

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

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# *Stone Presbyterian Church*



*May 2023  
Newsletter*



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### *Pastor's Pondering*

Friends, I want to briefly talk about the Holy Spirit today. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, God sent the Holy Spirit to us in Jesus' name so that God and Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, can be with us always. The Holy Spirit teaches us everything and reminds us of all that Jesus has told us. The Holy Spirit empowers us to follow Jesus' teaching and accomplish the will of God. The Bible tells us, "Be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). We should desire and pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

However, many people misunderstand the Holy Spirit, as seen in Acts 2. Some people standing there said, "Those guys are drunk. They are crazy." Some people think that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, embarrassing things might happen, and they are afraid of losing control. They do not want someone to stand up in church and begin speaking in tongues and disrupt our orderly worship. So, they do not want to be passionate believers but just Sunday Christians. Is this true? No, not at all! I do not agree. Anyway, people who do not understand the Holy Spirit will always think and say, we are crazy.

When the Holy Spirit comes to us, we will become better citizens and better Christians, with divine wisdom and common sense, so that we can handle any situation, because God always acts in an orderly and dignified manner in peace (1Corinthians 14:33). One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). We can deal with all circumstances, whether well-fed or hungry, having plenty or in need. Then we can confidently say that we can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:12-13). Without the Holy Spirit, no one can confess that "Jesus is Lord," and we have better discernment what is true or wrong.

Therefore, do not be afraid to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Rather, yearn, pray, and strive to be filled with the Holy Spirit always. Amen!

# SESSION MEETING REVIEW

The Session met on April 18, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

## CHURCH ELDERS



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

**Financial:** The profit and loss statement for March 2023 was presented by Angelo Guarino. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

**Personnel:** Employee salary reviews and evaluations are on-going. Secretary vacation request was approved.

**Music & Worship:** The monthly average attendance continues to climb; average attendance for March was 30. Palm Sunday and Easter music were wonderful and we were once again blessed to have Molto Brass Quintet play for us. On Easter Sunday Arthur Lukomyansky played for us and his son Erdem sang. We also had a 'mini choir' to sing Easter hymns. Chris Hyde-Hall performed a piano duo with Kyle Ramey on April 16<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Trinity Concert Series. We are fortunate to have such talent in our midst. Rev. Lee gave beautiful Easter baskets to the children. The Easter breakfast was very well attended. Stuart Price preached on March 12<sup>th</sup> and Bob Siver preached on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made and seconded to purchase new offering plates. Motion carried. Pew welcome cards are being prepared. A candle drip ring for the Paschal candle has been ordered.

**Building & Grounds:** Bob Siver received an estimate from Hyde-Stone contractors to work on the plumbing in the restrooms. The toilet in the smaller ladies' bathroom stall will be replaced and the handicap toilet will be fixed. A flush valve will be replaced in the men's restroom. Hyde-Stone will also check the thermostat in the social room. Funds were approved for the Memorial Garden workers to order soil, tools, plants, etc.

**Nurture:** We are still advertising for a childcare person and a children's Sunday School teacher. The Presbyterian Women meeting held here on March 23<sup>rd</sup> was well attended. Kathie Strader, Maxine Perkins and Pat Conti made beautiful Easter baskets to deliver. On May 21<sup>st</sup> there are plans to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of worship in this church location. A picnic is planned. Please bring

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**Mission/Outreach:** Maxine Perkins' Easter craft class at Centennial Apartments on March 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended and the residents there had fun and appreciated it very much. See the picture on the hall bulletin board. She plans to have 2 or 3 more classes this year. On April 14<sup>th</sup> Pat Conti & Chris Dear helped the MELT group (Malawi Early Literacy Team) at Stone Presbyterian pack school items to be transported to Malawi.

**Stewardship:** the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign netted \$621.22. The Easter offering totaled \$292.00. These offerings are important and we are thankful for such support. Bob gave a report on the church 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. Thanks to her for ordering the Easter palms and lilies, and delivering Easter baskets to shut-ins. The birthday party for Glenn Chapman on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Summit Village was wonderful, and Glenn was so happy to see everyone!

**Pastor's Report:** Rev. Lee thanked Bob for leading worship on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and Stuart for preaching on March 12<sup>th</sup>. She attended a Commission on Ministry meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> via zoom On March 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Lee attended a Presbytery meeting via zoom. She mailed bulletins and copies of her sermons to those members who missed services. Rev. Lee attended Glenn Chapman's birthday party on March 26<sup>th</sup>. She and Kathie visited shut-ins and those in hospital and served communion when requested.

