

The Stewartville Press

The Newsletter of Stewartville Presbyterian Church
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The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi – Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan – Pastor Emeritus

Renée Herb – Office Manager

Brian Ballentine – Music Director

Sarah Sampson – Treasurer

Denise DeMasi – Choir Director

Laura Choi – Christian Education Director

We are on our Summer Worship Schedule with Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 3.
Please see page 5 for information on Zoom link.

Deacons' Offering. During the month of August, we are receiving a special offering to support the work and ministry of our Deacons.

Please use the envelope in your offering box, or write a check and note "Deacons" on the memo line.

For online giving, please go to the church website (www.stewartvillepc.org), Give Now, Deacons.



Church Sing. All men of the church are asked to join us during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Aug. 10, for the annual singing of "How Great Thou Art."

On Sunday, Aug. 24, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, all women of the church will be invited to come forward and join in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

No experience or rehearsal is necessary – please join us in lifting our voices to the Lord. This has become a summer tradition, and we look forward to everyone's enthusiastic participation!



Save the Date! We will celebrate the church's 175th anniversary the weekend of Nov. 1-2. On Saturday, Nov. 1, there will be a dinner from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mainline Catering & Events (formerly Flynn's) in Phillipsburg. More information on the dinner will be in the September Newsletter.

We will celebrate "Homecoming" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Nov. 2. Our special guest minister will be the Rev. Jim Biller, who grew up attending SPC.

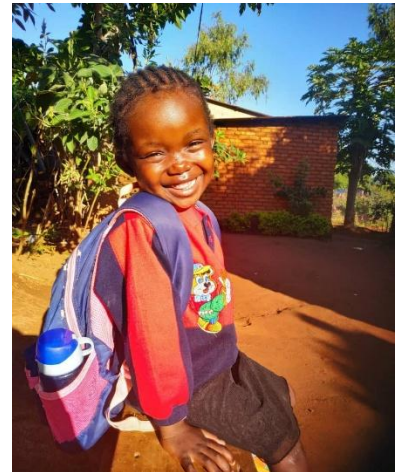
Trek Malawi

July 4-15, 2025

Pastor Stephen participated in a 100-mile bicycle ride through Malawi to raise money for UrbanPromise International children's programs and summer camps.



Our church will now be sponsoring Sarah (photo on right), age 5. When Pastor Stephen was in Malawi 2 years ago, he met Sarah's mother Maria (photo on left, Maria on far right). Sadly, Maria passed away a few months later. Sarah is being raised by her grandparents, and our sponsorship will help pay for her school and basic needs.





Pastor Stephen rode his bike wearing a Bluey costume, to bring joy to children along the way.



Pastor Stephen was able to spend time with Jovita, an 8-year-old girl we have been sponsoring for more than 2 years. Jovita lives in the Girl's Orphanage at Life Coaching Ministries.



Pastor Stephen traveled to Malawi with a suitcase filled with 50 lbs. of toys, games, and candy from the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church for the girls at the orphanage. It was like Christmas morning when he opened the suitcase!





Thank You! "A huge thank you for SPC's help in sending Adeline and Jimbo to camp Johnsonburg this year.

"Here they are at drop off (Jimbo was nervous this year!). They are at camp for one week: July 27 to Aug. 1.

"Thanks again!" – Janis and Jim Clark

Anniversary Committee. Our Anniversary Committee is planning activities, celebrations, etc. to mark the church's 175th Anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Aug. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you are interested in serving on this committee.



Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Meals on Wheels, especially during the summer months.

For more information or to volunteer, please see Bud Evanoski or contact him at 484-547-2946 or bevanoski@hotmail.com

Devotionals. The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the sanctuary, or by calling the church office:

- "Our Daily Bread," June/July/Aug. issue.
- "Today," July/August issue.
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, July/Aug./Sept. issue.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Lynn Alpaugh |
| 3 | Sue Gruver |
| 5 | James Bowman Sr. |
| 8 | Paul Williams |
| 10 | Evan Fry |
| 14 | Laura Albert |
| | Romeo Baker |
| | Dave Marek |
| | Justin Marek |
| | Fred & Mary Lou Gary – Anniversary |
| 15 | Walt Patton |
| | Mary Sampson |
| | Jacob & Morgan Banghart – Anniversary |
| 16 | Jon & Jessica Cantagallo-Rohm – Anniversary |
| 17 | Kay Piperato |
| 21 | Dave Barretto |
| | Don Miers |
| 22 | Terry Lefler |
| 23 | Brandon Loyle |
| 24 | Bella Colucci Keller |
| | Bob Sampson |
| | David & Carole Jochen – Anniversary |
| | Paul & Linda Williams – Anniversary |
| 25 | Rosie England |
| | Sam Hurte |
| 26 | James "Jimbo" Clark III |
| 29 | Matias Wagner |
| | Bob & Lorlyn Heinrich – Anniversary |
| 30 | Rich Higginson |
| | Colleen Rountree |
| 31 | Joan Hart |

Birthday/Anniversary List. Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Please let the office know, either by calling 908-859-1399 or emailing office@stewartsvillepc.org
We don't want to miss your special day!

