

The Stewartsville Press

The Newsletter of Stewartsville Presbyterian Church
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June 2025

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

Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, June 1 and June 8.

**Holy Communion will be celebrated during the
10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 1.**

Summer Worship Schedule

Starting on Sunday, June 15, our Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Our Summer Schedule will run through Sunday, Aug. 31.

Sunday, June 1, will be our last day of Sunday School until September.

We will celebrate Holy Communion during the
10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 29.

Please see page 5 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.



Mission Trip. Our Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic will take place from Saturday, June 14 through Friday, June 20.

Please keep in prayer our mission trip participants: Henry Choi, Scott Goff, Michael Morton, Lisa Muentener, and Pastor Stephen, as well as Newal Duncan, a friend of the congregation.

The participants will be commissioned during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 8.

Please join us for Mission Trip Sunday on Sunday, June 22. The mission trip participants will share their experiences from their week in the Dominican Republic during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Trek Malawi 2025

This summer, I am returning to Africa to take part in another Trek Malawi, a 300-mile bike ride through the country of Malawi from July 6-14. Malawi is located in southeast Africa, and I will be traveling once again with Bruce Main, the President and Founder of UrbanPromise. Along the way, we will visit several UrbanPromise ministry sites, and I will have the opportunity to visit with Jovita, a young orphan girl our church is sponsoring.

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.

As part of our trip, we are also raising money to help fund UrbanPromise International children's programs and summer camps. Every dollar donated will go directly towards this goal. Our goal as a group is to raise \$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, please go to my fundraising page:
<https://give.urbanpromiseinternational.org/stephenparkchoi>

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

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

In addition to any financial support, please also keep us in prayer.

Grace, Peace and Thanks,
Pastor Stephen





Our Confirmands (and some of their parents) volunteered at the Community FoodBank of NJ in Hillsborough, NJ, on Saturday, May 10. They sorted and packed 109 boxes of food!



On Sunday, May 18, the congregation gave thanks and celebrated Brian Ballentine's 10-year anniversary as our Music Director.



Gloria Mondelli was received by Session as the newest member of the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 19. Gloria is Rosie England's mother.

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

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

In May, we donated 8 bags of food and toiletries.

At this time, the Food Pantry is in particular need of toiletries, such as shampoo, body wash, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant, as well as grocery bags.

Women's Circle. Our Women's Circle meets monthly for dinner.

This is an opportunity for good conversations and a chance to encourage one another.

For information on the June meeting, please see the upcoming June bulletins or contact Linda Williams at 908-454-8104.

College Student Gift Cards. In April, our Deacons sent out 6 gift cards to our college and graduate school students.

The Deacons send out gift cards or care packages in the spring and fall semester.

Elder on Call

Pastor Stephen will be on the Mission Trip from June 14 to 20.

If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away,

please contact the following Elder on Call:

Cindy Bowman at 908-859-2823



- 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
- 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!

Needlecraft Group. The Needlecraft Group will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, June 13 and June 27 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.

SUNDAY ZOOM WORSHIP

The Zoom worship service is held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. It is broadcast live during the in-person worship service. Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 15 with worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Please be prepared with bread and juice/wine. We will also celebrate Holy Communion during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 29.

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=WlQwMHB5ZHZUMy9sTFpQaThEMkRvdz09>

Dial by your location

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

Meeting ID: 944 1891 0396

Passcode: 08886



Laura Choi, a Candidate Under Care of Highlands Presbytery, received her Master of Divinity Degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 24. Her next step toward ordination is a hospital chaplaincy internship this summer. Laura is married to Pastor Stephen and they have 3 children: Tay, Ella, and Henry.

Janis Clark earned a Master of Science Degree in Nursing with a specialty in Nursing Education from Aspen University in May. She will continue in her role as a school nurse at High Bridge Elementary School. Janis is married to Jim and they have 2 children: Adeline and James III "Jimbo."

Savana Williams will graduate from Northampton Area High School on Friday, May 30. She is the daughter of Paul and Evelyn Williams, and the granddaughter of Paul and Linda Williams. Savana will be attending Shippensburg University, majoring in Business Management.

Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, June 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Architects Golf Club, 700 Strykers Rd., Phillipsburg.

We had 17 people attend the April luncheon, and we collected \$40 and 1 can of soup 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, June 9 to make your reservation.

Capital Campaign

As of May 27, we have received \$7,198.54 for our Capital Campaign.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000.

Session Notes – May 19, 2025

- We opened our meeting together with the lighting of the Christ candle and devotions led by Elder Bill Nixon.
- We met with this year's Confirmation Class, and they were approved for church membership. The following individuals will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 8: Henry Choi, Noah Culcasi, Brodey Keller, Bella Keller, John Muentener III, Luke Muentener, Jake Muentener, and Vincenzo Viscomi.
- Gloria Mondelli was also received as a new member by reaffirmation of faith. Gloria is Rosie England's mother.
- The Dominican Republic Mission Trip Team will be commissioned during the worship service on Sunday, June 8. (The dates of the mission trip are June 14-20.)
- We approved a \$150 donation for the Greenwich Emergency Squad. (The Emergency Squad let us borrow a few tables for our recent Rummage Sale.)
- Our church once again provided the programs for the Greenwich Township Memorial Day Service.
- Pastor Stephen will be on vacation August 11-24. (Kathy Montgomery will be the Elder on Call.)
- Upcoming Pulpit Supply Schedule:
 - June 15: Laura Choi
 - June 29: Sister Michaelita Popovice (Catholic Charities)
 - July 6: Fred Gary
 - July 13: The Rev. Dr. Jan Nolting Carter
 - July 20: The Rev. Dr. Bruce Main (UrbanPromise)
- Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30.
- Treasurer's Report:
As of April 30, we have a year-to-date deficit of \$4,143 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.



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.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Last Day of Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, Holy Communion Photos of groups after Worship Service 6 pm AA	2 7 pm Mission Trip Meeting	3	4 5 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm AA	5	6	7
8 Confirmation Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service with Mission Trip Commissioning Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	9	10	11 7 pm AA	12 11:30 Adult Lunch Group, Architect's Golf Club 7 pm Grange	13 9:30 am Needlecraft Group	14 Mission Trip thru June 20 10 am Samplemakers
15 Summer Schedule Begins 10 am Worship Service 6 pm AA	16	17	18 7 pm AA	19	20 7:05 pm IronPigs Game	21
22 Mission Trip Sunday 10 am Worship Service Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 2 pm Deacons Chapel Service 6 pm AA	23	24	25 7 pm AA	26	27 9:30 am Needlecraft Group	28
29 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 6 pm AA	30 7 pm Session Meeting					