

May 17, 2026
10:30 AM Service of Worship
7th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Diacopoulos

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours –

**People: A world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.**

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed –

**People: A community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and
rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun –

**People: All that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Leader: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun. Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
We confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds
instead of on the earth you have given us.
We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that
worldly means will help us attain it.
Forgive us for our short sightedness.
Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power
and measures of success, and call us to the down-to-earth
message of your love, to care for the needs of those around
us, especially the oppressed and marginalized.**

You have called us through scripture
to care for the widows and orphans among us; help us to see
all those who are left out by society and are in need.
Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have
placed, so that we may truly be one, as you and Christ are
one. For it is in Christ's name we pray.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**We were made by God, brought forth from the earth,
the earth that was called good when God created it.
Your very being is good.
You are blessed, earth-born,
and called forth to care for the earth and all who dwell in it.
Go, know that you are forgiven and loved
by the God who made the earth, and made you,
and share the Good News. Amen.**

*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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bob Hurte

ANTHEM

Make Us One

Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Rolling Up Our Sleeves to Do the Work of Ministry"

Rev. Dr. Jan Nolting Carter

Responding to the Word

*HYMN #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

UGANDA MISSION COMMISSIONING

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 #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #313 (Verse 4) *Lord, Make Us More Holy*
*Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful,
until we meet again.*

*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

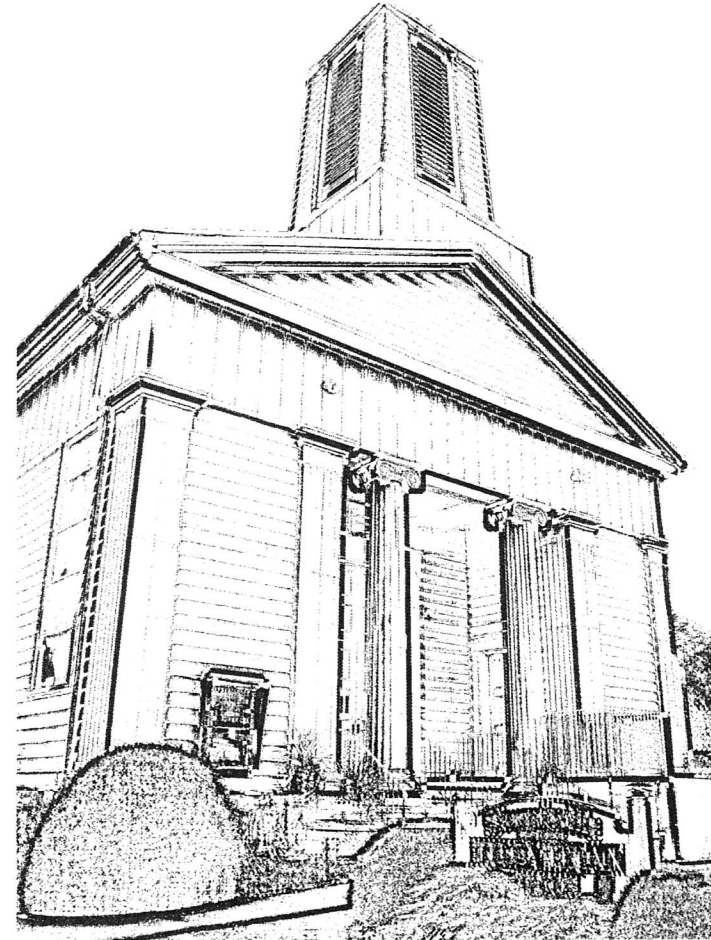
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PRAYER LIST OF THE CONGREGATION

(as of May 12, 2026)

Sharon S.	Parin Family	Sue G.
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Evan & Ashley F.	Lauren C.	Kay P.
Gabby P.	Jose M.	Ed H.'s Parents
Dorothy V.	Connie G.	Michael M.
Alain G.'s Parents	Ron D.	Denise D.
Suzy C.	Lola L.	Dawn B.
Cook/Gary Family	Janelle A. &	Stephanie B.
Rountree Family	Family	Ivy N.
Miers Family	Deb J.	Kim S.
Janine H.	Lincoln H.	Paxton B.
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John D.	Joe & Ginny B.	Colton M.
Betty P.	Sue Grant	Frank I.
Jackie L.	Paula R.	Jeffrey G.
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Victims of Violence and Natural Disasters
Justice and Peace, Military Members & Their Families
This Week's Mission Partner: Foundation for Peace

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	Laura Diacopoulos
Greeter Today	Kathy Montgomery
Broadcast Team	Alan Deak and Bill Fleming
Sunday School and Nursery	Lisa Fry and Janis Clark
Hosting Time for Fellowship	Denise DeMasi

Week Ahead at Stewartville Presbyterian Church

Today, 5/17: Time for Fellowship after Worship Service

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Monday, 5/18: Pastor Stephen in Chicago through May 21

Wednesday, 5/20: AA, 7:00 p.m., Roan Hall

Friday, 5/22: Friday Devotional Group, 8:00 a.m., Library

Sunday, 5/24: Pentecost

Adult Sunday School, 9:20 a.m., Library

Worship Service and Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

AA, 6:00 p.m., Roan Hall

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Monday, 5/18: Lorlyn Heinrich

Tuesday, 5/19: Giulianna Cantagallo-Rohm

Saturday, 5/23: Noah Culcasi

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.

Time for Fellowship. Please join us for Time for Fellowship after our worship service today in Roan Hall. This is an informal time where we can share refreshments and conversations with one another.

Pentecost Sunday. Next Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost. 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)

Guest Minister. Today we welcome the **Rev. Dr. Jan Nolting Carter** to our pulpit. She comes to us from Allentown, PA where she lives with her teenage daughter, their cat Grayson, and their golden retriever Henry. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for nearly 30 years, Jan has served churches in Kansas, Pennsylvania and Washington DC. For the last 19 years, she has focused on intentional transitional ministry – serving churches large and small, rural and urban. Since 2016, Jan has taught The Art of Transitional Ministry Parts 1 and 2 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and now through The School of Global Citizenry. She also coaches and consults with churches through Transitional Ministry Pathways. More information on her work through Transitional Ministry Pathways can be found on its website: www.tmpathways.com

Elder on Call. Pastor Stephen will be in Chicago from May 18 to May 21. 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

Uganda Mission Commissioning. Ella Choi is being commissioned this morning for her 6-week humanitarian mission trip to Uganda. She leaves later today.

Ella will be working with a grassroots nonprofit supporting women, public health, and economic empowerment.

Thank you to everyone who donated baby items and money to support mothers and newborns in underserved communities in Northern Uganda.

Please keep Ella in your prayers.

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 to set up an appointment.

Summer Worship. Our summer schedule worship schedule begins Sunday, June 7, with worship service at 10:00 a.m.

The last day for Children's and Adult Sunday School is Sunday, May 31. Sunday School will resume in September.

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

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.

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.

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

Pray for This Week's Mission Partner: Foundation for Peace.

The mission of Foundation for Peace is building relationships, bringing hope and transforming communities by working hand in hand with local communities and churches in the Dominican Republic, Kenya and Haiti. Among the things offered by Foundation for Peace are healthcare and education. To learn more about Foundation for Peace, visit their website at foundationforpeace.org