

STONE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

The start of a New Year always leads to some reflection for me. I work well with goals and so resolutions often take on that format. This year, however, Joyce Rupp challenged me not to simply think ahead, but also to reflect back on the last year. She writes, "As I review the year, I look for what allows my life to receive greater meaning and what resists it. I ponder how and when hope has sung in my days. I wander through the months recalling who and what gave me strength and where enthusiasm ripened or died on the vine. I look for graced moments that I have totally forgotten, those spaces in my days when I am swept off my controlled feet by the grace of a tender God who says, 'Don't forget you are in my heart.'"



In my own life, I am struck by how many of your faces come to mind in my recollections; how many moments of grace and hope and strength and enthusiasm we got to share. I remember baptisms, morning Bible Study as a staff, washing feet - young and old together, singing in Finance Team meetings, hot coffee at sunrise on Easter morning, unexpected conversations that begin, "Pastor, can we talk?", moments in worship that I still do not have words to describe, hugs, tears, laughter. There is a lot. And even my difficult memories have beauty as I sit with them today. As we start a new year - Continuing the work of Jesus: peacefully, simply, together - I am so thankful for the together - with each of you.

Jesus will be our focus in worship as January begins. In a series called, "***And Jesus grew...***" we will look at Jesus' life from the nativity to his presentation at the temple to his temptation to his first sermon to his first miracle. Jesus grows up - and our understanding of who he is continues to grow as well. With that, our understanding of who we are called to be as individuals and a community must necessarily continue to unfold. Certainly an exciting prospect on the cusp of this new year.

It is impossible for me to look back with such gratitude for you and not also look ahead. I will draw on Joyce Rupp again to tell you some of my hopes for you and me and us:

"That you find meaning, purpose, and vitality in what you do daily. That you treasure your loved ones and let them know how dear they are to you. That you make choices and decisions that reflect your truest self. That you keep your sense of humor when things don't go the way you want. That you marvel at the wonders of creation which constantly present themselves to you. That you never give up on yourself. That you are attentive to the health of your body, mind and spirit. That you take risks and accept the growth-full challenges that come to you."

And that God continues to draw us all together - and toward God's kingdom. Happy New Year!

YOUTH NEWS

Sexuality and Relationship Class

Once again, the Christian Education Team is coordinating a sexuality and relationship class for Stone Church youth and friends. Young people in grades 8-12 are invited to join teachers David Meadows, Stacia-Fe Gillen, and Maylin Musser during the Sunday School hour from **January 19 through early-May 2020**. Each participant will be asked to commit to regular attendance, and to contribute \$15 toward the purchase of the book that will be used throughout the class (theirs to keep). *In order to remove barriers for those who wish to participate, the book will be gifted to anyone who is unable to make the contribution for financial reasons.*

Parents and youth participants are invited to lunch **after worship on Sunday, January 12**. David, Stacia-Fe, and Maylin will lead an orientation session for parents while youth gather with Pastor Ben for fun and games. Please contact David Meadows at meadowd@juniata.edu or 814-599-6017 to **sign up for the class and RSVP for orientation**.

Sunday School

9:30am

- Early Childhood (Toddler–Grade 2): “*Stories of God’s People & Church Friends in Many Places*,” led by Jeannie Lashlee
- “Llamacats” (Grades 3-7): *Living into Christian values*, led by Pam Grugan
- Senior High (Grades 8-12): “*Exodus: Gods and Kings*,” led by Pastor Ben Lattimer
- Adults:



- *Women of the Bible (New Testament)*, led by Pastor Cindy Lattimer
- *Sojourners*, Coordinated by Laura White (laura.jamie@gmail.com)

“*Just Spirituality: How Faith Practices Fuel Social Action*,” by Rev. Mae Elise Cannon. For adults of all stripes (young, middle-aged, and seniors)!! The author, the executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, develops the topic through examining life stories: Mother Teresa, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Jr., and four other spiritual social activists.

- January 5 "The Beloved Community" article from <https://thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy/>
- January 12 "The Beloved Community" article (cont'd)
- January 19 CONGREGATIONAL FORUM (NO CLASS)
- January 26 Ch. 5 - Fairuz (pp. 106-114); Attributes of God (p. 118)

Older Adult Lunch

Tuesday, **January 21 at 12 noon** in room 102.

