

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

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**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**November 2024 Newsletter**



# Stone Presbyterian Church

140 Chestnut Street Watertown, NY 13601

## November 2024 Newsletter

### **Pastor's Pondering**

Recently, I had the privilege of attending a thought-provoking conference titled, *"Is the Future Ahead a Crisis or an Opportunity?"* Here, experts gathered to discuss the profound impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI), a field dedicated to creating machines that can mimic human thought, learn independently, and act in ways that stretch beyond human capability, especially when it comes to processing information on an unimaginable scale.

AI, though born of human ingenuity—a divine gift from God—carries both promise and peril. On one hand, it holds the potential to reshape religious expression, foster unity across faith communities, and spark new ways of understanding belief. On the other hand, it raises deep, perhaps unsettling questions: Could AI lead us to greater spiritual depth, or does it gesture toward a future that challenges our current understanding of faith?



This complex influence became all the more urgent after I heard a harrowing story of a teenager who tragically took his own life following an emotional attachment to an AI-generated persona. This incident shines a light on AI's potential to alter our relationships, our identities, and especially to affect young people who are increasingly navigating life in both physical and digital realms.

As people of faith, we are called to engage this new digital era with discernment and intention. We must approach AI as a tool to deepen our relationship with God and enrich our faith journey, not as a force that distances us from it. The choice is in our hands—to let AI guide us toward spiritual discovery or to let it distract us from our divine path. Faith's future rests in our grasp. Join us, as together we shape the sacred path forward!

***From Pastor Sarah Lee***

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**Communion** at worship **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** celebrating World Community Day. Daylight saving time ends.

**The Wednesday Noon Bible Study** is each Wednesday at Noon in November. Please remember to bring the homework, assignments, and quizzes.



**— ELECTION DAY —**  
**Tuesday, November 5th**  
**Vote at Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm** Every vote counts!



**Fellowship and Luncheon**  
**Sunday, November 17th**  
**at 2:00 pm**  
After the Installation Service of the Rev. Sarah Lee



**Session Meeting**  
The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th at 1:00 pm.

# Election Day Bake Sale

## November 5, 2024

A Bake Sale will be held all day at Stone Presbyterian Church starting 6:00 am until all goodies are sold out! We need lots of donations of baked goods of all kinds! It's always a big success. Drop off at the church beforehand. View as you walk in to vote and stop as you walk out.

Your donations for what you pick up from the bake sale table would be greatly appreciated!

**HELP  
WANTED!**



We are busy making plans for our upcoming election day bake sale. We need a great deal of help—in setting up, overseeing that items need to be replenished.

**If you love to bake, now's your chance.**

**If you'd like to bring in your contribution the day before the polls open, you can bring your items in the day before between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The parking lot entrance will be open.**

(note:) Please label anything you make if it contains nuts or chocolate.

Our last bake sale garnered \$900.00 that was given to a very worthy cause. Please help us beat that record.

**Questions? Call Kathie Strader 315-782-2347  
Thanking you in advance. Bless you!**

# November 2024 Meetings & Events



The Presbytery of Northern New York and the congregation of Stone Presbyterian Church joyfully invite you to

the **INSTALLATION SERVICE** for **REV. SARAH LEE**

as the pastor of Stone Church on

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.**

in the church sanctuary located at 140 Chestnut Street, Watertown, NY.

For those receiving this announcement, individual invitations may not be mailed, though a printed invitation is included on the back. Please bring your family and friends. We look forward to celebrating this day!

## Church Choir

The Stone Church Choir will rehearse at 10:00 am on November 3, 17, and on November 24 will sing for the worship service.



## The Handbell Choir rehearse every Wednesday from

**5:00—6:00 pm.** and play for worship at least once a month from September through June. This is a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship and a love of music. So come join Lorraine Caramanna, Chrissy Dear, Jeannie Greenwood, Michaela Schied, Pastor Sarah Lee, and me,



Nancy Boynton, and ring your praises to the Lord. No experience is necessary. ? QUESTIONS? Call Nancy Boynton (Head Ding-a-Ling): 315-782-3934.

# AN INVITATION



The Presbytery of Northern New York and the congregation of Stone Presbyterian Church joyfully invite you to

**The Installation Service of**  
**The Rev. Sarah Young Ju Lee**

as the pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church  
**on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 2 P.M.**  
**in the church sanctuary located at**  
**140 Chestnut Street, Watertown, NY.**

A luncheon will follow the service, and a special gift will be given to all who attend. Please join us in celebration, and feel free to bring friends and family to share in this special occasion! clergy are invited to wear robes and a red stole.

