New Testament for answers and illuminates biblical passages that teach what a Christian is and what he or she ought to be including. God uses common things such as sheep, stories, soldiers, and runners to teach us the eternal truths about who we are as Christians.

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

The Adventure of Being a Wife, The Brown Bag, New Eyes for Reading, Lectionary Stories, Dreams on Fire

Happy Birthday

10/17: Nate McCloskey
10/19: Jill Hamme, Kelli Landis, Ray Rohrback
10/20: Eleanor Breault, Noel Waltemire, Truit Elwell
10/21: Rita Streett
10/22: Kara Klein, Lily Jones, Wyatt Henschen
10/23: Aubrey Miller
10/24: Declan Gallagher
10/26: Savannah Urand
10/27: Craig Pijanowski, Daniel Holle, Stacie Barlow
Douglas Winemiller, Elizabeth Graham



Event schedule October 20 – October 27, 2019

Sunday, 10/20
9:00 am Sunday School for all Ages
9:00-10:15 am Kids Connection
10:00 am Fellowship Time, *Fellowship Hall*
10:30 am Worship, *Sanctuary*
12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
5:00 pm Company of Praise, *Sanctuary*
5:00-5:45 pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal, *Toddler Room*
5:00-6:15 pm Spark Choir Rehearsal, *Music Room*

Monday, 10/21
8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
6:15-8:15 pm STUNTS Youth Group, *Youth Room*

Tuesday, 10/22
8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, 10/23
8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
10 - 11:30 am Bible Study, *Library*
6:30-8:00 pm MOPS, *Heritage Hall & Toddler Room*
7:00-8:30 pm Disciple Bible Study, *Library*
7:00-9:00 pm Ping Pong 4 All, *Stewartstown Community Bldg*

Thursday, 10/24
8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
6:30-7:30 pm Jubellieres Handbell Choir, *Sanctuary*
7:30-8:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Friday, 10/25
8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
7:00-9:00 pm Ping Pong 4 All, *Stewartstown Community Bldg*

Sunday, 10/27
9:00 am Sunday School for all Ages
9:00-10:15 am Kids Connection
10:00 am Fellowship Time, *Fellowship Hall*
10:30 am Worship, *Sanctuary*
11:30am-1:30pm Sunday mission Brunch, *Fellowship Hall*
12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
5:00 pm Company of Praise, *Sanctuary*
5:00-5:45 pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal, *Toddler Room*
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Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World
Sunday, October 20, 2019 10:30 am

Prelude arr. Wyrzten
Praise Him in the Morning with When Morning Gilds the Sky

Welcome Pastor Keith

***Opening Praise**
I Could Sing of Your Love
Your Grace Is Enough

***Greeting One Another**
Cornerstone with Christ the Solid Rock

Chancel Choir Anthem
As the Deer Martin Nystrom

Time of Prayer

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives
Mission Moment, Volunteers in Mission
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow Hymn #94

Cherub Choir Anthem Stand Up and Shout Pam Andrews

Time with the Children

Scripture Lessons 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Acts 13:1-3

Message *When God Chooses (The Commissioning of Saul)* Pastor Keith

Closing Hymn #345 Spirit Song

Choral Benediction Go Now In Peace

Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude I Could Sing of Your Love

Today's Servant Volunteers

Worship Band – David McDowell, GJ Emge, Ryan Keeney, Levi Tart and Derek White Organist – David McDowell
String Quartet – Abby Shaw, violin Kim Finnigan, violin Annie Hebel, viola Jake Hebel, cello
Liturgist – Genie Lytle
Tech Team – Doug Plasterer and Chuck Bosley
Nursery – Andrea Sharar and Jim Starr

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

GIVING UPDATE AS OF October 13, 2019 Total Needed \$351,856 Actual Giving \$329,018

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[Rev. David McDowell](#), Pastor of Music Ministries x11

[Jason Weirich](#), Director of Youth Ministries x 18

[Gary Schwinn](#), Sexton x14

Church office hours Monday-Thursday 8 am – noon and 1 – 3 pm Friday 8 am – 1 pm. Church open during office hours.
Other times by arrangement through the office.



EARN. SAVE. GIVE.

Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money by James Harnish will be our study book and congregational resource for November.

