

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page



JOYS

- Love, Joy, Peace of knowing God.
- Family time this weekend.
- Being with my family last weekend and hiking in God's beautiful creation.
- Gratitude for the Lord's love.
- Ryan H. - successful surgery.
- For teachers and students returning to school this week.
- JOY - for friends that care for me and my journey from losing my love one.
- Prayers for the on-going work for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.
- Successful eye surgery for my mom, Ginny

CONCERNS

- Keep Pastor Dave M. in prayer while he awaits his surgery.
- Amanda, husband and family - stillborn son.
- For all individuals and families affected by mental illness and or addictions.
- For all those in the path of Dorian, hurricane. Keep them safe and provide help for the aftermath!
- Concern for young drivers.
- Pray for Jerry - healing and acceptance of physical limitations.
- Prayers for our Government as they continue using abject cruelty as policy and the citizens of this country as we look the other way and are complicit in our silence
- A friend's brother, John, diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Prayers for John and the family as they decide about treatments.
- Jacqui - dealing with dementia and Parkinson.
- Pray for Adolph who is seriously ill. Please pray for his wife Maria and their family. May their faith in Jesus bring them strength and give them courage.
- Pray for Beth M. - double lung transplant.
- All God's Children.
- Prayers for healing for Harry B. and Rob T.
- Prayers for a donor for my brother.
- Continued prayers for my wife, Nancy.
- Prayers for family relationships; mother, Barbara - possibility cancer has returned.
- Pray for Barb D. and Bonnie S. who are battling cancer. Prayers to God for strength and less pain.
- Prayers for Linda O. with cancer.
- Prayers for loan assumption and prayers for guidance.
- Prayers that sister finds a new place to live that suits her.
- Prayer for good outcome on Betty's knee surgery on September 13th.
- Prayer for Jerry R.'s recovery from amputation of leg due to healing complications.
- Prayers for my aunt, Sally

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

Begins Sept 11th 6:30-8:00 pm with childcare
TO THE FULL Have 2nd & 4th Wed More Fun
Fear Less
Find Your People
MOPS – Mothers of Pre-schoolers



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Annual Church Conference
will be held Thursday,
September 19 at 7:00 pm

Led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Charlie Salisbury, this is our annual meeting to elect key officers and care for other church matters. There is a proposal coming from the Trustees to establish a building exploratory committee to address needs for accessibility, hospitality, and nurture. There will be an informational session about this proposal on September 8 following worship in the sanctuary.

New Members class with Pastor Keith will be held on Sunday, September 22nd from 11:30 am until 1 pm with lunch provided.



Is Starting Point for you?

If you are new to the church and wondering what is next.

If you are considering joining the church.
If you are a long-time member and maybe looking for a new beginning.
Or you have no idea where you are and where to start.

Come meet with Pastor Keith on September 15th from 11:30 am -12:15 pm in Heritage Hall.

It's time for all our choirs to resume their schedules. If you are interested, come to rehearsal or contact the director. See the enclosed for all choir schedules.



SAVE THE DATES

SEPT 8 SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES @ 9AM PARENT MEETING & LUNCH @ 11:30	SEPT 9 STUNTS YOUTH GROUP RESUMES @ 6:15 PM
	OCT 4-6 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT @ GRETNA GLEN

Adult Classes Sunday evenings
beginning on September 8th 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.



Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 Helping Hands for the Homeless of York, Food Run

Please help by:

1. Shop for Supplies or help Cook the Meal
2. Donating Gifts, Clothing, and Supplies: Please leave clean clothing on the stage in Fellowship Hall marked York Homeless.
3. Prepare the Bagged Lunches. Sat. Sept. 28, 9am Fellowship Hall.
4. Serve the Hot Meal in York, PA or Meet Returning Crew to help Clean Up in the evening, Sat. Sept. 28.

Contact Jim Starr, 717-993-3552, jim@jimstarr.com for the needs & to sign up to serve in York.



Announcements

Library News

Book Review Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry & Mary by Lee Strobel

This book is not a theory, but an action plan to help Christians share the message of Christ with the people they work around, live with, and call their friends. The author helps you understand unbelievers and what motivates them. You will learn why people steer clear of God and the church, how to survive marriage to an unbelieving spouse, strategies to build relationships with unbelievers, and a look at Christianity through the eyes of a former atheist.

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

Gaining Through Losing, How to Be Like Jesus in 40 Days, Thank God, It's Monday!, Parables for the Present, Compassion

Happy Birthday

- 9/5: Sydney Hohenbrink
- 9/7: Dennis Kuhns, Genie Lytle
- 9/9: Mary Zivkovich, Paisley Sipe, Ron Boyer
- 9/10: Carl Rader, Hazel Keeney, Piper Morris
- 9/12: Gracelyn deFontes, Dick Hall, Ryan Redding
- 9/15: Eddie Zeiders, Tyler Madden, Ehren Zetterman, Jeanette Dablock, Scott Kaliszak



GIVING UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Total Needed \$300,365 Actual Giving \$282,406
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.

