

The Stewartsville Press

The Newsletter of Stewartsville Presbyterian Church
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September 2025

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

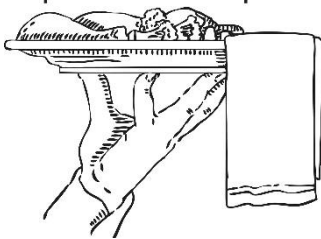
Laura Choi – Christian Education Director

**We are on our Regular Worship Schedule with
Worship Service and Children's Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday
Adult Sunday School is at 9:20 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom**

Holy Communion will be celebrated during the
10:30 a.m. worship service the first Sunday of the month
Please see page 3 for information on Zoom link

175th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of November 1-2.

Special Banquet



On **Saturday, Nov. 1**, we will hold the "175th Anniversary Celebration" from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mainline Catering & Events (formerly Flynn's) in Phillipsburg. The evening will include a buffet dinner.

Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$12.50 for children ages 5-10; and free for children ages 4 and younger.

You may purchase tickets with cash or a check made out to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church. Ticket orders should be given to Cindy Bowman or mailed to her at 186 Lewis St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. The deadline to order tickets is Sunday, Oct. 12.

We will celebrate "Homecoming" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, Nov. 2**. Our special guest preacher will be the Rev. Jim Biller, who grew up attending our church.

Blood Drive. We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We need to have 25 people registered to donate.

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-619-8697 or email her at cbowman1023@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

**Blood
DRIVE**

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church 175th Anniversary Survey

This year marks our 175th anniversary as the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church. As part of our anniversary celebration, we ask that you share some of your fondest memories. Memories will be shared at our 175th Anniversary Celebration.

Name:

Year you started attending Stewartsville Presbyterian church:

Please share a memory of:

1. What brought you to the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church:
2. A fellow member who stands out in your mind and why:
3. One of our pastors:
4. A mission trip or ministry activity:
5. A service that stands out in your mind and why:
6. Attending Christian education or Bible study:
7. Something related to the church building:
8. A special fellowship time or event:
9. A gesture of care:
10. Something funny that happened:

What is your favorite thing about our church?

What is something you hope for in our church's future?

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.

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.

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



Adult Lunch Group. "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Village Café #4, 665 Columbus Ave. in Phillipsburg.

We had 22 people attend the August luncheon, and we collected \$44 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.

For more information, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861.

Women's Circle. The Women's Circle will meet on Thursday, Sept 25, at 6:00 p.m. at Williams Family Restaurant, 3630 William Penn Highway in 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.



Voices Needed! All interested new choir members, ages 13 and above, are encouraged to join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room for rehearsal. We will sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service each week.

No musical experience is necessary, so come join the fun with our growing choir!

For more information, see Denise DeMasi.

SPC Youth Choir. All children ages 3-12 are invited to join Miss Denise and Mr. Bruce for SPC Youth Choir.

We will rehearse after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, 2 times a month for about 30 minutes. The first rehearsal is on Sunday, Sept. 14.

We plan to sing during the "Homecoming" worship service on Sunday, Nov. 2, and also a Sunday in December.

For more information, see Denise DeMasi or email her at demasid13@gmail.com





Congratulations! Terry Horton and Pam Alercia were united in marriage in our church on Sunday, Aug. 3.

The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Stephen and Brian Ballentine was the organist.

Blessings to the happy couple!

Catholic Charities

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



In August, we donated 26 bags of food and toiletries.

At this time, the Food Pantry is in particular need of jelly, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, dishwashing detergent, toothpaste, and infant and toddler disposable diapers, as well as grocery bags.

Needlecraft Group. After taking a break for the summer, the Needlecraft Group will resume meeting on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

In September, they will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 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.

Adult Sunday School Class. The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday. The class meets in the library and on Zoom.

This fall, class will resume its study on the book of James.

Capital Campaign

As of Aug. 31, we have received \$9,790.59 for our Capital Campaign.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000.



