

STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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April 2023 Newsletter



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Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!

One of my favorite songs is "Because He Lives (God Sent His Son)": "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth living just because He lives."

Jesus' resurrection is the reason for my life and my ministry. The risen Lord has always been there for me when I needed Him. Of course, there are so many disappointing and frustrating things in life that no one wants to face. Some give up on their plans, and many strive to fight failures or find alternatives by themselves. This is the life we understand, but we have a better life because He lives.

We often forget or ignore the presence of the risen Christ, who is our wonderful counselor and faithful loyal friend. Sometimes we fail to recognize the presence of the risen Christ Jesus because we are too busy living for ourselves.

He is standing at the door and knocking until we open it and let Him in. Some would say, "Oh Jesus, not today. I am not ready to let you into my life. I can solve this first by myself. Just wait!" Jesus is waiting for your invitation.

Are you frustrated or disappointed? Is there hope for a new life? Is there a reason to laugh? Here is the answer: Christ is risen. The risen Christ is here, right now! He has conquered the world! Nothing is impossible with the risen Lord. We can do all things in Him who strengthens us. Let Him into your life as your personal Lord and Savior!

This is the time to come back to God. This is the time to worship God. God seeks true worshippers. Life is short, and we will return to eternity. We will be evaluated by the risen Lord on what has been done in this world. Then we will also live in eternity because He lives!

Session Meeting Review

CHURCH ELDERS



Minutes: The minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were approved.

Financial: Angelo Guarino was out of town, and mailed the profit & loss statements for the session's perusal.

Personnel: We are very pleased to have Linda White back in the church office.

Music & Worship: The average attendance for February was 21, with 30 receiving communion on March 5th and 9 receiving communion on Ash Wednesday. In the near future the offering will be collected and communion distributed by elders. Communion will be celebrated on April 2nd (Palm Sunday). The Maundy Thursday service will be held on April 6th at 5:30 with communion. On Palm Sunday the Molto Brass Quintet will be providing music for the prelude and to accompany hymns. Easter lilies: those wishing to have a lily displayed on the altar should purchase one locally (Kinneys or Price Chopper have good selections), and bring it to church with the name of the loved one in whose memory/honor the lily is given. You may take it home after the service. The pews will soon have offering envelopes again, and we are working on an outline for pew welcome cards.

Building & Grounds: the snow blower has been repaired (let's hope we don't need that again soon). The bulbs in the parking lot light have been replaced.

Session Meeting Review

From March 14, 2023 Session Meeting

Nurture: We are still advertising for a childcare person and a children's Sunday School teacher. There will be a continental breakfast held on Easter Morning at 9:30 before worship. On May 21st there are plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of worship in this church location. A picnic is planned. Please bring any pictures you have that reflect church events over the last four decades. The session is updating the monthly prayer calendar.

Mission/Outreach: Maxine Perkins will have an Easter craft class at Centennial Apartments on March 17th. She will pass out prayer squares and invitations to join us for Easter.

Stewardship: the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign is underway; donations will be accepted through Easter. Bob gave a report on the offerings received since the beginning of the year and a summary of the invested funds.

Pastoral Care: Kathie Strader has delivered flowers and cards to shut-ins and those who are ill and in need of prayer. She is planning a belated birthday party for Glenn Chapman on March 26th at Summit Village.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Lee officiated the funeral for Sandy Coliet, who was married to JoAnne Reed's brother, Bill. Rev. Lee has been working to update/improve the church website and Facebook page. Please let her know if you have anything to contribute to either.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th.

Christine Dear, Clerk of Session

Stone Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship Service Attendees

*Picture taken at worship
March 5, 2023*



On March 5, 2023 during worship the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Sarah's brother was visiting from Korea then.

Easter Morning Breakfast

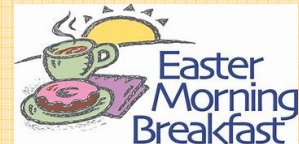
Sunday, April 9th at 9:30 am

Before our 10:45 worship service.

Please sign up if you are able to contribute items such as muffins, quick breads, coffee, cake, doughnuts, egg strata, quiche, or a fruit bowl or tray.

**Coffee, tea, milk
and juices will be provided.**

Come and gather together to rejoice in



Easter Offering and Lily

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Please bring Easter offering next Sunday for celebrating Jesus' resurrection. And we are asking that you bring in an Easter lily from your favorite flower shop (Price Chopper is a good source) between April 3rd and Easter. Please tape a note with your name and if it's in honor or in memory of someone special. You may take it home or give it to someone you love after our Easter service. So get your help in this



hopping—we thank you so much for effort. God bless you.

