



# Stone Presbyterian Church

140 Chestnut Street Watertown, NY 13601

Worship Service 10:45 am

## October 2024 Newsletter

### **Greetings from Church Elder, Bob Siver, Jr.**

Welcome to fall. Another year is speeding by. Fall is a very special time of year. We are coming up on Thanksgiving. A time to reflect on all of our blessings. We often reflect on our shortcomings as well.

We find ourselves in troubled times where the world is in turmoil with wars and countries are testing each other's dominance. We find ourselves in a time of political unrest where our politicians are polarizing our differences. Dividing our peoples into us and them, but after the election we will all still be Americans and humans. In the Bible Jesus came to save us all. The Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus came to save humanity. Many people saw Jesus's powers and wanted him to support their causes (us against them). We read about the many miracles that Jesus performed curing the lame, the deaf, the blind, removing unclean spirits, curing people with leprosy and other diseases and he even raised the dead. As we read these scriptures one thing we don't hear, Jesus did not ask the people he cured who they were or what their beliefs were. Most of the time Jesus told the person to go forth and sin no more. In John 8:7 Jesus is tested by the Pharisees. They brought the woman who committed adultery before him and questioned Jesus if she should be stoned according to Moses' law. Jesus responded he who is without sin cast the first stone and wrote the accusers sins in the sand. Again, the woman is not identified by heritage or religion. He never questions if she was worth saving. In the parable of the Good Samaritan the Good Samaritan did not question the injured man's origins or beliefs. He helped because it was the right thing to do. He helped his fellow man.

I once heard a quote "from the moment we are born we begin to die." Profound but true. It is what we do with our time here on earth. No one knows how much time we have to live. As Christians we try to follow Jesus's teachings and examples. As Church members we help each other to be better people and to help support our community's needs.

So, as we reflect on our blessings and shortcomings, we thank God for our many blessings and pray that we can follow Jesus more closely, be less judgmental, become a better person and make a difference in other people's lives.

**May God Bless,  
Bob Siver, Jr.**



## October 6— World Communion Sunday

The church choir will sing at worship.

### Peace and Global Witness Offering

Find giving envelopes and flyers with your bulletins.

**Congregation Meeting:** Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Congregation of Stone Presbyterian Church will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of extending **a call to Rev. Sarah Lee to become our installed pastor**, and to approve her Terms of Call. Meeting will begin immediately following worship service. Rev. Lee's Installation service is tentatively set for November 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.



### Church Secretary Vacation

Linda White, church secretary, will not be in the office from October 8th through October 18th on vacation.



### Sunday Fellowship

Fellowship gathering after worship service will be on **October 13th**. Join us for refreshment and conversation.



### Session Meeting

The meeting will be Tuesday,  
**October 22nd** at 3:00 pm

# October 2024 Meetings & Events

## Church Choir

The Stone Church Choir will sing at worship Sunday, **October 6th**. They rehearse Sundays at 10:00 am. New members welcome to join.



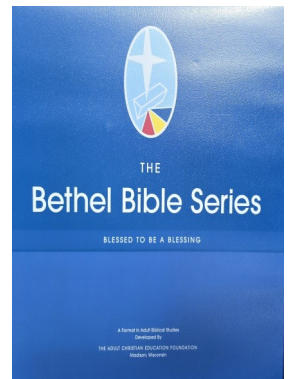
## The Handbell Choir rehearse every Wednesday from



**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 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.

## The Wednesday Noon Bible Study

will recommence on **October 9th** after the pastor's vacation. During this interlude, we encourage everyone to delve into the enlightening text, "In the Beginning God," alongside the foundational books of the Bible, also known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.



**October 27**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
Sunday Worship time 10:45 am.



**— ELECTION DAY —**

**Tuesday, November 5th**

**Vote at Stone Presbyterian Church  
from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm**

Every vote counts!