All those 65 and older are invited for food & fun! Reservations are requested in the church office (643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) by Monday, January 20.

Lunch.
Feed your curiosity

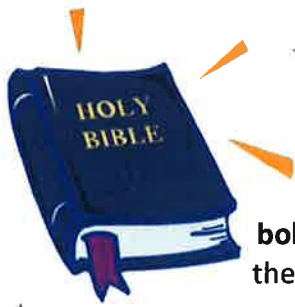


Men’s Breakfast

Date to be announced!

Watch bulletin and Friday Flash for date and time

All men are welcome!



Called to serve!

Below is the list of those who will be serving in “Called” positions in 2020. Those in **bold type** were affirmed during the November 17th Congregational Forum. We thank them for accepting this call and thank you for your commitment to support them.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

	Term Expires
Jeff Decker, Chair of Leadership	2021 (2 nd term)
Sharon Yohn, Vice Chair of Leadership	2022
Brooke Meadows, Moderator	2020 (2 nd term)
Cathy Cloz, Clerk	2020
John Wright, Co-Treasurer	2020
Jamie White, Co-Treasurer	2022
Mary Garvey, Chair of Christian Ed	2021
Luke Roth, Chair of Church Property	2020
Barb Purdy, Co-Chair of Deacons	2020
Bob McMinn, Chair of Finance	2022
Henry Thurston-Griswold, Chair of Gifts Discernment	2020 (2 nd term)
Sarah Worley, Co-Chair of Hospitality	2020
Roxann Yon, Co-Chair of Hospitality	2020
Andy Murray, Chair of Witness	2020
Chris Gibboney, Chair of Worship	2021

GIFTS DISCERNMENT TEAM

	Term
Henry Thurston-Griswold – Chair	2 nd term – 2018-20
Betty Ann Cherry	2 nd term – 2019-21
Emily Elder	1 st term – 2018-20
Laura White	1st term – 2020-22
Chuck Yohn	1st term – 2020-22
Pastor	

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE

Jeff Decker

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ALTERNATE

Mary Garvey

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATES

	Term
Marty Keeney	2019-20
Jeannie Lashlee	2019-20
Carolyn Lidston	2019-20

DEACONS (2020-22)

Marty Keeney
Joanne Krugh
Andy Murray



Your Deacons



Deacons serve the congregation by establishing connections with its members and friends, and reinforcing the caring community of the church. We thank all our deacons for their care and commitment!

Jeff & Daisy Decker

Carol Fultz

Mary Garvey

Marty Keeney

Joanne Krugh

Carolyn & Bruce Lidston

Andy Murray

Barbara Parlett

Barbara Purdy

Cheryl Ritchey

Sally Stewart

Deacon Co-Chairs—Daisy Decker & Barbara Purdy

Secretary—Joanne Krugh



CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Sunday, January 19 at 8:45 a.m.

Please plan to join us in Fellowship Hall.

Coffee and pastries served at 8:45 a.m.

The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

It's a new year, and we need to approve a **new budget!** We will receive **annual reports** and **hear from our pastors.** Please plan to join us for this important time. Activities for our young people are planned during the Forum (Room 102).



Choir.... We're on hiatus the first weeks of January.

Join us when we return to weekly rehearsals beginning

Thursday, January 16th at 7:16 p.m.

Taizé Worship



"Be still, and know that I am God." ~Psalm 46:

January 19, 6:00 p.m.

A quiet and meditative time of worship using scripture, silence, prayer, and repeated phrases of simple, beautiful music to create a transcendent and peaceful worship experience.

All are welcome!

Food Pantry Sunday—January 19

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come forward for the children's time. The item of this month for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is **Mac & Cheese** but any items may be brought to assist needs in our community. Donations at other times may be placed in the wagon outside the sanctuary doors by the organ.



In December, the item was Soup and we collected 130 cans of soup, 3 boxes pasta noodles, 1 baking powder, 1 hot chocolate, 1 brownie mix, 1 jar of gravy, and \$281.00 in cash.

