

STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Newsletter**



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PASTOR'S PONDERING



Let's show Love, Gratitude, and Thankfulness this holiday season,
from Christine Dear, Stone Presbyterian Church Clerk of Session

As soon as the pumpkins are removed from front porches, and not a moment after, THE HOLIDAYS begin. In some stores, dazzling holiday displays have already been unveiled well in advance of trick-or-treaters. The sole focus of the general public will be the full momentum of holiday chaos from now through New Years. Merchandising campaigns begin well ahead of the approaching holiday season—earlier each year, it seems. This time of year can become stressful, tiring, and even sad. Let's face it, if you access the internet or watch television at all, the deluge of seasonal glitz is impossible to escape, but a bit of counterbalancing can help.

Try gratitude affirmations instead of focusing on who will bring what to the Thanksgiving dinner, and the inevitable family drama. Say to yourself, "I am filled with love, gratitude and thankfulness." (Repeat as often as necessary). Keep things simple and it will be easier to let God help you cope.

At Christmastime, remember – the best gifts you can give don't cost a penny. A card, letter or visit to someone who is lonely, home bound or new to the community can be more uplifting than any gift. And spreading Christmas cheer is far more important than to-do-lists and schedules. If Jesus were making preparations, visiting those in need would be at the top of His list. And he would pray for all of us in this love-starved world. Let's slow down long enough to experience the miracle of Jesus' birth.

"In today's rush we all think too much, seek too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just Being."

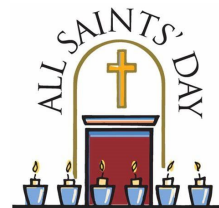
—Eckhart Tolle

Happy Holidays!
Chris Dear

November 5, 2023 Events

On **November 5th** in worship we will celebrate **All Saints Sunday**.

All Saints' Day— Wednesday, November 1



It is a time when we recognize church family members and beloved who have died during the past year. This year we will be honoring:

From Barb Williams:

Sue McAnulty—sister in-law to Barb

Audrey Williams—sister in-law to Richard

Patrick McAnulty—nephew to Barb

From Rehba Clarke:

Douglas Patterson—brother to Rehba

From Elsie Zehr:

Richard Zehr—husband

Franklin Kirkland—brother

From Debbie Sholett:

Orvis Calhoun—father

From Robert Siver:

Carol Siver—wife of Bob's cousin Dale

Well done good and faithful servants." You are loved.



Daylight saving time ends—Sunday, November 5th

Communion will be during the Sunday worship on **November 5th**



Election Day Bake Sale— November 7, 2023



Voting Tuesday is from
6 a.m. until 9 p.m.



BAKE SALE is from
7 a.m. until sold out.

Donations of home-made or store bought goodies such as pies, brownies, cookies, muffins, quick breads, doughnuts, chex mix, popcorn, candy, etc. are needed.

They can be dropped off at the church between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023, or from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Election day.

Volunteer Workers are also needed from **7 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Election Day.** Sign-up Sheets will be in Friendship Hall on Sunday, October 22nd until Sunday November 5th. Contact Max Perkins, Chrissy Dear, or Pat Conti with questions. Thank you all for your help!



NOVEMBER EVENTS

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Worship and Music committee

Worship & Music Committee

Meeting will be on
Monday, November 6,
at 7:00 pm



VETERANS DAY

is Saturday

November 11,
2023

Sanctuary Memory Tree



Return your order form for lights by **December 3rd**. The **Memory Tree Lighting** will be **Sunday, December 10th** when the names will be read during the worship service for those honored and those remembered, congregation and friends.



There was no Session Meeting in October to report. **The next Session Meeting will be Wednesday, November 15th at 3:00 pm.**

Your Urban Mission Food Pantry Donations—



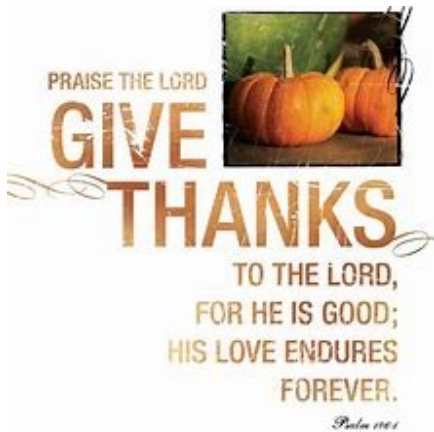
PLEASE pay attention to the expiration date, make sure the box hasn't been opened, that cans are not dented, leaking or showing signs of damage, and above all are not in glass jars. Your cooperation is appreciated, and your generosity also.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

HAM DINNER SERVED AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

**Join us for a nice holiday dinner,
all are welcomed.**



Thanksgiving Day— Thursday, November 23

The Church office will
be closed that day.
Best wishes to all for a
happy Thanksgiving!



Stone Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Under the direction of Nancy Boynton,
meetings will be each Wednesday
from 5-6 pm.



Stone Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsals

Under the direction of Jeannie Greenwood, the Choir will
rehearse at 10:00 am. on Sunday, November 5th, 19th, and 26th.



ENJOYING THE HOLIDAYS



SANCTUARY HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS **ON THE 1ST DAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER**

POINSETIA PLANTS TO DECORATE THE SANCTURY.