**Some October Dates to Remember**

**Mental Illness Awareness Month begins—Tuesday, October 1**

**Indigenous Peoples day—Monday, October 14**

**World Food Day—Wednesday, October 16**

**Children's Sabbath;**

**Educate a Child, Transform the World—Sunday, October 20**

**Young Adult Volunteer Program—Monday, October 21**

**United Nations Day—Thursday, October 24**

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**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**

# 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!**

*Thanks for  
your gifts!*



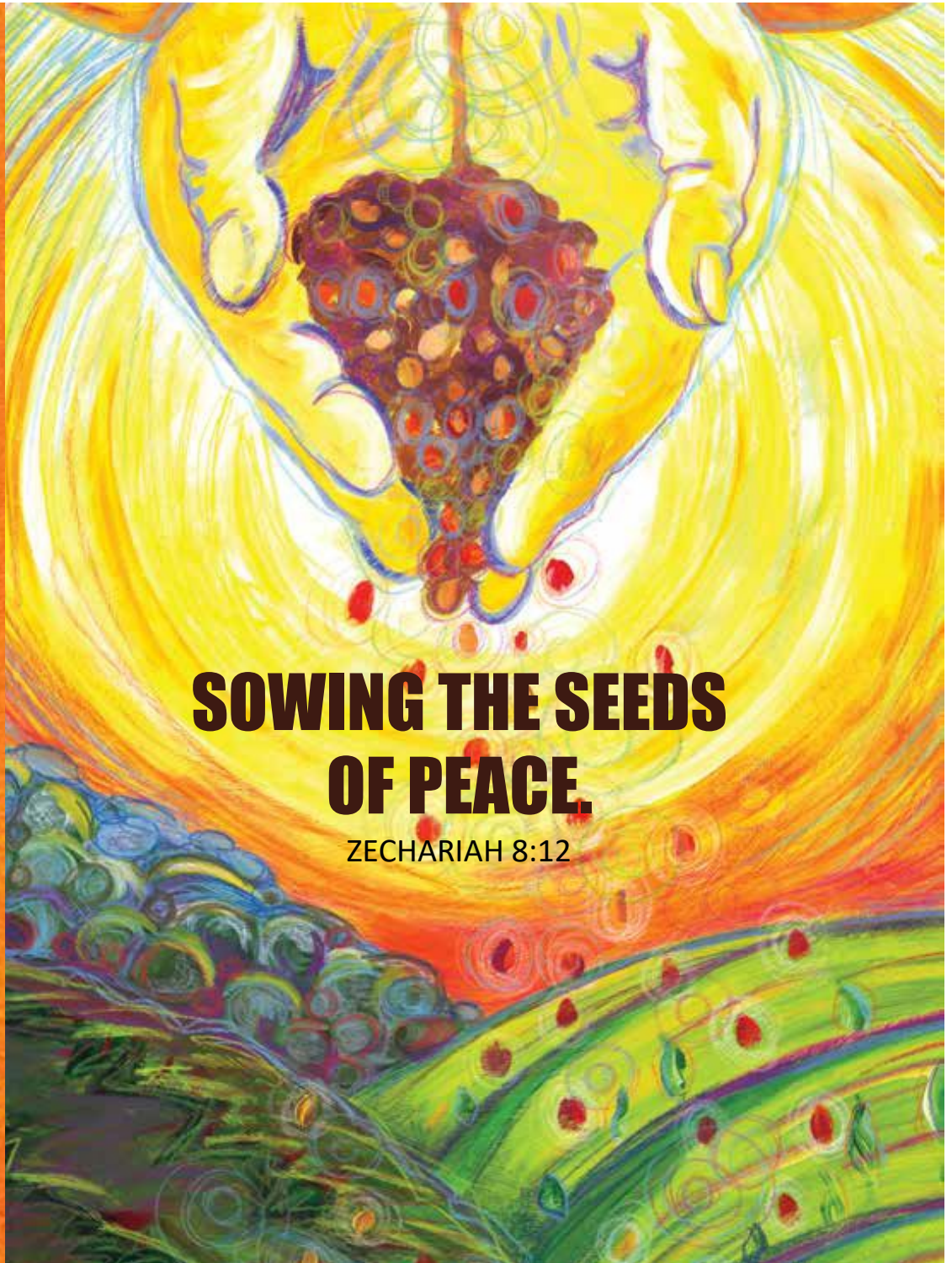
# SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**25% of your  
offering stays  
with our  
congregation.**

