

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

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Pastor's Pondering

I grew up attending a Presbyterian church ever since I was born, because my mother was an active church member at that time. When I was a teenager, I became an active student leader of my youth group. I loved participating in Sunday School activities, Youth group Bible Study, prayer times, and singing in the choir. The church has given me many meaningful and valued experiences.

The church teaches Jesus' teachings to serve God and neighbors. The church is the hope of the world because it can change people and the world. Indeed, it offers a valuable and meaningful life through serving God and others.

A Korean man, who was a politician and a university professor, was baptized at 76 years old through the influence of his lovely daughter, who was a prosecutor and later became a pastor. He passed away last year at the age of 88. He was honored by most Koreans and called a modern intellectual. He has influenced Korean Christianity through his lectures, books, and his life since his baptism.

He said that if your reason for attending church is to be healthy, wealthy, and wise in this world, you do not need to come to church. In this world, you can exercise, diet, work hard, and study hard to make yourself healthy, wealthy, and wise without the church. I agree with this.

He continued that the purpose of coming to church is to follow Jesus and keep his teachings to accomplish God's good will, which is the most valuable and meaningful life. He lived a valuable and meaningful life for God and for the world.

A church-centered life is about serving God and neighbors through Jesus' teachings. Therefore, the church needs our prayers, talents, and service to work together to keep his commandments and accomplish God's holy will.

"Fear God and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone" (Ecclesiastes 12:14). I hope all Christians find a valuable and meaningful life through the church. Amen.

Pastor, Rev. Sarah Lee

SESSION MEETING REVIEW

The Session met on May 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm



Minutes: The minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

Personnel: Employee salary reviews and evaluations are on-going.

Music & Worship: The average attendance for April was 29. Communion was on May 7th. The next communion will be served on June 4th. Stuart Price will preach on May 14th. A new Paschal candle and four new Advent candles with drip guards will be purchased. These will ensure that wax is not dripping onto the carpet or candle stands. Jeannie has scheduled rehearsals for a small choir to sing on May 21st, in observance of the 40th anniversary planned for that Sunday.

Building & Grounds: Security for our pastor and staff was discussed. The community has seen an increase in homelessness and vandalism, and churches are not immune to these developments. Bob Siver will look into purchasing an intercom system to allow the church secretary or Pastor Lee to grant access to visitors by opening the door remotely.

Nurture: We are still looking for a childcare person and a children's Sunday School teacher. On May 21st there are plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of worship in this church location. A picnic is planned. Our next coffee hour will be held on June 11th. The next Presbyterian Women

meeting will be held at our church on June 22nd. A picnic is tentatively planned. Pastor Sarah introduced the session to *The Bethel Series* Bible Study Program. This is a 40 lesson overview of the Old & New Testaments. It is a disciplined study of the scriptures in such a way that church members encounter the living Christ. Its goal is to lead believers to a transformative understanding of the Scriptures. Richard Zehr's service and luncheon here were well-attended; the catering was very professional and made it easy for us all to converse with one another and greet the Zehr family.

Mission/Outreach: Maxine will post a sign up sheet for the primary election bake sale on June 27th. In the past we have donated backpacks filled with non-perishable food items for kids to use during summer vacations. Max will look into how we go about donating to this program again. Maxine was very helpful to the Zehr family during Dick's last days at his home.

Stewardship: Bob Siver, Chris Dear, Stuart Price and Bob Schweitzer met with Jeff Barnard at Morgan Stanley Financial Advisors on April 20th. Regarding Easter Offering: it was decided to donate this offering to the Trinity Church Steinway Fund, as the entire community has benefited from that church's purchase of the piano.



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Pastoral Care: Kathie Strader has delivered flowers and cards to shut-ins and those who are ill and in need of prayer. She let us know that Shirley Fay now resides at Summit Village. Kathie sent a card from our church to the Covenant School in Nashville, TN. The school was the site of a mass shooting on March 28th, in which six people were killed.

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 joined Rev. Toby Schilling in officiating at Richard Zehr's funeral service.

Next meeting will be June 14th.

