

SUMC Weekly Prayer Page

JOYS

- * Joy for the sunshine and a mild winter so far.
- * Joy - Special time spent with family.
- * Joy - Grandchildren - Carter, Preston and Sadie.
- * Praise for the rapid healing of Bev. following her spine surgery.
- * The mild winter weather!

CONCERNS

- * Pray for the Family of Jack T. at his sudden passing.
- * Pray for Dot S. for healing/strength.
- * Prayers for Barb D. and family for comfort and strength for each new day.
- * Please pray for Bonnie S. for successful cancer treatment.
- * Pray for Bob A. and family for peace and comfort.
- * Prayers for the family of Bob S. - Bob died Saturday afternoon after battling cancer.
- * Prayers for an improvement for Pat D. - health and the power of Christ for him and Janet.
- * Continue to pray for Jose R. and everyone who is experiencing health challenges.
- * Prayers for the Methodist Church decisions.
- * Prayers for all those battling cancer.
- * Prayers for 3 year old Kathryn that tick bite is not lyme disease.
- * Pray for the Trout family at the death of Jack.
- * Pray for All's God's Children.
- * Prayers for Ed W. and Linda O. with cancer.
- * Prayers for Jim W. and Dot S. with various health issues.
- * Please pray for Adolph B., his wife Maria and family as they walk together while Adolph is living with Stage 4 Lung Cancer. This family is faith-filled. Please keep them faithful every day.
- * Pray for Ruby W. with an undiagnosed medical issue after checking in to the ER ... worsened within a week. She is now in a Rehab ...and is now blind. Ruby is a Senior whose husband passed away within the past several months. Please pray for her sight to be restored. Pray for her family as they make life changing decisions.
- * Pray for people and caregivers of dementia. Also the homeless and depressed and those mourning.
- * Pray for those who recently had surgery and are still in pain and on the mend.
- * Pray for Granddaughter Gracyn Rae P. for continued healing. Our prayers are being answered as she is improving. Thanks be to God for He is good! All the time!!!
- * Prayers for Nina K. Family who passed Friday due to cancer. Prayers for employment and prayers for Safe travels of Youth to Zeteo, SNOW!
- * Prayers for family and friend - Bob S. who died after his battle with cancer.
- * Prayers for improvement for Pat D. and health and the power of Christ for Him and Janet.
- * Prayers for Craig B.
- * Healing for Karen, Don Sr., Dan of cancer.
- * Prayers for Tony seeking a new job.
- * Prayers for elderly parents; mother Barbara, having biopsy on 1/27 at 11 to see if cancer is back; enjoying Gloria's (Bob's mom) visit.
- * Prayers for healing of my dad, Don, from knee surgery.
- * Prayers for Ira and all those that have lost a 4 legged family member



DC Washington Mission Trip

Company of Praise Spring Mission trip to Washington DC registration is underway through February 14. If you would like to participate with COP as they work with the homeless in DC, please call the music office 717-993-2507 x11 or email

musicministry@stewartstownumc.org

for a registration form. Adults must complete safe sanctuary clearances to participate. The group leaves Tuesday evening, April 7, and returns Saturday afternoon April 11 (Holy Week)



**Lenten Bible Study with
Pastor Keith
March 11 – April 8
7:00-8:30 pm**



Sunday, Feb. 9
Stewartstown UM Church

● **4:30 pm Fried Chicken Dinner ***

● **6:00 pm Variety Show**
Comedy, music, & skits

***no tickets required, donations will be accepted**

*please submit number attending by calling the church office
717-993-2507, x13 by Tuesday, Feb. 4*

Benefits the spring mission trip to Washington, D.C.



Practical ways to strengthen your most important relationship. See insert for complete details.

Register below:

<https://sumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/367970>

GIVING UPDATE AS OF
January 26, 2020
Total Needed \$29,857
Actual Giving \$31,289

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

Announcements

Library News – Book Review

50 Days of Heaven by Randy Alcorn
If you have ever thought of Heaven as a realm of clouds, disembodied spirits and eternal harp strumming, you're in for a big surprise when you read this book. Enjoy the inspiring and thought-provoking meditations that will forever change the way you think about the spectacular new universe that awaits us -- a universe free from pain and suffering, filled with unending beauty and adventure.