Please RSVP to Christine Dear at (315) 782-3098  
(Your name and number of people attending with you)

The Presbytery of NNY and  
Stone Presbyterian Church, Watertown

# November 2024 Meetings & Events



**We celebrate  
Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday,  
November 28, 2024**

## November Dates to Remember

- All Saints' Day—Friday, November 1**
- Daylight saving time ends—Sunday, November 3**
- Election Day/Bake Sale Tuesday, November 5**
- Veterans Day—Monday, November 11**
- Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 28**



## Outside Church Groups Meetings

**The Garden Club**—Wednesday, November 6th from 6:15-8:30 pm



**The Bird Club**—Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm

**Quilters**—Saturday, November 2nd, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Quilting Guild Class**—Saturday, November 16th, 8:30 am-Noon

**Quilting Guild**—Tuesday, November 19th, 6:15-9:00 pm

**Quilters**—Friday, November 29th, and Saturday, 30th, 8:30 am-4:30 pm



**The Northern Blend Chorus**—Monday, November 4th, 18th, and 25th from 6:45—9:45 pm.

NO November 11th.

Mondays, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 6:45-9:45 pm

Sunday, October 27th, 12:30-3:00 pm

# Lectionary for November 2024



## **November 3**

### ***Semicontinuous:***

Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146;

### ***Complimentary:***

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and

Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14;

Mark 12:28-34

## **November 10**

### ***Semicontinuous:***

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127;

### ***Complimentary:***

1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146;

Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

## **November 17**

### ***Semicontinuous:***

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10;

### ***Complimentary:***

Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16;

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

## **November 24**

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)  
or Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93;

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126;

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

# November 2024 Birthdays

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Elizabeth Reed | November 1  |
| Ambrose Lee    | November 5  |
| Nancy Keeney   | November 7  |
| Ian Reed       | November 7  |
| Matty Lee      | November 9  |
| Alicia Dalton  | November 12 |
| Rowan Lee      | November 14 |
| Celeste Siver  | November 14 |
| Kathleen Marks | November 17 |
| Max Perkins    | November 17 |
| Francis Conti  | November 21 |

# November 2024 Anniversaries



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Phillip & Kathie Compeau  
November 7





**140 Chestnut Street Watertown, NY 13601 (315) 788-5630**

**Sunday Worship Service 10:45 A.M.**

**Pastor, Rev. Sarah Lee, Call/Message/Text 315-788-8286**

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

**E-mail: [Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com](mailto:Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com)**

**Web site: [www.stonepreschurch.com](http://www.stonepreschurch.com)**

**Our Mission Statement is:**

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

**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

**Ruling Elders on the Session**

**Class of 2025**

**Kathie Strader**

**Jeannie Greenwood**

**Stuart Price**

**Class of 2027**

**Robert Siver Jr.**

**Roxanne Young**

**Clerk of Session**

**Chris Dear**

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**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](mailto:Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com)), or place a note in the collection plate on Sunday.*



# November 2024 Prayer Calendar

| Sun                            | Mon                                   | Tue                       | Wed                                 | Thu                      | Fri                          | Sat                            |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                |                                       | 1<br>Linda Rohde          | 2<br>Rev. Leon Schilling            | 3<br>Robert Schweitzer   | 4<br>Don & Debra Sholett     | 5<br>Wendy Shultis             |
| 6<br>Jordan & Camden Siver     | 7<br>Matthew, Vanessa & Celeste Siver | 8<br>Robert & Debra Siver | 9<br>Rev. Bruce & Elizabeth Smith   | 10<br>Rev. Adele Spencer | 11<br>James & Kathie Strader | 12<br>Jane Tabolt              |
| 13<br>Bruce & Patricia Tyrrell | 14<br>Andrew Varga                    | 15<br>Christine Visscher  | 16<br>Robert Wallace                | 17<br>Linda White        | 18<br>Barbara Williams       | 19<br>Daniel & Joanne Woodward |
| 20<br>Jean Woolsey             | 21<br>Roger & Roxanne Young           | 22<br>Elsie Zehr          | 23<br>Susan Bell & family           | 24<br>Nancy Boynton      | 25<br>Glenn Chapman          | 26<br>Rehba Clarke & family    |
| 27<br>Kathie & Phillip Compeau | 28<br>Francis Conti                   | 29<br>Pat Conti           | 30<br>John & Cindy Cook & daughters | 31<br>Debbie Cornish     |                              |                                |