

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS



- All God's Children.
- Joy for kids starting school year shortly.
- JOY of God's Amazing Grace!
- Joy of attending my family reunion yesterday.
- Singing In the Rain was amazing – loved it!
- Joy for the youth in our community who share their many talents and love with us and one another.
- This church and community has been blessed by summer theater this week and next.
- SINGING IN THE RAIN - Stewartstown SUMMER THEATRE (cast, crew, supporters). Through AUGUST 10.
- Continued prayers for the on-going work for the upcoming Jesus Christ Superstar performance.

CONCERNS

- Pray for all the families who loss family members in the recent Mass shootings.
- Prayers for our nation which is suffering from horrific gun violence that makes God weep and is subjected to divisive rhetoric and actions by our country's leaders constantly.
- Prayers for healing and for our government to learn to love justly, show mercy and walk humbly with our God.
- Pray for all who are hurting.
- Pray for those who struggle with violence against other people.
- Prayers for the family of Elisa Hebel, especially her mother Bertha as they mourn Elisa's passing after a long battle with MS.
- Pray for those suffering from anxiety and depression and hopelessness.
- Pray for all families and individuals that struggle with mental illness and/or addiction.
- Pray from our hearts for the injured and deaths at El Paso and their families.
- Pray for Jerry M - near death in hospice and for his wife, Rita and family.
- Pray for Franc as he prepared to let go of his beloved cat, Capri. And for God's continued presence in his life - that he would make a clear way for full time, gainful employment.
- Prayers for Jeffrey C. during recovery from recent shoulder surgery.
- Continued prayers for Gene and Kathy F. and for continued prayers for Kara's health issues.
- Prayers for Larry M. - for smooth recovery from recent surgery.
- Prayers for Linda O. - praying earnestly for good results from radiation treatments.
- Prayers for the safe delivery of new baby!
- Pray for All God's Children.
- Continued prayers for Gracyn P. and her family. Thanks be to God for His Love, Grace and Mercy.
- Prayers for all in need of Love.
- Be with my wife, Nancy.
- Prayers for Yvonne W. - surgery on Wednesday.
- Prayers for Stephen.
- Pray for the elderly.
- Tracey Covert, awaiting treatment for aggressive breast cancer

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

Bible Study at the Parsonage led by Pastor Keith
Join us 7:00 - 8:30 on Thursday nights in the parsonage backyard.
Bring your Bible and a lawn chair.
In case of rain, we will meet inside. No sign-up or rsvp needed.



DVDs of Summer Theatre's
Singing In the Rain are available. Use the form in the bulletin to order before Friday, August 23



Seeking special music for worship services during the summer months.

Soloist, small groups, instrumentalists welcome.
To sign up, call the music ministry office (993-2507 x11) or sign up on the music office door. Dates available: Aug 18, 25 and Sept 1



Pastor Ed will be leading a Wednesday morning Bible study from August 14 till Sept 18. Class will meet from 10 – 11:30 am in the church library. "The Parables and Miracle Stories". Register in the church office or come to the class.

PEACH FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION TO SUPPORT 2020 TRIP TO GILGIL, KENYA!

DATE: SATURDAY September 7th, 3-7pm

HELP NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. PUBLICITY
2. DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS
3. FOOD PREPARATION
4. FOOD DONATIONS
5. SERVING
6. CLEANUP



PLEASE CALL JANET @ 717-858-8588 ASAP TO HELP! Thank you!



GIVING UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 4, 2019

Total Needed \$266,037
Actual Giving \$251,882

Give on Line Stewartstownumc.org/give.

Thank you for your generosity & financial commitment to Stewartstown United Methodist Church

PRESENTING GUAC & GAMES

@ Stewartstown UMC

Chipotle Taco Bar & Games
8.23.2019 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

\$5 PER PERSON
DUE BY 8.16.2019
EMAIL JASON TO SIGN UP
JASON@STEWARTSTOWNUMC.ORG

The Veteran Service Officer will be at the Stewartstown Senior Center on August 14, 2019 from 8 am – 2 pm. All veterans, of any age, can make an appointment to see the VSO. Call the center at 717-993-3488 to be scheduled. If you know a veteran, please pass on the information about this valuable free service.

Announcements

Library News



Book Review

Paws for Reflection by Wells

From the comfort they provide us to their eagerness to please, dogs bring joy, fun, and heartfelt companionship into our lives. This is a book of meditations about canines and the people who adore them. It reveals how much our heavenly Father loves and cares for us every day. Laugh, smile and be deeply touched as you read this book.