Sunday, November 3 - Congregational Lunch

Following worship, everyone is invited to share lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Please let us know that you will be attending not later than October 28th so that we can be sure to have enough food. You can write the number attending on your Connection Card, call the church office at 717-993-2507 x13 and leave a message, or email info@stewartstownumc.org.

After lunch we will:

- Give thanks to God for the ministries of the church.
- Introduce the month's themes and activities.
- Present goals and plans for 2020 and beyond as well as our missional budget.

November Sermon Series and Small Group Studies

The Wesleyan 1784 Class (Church Library) and the Family Class (Fellowship Hall) will both be studying Earn Save Give during the Sunday School hour.

Nov. 3 - We Don't Need More Money; We Need Wisdom: If You Could Ask for Anything

Nov. 10 - Earn All You Can: Money -The Excellent Gift

Nov. 17- Save All You Can: You Can't Take It With You

Nov. 24 - Give All You Can: How Far Will You Go?

Harvest Home and Commitment Sunday – November 24

During a worship time filled with celebration and gratitude we all will have an opportunity to commit ourselves in response to God's love.



GROW PRAY SERVE

**When God Chooses
Saul Commissioned**

October 20, 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.

Monday - Acts 13:1-3

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Notes

This passage describes the role of the church in discerning God's call on people's lives. The God-initiated call to ministry commonly involves both the individual and a confirming community. The local body of Christ intimately familiar with the individual's life may notice God's gifting and call on a person's life before the person does. The local faith community affirms a person's call to ministry. Sometimes it takes multiple messages from God and affirmations by the local body before the individual acknowledges and agrees to answer the call. Where is God currently inviting you? Think about others in your church community. Have you noticed God's gifting and call in another person? Is it time to affirm them in that call?

Prayer

God, tune my heart to hear your call. Give me wisdom in community to discern your call in others that your body, the church may be built up and use all of your gifts.

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 3:1-9

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Notes

When and where do you say to God, "speak, for your servant is listening"? How much time do spend consciously and silently listening to God? If we are God's servants how do we know what to do if we do not listen?

Prayer

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 3:10-20

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Notes

Notice that Samuel was truthful about what the Lord told him. Where in your life do you hold back from telling the truth or telling people, including yourself, what they want to hear? (And yes, this pastor is looking the mirror.) Also notice that Eli confirmed that the vision given to Samuel was from the Lord. Anyone can claim that God showed or told them something, that does not make it true. As in discerning God's call it is confirmed by the community. The result is "the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord."

Prayer

Lord, I confess that have often ignored your word when I found it too difficult to accept. I often try to please others rather than doing what is right in your eyes. Forgive me, and free me for joyful obedience.

Thursday - Acts 9:20a ,22

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.**

Notes

Saul or as we know him by his Roman name, Paul, was converted by his vision of the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. The result was that this great persecutor of Christians became a powerful presence for God. If God was able to accomplish this in Paul what can God do in your life? Are you too sinful for God to use? Paul not only sinned but was openly God's enemy. Do you lack ability, talent, power? Paul was empowered to turn back those who opposed God. So if God is not able to forgive us nor empower us then either our God is too small or we think too highly of ourselves.

Prayer

God, I cannot sin bigger than you can forgive. Hear my confession..... God, no matter what I believe about my usefulness or abilities I trust your ability to use me to make a difference. I surrender to your will to use me as you will.

Friday - Acts 9:26 – 28

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

Notes

Everyone has a reputation. Do we treat others in the church and community based upon their past? Jesus always met and accepted people as they are with unconditional love, and then called them to new life – to be the person God created them to be, free of sin and using all of their God-given talent. When you meet someone do you treat them based upon their reputation or what you believe about them or do you unconditionally accept them as they are here and now? And, how do you treat the person in the mirror?

Prayer

Lord, help me see myself and others with your eyes. Teach me to love them as you love them, and to love myself as you love me.

More about Discernment for Individuals and the Church Community – The Wesleyan Quadrilateral

(1) Scripture, (2) tradition, (3) reason, and (4) experience. For United Methodists, Scripture is considered the primary source and standard for Christian doctrine. Tradition is experience and the witness of development and growth of the faith through the past centuries and in many nations and cultures. Experience is the individual's understanding and appropriating of the faith in the light of his or her own life. Through reason the individual Christian brings to bear on the Christian faith discerning and cogent thought. These four elements taken together bring the individual Christian, as well as the Christian community, to a mature and fulfilling understanding of the Christian faith and the required response of worship and service.