

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

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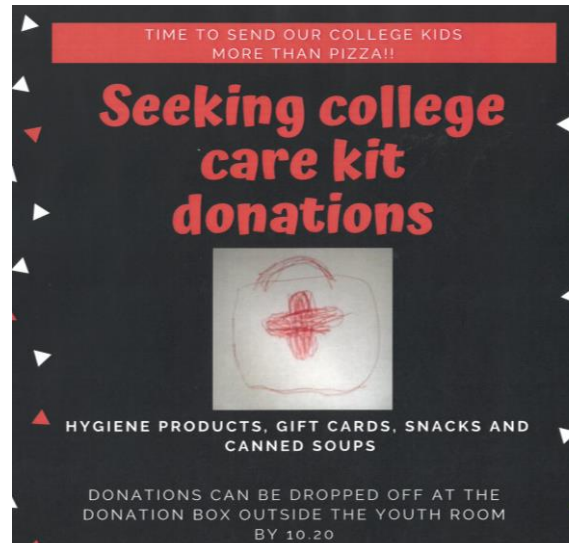
- Praise that mother's cancer has not returned.
- May God be with Joe S. as he goes to serve in Africa.
- All God's Children.
- Joy of grandchildren.
- Blessings for everyone.
- Both JoAnn and Jim want to thank everyone for their prayers.
- Grateful prayers for JoAnn's knee surgery that went well. Knee was successfully replaced on Wednesday and she came home Thursday with very little pain. Hopes to return in a few weeks.
- Jim's surgery went well also. Please continue to lift Jim in prayer as he continues to heal. His healing process is slower than anticipated.
- Kathy R. and I are feeling much better. Thanks to our church family for your prayers.
- Prayers for the wonderful wedding of daughter, Felicia C. and Steve L. Many happy years ahead.
- Prayers as daughter starts her job on Monday. Prayers as parents find steady jobs - release of pain, physical and mental.
- Our Country -- Bring peace and love and unite us once again.
- Continued prayers for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.

CONCERNS

- Family relationships.
- Prayers for John Barton's family with the death of Norma, his wife.
- Prayers for the Barton Family as they mourn the loss of Norma.
- Love and prayers go out to John Barton and Family.
- Prayers for those who suffer and are affected by the effects of abusive behavior.
- Pray for my wife, Nancy.
- Prayers for Reid B. in the late stage of cancer.
- Prayers for Renee B. - continue to battle with breast cancer and degenerative disk disease.
- Prayers for Donianne S. - lost her sister this past week.
- Prayers for my sister, Barbara - taken to ER by ambulance for a potential stroke.
- Continued prayer for Franc, that he would surrender to all the goodness God has provided and come to love himself despite his past. Thank you for your faithfulness Lord.
- Prayers for my sister-in-law, Pam S. with Health issues.
- Prayers for Kathy and Gene F's situation - strength for their day-by-day comings and goings.
- Pray for All God's Children.
- Prayers for all individuals and families that struggle with mental illness and/or addictions.
- Continued healing for Jerry R. in Rehab.
- Continued prayers for Tracey C fighting 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 morning 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.



The Car Ministry is continually prepared to receive vehicle donations to assist those in need within our community.

If you or someone you know has a vehicle to donate, please contact the church office at 717 993 2507 x13



Stewartstown Senior Center News

The Center serves about 30 meals 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 several fundraisers throughout the year, the next being 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!

Announcements

Library News

The Gift of Angels by Rebecca Currington

This charming little book can be read in an hour, yet gives you a lifetime of things to ponder. Read about the guardian angels that are in our lives every day and how they deliver us from harm. Learn how they have been the messengers for God and times when they have told us about the future. Be uplifted by these inspirational encounters.

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

Something More: In Search of a Deeper Faith

A Treasury of Story Sermons for Children

Our Heavenly Father: Sermons on the Lord's Prayer

Cats & Dogs Together & Other Children's Sermons

The Pig's Brother and Other Children's Sermons

Happy Birthday

- 10/12: Jason Weirich
Mia Stiffler
- 10/13: Autum Boyer
Linda Henry
Samantha Roedts
- 10/15: Bob Hoyt
- 10/16: Jacqueline Geiple
Jenni Sipe
- 10/17: Nate McCloskey
- 10/19: Jill Hamme, Kelli Landis,
Ray Rohrback
- 10/20: Eleanor Breault
Noel Waltemire
Truit Elwell



GIVING UPDATE AS OF October 6, 2019

Total Needed \$343,274 Actual Giving \$317,578
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 13 – October 20, 2019

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>
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>
Monday, 10/14	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:00 am	Caring Ministries Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday, 10/15	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:15-8:15 pm	STUNTS Youth Group, <i>Youth Room</i>
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, 10/16	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10 - 11:30 am	Bible Study, <i>Library</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, 10/17	
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>
7:00 pm	Seyco Board Meeting, <i>Classroom</i>
7:30-8:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Friday, 10/18	
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>
Saturday, 10/19	
7:00 am	Band of Brothers, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, 10/20	
9:00 am	Sunday School for all Ages
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Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:30 am

