

STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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WATERTOWN, NY 13601  
Sunday Worship 10:45 A.M.

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### *Pastor's Pondering*

I am so thankful that God has given me the power and strength to pass through my cancer journey. I humbly pray that I will not experience any more sickness or pain in the service of God's kingdom. I am also blessed to have my faithful congregation, Presbytery, family, and friends who supported me with their prayers during this period. I also extend my gratitude to the medical doctors, nurses, and teams, without whom I would not be here.

God has granted me everything I asked for and even more. There were things that I prayed for but did not receive because God had planned to give me better things. I have received the best things in my life's journey through prayers in Christ.

One thing I have realized is that I used to worry a lot while praying. The Bible teaches us not to worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to let our requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

Jesus said that whatever we ask for in prayer, we should believe that we have received it, and it will be ours (Mark 11:24). However, we are weak and tend to worry about our lives. Worries come from evil, not from God. Persistent prayers provide us with discernment, peace, and joy.

Through my discernment, I have realized that cancer was part of the process to become a better disciple of Jesus, allowing me to have a deeper understanding of sickness.

May God strengthen and heal all those who are fighting cancer and bring peace to those who are praying about various worries. Amen!

~From Pastor Sarah Lee~



# Session Meeting Review

The session met on Wednesday,  
June 14, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were approved.

**Financial:** The profit and loss statements for April & May 2023 were presented by Angelo Guarino. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

**Music & Worship:** The average attendance for May was 25. Communion was on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The next communion will be served on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stuart Price led worship on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We received the new Paschal candle and four new Advent candles with drip guards. Thank you to Stuart for ordering these items. Jeannie has scheduled rehearsals for Stone Church choir to sing on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The handbell choir will also perform. *Motion was made and passed to have Sunday services at 10:45 year-round.*

**Building & Grounds:** Hyde-Stone completed work in both restrooms. GT Lawn Care has been hired to mow the lawn this season, as our sexton, Francis is awaiting a medical procedure in the fall.

**Nurture:** There will be no fellowship/coffee hours during July and August. Rev. Lee will begin a Bible study in September. Tentative plans have been made for a caravan to Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In in Oswego for lunch on August 4th. Drivers will be determined in advance and sign up sheets will be in friendship hall. More information will follow in your Sunday bulletins.

**Mission/Outreach:** Sign up sheets are in friendship hall for the primary election bake sale on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-nine items were delivered to the Urban Mission food pantry. Thanks to all who help fill the shopping cart with much-needed food.

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## Stewardship:

The Memorial Fund donations in memory of Richard Zehr have been recorded and acknowledgments sent to donors. The Pentecost offering netted \$202.35. Thanks to Paul Freeman (Kathie Strader's great grandson) for giving from his piggy bank!

Pastoral Care: Kathie Strader has delivered flowers and cards to shut-ins and those who are ill and in need of prayer, including Doug Howland, who had a birthday. Shirley Fay now resides at Summit Village and is settling in well. Kathie attended her birthday party with Shirley's family. Kathie sent a thank-you card to Winnie Edwards (mother of a friend of Alice Draper) for her donation of hand knitted mittens. Summit Village is now totally mask-free, including all the staff and nurses (Yea!). However, Samaritan Keep is still dealing with Covid outbreaks and has stringent rules.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Lee mails bulletins and copies of her sermons to members who missed services, does hospital and home visits, and also visits residents of Summit Village. She has begun mailing birthday cards from our members & friends list. She updates our Facebook page regularly

Next meeting will be July 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Rev. Sarah & Sang Lee at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be a shorter (approximately one hour), then at 4:00 pm. everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and a meal at their home! Bring your appetite and a dish to pass and swimsuit if you are able.

*Clerk of Session, Christine Dear*

# July Meetings & Events



On Sunday, July 2nd during 10:45 am Worship Service we will have Communion. Our summer worship time remains 10:45 am throughout the year.



*We celebrate Independence Day July 4th on Tuesday.*  
The church office will be closed Tuesday.

## Session/Fellowship

There will be no fellowship/coffee hours during July and August; however...



