

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers of JOYS/BLESSINGS/PRAISES/HOPE

- *Dottie T healing well from knee replacement
- *Friend healing from broken vertebrae
- *Gracyn Pickel is now back to school
- *Don M's mom responding to treatment, but a way to go.
- *Wedding Anniversary for Ray/Jean Manifold
- *Dan Lekrone mending
- *Maddie Rader passing an important test
- *Al Wagner anniversary 53!
- *Steve & Susan anniversary 21!
- *Praise for school reunions
- *Thankful for new roof before winter arrives



Prayer CONCERNS

- *Prayers for the Betsy Vahey and family at the passing of her husband, Michael Vahey
- *Friend of GJ in a relationship issue
- *Prayers for Wanda R on hospice care
- *Prayers for the Akins family at the passing of Melvin Akins
- *Ukraine finding horrors of war while Russia retreats
- *COVID rearing its ugly head
- *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 Esther Willwert healing following auto accident
- *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 the Kurtz family at the passing of Jean and prayers for Bill for his recent move to York
- *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



SOMETHING
NEW
IS ON
ITS WAY...

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)

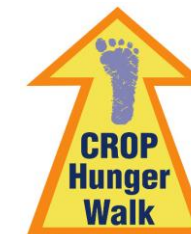
Stewartstown Area CROP WALK

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.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

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

The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian
Why leave your child's life to chance when you can give it to God? In 30 short, easy-to-read chapters, the author shares how you can pray through every age and stage of your child's life. Whether your child is three or forty-three, it's never too late to discover the joy that comes from being a part of God's work in your child's life. Being a perfect parent doesn't matter. Being a praying parent does.

Our Nursery is Open Again!

We have an immediate need for nursery caretakers for October 2nd, 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 Christmas*
Musical Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm *The Well*
- 5:30 pm *Company of Praise Rehearsal*
- 6:30 pm *Coffee Fellowship Time*



Happy Birthday

Sept 29
Caleb Bakalyar
Hilda Miller
Jordan
Baughman
Owen Martin

Oct 1
Jennifer McGraw
Marcia Vanover

Oct 2
Carol Jones

Oct 4
Joan Hovatter

Oct 5
Gregory Freese
Kathy Rager

Oct 8
Pat Shaw

Oct 9
Colleen
McGonigle

Oct 10
Lesli Kunkle
Lillian Lay
Stacy Kuhns

Oct 11
David McDowell



Enough

Wisdom & Finance



*Stand as you are able

- Prelude Gloria Winemiller
Amazing Grace arr. Hughes
- Welcome
- *Opening Praise *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*
- *Opening Hymn #98 *To God By the Glory*
- Greeting One Another
- Hymn #407 *Close To Thee*
- Offering and Stewardship Moment Ginger Babcock
- Dedication of Offerings Kim Hoyt
- Time of Sharing – Celebrations and Prayers
- Chancel Choir Anthem *He Will Carry You* Brown/Althouse
- Scripture Reading Proverbs 21:5, 21:20, Luke 15:11-16
- The Message *Wisdom and Finance* Keith Braucher
- Ministry Moment Megan Melicharova, Missionary in Czechia
Megan will be available to speak more on her experiences during coffee hour in Heritage Hall following worship
- World Communion Sunday *Indescribable*
- *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.



Financial Giving towards General Operations as of September 25, 2022:
\$278,741 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

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



SUMC will be participating in the Stewartstown Fall Fest, October 8th, 9:00am to 4:00pm. We are currently in need of volunteers to man our booth.

Fall Festival

Please contact Tyler Madden for more information.
717-602-8073
tyler.madden5@gmail.com
Thank you.

Women's Book Group

For women of all ages who like to read and share in discussion of books and who wish to be in fellowship. The group will encourage spiritual growth through discussion as well as devotional verses. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm at Janet's home.

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 Inform her that you will be joining this group. janetlfbyers@zoominternet.net

Turn your worries
into prayers.

Prayer Group Friday, October 7th
9 am in Library



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 3 – October 7, 2022



Monday, October 3, 2022

James 1:2-8

Faith and Wisdom

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance complete its work, so that you may

be complete and whole, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Reflections

We remain double-minded when we refuse to commit ourselves in faith to one object. How often do we put our faith in material things but keep a line open to God “just in case” or place our faith in God but hold back on the side “just in case”. Like a campaign donor that supports both sides or a weapon dealer who sells to both sides. There is no single purpose, there is no endurance, no joy, no moral center without faith. Of course, there are doubts and God allows for them. But there is a difference in the feeling of the occasionally doubt and choosing to live double-minded. What trial are you facing? Can you see it as an opportunity to grow in joy and endurance? What faith do you need? Ask the Lord.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Poverty and Riches

Let the brother or sister of humble means boast in having a high position and the rich in having been humbled, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same way with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

Reflections

The Bible is very, very consistent that material riches mean nothing and yet we all spend our lives coveting, wishing, pursuing the illusion. Ask God for salvation from the meaningless pursuit of dead flowers.

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Faith Conquers the World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

James 1:9-11

1 John 5:1-5

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 *continued*

Reflections

Our faith conquers the world. How? Through faith we become God’s children, wrapped in the circle of love – parent, child, siblings – living God’s way of love. Believing that Jesus is the Christ is believing that Jesus is the One, the perfect manifestation of God’s will ordering all things in love, the organizing power of the universe. When you believe in the organizing power of the universe you align yourself with it like joining the step of a dance that will overcome chaos. As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, amen.

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and if you do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Reflections

Beware of appearing to bear fruit but not doing so. How often do we as individuals, or families, or as a church, appear great and fruitful but fail close examination? To see a lovely bowl of fruit and discover it is plastic? Prayerfully examine yourself, your relationships, your institutions. Are the bearing fruit in faith? What is your next step?

Friday, October 7, 2022

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier’s aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Reflections

A soldier is given an order to fulfill and no distractions, no suffering, no entanglements, no side journeys, no excuses are tolerated. You keep pushing to the goal like the athlete’s eye on the finish line and the farmer’s eye on the harvest. Like them you have a life, a mission, a goal, a purpose given to you by God that only you can accomplish. Many, if not most of us, get “entangled in everyday affairs.” Prayerfully name your “everyday affairs”? What if you chose to see them as distractions and instead of becoming entangled you chose to stay the course?

Hint: You know you have become entangled when you start with, “I would have but...”

Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

2 Timothy 2:1-7