Christine Dear, Clerk of Session

NOTE:

1. There is no Community Garden this year on Stone church grounds.
2. From now on we will have worship at 10:45 am year 'round.
No more 10 am service during summer.
3. Secretary Linda will be on vacation thru June 10.



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.



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



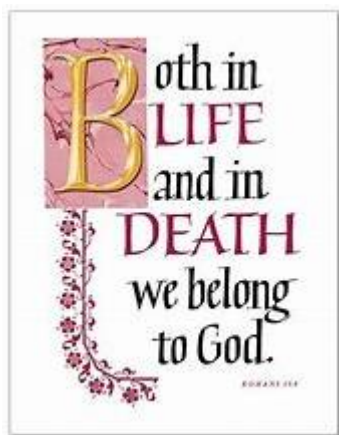


Sign-ups needed for the 2023 Flower Chart in Friendship Hall
\$12.00 is the COST for the flowers

If you want to present flowers to our sanctuary on the Lord’s Day, please give the office the yellow envelop with the \$12 fee and the date of the Sunday requested in memory of or honor of your loved ones or gratitude to God.



Celebration of Life!



Richard Zehr died April 28, 2023 following his battle with cancer. His funeral was held May 3, 2023 at Stone Presbyterian Church with the Reverends Sarah Lee and Leon “Toby” Schilling officiating, with a luncheon after in Friendship Hall. Thank you all for your contributing!

Dick grew up on a dairy farm with his large family, and worked in the financial field after the military service. As a 55 year member of Stone Presbyterian Church, he served in the financial capacity and contributed and shared much, which we have been grateful for over these years.

We offer prayers for Dick’s family, wife Elsie, daughter Becky, son-in-law Will, and two grandchildren.

JUNE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Quilters

Meeting will be Saturday, **June 3rd.**

Communion at Worship

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated
Every 1st Sunday of each month.

The next will be on **June 4th.**

Trinity Sunday

It is Sunday, **June 4th.**

Worship service is 10:45 am.

Handbell Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays from 5-6 pm

Garden Club

The group will meet Wednesday,

June 7th at 6:30 pm.

Coffee Hour

Elder Stuart Price will be the lay preacher
for the 10:45 worship service **June 11th.**

Join in fellowship Sunday after worship.

Session Meeting

Will be Wednesday, **June 14th**
at 3:00 pm

Father's Day

Will be Sunday, **June 18th.**

Presbyterian Women

They will meet at Stone Presbyterian
Church at 11:00 am on **June 22nd.**



**JUNE EVENT AT STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 Chestnut Street—Watertown, New York
VOTE and BAKE SALE**

**DON'T
MISS IT!**



Primary Election Day Bake Sale!!

Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Voting is from 6 am until 9 pm.

BAKE SALE is from 7 am 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 and can be dropped off at the church between:

6 pm and 8 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023

or

from 7 am until 3 pm on Election Day.

**Volunteer Workers are also needed
from 7 am until 3 pm on Election Day.**

Sign-up Sheets will be in Friendship Hall. Contact Max Perkins, Chrissy Dear, or Pat Conti with questions. Thank you all for your help!

June Lectionary



June 4 Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11

Genesis 12:1-9 and
Psalm 33:1-12; Hosea 5:15-6
and Psalm 50:7-15;
Romans 4:13-25;
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) and
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Exodus 19:2-8a and
Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8;
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25

Genesis 21:8-21 and
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Jeremiah 20:7-13 and
Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15), 16-18;
Romans 6:1b-11;
Matthew 10:24-39

June Birthdays



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| Christine Dear | June 1 |
| Alice Draper | June 4 |
| Corey Reed | June 7 |
| Hannah Lee | June 7 |
| Shirley Fay | June 9 |
| Doug Howland | June 9 |
| Roger Young | June 9 |
| Susan Bell | June 13 |
| Joshua Dalton | June 14 |
| Dawley DeMar | June 23 |

June Anniversaries



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| Jon & Karen Hall | June 17 |
| Matthew & Vanessa Siver | June 17 |
| Rev. Bruce & Elizabeth Smith | June 24 |



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Tuesday - Friday

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**Ruling Elders
on the Session**



**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 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.*

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



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