

July 16, 2023  
10:00 AM Service of Worship  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fred Gary

Leader: We are being called to proclaim  
the good news of Jesus Christ!

**People: Lord, guide our feet as we enter  
this pathway of service for you.**

Leader: It's not going to be easy; there are dangers out there!

**People: Lord, help us to face those dangers with powerful faith!**

Leader: Some people are going to misunderstand.

**People: Help us to be clear and faithful  
in bringing your message of redemption.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

\*HYMN #741

*Guide My Feet*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Shepherding God,**

**We confess that far too often we want to do things our own  
way. We want to love the neighbors we already know.**

**We want to minister among those who won't ask much of us.**

**We want to work for justice when it benefits ourselves.**

**Forgive us for our short-sightedness and our selfishness.**

**Remind us of your call to all, but especially the most  
vulnerable.**

**Gentle Shepherd, you led the people out of exile, carrying  
the lambs close to your heart. Remind us to seek those with  
the greatest needs to serve in your ways of love and justice,  
and to allow ourselves to be led by you. May we listen to  
those most affected by injustice and follow their lead and not  
our own desires and opinions.**

**In the name of Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

***Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.***

\*THE PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all ... **And also with you.**

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bob Hurte

FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

p. 15, 18

This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

p. 964-965

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Work Miracles"

Adebisi "Bisi" Shofu

Responding to the Word

\*DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he  
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy  
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN #298

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Brian Ballentine, piano solo

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Bearing and Following the Word**

\*HYMN #838

*Standing on the Promises*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if able*

**Stewartsville Presbyterian Church**

**The Ministers: All the Members**

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi, Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan, Pastor Emeritus

Brian Ballentine, Music Director

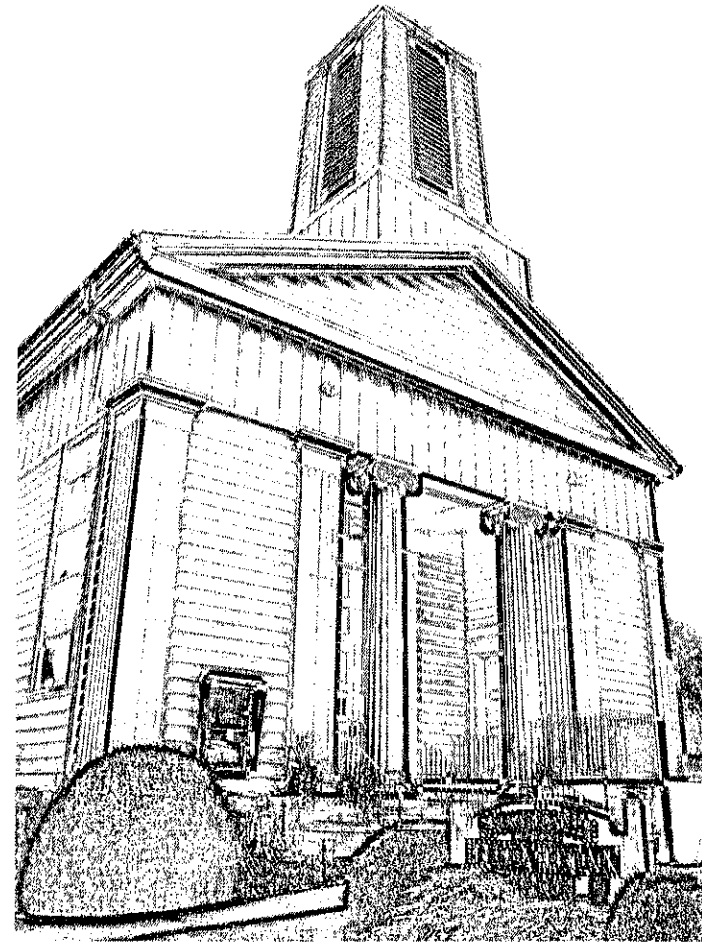
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# PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of July 13, 2023)

