

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

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2023 February Newsletter



Stone Presbyterian Church



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Choir Director
Jeannie Greenwood

Handbell Choir Director
Nancy Boynton

Church Staff
Secretary Linda White
Sexton Francis Conti

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Pastor's Pondering...

I love children for their smiles, laughter, giggling and especially their pure clear eyes. I love playing with children when I am available; I keep moving, working, and playing with them because I want to make them happy with my knowledge and ability. I treat all children, even infants, with dignity and respect because they are born to be loved.

Someone said that a child is like blank paper. What to write or draw on their heart and brain is absolutely from adults' instruction and guidance. "There is no problematic child, there is only problematic parenting."

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray (Proverbs 22:6)". Children's ministry is our urgent ministry and mission. Without children, there is no hope and no future for our church.

I encouraged our congregation to begin to transition half of active church roles to our children's generations in the near future. Bring young people and help them to adjust to our church culture and let them assume our jobs. Our task is to train, encourage and serve them and pray for them (Due. 6:4-9).

We are thankful for our volunteers for our children on Sunday. Our session decided that we are hiring a Children's Sunday School head teacher and a child caregiver. Please let us know if you or people you know are interested in these positions. We pray for suitable teachers who love children and who have been called to the children's ministry.

Glory to God Forever!

From Pastor Sarah Lee

Session Meeting Review Church Elders January 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Reverend Sarah Lee opening with prayer. The following was discussed and decided.

Minutes: The minutes of the Session Meeting for December 22, 2022, were received as corrected.

Clerks Report: The Session reviewed the By-Laws of Stone Presbyterian Church. The annual meeting 2022 will be held on Feb. 5th 2023.

Financial: No report. Angelo was unable to make the meeting. Financial reports will be emailed.

Personnel: Year-end reviews of our employees will be done in January.

Music and Worship: The average attendance for December was 22. Communion was celebrated on January 8, 2023. 22 people received Communion. Communion will be celebrated on February 5, 2023.

Building and Grounds: Bob Siver will take care of a list of repairs that our sexton Francis pointed out. A motion was made and seconded to allow Northern Blend to use the Church on January 29, March 19, and April 23rd from 12:30 to 3:30.

Pastoral Care: Esther Branche was moved from Samaritan Summit Village to the 7th floor of the Samaritan Keep Home.

Stewardship: A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for 2023 was approved for \$183,025.00. The motion passed. Bob Siver gave a report about the Invested Funds. Per Capita for 2023 is \$32.00.

Nurture: Fellowship Hour will be held on January 22, 2023. February's Fellowship Hour will be held on February 5, 2023. Christian Education was discussed for our children. The board decided to advertise to hire a childcare person as well as a children's Sunday School teacher.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Lee has been working on the bulletins and the newsletter. She mailed bulletins to members and friends. Planned worship services with PowerPoint screens. Reverend Sarah is encouraging the session members as well as any members or friends to read the Bible in a year. She handed out reading guides to help us accomplish our daily reading. Reverend Sarah encouraged prayer for our Church, Session, and members.

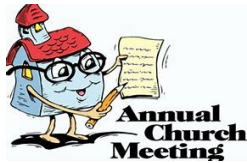
Outreach and Mission: The Church received a couple of thank you notes for the gift cards that were given out during Christmas. There will be a United Presbyterian Women of Jefferson County meeting held on January 26, 2023. Helping Hands is looking into the possibility of a craft day at a senior citizen center. The items from the Mitten Manger were taken to Urban Mission.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee (Kathie Strader, Kathie Compeau and Pat Conti) is working on filling the seats on the Session.

Next meeting will be 2/15/2023.

February 2023 Meetings and Events

Sunday, February 5, 10:45 A.M.



Sunday at worship there will be **Communion.**

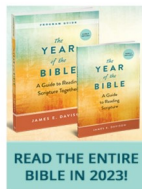
Following will be the church **Annual Meeting** of the congregation.

Soup and sandwich lunch will be provided. Bring your own lunch if you choose.



January to December

It's not too late to start reading the entire Bible in 2023. Well begun is half done. "Year of the Bible"- A Guide to Reading Scripture is available to you for the asking.



Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22

On Wednesdays there will be **Handbell Choir Rehearsals** from 5 pm—6 pm.



The Month of February

The church office may not be available at this time due to our secretary's absence.



Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)"

Wednesday, February 15

Our monthly session meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15 at 3 P.M. at church.



Monday, February 20

Monday we celebrate the national **Presidents' Day** holiday.



Sunday, February 19

Sunday is the **Transfiguration of the Lord.**



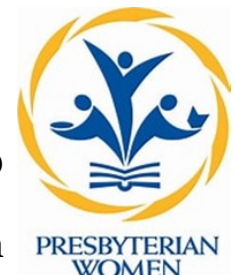
Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Service
Watch for details.



