

The Stewartsville Press

The Newsletter of Stewartsville Presbyterian Church
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May 2023

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

Mary Lou Gary – Treasurer

Denise DeMasi – Choir Director

Laura Choi – Christian Education Director

Worship Service is held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Holy Communion is usually celebrated

on the first Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Please see page 3 for information on Zoom link.

**Blood
DRIVE**

Blood Drive. We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We need to have 25 people registered to donate. The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot.

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-859-2823 or e-mail her at cmbowman1023@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

Play Ball! Come join us for an IronPigs baseball game outing on **Friday, June 16** at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 IronPigs Way, Allentown, PA. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 5:45 p.m.

The IronPigs (the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies) are scheduled to play the Toledo Mud Hens (AAA affiliate of the Detroit Tigers).

The deadline to order tickets is Friday, June 9.

Tickets cost \$10 per person with a \$2 credit embedded in that ticket to go toward food or merchandise purchases. You can pay for your tickets with cash or a check, made out to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church.

Coca-Cola Park is cashless. Parking is \$5 per car.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please see Bill Nixon, call or text him at 908-319-2800, or email him at bnixon708@gmail.com



Trek Malawi

I'm excited to share with you that I have been given an incredible opportunity this summer to take part in Trek Malawi, a 300-mile bicycle ride through Malawi from July 7-18. Malawi is located in southeastern Africa, and I will be traveling with Bruce Main, the President and Founder of UrbanPromise. Along the way, our group will visit several UrbanPromise ministry sites.

UrbanPromise International (UPI) is an organization whose mission is to prepare emerging leaders to initiate, develop, and sustain Christian-based youth development organizations and to seed their new ministries as they serve vulnerable children and teens in our world's most under-resourced communities.

In addition to biking, we are raising money to help fund UrbanPromise children's programs for more than 3,000 children in Malawi. Every dollar donated will go directly towards this goal. Our goal as a group is \$50,000.

If you would like to support me and help the children of Malawi, you can make a donation in one of the following ways.

To donate directly to the fundraiser, please go to my donation page:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/MW/Lilongwe/TrekMalawi2023>

Or you can write a check to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church and note "Trek Malawi" on the memo line.

For online giving to the church, go to the church website (www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Special, and specify "Trek Malawi" in Notes.

I also covet your prayers. I only have 2 months of training left, and the last time I was on a bike was 35 years ago in elementary school!

Grace, Peace and Thanks,
Pastor Stephen



SUNDAY ZOOM WORSHIP

The Zoom worship service is held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. It is broadcast live from the sanctuary during the in-person worship service.

Holy Communion is usually celebrated on the first Sunday of the 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.

For the latest news and information, please also visit the church website, www.stewartsvillepc.org

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



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

In April, we donated 24 bags and 1 box of food and toiletries.

At this time, the food pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), side dishes, and canned chili, as well as grocery bags.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," the Adult Lunch Group, will meet on Thursday, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brass Rail, 840 Belvidere Rd., Phillipsburg.

We encourage everyone to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the lunch to donate to NORWESCAP Food Bank. We had 24 people attend our April luncheon, and we collected \$40 for the Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861, by Monday, May 8, to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.



Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA.

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.

Collection for Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. We are collecting needed toiletry items for the clients of Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

The items are: Bars of soap, toothpaste, individually packed toothbrushes, and packages of wet wipes. There will be a donation bin in the back of the sanctuary where you may deposit these items.

College Care Packages. In April, the Deacons assembled and mailed out 5 college care packages and 1 gift card to our college and graduate students.



Ann M. Stone, a long-time member of our congregation, passed away on Saturday, April 8. Her funeral service was held on Friday, April 14, in our church.

Ann served as an Elder and a Deacon, and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee when Pastor Stephen was called to be our minister.

Please continue to keep Ann's family and friends in your prayers.

Donald R. Fohr, a member of our church, passed away on Friday, April 28. His funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 3.

Don was the superintendent of the Stewartsville Presbyterian Cemetery.

Please keep Don's wife, Roberta, and their family and friends in your prayers.

Barbara "Bobbi" Purcell passed away on Tuesday, May 2. Her memorial service was held on Saturday, May 6.

Please keep Bobbi's husband, Chuck, and their family and friends in your prayers.

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

Wyatt Harold Em received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 16.

