

The Stewartsville Press

The Newsletter of Stewartsville Presbyterian Church
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June 2024

The Ministers: All the Members

The Rev. Stephen Park Choi – Pastor

The Rev. Jack E. Roan – Pastor Emeritus

Brian Ballentine – Music Director

Denise DeMasi – Choir Director

Renée Herb – Office Manager

Sarah Sampson – Treasurer

Laura Choi – Christian Education Director

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting on Sunday, June 2, our Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Our Summer Schedule will run through Sunday, September 1.

Holy Communion will be celebrated during the

10:00 a.m. Worship Service on the first Sunday of each month during the summer.

Please see page 3 for information on Zoom link.

Deacons' Offering. During the month of June, 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.



Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA.

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

We had 25 people attend our May luncheon, and we collected \$47 for the NORWESCAP Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861 by Monday, June 10 to make your reservation.

General Assembly

For the past 10 years, I have had the honor and privilege of serving at General Assembly. I was first a commissioner and the moderator of the Middle East Issues Committee in 2014. Since then, I have had the opportunity to serve in other capacities and roles. At this year's assembly in Salt Lake City, I will be working with the production team as a Teleprompter Operator.

The theme for this year's assembly is "Live into Hope" which is based on the hymn of the same name by Jane Parker Huber. (Hymn #772 in our hymnal.)

Daily themes have been chosen based on verses of the hymn. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly chose the theme as an opportunity to charge the denomination after being in a space of lament and hope. We are now being charged to live into that hope.

The dates of the assembly are June 25 – July 4, 2024.

Let us keep in prayer the General Assembly, all the of the commissioners and advisory delegates, volunteers and paid staff, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a whole as we prayerfully seek to hear God's voice together and to do God's will.

What is the General Assembly?

The General Assembly is a council of the church, a discernment event, and a worshipping body.

As a council, the General Assembly is made up of commissioners from the Presbyterian Church's presbyteries, with teaching elders (ministers of the Word and Sacrament) and ruling elders represented in equal numbers. Young adult advisory delegates, ecumenical advisory delegates, theological student advisory delegates, and mission co-worker advisory delegates also constitute the assembly. These individuals gather for committees and plenary sessions to discern the direction of the church and make decisions that are implemented throughout the life of the PC(U.S.A.).

As a discernment event, the General Assembly occurs every two years. It includes committee meetings, plenary sessions, meals, educational opportunities, and other planned and impromptu gatherings.

As a worshipping body, the General Assembly is a time when people from across the PC(U.S.A.) and beyond gather to celebrate God's work in the world.

How is the General Assembly funded?

The assembly is primarily supported by the per capita dollars each member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gives towards the work of the national church. Per capita makes it possible for commissioners, advisory delegates, and committee support to participate in the assembly without taking on the financial burden of travel and accommodations. Per capita also supports a dependent care policy that offsets the costs caretakers incur when giving their time and energy to the assembly.

Another Fun Fact:

This year will be the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY ZOOM WORSHIP

We are on our summer schedule, with the Zoom worship service at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. It is broadcast live from the sanctuary 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.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94418910396?pwd=WlQwMHB5ZHZUMy9sTFpQaThEMkRvdz09>

Dial by your location

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

Meeting ID: 944 1891 0396

Passcode: 08886



Carly Alpaugh will graduate from Phillipsburg High School on June 11. She is the daughter of Dale and Lynn Alpaugh. Carly will be majoring in Fine Arts at Rowan University in the fall.

Ella Choi will graduate as valedictorian of the Class of 2024 of Phillipsburg High School on June 11. She is the daughter of Pastor Stephen and Laura Choi. In the fall, Ella will be attending Barnard College of Columbia University, majoring in Public Health on a Pre-Med track.

Madison Wolfinger graduated from Cedar Crest College on May 11 with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Integrated Biology with a minor in Public Health and a concentration in Health Management. She is the daughter of Bruce Stoddart and Laurie Jago Nesfeder, and the granddaughter of Bruce and Terry Wolfinger. In August, Maddy will be attending Cornell University for a Master's Degree in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology (Infectious Disease).



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

In May, we donated 14 bags of food and toiletries, along with reusable grocery bags.

At this time, the food pantry is in particular need of condiments for barbecues (ketchup, mustard, barbecue sauce, mayo, etc.), tuna fish, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly, and Suddenly Salad mixes, as well as grocery bags.