Yours in Christ, The Session



Children's Sunday School –

Help is wanted for Children's Sunday School. We are hiring a head teacher and a child caregiver. Please contact our Session members if you or someone you know is interested in this position.



"The Year of the Bible"

It's not too late to join us in reading the Scriptures each day throughout the year. Well begun is half done! The Bible Reading Chart and a guidebook is available upon request.



Offerings:

We will collect the offering on Sunday Worship. You may give by mail or electronically by using this QR cord.





Palm Sunday— April 2

Communion during 10:45 am worship

*Molto Brass will be providing music for our service.
Please come and enjoy this wonderful experience!*



Handbell Choir—

April 5, 12, 19, 26—5-6 pm



Garden Club—April 5—6:30 pm



Maundy Thursday- April 6
Service at 5:30 pm with Communion



Good Friday- April 7



Quilters—April 8 & April 22
9:30 am—4:00 pm



Great Vigil of Easter- April 8



Easter Sunday- April 9

continental breakfast served at 9:30 AM.
One Great Hour of Sharing



Bird Club—April 12—7:00 pm





227 Sherman Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Hyde-Hall & Ramey Piano Duo



Prominent local pianist Chris Hyde-Hall joins TCS' Artistic Director Kyle Ramey for a piano duo concert of music from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart to Scott Joplin as well as popular tunes and film scores. This performance will have something for everyone and will showcase some of the best arrangements for four-hand piano.

SUNDAY
04/16
3 PM

\$15-\$23 

TRINITYCONCERTS.ORG



**Sign-ups needed for the 2023
Flower Chart in Friendship Hall
\$12.00 is the COST for the flowers**

If you want to present flowers to our sanctuary on the Lord's Day, please give the office the yellow envelop with the fee and the date of the Sunday requested in memory of or honor of your loved



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

It is Lent and that time of year when we are doing our collections for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

This year our campaign will run through Easter. Each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People and assist the Presbyterian Disaster

One Great Hour of Sharing

STEWARDSHIP

April Lectionary

April 2

Holy week begins

Palm/Passion Sunday

Palms: Matthew 21:1-11 and
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a and
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or
Matthew 27:11-54

April 9

**Resurrection of the Lord/
Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Evening:

Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 114;
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;
Luke 24:13-49

April 16

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 and Psalm 16 or
Exodus 15:1-11 and Psalm 111;
Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 or
Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 34:1-10;
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 30

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 and Psalm 23 or
Ezekiel 34:7-15 and Psalm 100;

April Birthdays



June Calhoun	April 1
Chris Jennison	April 8
Richard Williams	April 10
Rev. Bruce Smith	April 10
Brendan Hall	April 11
Jushua Young	April 12
Richard Zehr	April 12
Matthew Siver	April 21
Jeannie Greenwood	April 23
Bruce Robinson	April 23
Harrison Dalton	April 29



April Anniversaries

Corey & Shelly Reed

April 26

Donald & Debra Sholett

April 26



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10:45 am (year around)

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Tuesday - Friday



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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

Ruling Elders
on the Session

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Class of 2024

Chris Dear
 Max Perkins

Class of 2025

Kathie Strader
 Jeannie
 Greenwood
 Stuart Price

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 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.

April 2023 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Roger & Roxanne Young
2 Richard & Elsie Zehr	3 Faye Babineau	4 Susan Bell & family	5 Nancy Boynton	6 Jan Burch	7 June Calhoun	8 Glenn Chapman
9 Rehba Clarke & family	10 Robert Clobridge	11 Kathie & Phillip Compeau	12 Francis Conti	13 Pat Conti	14 John & Cindy Cook & daughters	15 Debbie Cornish
16 Joshua, Alicia, Harrison, Kennedy Dalton	17 John & Candace Damon	18 Christine & Donald Dear	19 Dawley DeMar	20 Ghilyana Dordzhieva	21 Brian & Alice Draper	22 Robert Estep
23 Shirley Fay	24 Dorothy Fitzpatrick	25 Darryl Fuller	26 John, Jeannie & John Remus Greenwood	27 Brendan, Elizabeth & Helen Hall	28 Carrie Hall	29 Jon & Karen Hall
30 Justin, Andrea & Alex Hall						