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Looking Ahead...



# Rudy's Lakeside Drive-in August 4th Oswego, NY

Everyone is invited to enjoy an outing to Rudy's Lakeside Drive-in, It's the perfect spot, with beachfront picnic tables and wonderful lake views! Bring the kids/grandkids/dogs and go for a swim. There are thousands of flat rocks for skipping on the water or to take home and paint. Hamburgers, fries, and fresh seafood (even lobster mac & cheese). There will be a sign-up sheet, and drivers will be determined for a caravan to leave our parking lot at 10:00 am.

**Please join us– the more the merrier!**



## The Northern Blend Chorus

rehearsal times for July are:



- 6:45-9:45 pm.....July 3
- 12:30-3:30 pm....July 9 (Sunday)
- 6:45-9:45 pm.....July 17
- 6:45-9:45 pm.....July 24
- 6:45-9:45 pm.....July 31

### **NOTICE:**



**There are NO Handbell Choir, or Church Choir rehearsals during July and August.**



## Birthdays in July



Bob Siver	July 4
Rev. Gail Parsons	July 8
Kennedy Dalton	July 11
Rev. Adele Spencer	July 16
Randall Bell	July 17
Karen Hall	July 18
Robert Jaspersohn	July 19
Jillian Draper	July 25
Isabel Lee	July 31



## Anniversaries in July

Andrew & Andrea Reed	July 3
Alicia & Joshua Dalton	July 9
John & Kim Murray	July 10
John & Jeannie Greenwood	July 13
Robert & Brianna Jaspersohn	July 29
Richard & Barbara Williams	July 29
Randall & Susan Bell	July 31



## Sanctuary Flowers—\$12.00

**Hall sign-up for open Sundays available.**

They are delivered to those not able to attend Sunday worship. After making your choice, let the office know who you'd like to remember/honor for print in that Sunday's bulletin, with the fee.

# July Lectionary

(as shown on the  
Presbytery calendar)



## July 2

Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13;  
Jeremiah 28:5-9 and  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

## July 9

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13;  
Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14;  
Romans 7:15-25a;  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## July 16

Genesis 25:19-34 and  
Psalm 119:105-112;  
Isaiah 55:10-13 and  
Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13;  
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a and  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:6-8  
and Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25;  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## July 30

Genesis 29:15-28 and  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128;  
1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136;  
Romans 8:26-39;  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Trinity Summer Concert Series 2023 Season



At Trinity Church  
227 Sherman Street  
Watertown, NY



### Performers in July & August

- 7/6 Tug Hill Jazz Quintet
- 7/13 Let's Cool One
- 7/20 Mad Agnes
- 7/27 Avalanche  
(Fort Drum Rock Band)
- 8/3 KEX
- 8/10 Oceans Below
- 8/17 Frank Sacci Band





**Worship Ministers**

Pastor The Reverend  
Sarah Lee

Organists  
Chris Hyde-Hall and  
Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Choir Director  
Jeannie Greenwood

Hand bell Choir Director  
Nancy Boynton

**Church Staff**

Secretary Linda White  
Sexton Francis Conti



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**Office Hours**  
9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

**Ruling Elders  
on the Session**

**Class of  
2024**  
Chris Dear  
Max Perkins

**Class of  
2025**  
Kathie Strader  
Jeannie  
Greenwood  
Stuart Price

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**NOTICE:  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

**Our monthly  
Newsletter  
Deadline for your  
articles is the  
15th of the month  
to be turned in.**



**ARTICLE  
DEADLINE**

**Caring for the  
Congregation**

*The Pastor and the spiritual  
leaders place a priority on  
visiting hospitalized  
members of the  
congregation.*

*Please notify the church  
office if someone you know  
should be visited in the  
hospital or while recovering  
at home or at a care center.  
Also, if you or someone you  
know would enjoy a visit  
from Pastor Sarah Lee or a  
Ruling Elder, or would  
appreciate receiving  
communion at home,  
please phone the church  
office  
(788-5630),  
e-mail the church office  
(Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com),  
or place a note in the  
collection plate on Sunday.*