SUNDAY ZOOM WORSHIP

We are on our Summer Worship Schedule, with the Zoom worship service at 10:00 a.m. It is broadcast live during the in-person worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Please be prepared with bread and juice/wine.

Please join us every Sunday morning by using the link below or by calling with the Meeting ID.

The great thing about Zoom is even if you do not have a computer or smartphone, you can still phone in to listen to the service.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at office@stewartsvillepc.org or call the church during our regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94418910396?pwd=WlQwMHByZHZUMy9sTFpQaThEMkRvdz09>

Dial by your location

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

Meeting ID: 944 1891 0396

Passcode: 08886



Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA.

We had 15 people attend the July luncheon, and we collected \$19 for the NORWESCAP Food Bank.

Each month we encourage participants to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the luncheons to donate to the Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861 by Monday, Aug. 11 to make your reservation.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Uniontown Bar & Grill at Harkers Hollow, 950 Uniontown Rd., Phillipsburg.

All women are invited to join us for a meal, good conversations, and the opportunity to encourage one another.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call Linda Williams at 908-454-8104.



Summer Offering. Please remember the church during the summer months.

If you will be on vacation, please consider mailing your offering to the church office, or contributing online while you are away: Go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now.

Aluminum Can Tabs. Reminder: We are still collecting aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

There is a container on the table in the back of the sanctuary where you may put them.

Elder on Call

Pastor Stephen will be on vacation from Aug. 11-24.

If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away, please contact the following Elder on Call:

Kathy Montgomery at 908-674-0654

Session Notes – June 30, 2025

- We opened our meeting together with the lighting of the Christ candle and devotions led by Elder Laurie Winans.
- We joyously approved the wedding of Pam Alercia and Robert Terence Horton in our church sanctuary on Sunday, August 3, 2025.
- Approval was given to host 2 Blood Drives in 2026: Sunday, May 31 and Sunday, November 1. (Our next Blood Drive this year is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2025.)
- Our Deacons have increased our financial support of Hudson, our UrbanPromise International Fellow, from \$35 to \$50 a month.
- Pastor Stephen and the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church will be recognized at the Firth Youth Center Annual Banquet on Thursday, September 11.
- Pastor Stephen will be attending the Korea Peace Journey with the Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea, October 20-29, 2025.
- Because Pastor Stephen will be away in October, we will not have an October Session meeting.
- Upcoming Pulpit Supply Schedule:
 - July 6: Elder Fred Gary
 - July 13: The Rev. Dr. Jan Nolting Carter
 - July 20: The Rev. Dr. Bruce Main (UrbanPromise)
 - August 17: Elder Lisa Gray
 - August 24: The Rev. Dr. Jan Nolting Carter
- Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25.
- Treasurer's Report:
As of May 31, we have a year-to-date deficit of \$9,337 in our General Fund Budget.
- As we concluded our meeting, we committed to praying for one another and our church, lifted up our joys and concerns, and closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Catholic Charities Food Pantry. We continue to donate food and toiletries to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

In July, we donated 9 bags of food and toiletries to the food bank.

At this time, the Food Pantry is in particular need of laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, dishwashing detergent, and toothpaste, as well as grocery bags.



We are on our Summer Worship Schedule, with worship service at 10:00 a.m., through Sunday, Aug. 31.

We will resume our Regular Worship Schedule with worship service at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, Sept. 7. Holy Communion will be celebrated during this worship service.

We will celebrate Rally Day on Sept. 7. Children's Sunday School is held during the 10:30 a.m. service. They start off in the sanctuary with their parents/guardians, and they are dismissed to their classrooms after the Children's Sermon.

After the worship service on Sunday, Sept. 7, we will have an ice cream truck!

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church – August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 6 pm AA	4 7 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting	5	6 7 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm AA	7	8	9 10 am Samplmakers
10 10 am Worship Service Men Sing "How Great Thou Art" Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	11 Pastor Stephen on Vacation through 8/24	12	13 7 pm AA	14 11:30 am Adult Lunch Group, Williams Family Restaurant	15	16
17 10 am Worship Service 6 pm AA	18	19	20 7 pm AA	21 6 pm Women's Circle, Uniontown Bar & Grill	22	23
24 10 am Worship Service Women Sing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	25 7 pm Session Meeting	26	27 7 pm AA	28	29	30
31 10 am Worship Service 6 pm AA						