Denice Morton, a member and a Deacon of our church, passed away Thursday, May 23 after courageously battling cancer. Please keep her husband Michael and their family in your prayers.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, in our sanctuary.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can comfort others in their sorrow, with the consolation we have received from God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4



Kelly (Morris) and Trent Roling welcomed a baby boy, **Graham Thomas Roling** on April 20. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19.75" long.

Graham is the grandson of Laura and Bob Morris.

Needlecraft Group. The Needlecraft Group will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 14 and Friday, June 28 in the Library.

This is an opportunity to gather together and work on your own projects, while having lively conversations!

For more information, call Sue Gruver at 573-999-7014.

The Needlecraft Group will take a break during July and August, but will resume in September.



Texts and Emails from Pastor Stephen.

If you receive texts or emails from Pastor Stephen asking for money, these are scams. Please do not reply to them, and let Pastor Stephen know.



JUNE

- 1 Pastor Charles Jessen
Victoria Loyle
- 2 Doris Hagerty
Carole Jochen
Luke Muentener
- 4 Dawn Hamlen
Mike & Christine Ferri – Anniversary
- 5 Marsha Colaluze
Christine Ferri
Catie Jewell
- 7 Jon Cantagallo-Rohm
- 8 Bud Evanoski
- 10 June Gallo
- 11 Henry Choi
Lillian Culcasi
- 12 Angela Alpaugh
David Gesner
Bruce Wolfinger
Bradley & Lisa Fry – Anniversary
- 13 Richard & Madelyn Duckworth – Anniversary
- 15 Justin & Catie Jewell – Anniversary
- 16 Matthew Gary
- 22 Bruce & Anna Stoddart – Anniversary
- 25 Fred Gary
Kenneth Sampson-Duch
- 26 MaryLou Deak
- 27 Savannah Banghart
- 28 Merrick Loyle
- 30 Debbie Cole
Cory Ham
Judy Melchore

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!

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

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

Session Notes – May 29, 2024

- We opened our meeting together with the lighting of the Christ candle and devotions led by Elder Bill Nixon.
- We will celebrate our church's 175th Anniversary on the weekend of November 1-2, 2025.
- The Dominican Republic Mission Trip Team will be commissioned during the worship service on Sunday, July 7. (The dates of the mission trip are July 12-20.)
- Our Deacons will volunteer at the Firth Youth Center by preparing lunches for summer campers on June 13, 14, and 19.
- Our church once again provided the programs for the Greenwich Township Memorial Day Service.
- Pastor Stephen will be away at a Synod Meeting and at the 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City, June 24 – July 6. (Bill Nixon will be the Elder on Call.)
- Pastor Stephen will be on vacation July 29 – August 3. (Judy Melchore will be the Elder on Call.)
- Our next Session Meeting will be on Monday, June 17.
- Upcoming Pulpit Supply Schedule:
 - June 16: The Rev. Tex Culton
 - June 30: The Rev. Byron Leasure
 - July 14: Lisa Gray
- Treasurer's Report:
As of April 30, we have a year-to-date deficit of \$386 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.

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.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Friday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Spain Inn 2, 1045 Route 173, Asbury.

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.



Elders on Call

Pastor Stephen will be on vacation from
Monday, June 10 through Saturday, June 15

Pastor Stephen will also be attending a Synod Meeting and General Assembly from
Monday, June 24 through Saturday, July 6

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

June 10-16: Kathy Montgomery at 908-674-0654

June 24-July 6: Bill Nixon at 908-319-2800

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Summer Schedule Begins 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 6 pm AA	3	4	7 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm AA	6	8 am Friday Devotional Group 7:05 pm IronPigs game	8 10:30 am Denice Morton's Memorial Service
9 10 am Worship Service Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	10 Pastor Stephen on Vacation through June 15	11	12 7 pm AA	13 11:30 am Adult Lunch Group, Williams Family Restaurant 7 pm Grange	14 8 am Friday Devotional Group 9:30 am Needlecraft Group	15 10 am Samplemakers
16 10 am Worship Service 6 pm AA	17 7 pm Session Meeting	18	19 7 pm AA	20	21 9:30 am Fiber Arts	22 11 am Private Use of Roan Hall
23 10 am Worship Service Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	24 Pastor Stephen attending Synod and General Assembly through July 6	25	26 7 pm AA	27	28 9:30 am Needlecraft Group 6 pm Women's Circle, Spain 2	29
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