Free Books - These books were removed from the library. They are on the 2nd shelf of the library book cart. **Hymns of the Living Gospel No. 2, Hymns of Pentecost, Tabernacle Hymns Number Three, The Hymnal for Youth, Choirbook for Saints and Singers, Hymns of the Christian Life, Christian Service Songs**

Happy Birthday

- 1/31: Emma Lloyd
- 2/2: Alan Lewis
- 2/3: Ashley Hagerman, Ray Manifold
- 2/7: Keith Braucher, Nancy Ransom Wilma Markel
- 2/8: John Ferraiuolo
- 2/9: Sylvia Bisker
- 2/10: Don Matthews, Dorothy Blevins, Lee Ensor



Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 am Sunday School
Kids Connection ends at 10:15
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship

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Dr. Keith Braucher, Lead Pastor x10

Sandy Pietrowicz, Director of Children's Ministries x19

Connie Zetterman, Administrative Assistant x13

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

Church office hours Monday-Thursday 8 am – noon and 1 – 3 pm Friday 8 am – 1 pm. Church open during office hours.
Other times by arrangement through the office.

SUMC Events February 2 – February 9, 2020

Sunday, 2/2		
9:00 am		Sunday School for all Ages
9:00-10:15 am		Kids Connection
10:00 am		Fellowship Time, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:30 am		Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
12:00 pm		Prayer Ministry Meeting, <i>Library</i>
5:00 pm		Cherub Choir Rehearsal, <i>Toddler Room</i>
5:00 pm		Spark Choir Rehearsal, <i>Music Room</i>
4:00-6:00 pm		Wait Staff Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, 2/3		
8:30-9:30 am		Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:15-8:15 pm		STUNTS Youth Group, <i>Youth Room</i>
Tuesday, 2/4		
8:30-9:30 am		Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, 2/5		
8:30-9:30 am		Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:00 am		Bible Study, <i>Library</i>
7:00-8:30 pm		Disciple Bible Study, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, 2/6		
8:30-9:30 am		Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
9:30-11:00 am		Library Committee, <i>Library</i>
6:30 pm		Jubellieres Handbell Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i>
6:30-7:30 pm		Seyco Open House, HH and Classrooms
7:30 pm		Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Friday, 2/7		
8:30-9:30 am		Senior Aerobics, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Saturday, 2/8		
6:00-8:00 pm		Spark Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, 2/9		
9:00 am		Praise Singers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
9:00 am		Sunday School for all Ages
9:00-10:15 am		Kids Connection
10:00 am		Fellowship Time, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:30 am		Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
12:00 pm		Prayer Ministry Meeting, <i>Library</i>
4:30-5:45 pm		Hearts ala Carte dinner, <i>FH & HH</i>
6:00 pm		Hearts ala Carte Variety Show, <i>Sanctuary</i>



Welcome to Stewartstown
United Methodist Church

Sunday,
February 2, 2020

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
the transformation of the World

Prelude		David McDowell
	Sovereignty Medley with Jesus Shall Reign and Lord Reign in Me	arr. Wyrzten
Welcome		Pastor Keith
*Opening Praise		
	From the Day	
	Holy, Holy, Holy	
Greeting One Another		
Company of Praise Anthem		Kayla Pijanowski, soloist
	Down to the River to Pray	arr. Larson
Prayer Time with The Lord's Prayer		
Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives		
	'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	Hymn #462
	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymn #94
Scripture Lessons		Matthew 5:1-12
Message	New Year/Same Promises – God's Promise of Blessing	Pastor Keith
Hymn #617	I Come With Joy	vss 1 & 2
Chancel Choir & Company of Praise Anthem	Drink From This Water	arr. McDowell
Holy Communion		
	Take Our Bread	Hymn #640
	There Is A Fountain	Hymn #622
Closing Song		I'm So Glad
Blessing and Choral Blessing		Go Now In Peace
Company of Praise Postlude		From the Day

The Company of Praise ministers to us in worship today. COP is for youth ages 12 to post high.

Singers rehearse Sundays at 5pm, instrumentalists at 6pm.

For info regarding COP, contact director Pastor Dave McDowell 717-993-2507 x11. Thanks COP for leading us!

