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### **Pastor's Pondering** Did You Decide to Read the Bible This Year?

Have you set a goal to read the Bible this year? How is it going so far? Many find the Old Testament challenging with its genealogies, sacrificial methods, and detailed descriptions. It can be overwhelming and make one wonder about its relevance to faith.

Studying the Bible alone is difficult. While the New Testament is often favored, it can't be fully understood without the Old Testament. Our urgent task is to return to the Bible and listen to God. The Bible says, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

I'm excited to announce that our church is using the Bethel Bible Study. Unlike previous studies that focused on isolated passages or books, the Bethel Bible Study provides a comprehensive view from Genesis to Revelation, helping us understand God's will.

The Bethel Series, started in the 1960s at Bethel Lutheran Church, is now used by over 47 denominations globally. It's an effective, structured approach to understanding the Bible's entire narrative. This 40-lesson series, translated into over 12 languages, has deepened participants' understanding and commitment to their faith.

The study uses vivid pictures that make the Bible memorable. We must not only learn but also remember because this study aims to make us disciples. We will see how everything is connected from Genesis to Revelation. We will learn key concepts, understand the cultural, social, and historical impacts on events, and grow closer to the One who has blessed us to be a blessing. Though challenging, studying the Bible provides lifelong insights.

Decide to seize this opportunity. Salvation is a personal decision, and this study equips us to reject false teachings and proclaim the Bible's truth. Through this, we aim to strengthen our faith, become disciples of Christ, and spread the gospel.

We'll resume the study in September. Over the vacation, read "In the Beginning God" by William M. Logan to better understand the Old Testament and read the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Embrace the challenge and commit to the journey. Your spiritual growth and our community's strength depend on it. Let's make this forty-lesson study one of profound biblical discovery and spiritual renewal. Blessings, Rev. Sarah Lee



# JULY MEETINGS & EVENTS

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## **Communion at Worship Sunday, July 7th**

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



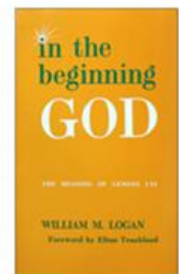
## **4th of July on Thursday**

The church office will be closed for the holiday.



## **Noon Bible Study:**

We will have a vacation during July and August. During this time, we recommend that everyone read "In the Beginning God" and the first five books of the Bible (the Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). You may make a \$5 donation for the book.



**NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST** for the Bible Study, the Handbell Choir, or the Church Choir. They will resume in September.



**We encourage everyone to serve our family and neighbors and to invite them to our worship service whenever possible.**

**Welcome to Pastor Lee's House**  
**Tuesday, July 16th.**



First will be a **Session Meeting** at 3:00 pm  
followed by a **Fellowship Picnic** at 4:00 pm.

Congregation and visitors are welcomed to a picnic. (Invitation details on page 5)



**Sign-up 2024 Flower Chart**  
**\$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.



**OUTSIDE CHURCH GROUPS JULY MEETINGS**

**Northern Blend Chorus**

Their meetings in July will be on Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, and 29 from 6:45—9:45 pm., and on Sunday, July 21st from 12:30—3:00 pm

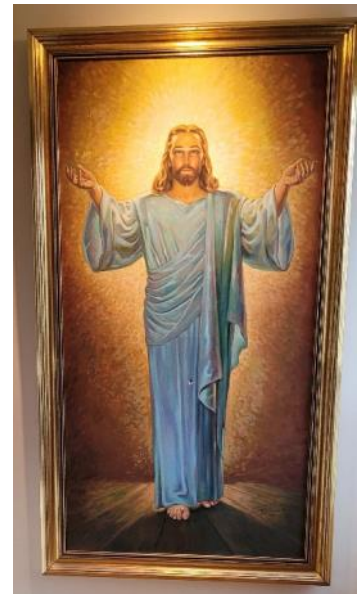


## His Presence Painting Restoration

Our painting of “His Presence” that hangs in the Narthex of the Church was damaged. It had a hole in the painting about the size of a quarter. The painting was commissioned in 1956 by Mrs. J. Munson Gamble in memory of Myra D. Gamble (Church Organist 1876 - 1902). The painting was based on Warner Sallman’s painting “His Presence”. The painting is 74.25” in height x 34.5” in width. The painting hung in the Narthex at the Church when it was on Stone Street. The painting survived the fire in 1980. We were fortunate that the fire did not reach the Narthex. The painting has never been repaired or touched since it was painted in 1956.

