

STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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WATERTOWN, NY 13601

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## **Stone Presbyterian Church January 2022 Newsletter**



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## **January 2021 Newsletter**

### **Pastor's Pondering...**

*"...Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." (Matthew 2:3)*

The gospel of Matthew tells us that three magi traveled from afar to meet the new born king, The Messiah. They each brought a gift to give the child; gold, frankincense, myrrh. Each of these gifts was a symbol of the fact that they recognized that Jesus was the truth King. Frankincense was incense that was used in the most holy place of the tabernacle. Myrrh was oil used for anointing. Gold was considered a symbol of kingship.

This reminds me of the song *The Friendly Beasts*. Each animal has a gift they offered the baby Jesus. All acknowledged that Jesus was a special child. The donkey carried the unborn child. The cow gave hay to be a pillow. The sheep gave wool to be a blanket. The dove sang to comfort.

It makes me think that each one of us, no matter who we are have a gift to share. I would suggest that we ponder how we can share it in the coming year in a way that will let people know that we believe and recognize that Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, the Messiah, the Savior.

#### ***The Gifts of the Magi***

*O Lord, I'd like to go to the stable this night!  
I'd run even through the dark to lay my gifts at your feet!  
Lord, why couldn't I have been there?  
I needn't have been a king, perhaps just a shepherd child  
or someone sent from the Inn to check on the progress of the birth...  
Or are you waiting this night in other stables for me to bring my gift?  
Are you waiting for me to run even through the dark and cold of night?*

*By Ann Weems*

May 2022 be filled with many ways we acknowledge that Jesus is King and honor Him.

*Peace and Grace, Pastor Libby*



## Session Update

**The Session met on December 14, 2021 at Maxine Perkins house. The meeting was opened with a devotion and a prayer led by Pastor Libby. The following was discussed and decided.**

- ➔ Minutes from the November meeting were approved as were the financial reports.
- ➔ January communion will be moved from the first to the second week in January (Jan. 9, 2022).
- ➔ The current Covid situation was discussed. We will continue to ask people to wear masks when in the building. Once in the sanctuary for worship and seated masks can be removed. Of course, those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue to wear a mask.
- ➔ Two building requests were approved; one for a Quilting Group and another for Northern Blend.
- ➔ Orvis, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, reported on 2022 agreements.
- ➔ Dedication Sunday for 2022 Pledge will be on December 19, 2021.
- ➔ It was decided that the sanctuary will be undecorated after worship on Sunday, January 2, 2022.
- ➔ Rev. Barb Schmitz will be preaching on January 2, 2022 and Rev. Andrew Long will be providing pastoral care while Rev. Elizabeth Moses is on vacation, December 27, 2021 – January 3, 2022.
- ➔ After prayer the Session adjourned to a time of fellowship. Thank you Maxine for hosting the Session.

***Rev. Libby Moses***



# New Year's Day

## Saturday, January 1, 2022

While Pastor Libby is on vacation on Sunday, **January 2, 2022**, the worship service will have a supply pastor.

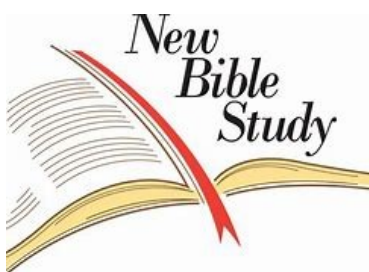


**Barb Schmitz will be preaching January 2nd, Sunday at worship.**

This day volunteers will take down the church Advent/Christmas decorations to put away for the next year.



The Bible Study group will celebrate Epiphany with Lunch out at the Olive Garden on Wednesday, January 5th.



A new Bible study will start **January 12, 2022**. Further information to come. Be on the watch out.

# January Dates

January 5  
January 12  
January 19  
January 26

**Wednesdays**  
from  
**5–6 pm**



## Rehearsals

# January Meetings & Events



**Epiphany of the Lord is Thursday, January 6th.**



**The Baptism of the Lord is the feature on Sunday, January 9th.**

**On this Sunday the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.**



We will have a **Session Meeting** on Tuesday, **January 18th, at 6:30 pm.**



## ANNUAL MEETING



**FEBRUARY 6, 2022**  
**SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP**



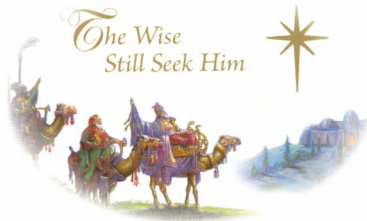
### The Annual PER CAPITA

amount will not change for the year **2022.**

It will remain at **\$31.00**

Keep in mind when you are making your stewardship giving.

# January Lectionary Lessons to the Corinthians



## January 2

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Psalm 84:1-4  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## January 9

Baptism of the Lord

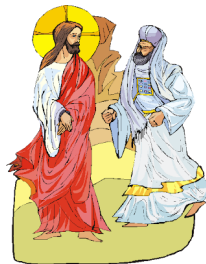
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



## January 16

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11



## January 23

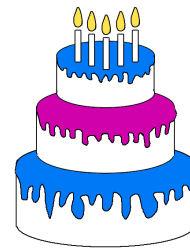
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

## January 30

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13



Randall J. Bell, Jr.	January 6
Ian Olley	January 12
Carrie Hall	January 16
Nell Moses	January 16
Jon Hall	January 18
Andrew Varga	January 22
Elizabeth Hall	January 23
Faye Babineau	January 31



Donald & Chris Dear  
January 18

## UPDATED ADDRESSES:

Two people at  
Samaritan Summit Village,  
22691 Campus Drive,  
Watertown, NY

Cynthia Rarick - Room T 33

Jean Woolsey - Room 11 Skilled





## THE UPPER ROOM **PRAYER BOOKLETS**

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

contain inspiring stories of people, with bible readings, thoughts of the day, written by authors in the US and around the world. These stories you'll find relevant to your daily lives.

They are available at the church and we are offering you the mailing of the January/February 2022 issue of The Upper Room booklet. If you wish to have one mailed to your address, call this request to the office, 315-788-5630.

### **CURRENT STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH POLICY DURING WORSHIP**



The current Covid situation was discussed at the last church Session meeting. It was decided that we will continue to ask people to wear masks when in the building. Once in the sanctuary for worship and seated, masks can be removed. Of course, those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue to wear a mask.



### **The Flower Memorial Library**

is accepting winter apparel donations. At the library, a large box is in the lobby is there to put your items in. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, etc. may be dropped off, **and they are given out free!**

**Mission & Outreach Committee**



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

**Caring for the  
Congregation**

*The Pastor and the spiritual leaders place a priority on visiting hospitalized members of the congregation. While Samaritan Medical Center Chaplain calls when he knows someone from Stone Presbyterian Church is in this facility, as a general rule hospitals no longer provide information on admissions and dismissals.*

*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 Libby 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.*

**Worship Ministers**

Pastor The Reverend  
Elizabeth (Libby) Moses

Organists  
Chris Hyde-Hall and  
Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Choir Director  
Jeannie Greenwood

Handbell Choir Director  
Nancy Boynton

**Church Staff**

Secretary Linda White  
Sexton Francis Conti

**REMINDER:  
Our monthly  
Newsletter Deadline  
for your articles is the  
15th of the month.**



**Ruling Elders  
on the Session**

**Class of 2021**

Orvis Calhoun  
Chris Dear  
Maxine Perkins

**Class of 2022**

Kathie Strader

**Class of 2023**

Bob Siver  
Roxanne Young

**Clerk of Session**

Chris Dear



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