Prelude	Holy	arr. Ingram
Welcome		Pastor Keith
*Opening Praise	Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know	Hymn #163
	Firm Foundation	
	Glorify Thy Name	
*Greeting One Another		
Baptism of Elarra Lee Roedts		Come Be Baptized
Time of Prayer		
Prayer Song		Keep on Praying
Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives	Mission Moment, AWOL	
	Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	Hymn #94
Time with the Children		
Scripture Lessons	Acts 9:1-19a	Rev 5:11-14
Message	Who'd a Think It?	Pastor Keith
Chancel Choir Anthem	Not to Us	DeVries
Closing Song		The Lamb Is Worthy
Choral Benediction		Go Now In Peace
Dismissal and Blessing		
Postlude		

Today's Servant Volunteers

Worship Band – Susan Herbert, GJ Emge, Ryan Keeney, Levi Tart and Derek White
Organist – Gloria Winemiller
Liturgist – Jennifer McGraw
Tech Team – John Malachowski, Chuck Bosley, Paul Nesbitt
Nursery – Cindy Myers and Nate Herbert

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[Dr. Keith Braucher](#), Lead Pastor x10

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

[Sandy Pietrowicz](#), Director of Children's Ministries x19

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

[Connie Zetterman](#), Administrative Assistant x13

[Gary Schwinn](#), Sexton x14

[ChurchAdmin](#), Susan Herbert (Financial)/Janice Bosley (Safe Sanctuary) Church Administration x12

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.

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



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

Who'd a Think It?

October 13, 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 9:1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so, they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

Notes

Saul becomes Paul the great apostle whose mission journeys took the Way to the ends of the Roman Empire. Saul is the man who oversaw Stephan being stoned to death, who "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord" sought legal support for campaign to eliminate all Christians. And after his encounter with Christ he was given a new name because he was no longer that same man. How have encounters with Christ changed your life? Do you still hold onto parts of your life that you do not think God can redeem? Later in Acts 9 we find, "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." Do you hold onto old hurts or resentments rather than allow God's redemption? Sometimes we treat ourselves and others poorly because of who they were rather than who you and they are now.

Pray

Lord, heal me and renew my heart, like Paul, you are making me into a new person who is more authentically me while being more authentically yours. As you renew me let me love others as they are here and now.

Tuesday - Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Notes - The book of Revelation calls us to join the cherubim, the elders, the angels, and all creation in worship. Worship is different than gratitude. God did not have to give us life, nor provide for our daily life, die for our sins, forgive sins if we repent, gives us new beginnings, and life eternal - but God did. We might want to check our pulse if that does not want to make us fall to our knees and give thanks. Worship is not a response to what God has done for us but is simply an appropriate response to God. How can you move to a daily life of gratitude? Is your daily life too busy to worship? What does that say about you and God?

Prayer - Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!'
And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Wednesday - Psalm 30 – Thanksgiving for Recovery

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Notes - Most of us have had times of great sickness or difficulty. Cried out, "why Lord?" We may have even tried to bargain with God. "Please God I promise to never again.... Or "Save me and for the rest of my life I will...." Then what happened? We often forget what it was like, or dismiss the time's severity, or we do not acknowledge God's role in our recovery. How does remembering what God has done for you and that God listens, responds, returns us to joy shape your thoughts and life for today?

Pray the Psalm.

Thursday John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

Notes – This is the third time the disciples encounter the risen Lord. Jesus appears on the seashore while they are fishing and when the disciples arrive there is a charcoal fire and a meal prepared for them of bread and fish. How has Jesus showed up in your life in such a simple everyday way? Will you expect to see Christ today? Will you watch and pray?

Prayer – Open the eyes of my heart Lord, that I might see you when you appear.

Friday – John 21:19-22 - paraphrased

Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!"

Notes –All relationships are between two individuals. Sometimes when your relationship becomes stressed you involve a third person (relationship triangle). Your mother and your aunt, or your father and mother, or your child and the other parent, or your boss and your coworker, or not talking to each other but both talking about the other person. You get the idea. But only the two people in the relationship can make things work. You might think you are helping but you are not able to fix things and they probably will be angry at you for not doing so. The path to less stress in your life is for you to only take responsibility for your relationships. This is a spiritual truth. Jesus is clear about our relationship with God. YOU follow, what others do is between them and God. Where are the triangles or potential triangles in your life? How can you love others and help others while not taking responsibility for others? (dependent children and vulnerable adults being the exception)

Prayer – Lord, you call me to follow but I am distracted by those shouting bad advice and those clinging to my ankles "Mend my life!" Lord, only you can do for them what needs to be done. Lord, only you can do for me what needs to be done. I will follow.