He is the son of Robert and Caitlin Em, and the grandson of Michael and Denice Morton.

Wyatt was born March 28, 2017. His older brother is Nolan.



MAY

- 1 Scott DeMasi
- 2 Sean Marek
- 3 Joyce Shauger
- 5 Timothy & Maureen Sampson – Anniversary
- 6 Elsie Freeh
- 12 Katie DeMasi
- 13 Phyllis Ballentine
Esther Schoeneberger
- 15 Jadyann Banghart
Ruth Ann Hoyt
Dave & Dawn Barretto – Anniversary
- 18 Lorlyn Heinrich
Richie Sbriscia
- 19 Giulianna Cantagallo-Rohm
- 23 Karen Crouse
Noah Culcasi
- 25 Jim Riley
- 26 Bradley Fry
- 27 Pastor Stephen & Laura Choi – Anniversary
- 29 Daniel DeHaas

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

Office Manager Vacation. Our office manager, Renee Herb, will be on vacation from Monday, May 15 through Tuesday, May 24. During this time, Pastor Stephen will be checking the office email and voicemail.

Thank You. Thank you to Brad Fry for painting the outside doors on the Christian Education wing, the Nursery, and Roan Hall. Thanks also to Fred and Matt Gary for replacing the toilet in one of the restrooms in Roan Hall.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed
Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.
Regular office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Pastor Stephen's day off is Tuesday.

Session Notes – April 17, 2023

- We opened our meeting together with the lighting of the Christ candle and devotions led by Pastor Stephen Choi.
- Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 11. Worship services will be at 10:00 a.m. through the first Sunday in September.
- The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, June 4. Sunday School for children will resume on Sunday, September 10.
- We made the prayerful decision to give an additional \$250 to the Greenwich Township Emergency Squad and a donation to the Wagner Family.
- Our Deacons purchased 25 songbooks/hymnbooks for the Lopatcong Care Center. The Deacons also sent 5 care packages and 1 gift card to our college and graduate school students in April.
- We formed a health committee, and we plan to have a discussion about Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at our next session meeting.
- Judy Melchore will be attending her first presbytery meeting as a Ruling Elder Commissioner on Tuesday, May 9. (The Presbytery of the Highlands has 5 presbytery meetings a year.)
- We made the decision to change the time of next year's Good Friday Service to 7:00 p.m. (It has been at 7:30 p.m.)
- Approval was given to Stewartsville Grange #121 to use Roan Hall on Saturday, April 29 and Saturday, May 6.
- Our next session meeting will be on Monday, May 15.
- Treasurer's Report:
As of March 31, we have a year-to-date deficit of \$946 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering that was received during Lent and on Easter.

We received \$300, which will be divided between three programs of The Presbyterian Church USA: Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Attention Proud Parents and Guardians! We would like to include information about our high school, college, and trade school graduates in the June Newsletter.

Please e-mail the following information to the church office by Friday, May 19: Student's name, the school from which they are graduating, the date of graduation, the type of degree or certificate they earned, and what their future plans may be (college/trade school/ work).

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| <p>Pastor Stephen's phone may have been hacked. If you should receive strange texts or emails that appear to be from him, please contact Pastor Stephen directly.</p> |
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Stewartsville Presbyterian Church – May 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 7 pm Mission Trip Meeting | 2 | 3 7 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm AA | 4 | 5 8 am Friday Devotional Group | 6 8 am Grange – Kitchen Use |
| 7 9:20 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 6 pm AA | 8 | 9 | 10 7 pm AA | 11 11:30 am Adult Lunch Group, Brass Rail 7 pm Grange | 12 8 am Friday Devotional Group 9:30 am Needlecraft Group | 13 10 am Samplemakers |
| 14 9:20 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 7 pm AA | 15 Office Manager on Vacation through May 23 7 pm Session Meeting | 16 | 17 7 pm AA | 18 | 19 8 am Friday Devotional Group 9:30 am Fiber Arts | 20 |
| 21 Blood Drive 8:00 am to 12:30 pm 9:20 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6 pm AA | 22 | 23 | 24 7 pm AA | 25 | 26 8 am Friday Devotional Group 9:30 am Needlecraft Group 6 pm Women's Circle, Williams Family Restaurant | 27 |
| 28 Pentecost 9:20 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Time for Fellowship 6 pm AA | 29 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day | 30 | 31 7 pm AA | | | |