**25% goes  
to the  
mid-council  
joining other  
congregations  
in our region.**

**50% goes to  
Prebyterians  
across the  
globe.**

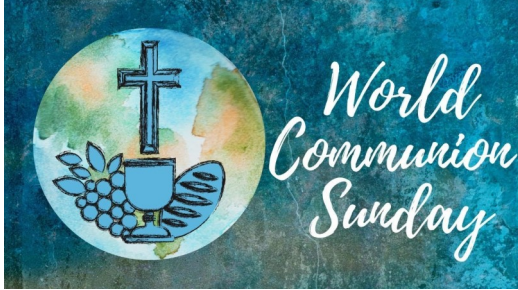
**WHEN WE  
ALL  
DO A  
LITTLE,  
IT  
ADDS UP  
TO A LOT.**



## **SOWING THE SEEDS OF PEACE.**

ZECHARIAH 8:12

# Lectionary for October 2024



## **October 6**

**World Communion Sunday**  
**Peace & Global Witness Offering**

***Semicontinuous:***

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 and Psalm 26;

***Complimentary:***

Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8;

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

## **October 13**

***Semicontinuous:***

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15;

***Complimentary:***

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17;

Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

## **October 20**

***Semicontinuous:***

Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17 and

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;

***Complimentary:***

Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16;

Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

## **October 27**

***Semicontinuous:***

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);

***Complimentary:***

Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126;

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

# October 2024 Birthdays

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Lori Robinson	October 3
Randall Bell III	October 8
Kathleen Compeau	October 12
John Kim	October 13
Jim Lewis	October 17
Miles Lewis	October 17
Kylie Bell	October 21
Angel Marie Bell	October 25
Pat Conti	October 28
Barry Jennison	October 28
Katherine Anne Newby	October 29
William Daniel Newby	October 29
Shelly Reed	October 30
Dan Woodward	October 30

# October 2024 Anniversaries

Brian & Alice Draper  
October 8

Roger & Roxanne Young  
October 8

Jim & Jen Lewis  
October 31



# Outside Church Groups Meetings

## Use of Church

We welcome outside groups to use Stone Presbyterian Church for their gatherings, usually in Friendship Hall and occasionally to use the kitchen.

A request form is filled out and sent to our Session for approval. There is a rental fee for each date in use. In the month of October the following groups will use the church:



**The Garden Club**—October 2nd, 6:15-8:30 pm



**The Bird Club**—October 9th, 7:00 pm

**Quilters**—October 5th, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Quilting Class**—October 15th, Tuesday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm



**Quilting Guild**—October 15th, 6:15-9:00 pm



**Northern Blend Chorus**—

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

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

*Focusing on—*

**LADIES  
RETREAT  
SATURDAY,  
10/5/2024**

***"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"***

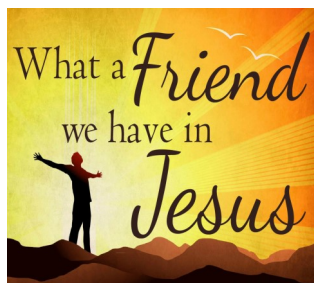
**Registration, 10/5/24 8:30 am.,**

**Event 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.**

**Pre-registration is \$20**

**by September 21, 2024,**

**or Pay at the Door \$30**



**More information, contact**

**Kim Mackey, Friend Facilitator—**

**315-420-2271**

**Sponsor/Host: Grace Wesleyan Church**

**Place: Stone Presbyterian Church  
140 Chestnut Street**





**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**

**Web site: 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), or place a note in the collection plate on Sunday.*

# October 2024 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dawley DeMar	2 Ghilyana Dordzhieva	3 Brian & Alice Draper	4 Bob Fay	5 Shirley Fay
6 Dorothy Fitzpatrick	7 John, Jeannie & John Remus Greenwood	8 Jon & Karen Hall	9 Chris Hyde-Hall	10 Brianna & Robert Jaspersohn	11 Nancy Keeney	12 David, Isabel, Rowan, Matty & Amrose Lee
13 Hannah Lee	14 Rev. Sarah & Sang Lee	15 Joan Lehrack	16 James, Jen & Miles Lewis	17 Kathleen Marks	18 David Miller	19 Doris Miller
20 Stephen Miller	21 William Milton	22 Rev. Marti Montovani	23 Jillian, Drew, Elizabeth, William & Katherine Newby	24 Rev. Gail Parsons	25 Maxine Perkins	26 Stuart Price
27 Thelma Reardon	28 Andrew, Andrea & Ian Reed	29 Corey & Shelly Reed	30 JoAnne Reed	31 Justin, Elizabeth, Aubrey & Harper Reed		