

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

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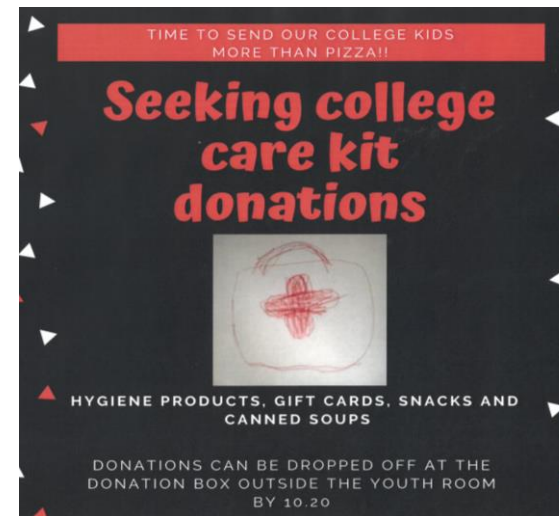
- Prayers of JOY for all my children and family.
- All God's Children.
- Thank you for Pastor Keith.
- Sunshine and blessings.
- That SUMC has brought the Bridge of Hope ministry to the community.
- Continued prayers for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.
- Mark is doing great after heart surgery. Betty's leg is healing slowly, but healing.

CONCERNS

- Jo Ann Cooper, knee replacement surgery on Oct 2nd
- Prayers for Helen! Prayers for my friend Ann recovering from a "stroke."
- Prayers of healing for Becky with breast cancer. Prayers for my son, Jonathan, in California.
- Prayers for Ned and June H. and Deane J. with aging issues.
- Pray for Jason as he listens for God to guide him through his journey into pastoral licensing.
- Pray for speedy home improvements to keep home insurance. Pray for Dad who is in a tremendous amount of pain. Pray for release of depression.
- Continued healing for David.
- Please continue to pray for Franc - that he would embrace every new opportunity with faith, trust the "here and now," and be filled with the Holy Spirit as he works to reconstruct his life.
- Pray for those affected by the draught in Zambia.
- Pray for all that struggle with mental illness and or addictions. Pray for my dear friend Viv who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayer for Felicia C. and Steve L. for upcoming wedding and health concerns.
- Denise suffering from stomach virus.
- Dick H. in Rehab.
- Barb D. and Bonnie S. for relief of pain from cancer.
- Prayers for continued healing for Jerry R. in Rehab.
- Continued recovery for Mark S. and healing for Betty.
- Prayers for our President and Family and Country and those serving in uniform. Pray for the addicted and mentally ill.
- All God's Children.
- Please continue to lift Gracyn P. in prayer and her family. Thanks be to God for His Love, Grace and Mercy.
- Prayers for Gracyn and her new Medical Team at DuPont.
- Grammy's surgery and friend who got hurt at football.
- For meeting new friends and bringing new friends to Sunday school classes
- For my Papi recovering from a stroke and cousin recovering so he can play sports again.
- Brother expecting in March 2020, prayers for health of mommy and baby
- Prayers for grandmother going through dementia, family for understanding and patience.
- Prayers for help for the people in Africa
- Prayers for children who are hurt or sick.
- Dear Lord, please make sure that people in Africa are safe and healthy
- Prayers for my grandmother recovering from back surgery
- Heavenly Father, I pray that when my friend has surgery she doesn't get hurt and that she will feel better.
- Prayers for my grandma's friend, her cancer has returned.

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

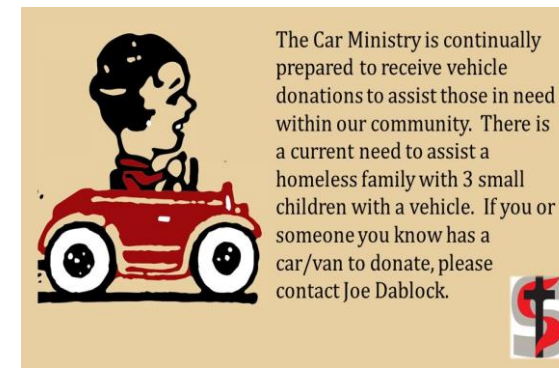


Pastor Ed will begin a Wednesday morning Bible study on October 9th till November 13th. Class will meet in the church library from 10 – 11:30 am. "Amos and Friends, Prophetic Voices in Perilous Times." Register in the church office or come to the class.



