

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers of JOYS/BLESSINGS/PRAISES/HOPE

- *Praise for families that support each other through all situations and trials
- *Praise for the beauty during the fall season



Prayer CONCERNS

- *Lee's husband in hospital, taken off life support
- *Sharon having surgery this week
- *Prayers for Dan and Melinda Leckrone as Dan is back in hospital
- *Prayers for Don Matthew with COVID and for Annie with scheduled surgery
- *Ukraine war
- *Barbara Schuessler has Covid. Please pray for Barbara's healing as well as pray for all residents of SpiriTurst as they continue to experience cancellation of activities and isolation due to this Covid outbreak.
- *Prayers for those mourning the loss of pregnancy
- *Prayers for those with COVID
- *Prayers for the Betsy Vahey and family at the passing of her husband, Michael Vahey
- *Prayers for Pat Kerrick healing from heart attack
- *Prayers those affected by Hurricane Ian
- *Prayers for the Fousek and Reynolds family at the stabbing death of Christine and Rylee
- *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



The family of Jean Kurtz wishes to thank everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, food, and concerns received during Jean's hospitalization and passing. She was a beautiful, wonderful lady who loved and was loved by everyone. She will be missed greatly, but we know she is in a better place.

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 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



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 that we will be a time of sharing 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.

Follow us on Instagram at [thewell.stewartstown](https://www.instagram.com/thewell.stewartstown)

Currently, Men's Sunday School for 2022 is reading the Bible in You Version. People may jump in at any time. We read during the week and discuss on Sunday in Gary's downstairs office.
Link: <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/1059-lets-read-the-bible-together-part-ten>

The Wednesday Men's Gathering is meant for Fellowship and Discipleship.
Study Guide I – Character (A www.mensgroup.org – "Original Study")

CHARACTER – STUDY #2 – HUMILITY	10/19/2022
CHARACTER – STUDY #3 – COURAGE	11/16/2022
CHARACTER – STUDY #4 – HONESTY	12/21/2022



Questions may be directed to Steve Schwartz @ steven.schwartz@volvocars.com

All Saints Worship will be held on November 6th. We will recognize members and immediate family members and allow everyone the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of family and friends that have passed this year. Please email picture of deceased to info@stewartstownumc.org.

We will celebrate **Veteran's Day on November 13th.** If you or a family member were in the military, please submit a picture to info@stewartstownumc.org and include name, rank, years of service. If you have already submitted a picture in the past, there is no need to resend.

Library Book Review

Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous by Joy Jordan-Lake

This book explores 10 words of faith that can be disturbing or alarming to many Christians. Although it would be wonderful to describe Jesus as fun-loving or a mercy-dispensing friend, the stories we have about him are more disturbing than that. We hear about people who did not use their talents and about celebrations that began as a wake. Jesus thought that following the way of truth involved more than simply avoiding things like murder, stealing, committing adultery, or telling lies. This book will take you to the center of Jesus' life and teaching.



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 Musical Rehearsal*
- 5:30 pm *The Well*
- 5:30 pm *Company of Praise Rehearsal*





Nov 20 Harvest Home Collection
Nov 27 Community Christmas 5:00-7:00 pm
Dec 18 SPARK Christmas Musical 7:00 pm
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 & 8:00 pm
Dec 25 Christmas Morning Worship 10:30 am

Our Nursery is Open Again!

We have an immediate need for nursery caretakers for October 16th. Please contact Sandy at spietrowicz@stewartstownumc.org if you are able to assist on this date or are willing to serve in the future.

Financial Giving towards General Operations as of October 9, 2022:
\$295,727 YTD (87.1% 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

Happy Birthday

- Oct 15**
Bob Hoyt
- Oct 16**
Jacqueline Geiple
Jenni Sipe
- Oct 17**
Nate McCloskey
- Oct 19**
Jill Hamme
Kelli Landis
Lynn Espensen
- Oct 20**
Eleanor Breault
Jacob Druck
Noel Waltemire
- Oct 21**
Rita Streett
- Oct 22**
Kara Klein
Lily Jones
- Oct 24**
Declan Gallagher



*Stand as you are able

- Prelude Gloria Winemiller arr. McChesney
Ain't-a That Good News
- Welcome
- *Opening Songs
Lord Reign In Me
Here I am to Worship
- Greeting One Another
- Hymn #452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
- Offering and Stewardship Moment Julie Allen
- Dedication of Offerings Bob Hoyt
- Time of Sharing – Celebrations and Prayers
- Chancel Choir Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional/arr. C Young
- Scripture Reading I Timothy 6:17-19, Proverbs 11:24-25
- The Message *Defined by Generosity* Keith Braucher
- *Closing Song *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*
- *Choral Benediction *Go Now In Peace*
- *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.