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Tayliss Choi
- Dale & Lynn Alpaugh – Anniversary
- 4 Michael Diacopoulos
- 7 Jim & Janis Clark – Anniversary
- 8 Sarah Sampson
- 10 Brian Ballentine
- Barry & Tammy Oberly – Anniversary
- 11 Jeff Schoeneberger
- John Wagner
- 15 Dave Bove
- Noelle Steller
- Chris & Laurie Winans – Anniversary
- 17 Lindsey Culcasi
- 18 Christopher Hamlen
- 19 Jim & Cindy Bowman – Anniversary
- 21 Jean Bradbury
- 22 Tim & Melanie Loyle – Anniversary
- 23 Diane Olsen
- 28 Eileen Miers
- 29 Lisa Fry

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!

Friday Morning Devotional Group. The Friday Morning Devotional Group will begin a new study, "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith," on Friday, Sept. 12.

The group meets in person in the library and on Zoom at 8:00 a.m. each Friday.

Please let Pastor Stephen know if you would like to participate.

August Deacons Offering. Thanks to your generosity, we received \$317.83 in the August Deacons Offering.

This offering goes toward the work and ministry of our Deacons.

Community Garden. I am pleased to report to you and give thanks for the Community Garden! We started in the spring getting the beds cleaned out and putting down a new layer of good soil mix from Peacefield Nursery. We planted in May. The Garden Crew watered regularly, and we watched everything flourish and grow.

On July 7, I harvested for the first time – 5 cucumbers and 4 zucchinis – and took them to Catholic Charities. The second harvest yielded 27 cucumbers and 9 zucchinis.

Soon after that, the tomatoes and peppers started coming. Weekly deliveries were made to Catholic Charities and NORWESCAP. About 23 bags of produce have been delivered!

I want to give a big thanks to all the Garden Crew – Scott Goff, Lisa Muentener, Kim Stone, Jean Bradbury, Sarah Sampson, and Terry Lefler – for their dedication to keeping the garden watered. Also thanks to help from Bud Evanoski, Isaac Evanoski, and Fred Gary.

I consider this a successful year and a blessing to the community and hope it can be continued next year. Think about being a volunteer, green thumb or not! Many hands make things go easier.

- Carol Evanoski



Trunk or Treat! We will have Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 26 in the church parking lot after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Children can wear costumes and go from car to car collecting candy and other goodies. Adults can participate by dressing up, purchasing candy, etc., and handing it out at their cars. You can even decorate your vehicles to add to the fun!

For more information, or to reserve your parking spot, contact Janis Clark at JanisR500@gmail.com

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

The 175th Anniversary Committee is offering the opportunity to dedicate hymnals during our anniversary year. Please note the deadline for orders is Sunday, Sept. 28.

To order bookplates, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. For more information, contact the church office.

HYMNAL DEDICATION FORM

\$25.00 per each Hymnal Dedication

(Cash or checks payable to Stewartsville Presbyterian Church with "Hymnal" on the memo line)

Please use a separate form for each Hymnal dedicated.

You may combine payment for multiple hymnals on one check or with one cash payment

Total due \$ _____

Dedications must be received by Sunday, Sept. 28th

Name _____

(Please write your name exactly as you wish it to appear in the dedication)

Phone Number _____

In Memory Of: _____

OR

In Honor Of: _____

Stewartsville Presbyterian Church – September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed for Labor Day	2	3 7 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm AA	4	5 8 am Friday Devotional Group, Panera	6
7 Rally Day 10:30 am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School Holy Communion during Worship Service Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	8 7 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting	9	10 7 pm AA	11 11:30 am Adult Lunch Group, Pizza Café #4 7 pm Grange	12 8 am Friday Devotional Group, Library & Zoom 9:30 am Needlecraft Group, Library	13 10 am Samplemakers, Roan Hall
14 9:20 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School Sacrament of Baptism during Worship Service 6 pm AA	15	16	17 7 pm AA	18	19	20
21 9:20 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School Time for Fellowship after Worship Service 6 pm AA	22	23	24 7 pm AA	25 6 pm Women's Circle, Williams Family Restaurant	26 8 am Friday Devotional Group, Library & Zoom 9:30 am Needlecraft Group, Library	27
28 9:20 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School 2 pm Deacons Chapel Service **Deadline for submitting Hymnal Dedications** 6 pm AA	29 7 pm Session Meeting	30				