

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**  
**10:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

**Gathering Around the Word**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Cindy Bowman

Leader: Speak to the present, tell future generations:

**People: Anyone who loves, knows God.**

Leader: We know how to love, because God loved us first.

**People: Anytime we love each other, God is there.**

Leader: We are connected to God by love.

**People: Anywhere there is love, we live in God's heart.**

Leader: We need not fear, for love triumphs over fear.

**People: Any place we see love, we see God.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who is love,  
and who bids us to love each other.

\*HYMN #396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,**

**Our hearts are restless until they find their home in you.**

**Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you.**

**We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough.**

**We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty.**

**We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace,  
knowing the world cannot provide it.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**And may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE #551

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

\*THE PASSING OF GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

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

**Proclaiming the Word**

YOUTH CHOIR *Deep and Wide*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mary Lou Gary

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4:7-11 p. 1209  
This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *A Mother Lined a Basket* Choir

SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:19-21 p. 1209  
This is the Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Really Love" Pastor Stephen Choi

**Responding to the Word**

\*DECLARATION OF FAITH (Insert) Philippians 2:5-11

\*HYMN #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

\*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 #645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #313 (Verse 2)

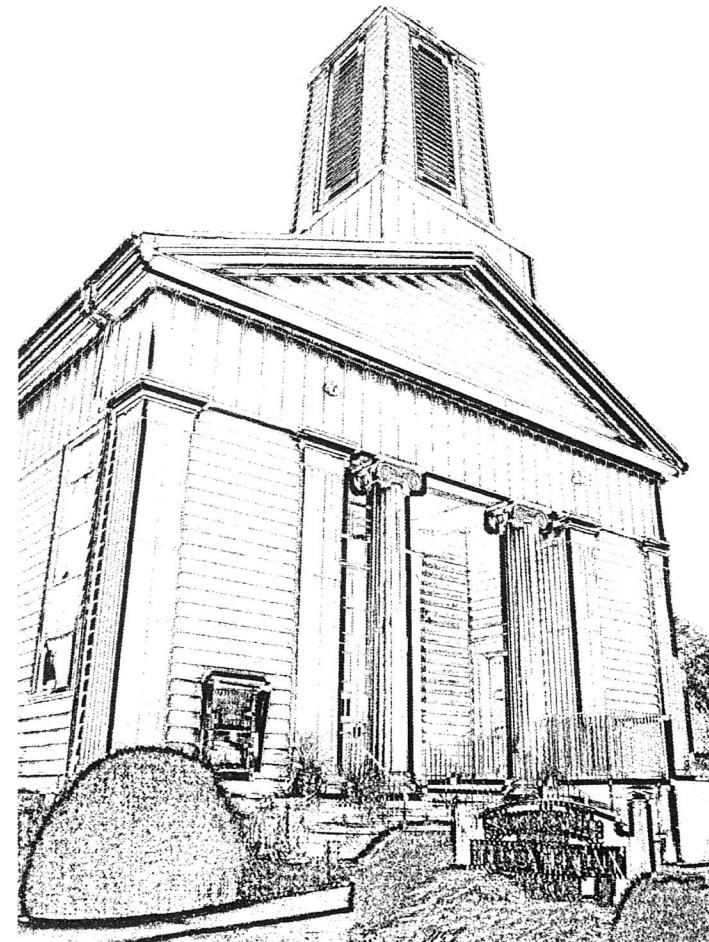
*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

***Lord, make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving,  
until we meet again:  
loving, loving, loving,  
until we meet again.***

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if able

# STEWARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## 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

Denise DeMasi, Choir Director

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## PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION (as of May 8, 2026)

Rosie E.	Carol Z.'s Family	Virginia S.
Evan & Ashley F.	Lauren C.	Kristian & Ava K.
Gabby P.	Jose M.	Kay P.
Dorothy V.	Connie G.	Ed H.'s Parents
Alain G.'s Parents	Ron D.	Michael M.
Suzy C.	Lola L.	Denise D.
Cook/Gary Family	Janelle A. & Family	Dawn B.
Rountree Family	Deb J.	Stephanie B.
Miers Family	Lincoln H.	Ivy N.
Janine H.	Murphy Family	Kim S.
Roberta F.	Joe & Ginny B.	Paxton B.
John D.	Sue Grant	Peter S.
Betty P.	Paula R.	Colton M.
Jackie L.	Sue G.	Frank I.
Michael H.	Sammis/Herb Family	Jeffrey G.
Rooks Family		Betty N.
Parin Family		Kevin O.

**Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters**  
**Justice and Peace, Military Members & Their Families**  
**This Week's Mission Partner: Matt and Becki Beack**  
**(Missionaries in Philippines)**

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

### OUR CONGREGATION IN MINISTRY

<b>Assisting in Worship Today</b>	Cindy Bowman
<b>Greeters Today</b>	Nancy Sampson and Sarah Sampson
<b>Broadcast Team</b>	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
<b>Sunday School and Nursery</b>	Laura Choi

### Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

**Today, 5/10:** AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Monday, 5/11:** Pastor Stephen on Sabbatical through May 16  
**Wednesday, 5/13:** Office Manager Away through May 15  
 AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Thursday, May 14:** Adult Lunch Group, 11:30 a.m., Tic-Toc Family  
 Restaurant  
 Grange, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall  
**Friday, 5/15:** Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library  
**Sunday, 5/17:** Adult Sunday School, 9:20 a.m., Library  
 Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
 Time for Fellowship after Worship Service  
 AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Monday, 5/11:** Isaac & Evelyn Evanoski – Anniversary  
**Tuesday, 5/12:** Katie DeMasi  
**Wednesday, 5/13:** Phyllis Ballentine  
 Esther Schoeneberger  
**Friday, 5/15:** Jadyann Banghart  
 Ruth Ann Hoyt  
 Dave & Dawn Barretto – Anniversary

### 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.

**Pentecost Sunday.** On Pentecost, May 24, please wear red for "Red Out Sunday" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Pastor Stephen also has something special planned for the worship service.

### **Announcements (continued)**

**Blood Drive.** We will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, on Sunday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church.

We still need to have 5 people registered to donate!

Anyone wishing to donate can call Cindy Bowman at 908-619-8697 or email her at [cmbowman1023@gmail.com](mailto:cmbowman1023@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

**Elder on Call.** Pastor Stephen will be on sabbatical from May 11 to May 16. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is away, please contact the following Elder on Call:  
Cindy Bowman at 908-619-8697

**Church Office Closed.** The church office will be closed Wednesday and Friday, May 13 and May 15, while Renée Herb travels to Arizona for her mother's memorial service.

**Adult Lunch Group.** "Grazing with Grace," our Adult Lunch Group will meet this Thursday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Tic-Toc Family Restaurant, 2510 Northampton St., Easton, PA.

Each month we encourage participants to bring a can of soup or \$1 to the luncheon to donate to the NORWESCAP Food Bank.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call Louisa Miers at 908-763-3861 by tomorrow, May 11, to make your reservation.

**Attention Proud Parents and Guardians!** We would like to include information about our high school, college, and trade school graduates in the June Newsletter.

Please e-mail the following information to the church office by this Friday, May 15: Student's name, the school from which they are graduating, the date of graduation, the type of degree or certificate they earned, and what their future plans may be (college/trade school/work).

**Women's Circle.** The Women's Circle will meet on Thursday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Tacos Y Tequila, 20 Kunkle Drive, 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.

**Capital Campaign.** As of May 1, we have received \$19,368 for our Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.

**Baby Items Needed.** This summer, Ella Choi will spend 6 weeks in Uganda working with a grassroots nonprofit supporting women, public health, and economic empowerment.

Ella is collecting donations to support mothers and newborns in underserved communities in Northern Uganda. Most needed at this time are: suction bulbs, baby towels, newborn baby clothes, baby blankets, and notebooks.

There is a box in the back of the sanctuary where you may put donations. Please bring donations to the church by Sunday, May 17; Ella leaves that evening.

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward these needed items, please note "Uganda Mission" on your check. For online giving, go to the church website ([stewartsvillepc.org](http://stewartsvillepc.org)), Give Now, Special, and specify "Uganda Mission" in Notes. The deadline for monetary donations is Wednesday, May 13.

**Summer Mission Trip.** For our Summer Mission Trip, we will participate in the WorkGroup program of UrbanPromise in Camden, NJ. The dates are Sunday, Aug. 2, through Friday, Aug. 7. The WorkGroup program combines ministry and practical projects. Mornings involve engaging Camden-area youth in summer camps. Afternoons are for projects such as landscaping and painting. Enrichment activities include game night, a tour of Camden, and dinner discussions with our teens.

If interested, please speak with Pastor Stephen as soon as possible. We would like to have everyone registered by Sunday, May 31.

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

At this time, the Food Pantry is in need of feminine hygiene products, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni & cheese, and pasta sauce, as well as grocery bags.

**Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Matt and Becki Beack (Missionaries in Philippines).** Matt and Becki Beack have been serving as missionaries in the Philippines since 2011 through Action International Ministries. They are currently in the Philippines working with Member Care, attending to the emotional and spiritual needs of the missionaries there. Our church has been supporting Matt and Becki and their 4 sons since 2014.