

August 27, 2023
10:00 AM Service of Worship
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Bowman

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is our peace.

People: We give thanks with all our hearts.

Leader: Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.

People: We praise the holy name of God.

Leader: Let God's praise endure forever.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate Christ,
You send us to cure the sick,
but we blame the sick for their choices.
You ask us to restore the unclean,
but we separate them into high risk pools.
You compel us to raise the dead,
but we insist some are beyond help.
In your patient and persistent mercy,
forgive us, O Lord.
Teach us to heal without condition
and help without limitation.
Enable us to love one another as you love us,
that as recipients of unmerited grace,
we may freely shower care upon all people.

*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.**

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rosie England

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 7:1-5

p. 961

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

ANTHEM #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Women of the Church

SECOND LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

p. 1037

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Lepers Are People"

Pastor Stephen Choi

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 #684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

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

Bruce Wolfinger

*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 #372

O for a World

*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

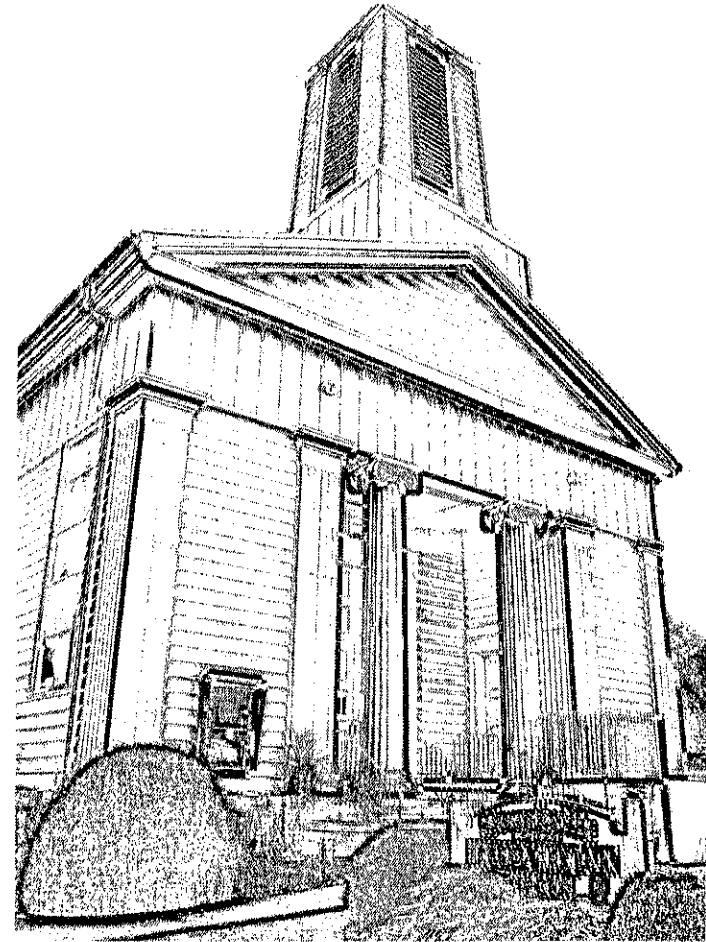
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of Aug. 23, 2023)

Garrett J.'s Family	Victor W.	Pat B. &
Frey Family	Schriever Family	Dorothy G.
Maui Fire Victims	Johnson Family	Lisa S.'s Family
Brandy A.	Brian & Marlaina	Rachel S.
Greg R.	& Family	Jane R.
Hausold Family	Morton Family	Rodney R.
Rea, Sampson &	Dunleavy Family	Ryder H.
Clark Families	Mondzak Family	Romeo B.
Deb J.	Brett M.	Nicholas C.
Markle Family	Pomeroy Family	Vanessa P.
Johnny D.	Slack Family	John W.
Mark Y.	Tony & Pat M.	David & Carole J.
Caitlin E.	Bob H.	Ben W.
Ambani & Family	Peace M.'s Family	Steven M.
Katie D.	Gaertner Family	Jeffrey G.
Kwong Family	Ray & Jo G.	Randy W.
Tony's Son	Barbara N.	Ero C.
Abbott/Jochen	Rosie E.	Betty N.
Family	Jean S.	Kevin O.
Kim S.	Frank I.	Renée's Parents

**Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace**

This Week's Mission Partner: UrbanPromise

To submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at
908-859-1399 or office@stewartsvillepc.org

OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

Assisting in Worship Today	Cindy Bowman
Greeters Today	Brad and Lisa Fry
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Nursery Today	Carol Nixon and Sarah Sampson

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 8/27: Deacons Chapel Svc., 2:00 p.m., Lopat Care Center
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Monday, 8/28: Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
Wednesday, 8/30: Church Parking Lot Closed through 9/2
AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall
Friday, 9/1: Friday Morning Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Panera
Sunday, 9/3: Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tuesday, 8/29: Matias Wagner
Bob & Lorlyn Heinrich – Anniversary
Wednesday, 8/30: Rich Higginson
Amanda Hodge
Colleen Rountree
Thursday, 8/31: Joan Hart
Friday, 9/1: Ken Piotrowsky

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.

Women of the Church Sing. All women of the church are invited to come forward this morning and join in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Church Parking Lot Closed. The church parking lot will be closed for repaving this week, from Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2.

If you need to come to the church during those times, you may park on the street, or in the Lutheran church's overflow lot on the same side of the street as our church.

Announcements (continued)

Regular Worship Schedule. We will return to our regular worship service schedule on Sunday, Sept. 10, with worship service at 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School for children and youth at 9:20 a.m. We will also celebrate Holy Communion during the service on Sept. 10, with Time for Fellowship afterward.

The Adult Sunday School class will resume on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 9:20 a.m. We will begin a new study on 2 Corinthians.

Friday Morning Devotional Group. The Friday Morning Devotional Group will resume meeting each Friday at 8:00 a.m. beginning on Friday, Sept. 8. The group meets in person in the library and on Zoom.

We will be reading "Reorganized Religion: The Reshaping of the American Church and Why it Matters" by Bob Smietana, for our upcoming study.

The group will meet for coffee and conversation at 8:00 a.m. this Friday, Sept. 1, at Panera.

If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Stephen know as soon as possible.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sports Scene Restaurant at Oakwood Lanes, 234 Route 31, Washington.

We are encouraging participants to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the luncheons to donate to NORWESCAP Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861 by Monday, Sept. 11 to make your reservation. Also, contact Louisa if you need a ride or directions to the restaurant.

Blood Drive. We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, Sept. 17 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 908-619-8697 or email her at cmbowman1023@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

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.stewartsvillepc.org), Give Now, Deacons.

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

We will receive new members in September.

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 soup, peanut butter & jelly, pasta sauce and pasta, 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," September/October/November issue.
- "Today," September/October issue.
- "Our Daily Bread," large-print edition, July/August/Sept. issue.

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: UrbanPromise.

Established in 1988, the mission of UrbanPromise is to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. UrbanPromise offers after-school programs, summer camps, two schools, experiential learning, job training, and a host of other programs that challenge youth to develop and realize their potential. To learn more about UrbanPromise, visit their website: urbanpromiseusa.org