**Next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**The name of the maker of a main motion should be entered in the minutes, but the name of the seconder should not be entered unless ordered by the assembly. (Robert's Rules, 11th ed. p. 470.) EXAMPLE: moved and it was seconded to . Motion carried**

There is no requirement the name of the person making the motion and the one seconding the motion be recorded in the minutes. While some



## MAY MEETINGS & EVENTS



### **Garden Club**

The group will meet Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm.



### **Handbells**

Handbell Choir will meet in May from 5-6 pm Wednesdays May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st.



### **Quilters**

Linda Rhode will have the group of quilters meet on the day of Saturday, May 6th.



### **Northern Blend Chorus**

Will meet from 6:45-9:45 pm Monday, May 8, 15, 22, & 29.



### **Bird Club**

The Bird Club will meet at the church on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.



### **Session Meeting**

The Session will meet Tuesday, May 9th at 3:00 pm.





## MAY MEETINGS & EVENTS



**The Church Choir** will rehearse at **10:00 am on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** in preparation for singing on the 21<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Sunday!! All are welcome to join us!!



### **North Country Quilt Guild**

The quilters will meet Tuesday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>** for a meeting at 6:30 pm.



### **Ascension of the Lord**

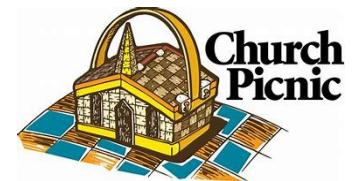
Ascension of the Lord is Thursday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.



Ascension

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Picnic**

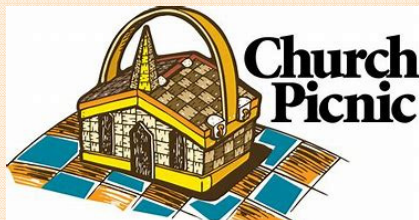
**May 21<sup>st</sup>** we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship in this church location. A brown bag picnic is planned. Please bring any pictures you have that reflect church events over the last four decades.



### **Day of Pentecost**

The day of Pentecost is Sunday,





## ANNIVERSARY PICNIC



at **Stone Presbyterian Church**  
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YOUR'RE INVITED TO A PICNIC AFTER  
WORSHIP ON **MAY 21ST** TO  
CELEBRATE **FORTY YEARS OF**  
WORSHIP IN OUR  
CHESTNUT STREET



LOCATION!



PLEASE BRING YOUR  
PICNIC LUNCH.

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF EVENTS OR  
SERVICES THAT YOU ATTENDED OVER THE



LAST **\*FOUR DECADES\***  
PLEASE GIVE THEM





**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. Sign-ups for the summer



**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



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



**NOTICE:** There is NO Community Garden this year on Stone Presbyterian Church grounds.



## May Lectionary



### May 7

*Acts 7:55-60 and  
Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 or  
Proverbs 4:10-18 and  
Psalm 119:9-32;  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*

### May 14

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

### May 21

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

### May 28

#### Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and  
Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 or  
Isaiah 51:1-6  
and Psalm 34:1-10;

## May Birthdays



Phillip Compeau	May 5
Doris Miller	May 6
John Greenwood	May 7
Jordan Siver	May 11
Nancy Boynton	May 18
Joan Lehrack	May 23

## May



## Anniversaries



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10:45 am (year around)

**Office**  
315-788-5630

**Email**  
Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com

**Facebook**  
StonePresbyterianChurch

**Website**  
www.stonepreschurch.com

**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.*

*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.*

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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**



**Class of 2024**  
Chris Dear  
Max Perkins

**Class of 2025**  
Kathie Strader  
Jeannie Greenwood  
Stuart Price



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

# May 2023 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Connor Hathaway	2 Chris Hyde-Hall	3 Brianna & Robert Jaspersohn	4 Nancy Keeney	5 David, Isabel, Rowan, Matty & Ambrose Lee	6 Hannah Lee & James Wakeman
7 Rev. Sarah & Sang Lee	8 Joan Lehrack	9 Kathleen Marks	10 David Miller	11 Doris Miller	12 Stephen Miller	13 William Milton
14 Rev. Marti Montovani	15 Jillian, Drew, Elizabeth, William & Katherine Newby	16 Rev. Gail Parsons	17 Maxine Perkins	18 Stuart Price	19 Thelma Reardon	20 Andrew, Andrea & Ian Reed
21 Corey & Shelly Reed	22 JoAnne Reed	23 Justin, Elizabeth, Aubrey & Harper Reed	24 Linda Rohde	25 Robert Schweitzer	26 Don & Debra Sholett	27 Jordan, Krystal & Camden Siver
28 Matthew, Vanessa & Celeste Siver	29 Robert & Debra Siver	30 Re. Bruce & Elizabeth Smith	31 Rev. Adele Spencer			