Purchase your own at any florist of your choice, and attach your name on the poinsettia plants and bring them to the church. You may take home or give to a friend right after the holiday.

Decorate **the** **Sanctuary**



Help us prepare to celebrate the start of Advent, which begins on Sunday, December 3rd, and the Christmas holiday.

We are asking that those who are able to stay after worship on **Sunday, November 26, 2023** to help decorate.

Many hands, arms, feet, and legs make for swift and easy work.

Thank you, The Worship Committee

November Lectionary

November 5

Semicontinuous:
Joshua 3:7-17 and
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
complementary:
Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43;
1Thessalonians 2:9-13;
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12

Semicontinuous:
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and
Psalm 78:1-7
complementary:
Amos 5:18-24 and
Psalm 70;
1Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Semicontinuous:
Judges 4:1-7 and
Psalm 123:
complementary:
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and
Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Semicontinuous:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and
Psalm 100;
complementary:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and
Psalm 95:1-7a,
Ephesians 1:15-23;
Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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Elizabeth Reed	November 1
Ambrose Lee	November 5
Nancy Keeney	November 7
Ian Reed	November 7
Matty Lee	November 9
Jen Lewis	November 9
Alicia Dalton	November 12
Rowan Lee	November 14
Celeste Siver	November 14
Kathleen Marks	November 17
Max Perkins	November 17
Francis Conti	November 21

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Happy
anniversary

A decorative graphic with the words "Happy anniversary" in a stylized font. A heart is integrated into the word "anniversary". The graphic is surrounded by a decorative pink and white border.

Phillip & Kathie Compeau
November 7

OUTSIDE CHURCH GROUPS MEETINGS



Garden Club Meeting
Wednesday,
November 1st,
6:30 pm



Ladies Retreat
Saturday,
November 4th,
From 8:00 am
to 3:00 pm



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Bird Club Meeting
Wednesday,
November 8th ,
7:00 pm



The Northern Blend Chorus **Rehearsal Schedule** **for November**

Sunday, November 5th from 12:30-3:30 pm.

Monday, November 13th from 6:45-9:45 pm.

Monday, November 20th from 6:45-9:45 pm.

Monday, November 27th from 6:45-9:45 pm.

Interested in Tai Chi, but missed the class offered at Stone Presbyterian Church; call Tai Chi for Arthritis Instructor, Mary Beth Knowlton on work phone (315) 785-5014 to find out when/where next class will be held. It is designed for beginners with gentle exercise/ stretching for adults 60 years old plus.

Scheduled meetings are November 2, 9, and 16 from 10:30-11:30 am.



OUTSIDE CHURCH GROUP MEETINGS



QUILTERS' MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER



Quilting Groups will meet in Fellowship Hall:

Saturday, November 11th

Friday, November 24th

Saturday, November 25th

Tuesday, November 28th from 6:30-9:00 pm—Guilt Guild

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 (315-788-5630), or e-mail the church office (Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com), or call Rev. Lee (315-788-8286), or place a note in the collection plate on Sunday.

DO NOT FORGET ME



JESUS
IS THE
REASON
FOR THE
SEASON

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9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday

Worship Ministers

Pastor The Reverend
Sarah Lee

Organists
Chris Hyde-Hall and
Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Choir Director
Jeannie Greenwood

Handbell Choir Director
Nancy Boynton

Church Staff

Secretary Linda White
Sexton Francis Conti

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Ruling Elders on the Session

Class of 2024

Chris Dear
Max Perkins

Class of 2025

Kathie Strader
Jeannie
Greenwood

Clerk of Session

Chris Dear

Stuart Price

**Annual
2023**

**Memory Tree
Order Form**
(bulbs \$1 each name)



Stone Church offers a special way for you to remember your friends and loved ones at Christmas time. It is our very own Memory Tree. You may purchase a Christmas light bulb in memory of your friends or loved ones for \$1.00 each with funds going to Hospice. The red bulbs will be in honor of the living and the white bulbs in memory of the deceased. Please make checks payable to Stone Presbyterian Church. **Please return the completed form to the Church Office by Sunday, December 3rd.** Thank you.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

(deceased)

In memory of: _____

(deceased)

In honor of: _____

(living)

In honor of: _____

(living)

NOVEMBER 2023 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rehba Clarke & family	2 Kathie & Phillip Compeau	3 Francis Conti	4 Pat Conti
5 John & Cindy Cook & daughters	6 Debbie Cornish	7 Joshua, Alicia, Harrison & Kennedy Dalton	8 Christine & Donald Dear	9 Dawley DeMar	10 Ghilyana Dordzhieva	11 Brian & Alice Draper
12 Bob Fay	13 Shirley Fay	14 Dorothy Fitzpatrick	15 John, Jeannie & John Remus Greenwood	16 Jon & Karen Hall	17 Connor Hathaway	18 Chris Hyde- Hall
19 Brianna & Robert Jaspersohn	20 Nancy Keeney	21 David, Isabel, Rowan, Matty & Ambrose Lee	22 Hannah Lee	23 Rev. Sarah & Sang Lee	24 Joan Lehrack	25 James, Jen & Miles Lewis
26 Kathleen Marks	27 David Miller	28 Doris Miller	29 Stephen Miller	30 William Milton		