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

Interest Faith Groups at SUMC

Golfing Group

Leaders: Randy Babcock randybabcock58@gmail.com Bob Hoyt bobhoytiam@gmail.com

"Golfing with God", has decided to meet every Friday afternoon at the Pleasant Valley golf course around 5pm. A short devotional and time for prayer will be followed by nine holes of golf on the course. Anyone that has a basic understanding of the game is welcome to participate.

Flower Gardening Group

Leader: Betsy Vahey mimivahey@gmail.com

At the first meeting our gardening group of eight decided on logistics and discussed our various interests in gardening- from potted plants to native plants. The group meets the first Friday of each month usually at 2:00 at a different member's home or different location, sometimes including a field trip. The host decides on the subject. We discuss how the topic relates to our own lives and it's connection to God's Word. We are excited each month to learn about new gardening ideas! Please join us if you have an interest in plants/flowers. PS - And our hosts have provided some delicious snacks after the meeting!!

Let's Pray

Leader: Pat Hendrix pashendrix@gmail.com

A small group to pray for our congregation, the Church, our community, our world, our families and friends, and any prayer needs we know of. We will praise God and thank Him in a quiet setting on the first Friday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m. weather permitting, in the church library.

Trains and Tunes: Toy Train and Victrola Restoration

Leader: Paul Nesbitt paulnesbitt@zoominternet.net

This is a group for those who have interest in restoring or maintaining old mechanical devices with a focus on old electric trains and spring driven Victrolas. If you have a toy train from your past or an old Victrola family heirloom and want to get it working again this group is for you.

The group would initially meet at SUMC with a start date in mid-January. Subsequent meetings would be in homes. Key scripture verse would be presented at each meeting for discussion while working on restorations. Zoom check-in meetings are a possibility.

Sailing Small Group

Leader: Joe Dablock joseph.dablock@yahoo.com

This group is for seasoned sailors and persons who want to learn how to sail. Members will come together and each be enriched, through sharing knowledge and learning the sport/craft/heritage of sailing. The ability to swim is encouraged though not required. The group could meet as often as once a week during sailing season. Key scripture verses would be included in conversation.

Craft Beer Appreciation Group

Leaders: Mary and Edward Sloat marysloat@icloud.com edwardsloat0527@gmail.com

For those who have an interest in and appreciation for crafted beers. Suggested meeting twice a month, once at a member home, and again at a local brewery/tap house. The next gathering will be at the home of Bob & Kim Hoyt on Wednesday, October 19th from 5:30- 7:30 pm. The theme is Oktoberfest and guests are asked to bring an Oktoberfest-themed beer or snack to share. All are welcome.

Cars Maintenance Group

Leader: Joe Dablock joseph.dablock@yahoo.com

This group is for those who want to learn the details of how cars work and to teach basic maintenance. It will also include learning how to make good decisions regarding whether maintenance should be done by themselves or by professionals for best dollar value. Key scripture verses would be included in conversation

Women's Book Group

Leader: Janet Fischer-Byers janetfbyers@zoominternet.net

For women of all ages who like to read and share in discussion of books and who wish to be in fellowship. The group would encourage spiritual growth through discussion and devotions. This group meets at Janet's home every 2nd and 4th Monday. 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 let her know that you will be joining this group.

Baking Group

Leader: Julie Allen nerdygirljules@comcast.net

Do you love baking for family and friends? Maybe you've never baked, but always wanted to try! Do you just like getting to make a mess in the kitchen? This group may be for you! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church kitchen where we concoct and connect over recipe and Scripture. Recipes will be provided ahead of time, but supplies/equipment will need to be supplied by each attendee. If you want to join in, please email Julie.

Hiking Group

Leader: Ginger Babcock gingerbabcock@gmail.com

For anyone interested in hiking easy to moderate trails, mostly within an hour's drive of Stewartstown. Participants can participate during all four seasons and should dress according to the anticipated weather, and have additional items in their backpack. The group will share a key verse at the outset and will discuss during the hike. Future dates will be released in the near future.