Due to the enhancements in the sanctuary, there is currently a 6 foot church pew that is available. In the near future there will also be (6) 14 foot pews available for a suggested donation over \$50. If you are interested in any of the pews, please contact the church office. A 6 foot pew is available now and we will take names for the other pews and contact you when they are available for pick-up.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To everyone who helped with and supported the first, and hopefully, annual Peach Festival! We did so well...over \$2000 toward the September 2020 Mission trip to Kenya! It would not have been this successful without the support of so many of our congregation! If you feel even a slight pull toward joining the team please call Janet @ 717-858-8588 to talk about it. Take the chance to serve as Jesus has commanded us. We are all called to different missions...perhaps this is yours!



Volunteer Opportunity
We are in need of a few volunteers that would be willing to donate about an hour a week to help clean the church. Some of our faithful volunteers have retired. You can pretty much set your own schedule as long as there are no scheduling conflicts. Areas we could use a little help include: Children's Classrooms, Sanctuary, Youth room, Kitchen.
Contact our Sexton, Gary Schwinn

Announcements

Library News



Jesus: Life Coach by Laurie Beth Jones

Do you need a coach in your life to achieve success? The author of this book has found that Jesus is the most effective "coach" who ever lived. She shows how Jesus's advice offers strategies you can use in every aspect of your life by following his footsteps. She divided life's challenges into 4 areas: Focus, Balance, Be Productive, and Enjoy Fulfillment. She applies this model to the problem of difficult conversations, everything from asking for a raise, to firing someone, to telling a doctor you want a second opinion. She explains how to be assertive without being rude or selfish. Each issue is clearly covered in just a few pages.

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

The Faith of the Russian Evangelicals, Healing Words, A Child's View of Grief, Peace With God, Timeless Truths, Priceless Promises

Happy Birthday

9/28: Keith Kurtz, Pearl Madden
 9/29: Caleb Bakalyar, Hilda Miller, Owen Martin
 10/1: Jennifer McGraw, Marcia Vanover
 10/2: Carol Jones
 10/3: Helen Lytle
 10/4: Joan Hovatter
 10/5: Kathleen Rager, Patrick Barker



Looking for prayer warriors/prayer partners to connect with those in college or the military.

Please contact music office
 717 993 2507 x 11 for details.

GIVING UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Total Needed \$326,110 Actual Giving \$303,106
 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 September 29 – October 6, 2019

Sunday, 9/29	
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>
5:00-6:15 pm	Adult Bible Study, <i>Heritage Hall</i>
6:00 pm	COP Parent Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, 9/30	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:15-8:15 pm	STUNTS Youth Group, <i>Youth Room</i>
Tuesday, 10/1	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, 10/2	
8:30-9:30 am	Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</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, 10/3	
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>
7:30-8:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Friday, 10/4	
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, 10/5	
7:00 am	Band of Brothers, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, 10/6	
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, September 29, 2019 10:30 am

Prelude	Gloria Winemiller, Organist	Chris Miller, Oboe
	A Simple Song of Joy	Keller
Welcome		Pastor Keith
Chancel Choir Anthem	Levi Tart, auxiliary percussion	Bill Herbert, timpani
	Come Praise the Lord	arr. Adams
*Opening Praise		Psalm 8:1-4
	All of My Days	
	Jesus We Enthroned You	
*Greeting One Another		
Spark Choir Anthem		Sing, Dance, Clap Your Hands
*Praise and Worship	Hymn #170	O How I Love Jesus
Time with the Children		
Prayer Hymn #496		Sweet Hour of Prayer
Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives	Mission Moment, UMCOR Relief	
Scripture Lessons	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 5:1-11 Luke 4:16-19
Message	Extravagant Generosity (Wealth Distribution)	Pastor Keith
Closing Song		I Give You My Heart
Choral Benediction		Go Now In Peace
Dismissal and Blessing		
Postlude		Lord I Give You My Heart
	Today's Servant Volunteers	
	Worship Band – GJ Emge, Nate Herbert, Susan Herbert, Ryan Keeney and Levi Tart	
	Organist – Gloria Winemiller	Liturgist – Pat Shaw
	Camera - Paul Nesbitt	
	Nursery – Holly Herbert and Andrew Stiffler	