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

First Came the Wings, Why Some Positive Thinkers Get Powerful Results, A Gardener Looks at the Fruits of the Spirit, Living Simply, When It Hurts Too Much to Cry

New Additions to the Library

Praying for Those You Love by Jack Hayford

When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box by John Ortberg

God Is Closer Than You Think by John Ortberg

Jesus: Life Coach by Laurie Beth Jones

#Struggles by Craig Groeschel

Happy Birthday

- 8/9: Jaimee Myers
- 8/10: Jean Manifold, Pat Dablock, Polly Kreiss
- 8/11: Paul Hines
- 8/12: Kristen Pickel
- 8/14: Paul Nesbitt
- 8/15: Kenneth Anderson
- 8/16: Jacob Lawrence, Emily Cottrell
- 8/17: Ashley Madden, Patricia Hendrix

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[Connie Zetterman](#), Administrative Assistant x13

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

EVENTS August 11 - 18, 2019

Sunday, 8/11

- 10:00-11:00 am Combined Summer Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 11 am – 12 pm Adult Sunday School, *Heritage Hall*
- 12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
- 1:00-5:00 pm Theatre Set Strike
- 5:00-9:30 pm Theatre Party, *Mechling Home*

Monday, 8/12

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*

Tuesday, 8/13

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*

Wednesday, 8/14

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

Thursday, 8/15

- 8:30-9:30 am Senior Aerobics, *Community Bldg*
- 2:30 pm Library Committee, *Library*
- 7:00 pm Bible Study on the Lawn, *Parsonage*

Friday, 8/16

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

Saturday, 8/17

- 7:00 am Band of Brothers, *Library*

Sunday, 8/18

- 10:00-11:00 am Combined Summer Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 11 am – 12pm Combined Adult Sunday School, *HH*
- 12:00 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting, *Library*
- 4:00-7:00 pm Managers Party, *McDowell Home*



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

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

[Gary Schwinn](#), Sexton x14



Welcome to Stewartstown United Methodist Church
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World
Sunday, August 11, 2019

10:00 am Combined Worship

- Prelude** David McDowell
- Welcome** Pastor Ed Zeiders
- *Opening Praise**
 - Clap, Clap Your Hands
 - Lord of the Dance Hymn #261
- *Greeting One Another**
- Prayer Hymn #393** Spirit of the Living God
- Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**
- Prayer Song** No Longer Slaves
- Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives**
 - 'Tis the Old Ship of Zion Hymn #345
- Scripture Lessons**
 - Acts 2:42-47
 - Philippians 3:12-16
- Message** Pastor Ed Zeiders
Serving God and The Biblical Equation
- Closing Song**
 - Jesu, Jesu Hymn #432
- Choral Benediction** Go Now In Peace
- Dismissal and Blessing**
- Postlude**

Today's Servant Volunteers

- Worship Band – David McDowell, GJ Emge, Ryan Keeney, Levi Tart and Derek White
- Organist – David McDowell
- Liturgist – Paul Nesbitt
- Audio/Visual – Joe Shanabrough and Doug Plasterer
- Nursery – Pat Herbert and Andrea Sharar

Pastor Keith will be presenting the Worship Survey responses at the end of worship today and taking comments and questions.

Know



Love



Serve



Summer
Combined Adult
Sunday School
11:00 am
Heritage Hall

Knowing God
Loving God
Serving God

Wednesday, August 14

Bodybuilding 1 Corinthians 12:1-2, 4-6

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Notes – You need to know about spiritual gifts – they come from God, they differ in each of us but are all for a unified good purpose. How are you using your gifts to build up the body of Christ?

Prayer – Lord, awaken in me the knowledge and use of my spiritual gifts that might effectiveness for you may grow and be magnified for your glory.

Thursday, August 15

The power for Mission Acts 1:4-8

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

Notes – I used to love watching the old TV series “Mission Impossible”. Every episode started with the word, “your mission, should you choose to accept it...” followed by the thrill of a new adventure. God has assigned us a mission, are you clear about what it is? Have you chosen to accept it? If so, what is your next step?

Prayer – Made for service for your kingdom and your kingdom alone, Lord, forgive me for using the powers and resources you have given me for selfish ends. Help me direct all my energy to faithfully completing the mission you have given me.