The Session voted to take the painting to West Lake Art Conservation Center in Skaneateles, NY for evaluation. The evaluation found the painting in good shape. I will try to give an accurate description of what the conservator’s estimate proposes. The tear would be humidified to bring it back into plane (place). The tear will be repaired. Any missing paint in the repair area will be painted to match the area and brush strokes. The painting will be gently keyed out to bring the painting to the proper tension. The painting will be cleaned using a dry-cleaning process. An application of local protective non-yellowing varnish will be applied. The frame would be cleaned and varnished. A backing board on the reverse side of the stretcher will be mounted. Documentation through written and photographic means of the complete treatment record will be done. All repairs will be done according to the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (ACI) Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Practice.

I hope I didn’t make this process sound too simplistic. The quote from West Lake Art Conservation Center is \$5,898.00 to restore our 68-year-old painting. The Session wants to preserve a part of our Church’s history by repairing the painting of “His Presence”. We would like to ask for your support of this project. If you would like to donate toward the repairs of our painting, please send a check made out to Stone Presbyterian Church. In the memo, please note your gift is for the painting restoration or place your gift in the offering plate in an envelope marked for the painting restoration.



Thank you for your gift.  
Bob Siver Jr.

# Invitation for a House Fellowship

**Welcome, Everyone!**

**Rev. Sarah and Sang Lee would like to  
invite everyone to their house,**

**Tuesday, July 16, at 4 PM.**

**Just bring yourself and friends!**

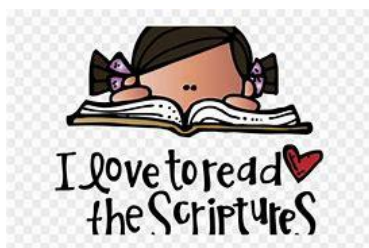
**If you choose, bring a swimsuit as well.  
Hot dogs, hamburgers, and Korean food  
will be provided. You may bring a dish to  
share, but it is not required.**

**RSVP will be appreciated. Please call/ text  
at 315-788-8286 or call the Church office  
at 315-788-5630.**



**DON'T  
MISS IT!**

## July Lectionary



### July 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and  
Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5 and  
Psalm 123;  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10;  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 14

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and  
Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15 and  
Psalm 85:8-13;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

### July 21

2 Samuel 7:1-14a and  
Psalm 89:20-37,  
Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 2:11-22;  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 28

2 Samuel 11:1-15 and  
Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44  
and Psalm 145:10-18;  
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

## July Birthdays Page 6



John Purvines	July 1
Bob Siver	July 4
Rev. Gail Parsons	July 8
Kennedy Dalton	July 11
Rev. Adele Spencer	July 16
Randall J. Bell	July 17
Karen Hall	July 18
Robert Jaspersohn	July 19
Jillian Newby	July 25
Isabel Lee	July 31

## July Anniversaries



Andrew & Andrea Reed	July 3
Alicia & Joshua Dalton	July 9
John Edward & Murray Kim	July 10
John & Jeannie Greenwood	July 13
Robert & Brianna Jaspersohn	July 29
Richard & Barbara Williams	July 29
Randall & Susan Bell	July 31



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**Tuesday - Friday**

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**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

**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



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



# JULY 2024 PRAYER CALENDAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> <b>Wendy Shultis</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Jordan &amp; Camden Siver</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Matthew, Vanessa &amp; Celeste Siver</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Robert &amp; Debra Siver</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Rev. Bruce &amp; Elizabeth Smith</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Rev. Adele Spencer</b>
<b>7</b> <b>James &amp; Kathie Strader</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Jane Tabolt</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Bruce &amp; Patricia Tyrrell</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Andrew Varga</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Christine Visscher</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Robert Wallace</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Linda White</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Richard &amp; Barbara Williams</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Daniel &amp; Joanne Woodward</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Jean Woolsey</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Roger &amp; Roxanne Young</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Elsie Zehr</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Susan Bell &amp; family</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Nancy Boynton</b>
<b>21</b> <b>June Calhoun</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Glenn Chapman</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Francis Conti</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Pat Conti</b>	<b>25</b> <b>John &amp; Cindy Cook &amp; daughters</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Debbie Cornish</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Joshua, Alicia, Harrison &amp; Kennedy Dalton</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Christine &amp; Donald Dear</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Dawley DeMar</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Ghilyana Dordzhieva</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Brian &amp; Alice Draper</b>			