Today's Servant Volunteers

Worship Band – David McDowell, GJ Emge, Ryan Keeney and Derek White
Organist – David McDowell Liturgist – Kim Hoyt Head Usher – Al Wagner
Tech Team – Dave Hebel, Chuck Bosley and Paul Nesbitt Nursery – Carl Rader and Laura Manifold

Friday - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 - Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

Notes

Success is often defined in terms of popularity or profit achieved by being smart, talented, and hard working. The flip side is that if you are not popular or profitable you are despised as stupid, lacking talent and lazy. The wisdom of God is that God is the source of life and God does great things through us so that there are no more low or despised – only people living their best life through God. In fact God’s glory is shown best when the person is least capable. There is no room to think that you are not enough. You will never be “enough” and that is okay because God is enough.

Prayer

You are the source of my life, the only wisdom and power that I need. Lord, let me live in peace today and always knowing that who I am is always enough because of your love and grace.

<https://Pray-as-you-go.org>

**Pastor Keith recommends pray-as-you-go.org,
especially the app available for iphone or android/Google Play.
The daily scriptures and mediation are perfect for anytime you are
walking, driving, or have a chance to listen, pray and contemplate.**



God Promises Blessing

February 2, 2020

“I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”
Genesis 9:13

We come to a New Year and the cultures message of “New Year, New You!” And then we make a bunch of resolutions that we do not keep. This year let’s focus on the constancy of God and God’s promises to us. Instead of trends let’s focus on what is unchanging and lasting.

Monday - Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Notes - Whether the Greek word *makarioi* is translated as blessed, happy, honored, contented, these phrases are not what we would call blessings. What we mean when we say, “I am blessed”, is not poverty, grief, humility, justice etc. Rather than God’s comfort when we mourn we would prefer that there be no loss because our arms are still empty. And maybe like Kanye West, who apparently believes his huge tax return was a reward from God for becoming born again, we want to believe that we are being blessed or favored by God comes in wealth or power. The Beatitudes are God’s promise that something good will come out of the dust of something not good. Perhaps not the way we prefer but can we entrust ourselves to God who speaks special promises to the those who need blessing most? When have you needed God’s promise to wrestle blessing out of what feels like a curse?

Prayer - Lord, it is so easy to get caught up in the lie that those who live lives of wealth and comfort are specially favored by you. And even though we know it is a lie we covet their lives and hold onto the hope that one day we will earn your favor or win some cosmic lottery. Yet you whisper your words of love, and mercy, and hope into our darkness. You are with us in our emptiness, grief, humility, in our longing for justice, and mercy. You promise us that life is not dust, but out of dust you make all things new and beautiful.

Tuesday

Psalm 15

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary? - A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Notes

Where do you witness these behaviors and attitudes? How is it that polls show the majority reputation of Christians is judgmental, close-minded, and hypocritical? Instead of despising wickedness how do we copy it and applaud it? When do we find it easier to break an oath or lie to keep from being hurt? And we wonder why our world is constantly being rocked for only, “those who do these things shall never be moved.” (vs 5)

Prayer

Lord sometimes it is hard to be an adult. To aspire to the best you wish from us in Christian maturity. To live the life of necessary suffering doing what is right, speaking the truth from the heart, saying nothing bad against anyone, or living the blameless life even when it hurts. It is hard to surrender pride even when it is killing us. It is hard to risk being alone when we do not join others in immature behavior. But you promise me the way of life and to make my footsteps sure. On you I will depend, for you are enough for me.

Wednesday

Micah 6:1-8

What God Requires

‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Notes

God does not require the grand gesture nor does God require something out of our reach. This is not a mad dash, quick sprint, breathless marathon, or race that needs to be won. It is a humble walk with God. When what is right and wrong are clear always pick what is right. Being loving and kind to everyone in every encounter.

Prayer

Lord, I submit my footsteps to you this day. To go humbly where you lead. To receive every person, I encounter as you receive me, with love and kindness. And to seek what is right in every thought, word and deed.

Thursday

James 3:13-18 - Two Kinds of Wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Notes

What are representations in our world or in your life of each kind of wisdom? (Maybe -> A liar confronted and then doubles down? A person ambitious without thought of how others – people, animals, creation – are damaged? A competition of social media friends and followers to boast by lying?) Who do you know represents the peaceable, gentle,without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy?

Prayer

Lord, I seek Your wisdom and understanding. This day make me peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. So that a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for your glory.