EVENTS

September 8 -15, 2019

Sunday, 9/8

- 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 Combined Summer Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
- 5:00-5:45 pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal, *Toddler Room*
- 5:00-6:15 pm Spark Choir Rehearsal, *Music Room*

Monday, 9/9

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:00 am Caring Ministries Meeting, *Library*
- 6:15-8:15 pm STUNTS Youth Group, *Youth Room*

Tuesday, 9/10

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg, *Library*

Wednesday, 9/11

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
- 10 - 11:30 am Bible Study, *Library*
- 7:00-9:00 pm Ping Pong 4 All, *Stewartstown Community Bldg*

Thursday, 9/12

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Fellowship Hall*
- 2:30 pm Library Committee, *Library*
- 6:30-7:30 pm Jubellieres Handbell Choir, *Sanctuary*
- 7:30-8:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Friday, 9/13

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

Saturday, 9/14

- 12:00-5:00 pm Private Party, *Heritage Hall*

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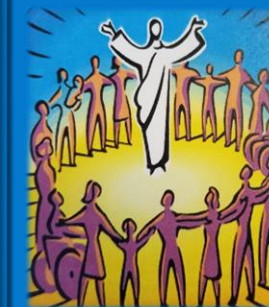


Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

Sunday, September 8, 2019 10:30 am

Prelude	David McDowell
Welcome	Pastor Keith
*Opening Praise	We, Thy People, Praise Thee Lord I Lift Your Name on High
*Greeting One Another	
*Praise and Worship	His Name Is Wonderful Hymn #174
Time with the Children	
Prayer Song	The Heart of Worship
Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer	
Mission Moment	
Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives	Chancel Choir Anthem Clap Your Hands Larson
Scripture Lessons	Acts 2:37-47 John 10:1-10
Message	<i>Holy Spirit Reboot: The Abundant Life</i> Pastor Keith
Closing Hymn #583	Here I Am, Lord
Choral Benediction	Go Now In Peace
Dismissal and Blessing	Lord I Lift Your Name on High
Postlude	Today's Servant Volunteers Worship Band – GJ Emge, Nate Herbert, Susan Herbert, Ryan Keeney and Levi Tart Organist – David McDowell Liturgist – Pat Shaw Ushers – Jen & Stella McGraw and Steve & Ben Schwartz Audio/Visual – Joe Shanabrough and Doug Plasterer Nursery – Jenn Lawrence and Mary Cadden
<i>Pastor Dave will begin medical leave on Monday, September 9</i>	

New Sunday Worship Schedule Starting TODAY, September 8



**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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[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



Thursday – 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Notes – All of us were raised and influenced by people who mostly meant well but they also taught us futile / ineffectual ways that do not provide what our heart, our lives, our community truly needs. We want and need “genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart” and the world gives us the options - either catch a spouse or live in misery. The lie is that someone or something can make us happy. Whom do you trust for the truth? In whom do you place faith and hope?

Prayer – Lord, in you I trust, my hope is set on you, guide me in the path of truth so that my love may be genuine and my relationships a testimony to your goodness.

Friday – Luke 24:13 – 35 selected

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

Notes –When was the last time you sat with open Bible and allowed Jesus to teach you and you found your heart set on fire for God and God’s way? If it was not today, then how can you arrange some time with Jesus for a good heartburn.



Grow Pray Serve

Holy Spirit Reboot
The Abundant Life

September 9 – 16, 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 2:37-47

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Notes – “Awe came upon everyone.” Would you like an awesome life? What are the ingredients according to this passage of scripture? How can you add these ingredients to your life this fall?

Prayer – Lord, the same Holy Spirit that raised you to life, the same Holy Spirit available to the wonder-filled apostles and to all the baptized through the ages is with me and in me. May the Holy Spirit in me be wild and free to accomplish your will.

Tuesday - John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Notes – Christian faith has never been about avoiding hell but about following Christ who is the source of life that is tied to eternity and is abundant. Whose voice are you going to follow today?

Prayer – Good Shepherd, the world calls, demanding, pleading, seducing, “fix me”, “save me”, “love me”. Create in me a quiet place where I hear and respond to the only voice that matters.

Wednesday – Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

*I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;
I said in my consternation, “Everyone is a liar.”
What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!*

Notes – Feeling shame for falling down and having to pull ourselves up is not the way God ever intended for us. God listens for our prayers, hears us, heals and protects us, mostly without our notice and certainly usually without our gratitude.

Put yourself in the place of the Psalmist and make the Psalm your **prayer**.