Mission Trip Participants	Steven H. & Deanna M.	Charlie T. Carhart Family
Dunleavy Family	Frank I.	Rachel S.
Mondzak Family	Lisa S.'s Family	G.G. S.
Brett M.	Jerry G.'s Family	Jane R.
Pomeroy Family	Nuss Family	Rodney R.
Denise & Katie D.	Dave W.	Ryder H.
Pastor Stephen	John A.	Romeo B.
Slack Family	Sue H.	Nicholas C.
Tony & Pat M.	Jay M.	Vanessa P.
Bob H.	Suzanne S.'s Family	John W.
Peace M.'s Family	Glen & Dorothy H.	David & Carole J.
Regina C.	Archer Family	Ben W.
Gaertner Family	Gary Family	Steven M.
Ray & Jo G.	Latif Family	Jeffrey G.
Barbara N.	Jody G.	Randy W.
Rosie E.	Tom V.	Ero C.
Jean S.	Alpaugh Family	Betty N.
Pat B. & Dorothy G.	Lisa H.	Kevin O.
		Renée's Parents

## Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters Justice and Peace

**This Week's Mission Partner: The Presbyterian Depot**

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 908-859-1399 or [office@stewartsvillepc.org](mailto:office@stewartsvillepc.org)

## OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Fred Gary
Greeter Today	Linda Williams
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Carol Nixon and Nancy Sampson

## Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 7/16:** Pastor Stephen away through 7/19

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Wednesday, 7/19:** AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

**Thursday, 7/20:** Mission Trip Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 7/22:** Mission Trip to Puerto Rico through 7/29

**Sunday, 7/23:** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Today, 7/16:** Bill Fleming

**Monday, 7/17:** Rich & Sue Higginson – Anniversary

Jeff & Esther Schoeneberger – Anniversary

**Tuesday, 7/18:** Anthony Sbriscia IV

**Thursday, 7/20:** Bob & Nancy Sampson – Anniversary

**Friday, 7/21:** Kurt Schriever

## Announcements

**Welcome.** Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite you to sign the pew pad as they are being passed. Restrooms are located downstairs in Roan Hall. We hope that the service is a blessing to you, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

**Elders on Call.** Pastor Stephen will be out of the office through July 19. Also, he will be on the Mission Trip from July 22-29.

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

Through July 19: Cindy Bowman at 908-619-8697

July 22-29: Bill Nixon at 908-319-2800

**Prospective New Members.** If you are interested in learning more about the Stewartville Presbyterian Church or in becoming a member, please contact the church office.

We will receive new members in September.

### Announcements (continued)

**Guest Preacher.** Today we welcome Adebisi A. "Bisi" Shofu to our pulpit. She is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton. Bisi earned a Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She is a supply preacher to churches in need of pulpit supply. Bisi is the Vice-Moderator of Coastlands Presbytery. She is the past Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast. She shares her many gifts of being a preacher, advocate, counselor, trainer, and chaplain with the church and her community.

**Mission Trip.** Our Mission Trip to Puerto Rico will take place from Saturday, July 22 through Saturday, July 29.

Please keep in prayer our mission trip participants: Pastor Stephen, Pam Alercia, Ella Choi, Marsha Colaluce, Carol Evanoski, Kathy Montgomery, Michael Morton, Nancy Sampson, Paul Williams, and Newal Duncan, a friend of the congregation.

Please join us for Mission Trip Sunday on Sunday, July 30. The mission trip participants will share their experiences from their week working in Puerto Rico during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**Women's Circle.** The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Hotel, 442 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth, 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.

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

If you are on vacation, please consider mailing your offering to the church office, or contributing online while you are away ([www.stewartsvillepc.org](http://www.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now).

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

At this time, the food pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, condiments, Hamburger Helper, and canned fruit, as well as grocery bags.

**Devotionals.** The following daily devotionals are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary:

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

**Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: The Presbyterian Depot.** The Presbyterian Depot is a collaborative mission partnership of Old Greenwich, Pilgrim, Westminster, Alpha, and Stewartsville Presbyterian Church. Our mission is to provide new kitchen items to individuals and families who are transitioning to a new place to live; many have virtually nothing to start with. The area organizations we work with include Family Promise, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center, and Firth Youth Center.