Thursday, February 23, 11 A.M. Presbyterian Women Meeting

The January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather and **RESCHEDULED FOR February 23rd** at Stone Presbyterian Church



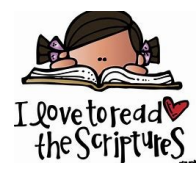


A List of Many Thanks

1. We thank Chris for ordering and picking up the wreaths for the front doors.
2. We thank those who brought in Poinsettias; They were a lovely touch.
3. We thank all who helped decorate the church for Christmas and then took it all down.
4. We thank all who signed Christmas greeting cards for members and friends.
5. We thank all who kindly brought in love and warmth to the mitten manger by way of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. They have been delivered to Urban Mission -38 Items in all.
6. We thank those who brought in food for the Food Pantry.
7. We thank those who brought in your baked goods for our Coffee Hours, Turkey Dinners, and for the Helping Hand Elves, etc., etc., etc. . .
We cannot say Thank You enough!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| Chris Hyde-Hall | February 5 |
| Andrew Reed | February 5 |
| Rev. Libby Moses | February 7 |
| Mike Ciscell | February 10 |
| Rev. Marti Montovani | February 11 |
| Sang Lee | February 12 |
| Rev. Sarah Lee | February 12 |
| Bob Wallace | February 11 |
| Brodie Bell | February 17 |
| Debra Sholett | February 24 |
| Don Sholett | February 25 |

February 5
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58::1-9a (9b-12) and Ps. 112:1-9 (10) 1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

February 12
6th Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 19
Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 22
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12 and Ps. 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26
1st Sunday in Lent
Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Ps. 32; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



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| Randy & Cindy Sealing | February 9 |
| Bruce & Patricia Tyrrell | February 9 |
| Robert & Debra Siver | February 19 |

Sunday Flowers Sign Up

The new Calendar for 2023 is ready for your sign-ups on the hall bulletin board.

Please give the office your bulletin information and the fee for the flowers.

Please place your money in a yellow Flower Fund envelope found to the

left of the flower schedule and put it in the secretary's mailbox or in the collection plate during worship. Do not leave any money on the secretary's desk.



The fee for the flowers is \$12.00.
Thank you so much!!

Stone Church has an email Prayer Line to inform our members of special church news and prayer requests.

Please e-mail
(stonep@centralny.twcbc.com) or
phone (315-788-5630) the office if
you would like to be part of our
prayer ministry or if you have a
prayer request.



The Presbytery Per Capita for 2023 is **\$32.00.**

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly along Presbyteries and Synods, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

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 (315-788-8286) 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.

Ruling Elders on the Session

Class of 2023
Roxanne Young
Bob Siver

Class of 2024
Chris Dear
Maxine Perkins

Class of 2025
Stuart Price

Clerk of Session
Bob Siver



Called by God to
welcome,
nurture,
and serve in the
name of Christ.



Please submit your articles
for the newsletter by the
15th of the month.





Help Wanted

Children Sunday School Head Teacher (1 to 6 children Pre-K -12) and a Child Caregiver (up to 6 children-under 4 years old) for 40 minutes to 1.5 hour on Sundays

Sunday Head teacher \$20 per Hour

Sunday Child Caregiver \$ 15 per Hour

Sunday school-based curriculum (session approved)

After a short children's message in Sunday worship, bring children to a classroom or a nursery (a toy room)

When we have Communion Sunday (once a month), we invite all children to participate.

For Head Teacher: 1.5 hour for Sunday (10:30 AM-12:00PM) and 1.5-hour weekday for preparation (including greeting and sitting with them)

Monthly lesson plans (4 weeks) submit to the pastor (session)

Encourage children to sing Christian songs and memorize the Bible Verses.

If needed, give a short children's message (less than 5 minutes) in worship (the pastor does most Sundays).



February 2023 Prayer Calendar

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 STUART PRICE	2 KATHIE COMPEAU	3 MAX PERKINS	4 ANDREW ANDREW & IAN REED
5 EY & LLY ED	6 JOANNE REED	7 JUSTIN, ELIZABET H, AUBREY	8 LINDA ROHDE	9 BRUCE & LORI ROBINSON	10 ROBERT SCHWEIT ZER	11 CINDY RANDY SEALIN
12 N & RA LETT	13 JORDAN & CAMDEN SIVER	14 MATTHEW VANESSA & CELESTE	15 ROBERT & DEBRA SIVER	16 REV. BRUCE & ELIZABET H SMITH	17 REV. ADELE SPENCER	18 JAMIE STRAD COLIN SHARO
19 ES & HIE DER	20 JANE TABOLT	21 BRUCE & PATRICIA TYRRELL	22 ANDREW VARGA	23 ROBERT WALLACE	24 LINDA WHITE	25 RICHAR & BARBAR WILLIA
26 RY & GET E LIAM	27 DANIEL & JOANNE WOODWA	28 SHIRLEY FAY				