

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS/BLESSINGS/PRAISES/HOPE



- *Praise for the healing of Randy B
- *Harvest time
- *My family and their desire to improve their health
- *Praise for the continued support for the food pantry and the 5 local churches that are now involved in the support and operation of the pantry
- *Praise for those that assisted with meal preparation and donations for Helping Hands

CONCERNS

- *Prayers for the Malachowski family at the passing of 42 year old nephew Hubert Loeffler III.
- *Jim Wolf is hospitalized with kidney disease; buildup of fluid around the heart and lungs. Dialysis is being considered at this time.
- *Prayers for the Braucher family at the passing of William Braucher
- *Prayers for Carol Knepley and her family at the passing of John
- *Prayers for Hilda Miller and her family at the passing of Eugene
- *Prayers for the Walker family at the death of 55 year old father from COVID
- *Prayers for Larry Seitz
- *Prayers for Robert L., diagnosed with stage 4 sarcoma
- *Prayers for Steve S.
- *Prayers for those with mental illness, anxiety and/or depression
- *Prayer for the family of Domingo Garcia at his passing
- *Prayers for teachers and school leadership and for the children to be able to go to school to learn and thrive.
- *Those with cancer or leukemia diagnosis
- *Continued prayers for Susan Waltemire, Donna Amberman, Dennis & Jean McCleary, Rich "Chug" Gibbs, Rosie Horton, Mike & Betsy Vahey, Jose Rosado, Debbie S, Pauline B, Mary Ellen Deavers

Dear SUMC family,

Thank you for your many cards, notes, and prayers for my family and me regarding our loss of John who was such a loving husband, father and grandfather. Your kindness was so very much appreciated.

Carol Knepley



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

Come join the team of volunteers at SUMC. We are currently looking for people to assist with the cleaning of the church.

Here are some of the duties:



One afternoon or evening per week to clean Heritage Hall (wiping down tables, vacuuming, and cleaning bathrooms).

One evening per week to clean Nursery/Toddler Room

One evening per week to clean the downstairs Children's Ministry area.

Once a week to clean the sanctuary

(vacuuming, dusting pews and window edges)

Use this Link to Sign Up <https://tsu.me/nvhrgg>

Save the Date! Gifts of Love Kickoff Sunday, October 31st



The kickoff of our Gifts of Love stewardship campaign on October 31st will be a time of sharing and fellowship for our entire congregation.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

We will start at noon with a gathering of the whole church in the Sanctuary. You will hear and see what is currently happening in the life and ministry of Stewartstown United Methodist Church, our goals and future plans, as well as financial and budget information.

Then everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall where lunch will be provided. Come to share, learn, celebrate, and be challenged!



Please keep the leadership of Jesus Christ Superstar in your prayers. For more information on this ministry, go to www.stewartstownumc.org and click the link for JCS.

The Focus in October for Jesus Christ Superstar is seeking those who would be interested in helping with food prep to serve the cast, crew, and staff during Holy Week 2022 (April 9-17, 2021). It can be for one meal, one day, or any schedule that suits you.

Our food leadership team needs abled bodied people to help them. No experience necessary, just willing hearts! To indicate your interest in helping with food prep, sign up online at tsu.me/htrt9, email musicministry@stewartstownumc.org, use the QR code or submit the bulletin insert to the church office.



The Stewartstown Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10am - noon. Those in need can enter the pantry and choose the foods, as well as cleaning and personal items, that are most useful to them. Appointments are recommended to minimize wait time. To make an appointment, call 717-501-6018 and leave a message or contact pantry@StewartstownUMC.org

We are currently asking for donations of:

Boxes of stuffing, potatoes, jars of gravy, canned cranberry sauce, pie crusts, canned pumpkin, 5 Lbs bag of sugar, yam or sweet potatoes.

Please bring donations to the church on Sunday morning.

If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, please use the link below or the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/4dw3tf7s>

This institution is an equal opportunity provider



A Work of Love

Fall Community Workday

Sat., Nov. 13

(Nov. 20 rainedate)

8am-4pm

Serving local neighbors
for youth ages 12 through adults

No experience needed!

Contact musicministry@stewartstownumc.org or complete the registration form/referral form located on the communion rail and submit to the office.



Happy Birthday

Oct 23
Aubrey Miller

Oct 24
Declan
Gallagher

Oct 26
Savannah
Urand

Oct 27
Craig
Pijanowski

Doug
Winemiller
Stacie Barlow

Oct 28
Shelly
Thompson

Oct 29
Diana
Rohrbach

Oct 30
Frank Coarr
Randy Babcock
Sandra Kraus

Oct 31
Elliot Cooper



Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

A Faith That Works - The Work of Love
Sunday, October 24, 2021

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

9:00 am Worship

Praise Songs

Stir Up A Hunger

Desert Song

Scriptures & Discussion

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-16

Blessing

Adult Sunday School from 10:00-10:45 am

11:00 am Worship

Prelude

Gloria Winemiller

Remembrance

Jubellieres Handbell Choir

Welcome

Pastor Keith Braucher

Opening Hymn #103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer Request

Hymn #351 vss 1 & 2

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Prayer

The Women of the Chancel Choir

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

(the photos during this anthem were taken by our sexton, Gary Schwinn)

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-16

The Message

A Faith That Works – The Work of Love

Pastor Keith Braucher

Hymn #371

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Choral Benediction

Go Now In Peace

Besig

We had so much fun the first time, we are doing it again!
Won't you join us?