The Spark Choir participates in worship today. Sparks Choir is for children grades 2-6. They rehearse Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:15 pm in the music room under the direction of Sandy Pietrowicz. For information, contact Sandy at 717-993-2507 x19. Thanks children for increasing our worship!

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

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

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

[Connie Zetterman](#), Administrative Assistant x13

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

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

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

[Gary Schwinn](#), Sexton x14



DISCIPLE

FAST TRACK

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Led by Pastor Keith
Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30
starting September 11 and running 12 weeks
until Thanksgiving.



Adult Classes Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:15 pm Spiritual Development for Life Adults, Couples, Parenting, Empty Nesters, Second Journey

Pastor Keith will present a topic each week with opportunity for discussion and sharing based on his 30+ years of experience as a pastoral counselor.



By the Power of the Holy Spirit

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you will be my witnesses."
Acts 1:8

Grow Pray Serve

Extravagant Generosity
(Wealth Distribution)

September 29, 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 4:32-37 The Believers Share Their Possessions

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Notes – Do you think it would cause a stir if our congregation renounced public property and put everything into one pot like the early church? They did not do so out of any requirement but because of their hearts. What does this say about our hearts? How would the world be different if everyone did this?

Prayer – Lord, make my heart and soul one with you and one with all who share your heart and soul. Teach me how to understand that all of my possessions are yours to do with in ways that please you.

Tuesday - Acts 5:1-11

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; 2with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? 4While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!' 5Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. 6The young men came and wrapped up his body,* then carried him out and buried him.*

7 After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' 9Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' 10Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Notes – We can fool the church, we can fool others and we definitely can fool ourselves, but we cannot fool God. We may lie to ourselves, and to others but in the end, we are lying to God. There is a shadow side to all of us, a darkness in our heart. What parts of your life do you want to hide?

Prayer – Pray a prayer of confession acknowledging to God what sin you would rather keep hidden. Remember, God already knows.

Wednesday - Luke 4:16-19

*When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed, go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'*

Notes – This is Jesus's mission statement. What is your mission statement? A mark of discipleship is the continuation of Jesus ministry as the Church is the body of Christ.

Prayer – Start with silence – try at least 10 minutes but even 1 minute is better than none. Listen and wait for God's spirit. – Lord, today as your spirit is with me, use me in word and actions to bring your good news to those in poverty and those who are poor in spirit. To tell the world that your desire is for us to see the truth and for all your children to be free of all that oppresses us.

Thursday - Philippians 2:1-5

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

Notes – Like Monday's scripture in Acts 4:32 "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.." Paul calls us to have one mind, the mind of Christ. How can your day be different if you live in humility? If you treat others as more valuable than you and their interests/needs as more important than yours? This does not mean surrendering yourself to the agendas, wants, and interests of others, It means surrendering yourself to God's agenda. To not give others what they may want but what God knows they need.

Prayer – Continue reading, starting at verse 6. Read this passage several times. Lift up any prayers that come to you as you contemplate God's word.

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.*

Friday - Philippians 2:12-13 - Shining as Lights in the World

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Notes – In the scriptures we were saved, are being saved, and will be saved. Salvation is not an event but a process. A process that requires work with a proper fear/respect for the importance of the task. Because it is nothing less than the process of bringing every dark part of our life into the light. How are you about this task?

Prayer - Search me, O God, and know my heart today, Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray; See if there be some wicked way in me; Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.