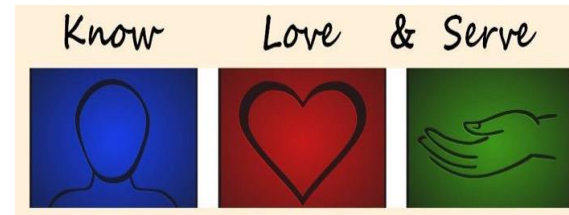
Friday, August 16

Together everyone achieves more Romans 12:4-6

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

Notes – If you ever lost the use of a part of your body you know how difficult it can be to complete some of the simplest tasks and don’t even think about taking on a major project or challenge. When the body of Christ is one, strong, healthy, we can achieve more. As a church member where do you say “I can’t do that”? Can you change that to “with God’s help WE can do anything!”

Prayer – Lord, forgive me for every part of my life where I believe “it’s all about me”. Keep me in tune with your body so that I might use my gifts and abilities for your glory and the common good.



**Serving God
August 11 - Session 2
Gifted for Service**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 CEB

How to discover your spiritual gifts

- Believe that you have gifts. Every believer is given one or more gifts,
- Pray for God’s leading.
- Study the Bible,
- Take a spiritual gifts class,
- Spend time getting to know Jesus,
- Pay attention to the ministries that touch your heart,
- Try different things. Get involved. Do something,
- Judge your experiences—good and bad. Were you effective?
- Ask other people,
- Identify the barriers and excuses that would keep you from discovering and using your gifts, and then remove them.

Serving God is meant to bring us joy.

- God has uniquely gifted you.
- When you allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to serve others, you bring glory to God.
- When we all do this together, we fully live into Jesus’ plan for the church.

Start thinking about your spiritual giftedness. Fill out the three lists below.

My Natural Abilities and Talents

What Brings Me Joy

What Stirs Passion in Me

More about Passion – We can become excited or enthusiastic about something, but a passion is a deeper expression of our heart or comes from our soul and compels us to action. Like in the old cartoons when Popeye would eventually say, “that’s all I can stand, I can’t stand no more”. Where does your broken heart lead you to compassionate service? Where does your sense of outrage at injustice lead you to help the vulnerable? Perhaps God’s word burns in you and you can’t stop yourself from proclaiming the good news with joy.

More about Church Ministry

– How it usually goes - someone thinks, “this would be a good thing for the church to do, the church has plenty of people so surely the pastor should be able to find someone to do this.” We go to people, try to motivate them by convincing them that the task is not only important but is so important that they should give up something else in their lives and commit to this effort. And then we get frustrated (often with the pastor) when nothing gets done. “We keep talking about it but...” Instead – the body of Christ works best when a group of people naturally gather around a passion. They don’t need to be recruited or convinced, they are passionate and they organize organically. But in order for this to take place **you need to know your passion and share it with others.**

Passion Categories

Celebration Ministries - The heart of these ministries is directed toward God by engaging the church in the Word, worship, song, the arts, etc.

Outreach Ministries - The heart of these ministries is focused on relating, reaching, and connecting unbelievers and the unchurched to a relationship with Christ and his church.

Connecting Ministries - The heart of these ministries is assimilating visitors, attenders, and members into a relationship with Christ and the church through hospitality, fellowship, belonging, and encouragement.

Equipping Ministries - The heart of these ministries is maturing believers in the area of their gifts, ministry training, and leadership. It serves a variety of life-stage and affinity-based groups for growth, accountability, and service.

Caring Ministries - The heart of these ministries is assisting people in the church and community with their physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual health through the grace, love, and resources of the kingdom.

Supporting Ministries - The heart of these ministries is freeing other people, leaders, and ministries from practical concerns to keep focused on their ministry goals. They involve structuring the systems and procedures to serve and support people and ministries.



Monday, August 12

Gifts for Glory

1 Peter 4:10

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

Notes - In the movie Chariots of Fire the Olympic runner, Eric Liddell, says, "God made me fast ...and when I run, I feel His pleasure." What gifts has God given you to use with joy and thus please God?

Prayer - Lord, you call us to live fully, abundantly, using the gifts you have given us with pleasure in a way that delights You. I give who I am and all I have to You today to do with what you will.

Tuesday, August 13

The assurance of Help

John 15:26-27

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Notes - Yes, Christ calls us to follow and obedience does not mean the task is easy but in God's mercy we are given all we need.

Prayer - Today, Lord, let me not rely on my own spirit but on yours given to aid and guide me in my obedience to you.