When: Tuesday, Oct. 26 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Where: [20431 Middletown Rd, Freeland, MD](https://www.firstfruitsfarm.org)

What: Volunteering at First Fruits Farm (possibly working with potatoes, cabbage, or pumpkins)

First Fruits Farm is a working farm located on Middletown Rd in Freeland, MD, about 20 minutes from SUMC. They grow food to distribute to organizations who feed those in need. The majority of the work is done by volunteers. To learn more about First Fruits Farm, visit this website <https://www.firstfruitsfarm.org/about>

We have registered for a group from SUMC to be part of the evening harvest team.

Sign-up is easy, just [go to this link to sign a waiver](#), and that will put you on our list!

Each individual needs to register and sign the waiver, so if you are a parent with children, be sure to sign for them, too!

You can also access the waiver by scanning this code. Questions? Contact Terri at terrihebel@gmail.com or 717-318-6684. Please join us!



SCAN ME

Financial Giving Update \$ 308,198 YTD (87.3 % of Budget) as of October 17, 2021

Making a financial donation can be done in several ways:

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.

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

Worship with us on Zoom each Sunday at 11 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2143764128> ID: 214 376 4128

Stewartstown United Methodist Church will be following the Pennsylvania State Department of Health guidelines, which requires anyone entering the SUMC building to wear a mask. We have once again roped off every other pew and set the chairs 6 feet apart.

Friday, October 29

Ezekiel 34:1-16, Israel's False Shepherds

34 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. 4 You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. 6 My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them. Q 7 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: 8 As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: 10 Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

God the True Shepherd

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Notes

In every society there are governmental and religious leaders who are responsible for the care of the people. The benefit is to flow one way, to the people. What is God's judgment? How is this playing out in our own time? What do you expect from your leaders? How will you hold them accountable? How are you practicing leadership?

Prayer

Good Shepherd, my provider and savior. As the body of Christ we seek to be your presence in the world. Show me this day the lost I must seek in Your name, the injured I must help, the weak I am to assist, and the justice that I am to proclaim.



Daily Devotional Readings for the week of October 25 – October 29, 2021

Monday, October 25

Proverbs 8:1, 32-36

8:1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
32 "And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.
34 Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. 35 For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; 36 but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death."

Notes

We live in a self-centered culture where everyone is an expert on everything. Wisdom is cynically dismissed and immaturity is tolerated. Yet, "Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me... daily." Do you wait for wise instruction from God, the source of wisdom, before you act? Consider the decision in front of you now. Remember the time you acted foolishly and how different the outcome would have been? Well, now is the time to wait for wisdom, decide wisely, and give yourself a chance to look back on your decision without regret.

Prayer

Feet on the floor, bottom in a chair, I am quiet and still in your presence Lord. I will wait in stillness and silence until I have direction from you to guide my path forward.

Tuesday, October 26

Proverbs 9:1-6, 10

1 Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. 3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 4 “You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, 5 “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. 6 Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Notes

In our culture the thought of acknowledging our immaturity and simpleness is viewed as weakness or humiliating. “Think for yourself! Don’t be a sheep! Yada yada. Yet fear of the Lord, true humility that acknowledges the need for God, who is far greater than ourselves, is the beginning of wisdom and the only way to benefit from wisdom’s fruits. I find when I meditate on wisdom and God’s call to Christian, emotional and spiritual maturity, God shines a light on what is immature in myself and in society. I find it feels familiar. Did any of us ever leave High School?

Prayer

Lord, where I am simple you are wise, when I still act like a child you call me to maturity, teach me to be humble and still so that I might learn your ways.

Wednesday, October 27

1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

Notes

In God’s kingdom a nobody becomes a somebody. And maybe a somebody becomes a nobody. Who in our culture is upheld as a somebody? (Hint: People magazine - because, well, these are the “real” people who count.) God calls us to recognize who we truly are and then to act like it! In private and in public, what does it mean to act like God’s person?

Prayer

Lord, today I put on my big boy/girl pants and act my station in life. May my actions and the thoughts behind those actions be honorable in the sight of all and glorify you!

Thursday, October 28

1 Peter 2:13-17

13 For the Lord’s sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, 14 or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. 15 For it is God’s will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. 16 As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. 17 Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Notes

Peter was addressing a situation in the early church where Christians proclaimed Jesus as Lord, and rightfully so, but then flagrantly defied the state as inconsequential. If we act as servants of the Lord, seeking to do what is right, we do not undermine what Peter saw as the legitimate authority of the state. In our divided country we find ourselves mistrustful not only of the people in office but often the office itself. We cannot afford to surrender to the state in all things nor to cynically ignore the state as useless. To ‘fear God. Honor the emperor.’ Is to put things in the right order. How does this inform your decision to vote or not vote? How are we held responsible by God if we do not do whatever is in our power to effect change?

Prayer

Lord, faithful Christians throughout the ages of worked within the systems of power for your glory. Faithful Christians throughout the ages have also practiced civil disobedience to your glory. In all our relationships, Lord, teach to love and honor others so that you may be glorified.