Dementia Support Group

Leaders: Carol Knepley knepley5@aol.com Kathy Fix kathyifix@gmail.com

A support group for caregivers of people with dementia. The group will meet on the first Monday of every month from 11a.m.-1p.m. in the Community Room at the Stewartstown Library starting immediately. Will be using "The 36-hour Day" a family guide to caring for people who have Alzheimer's Disease and other related dementias and memory loss. It is NOT necessary to have or read the book before meetings. Chapter excerpts will be used to guide our discussions.

Seniors Fellowship Group

Leader: Ev Barrows barrowsevelyn@gmail.com

A group for seniors who are seeking fellowship. The group will meet 1-2 times a month in the beginning, starting with lunch at Taylor Haus then progressing to other restaurants. The hope is to add other fellowship events as the group grows. Key scripture verses will be discussed as a part of the gathering.

Landscape Watercolor Painting Group

Leaders: Jim & Karen Starr jim@jimstarr.com

A group for people who seek fun, fellowship, and discovery while painting watercolor landscapes. All skill levels are welcome exploring basic tips and techniques, moving on to creating paintings from photos or references of your choice. Watercolor Paper will be provided, but participants will need to bring all other supplies into the class. Contact Jim Starr if you plan to attend and for the supply list. Meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm at various locations.

Midweek Home Fellowship

Leader: David McDowell uscldave@msn.com

A group for anyone who wants a midweek evening time to gather for a meal and for prayer and study. Wednesday evenings at the home of Dave McDowell. The intention is to do topical studies. To begin, the host will provide the main course for the meal with others bringing sides. Planning on Wednesday evenings beginning in November. If interested, contact Dave.

Quilting Group

Leader: Pat Dablock patricia.dablock@yahoo.com

A group of people that enjoy quilting, fellowship and devotions. The group is meeting twice a month in homes. Future dates are 10/12, 10/26, 11/2, and 11/16 from 1 – 4 pm. Contact Pat if you wish to join this group.



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.

Pastor David will preach for the final time at SUMC at the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, October 23rd.



Enough

Daily Devotional Readings for the week of October 17 – October 21, 2022



Monday, October 17, 2022

Praise and Assurance under Persecution

To the leader: Do Not Destroy. Of David. A Miktam, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

Be merciful to me, O God; be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by. I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame those who trample on me. Selah

God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness. I lie down among lions that greedily devour human prey; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth. They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my path, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah

My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

Reflections

It seems that everyone is stressed and has problems getting a break from stressful thoughts. Like David, we may have actual persecutors in our lives or we may just feel pursued even if it is in our own mind. God is a faithful refuge.

How will you take shelter under God's wings?

How will you give thanks, rejoice, sing God's praise when God faithfully protects you and keeps you strong once again?

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Patience in Suffering

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient.

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed, we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about, for the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Psalm 57

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

James 5:12

Above all, brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Reflections

Spiritually healthy people set clear boundaries. They give clear answers, stay the course they have set and follow through. One of the most important life skills is saying NO because until you can say a clear "NO" your life will be overrun, and you will find it difficult to say a clear yes. You can say no to anything you chose without giving a reason.

Be a broken record, "I said no." "Why" "No." "That is not a reason." "Why won't you accept my no?"

Where do you need to set boundaries for your spiritual, emotional, physical health?

Thursday, October 20, 2022

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Godlessness in the Last Days

You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come. For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, unfeeling, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them! For among them are those who make their way into households and captivate immature women, overwhelmed by their sins and swayed by all kinds of desires, who are always studying yet never able to recognize truth. As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these people, of corrupt mind and counterfeit faith, also oppose the truth. But they will not make much progress because, as in the case of those two men, their folly will become plain to everyone.

Reflections

The author is warning of danger to the church from inside in the days that Timothy was ministering in as well as the future to the end of time. The author describes the people we are to avoid as we hold onto the power of godliness. Where do you find yourself tempted to be swayed by popular movements, personality cults, actions that have no resemblance to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ?

Friday, October 21, 2022

Psalm 65

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

Reflections

We are in harvest season. The Psalmist paints a beautiful and intimate picture of God's attention to the earth, harvest and providing for us all. How and where do you see God's hand at work?