2019 Christmas Pageant!

"Making Room," a Stone adaptation of "A Traditionally Untraditional Christmas Pageant" by Katherine Hawker, 2005. Presented by Anne Rice, Pam Grugan and the Stone Church Players!



A very big thank you to all involved with this past Christmas pageant-what fun:

Sheep roaming down the aisles, shepherds in awe of angels appearing from the heavenly choir loft, Mary and Joseph escorted by Chief, their chocolate lab, an innkeeper and wiseguys causing readers to banter back and forth...a blessed time we had!

.... We're ready to do it again next year!
Thanks again! -Anne and Pam



*"DOMINE,
QUO VADIS"*



The title is a quote from a legend in which the apostle Peter is fleeing persecution in Rome - and meets the risen Christ along the way. Jesus is carrying his cross and heading into Rome, even as Peter flees. *"Domine, quo vadis?"* Peter asks *"Lord, where are you going?"* It's a question I often wonder these days, looking at our nation and at our world. Where are we going? Where is God at work. Here are some thoughts for the journey as you enter the New Year - some quotes as we try to figure out where we are going...

"Never, never doubt what nobody is sure about" (Willy Wonka).

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way"
(Napoleon Hill, self-help author).

"God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try" (Mother Teresa).

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe" (Saint Augustine).

"My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now, and we don't know where she is." (Ellen DeGeneres).

"Get your facts first. Then you can distort them as you please" (Mark Twain).

"No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar" (Abraham Lincoln).

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on"
(Franklin D. Roosevelt).

"Never surrender, never give up" (Commander Peter Quincy Taggart).

--- Eugene R. Goshorn ---

January Birthdays:

3—Emma Santos	13—Sabin Fisher	23—Celia Cook-Huffman
4—Jeff Decker	14—Lois Harbaugh	25—Robert Lamey
6—Sandy Loughlin	14—David Quarry	25—Will Thurston-
9—Stacia-Fe Gillen	15—Robert Ritchey	27—Cecelia Grugan
9—Christy Dowdy	18—Robin Paterson	28—Heather Rice
9—Charles Swigart	20—Guen Porcelli	30—Jean Corbin
11—Bob Biber	21—Cindy Clarke	31—Tinka Berger
12—Katherine Swigart	22—Ryan Wetzal	

January Anniversary: 11—Belle & Jim Tuten



Summer Camp 2020

It's never too early to start dreaming about summer camp! The 2020 Camp Blue Diamond summer schedule has been published and brochures will be mailed in January. In case you're looking to make vacation plans or decide in advance which camp will fit into your schedule best, take a look. Online registration begins January 1.

More info on the church bulletin board and at www.campbluediamond.org.

Hiring Summer Staff--Apply Now!

Might you or someone you know be interested in joining the summer staff? Camp is hiring counselors, lifeguard, ropes/tower director, naturalist, crafts director, and maintenance workers. Program Staff must be at least 18 yrs. Old, and maintenance workers must be at least 16. Staff members must be committed Christians, enjoy children and youth, and live in harmony with others. Besides being fun, being on camp staff is a great learning experience too. Staff members grow in faith as well as leadership and communication skills. For those interested in teaching, ministry, social work or just being a parent, it's terrific on the job training! Pay is based on experience and ranges from \$200-\$250/week + room and board. Applications for 2020 summer positions are now available at www.campbluediamond.org.

District Youth Retreat – Growing Together in Faithfulness

Kick off the year right by coming to the Youth Retreat, **January 10-12!** Join Camp and the Middle PA District as we welcome David Fehr. David has been on staff at CBD and graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Together we will look at the parable of the mustard seed and other scriptures, exploring how we can grow the Kingdom of God in ourselves and each other. Don't miss this awesome weekend full of your camp favorites: friends, games, singing, worship, group building activities, sledding/tubing and more. All youth in grades 9-12 are invited. Cost is \$70 (\$80 after Jan. 1). To register, complete a registration form or register online at www.campbluediamond.org.

Jr. High Retreat – Serve One Another

Enjoy a weekend at CBD with your friends and favorite summer camp counselors, **February 7-9.** Together we will look at the many forms of service we can do for one another, and we'll explore the Brethren's long history of service, including BVS. Don't miss this awesome weekend full of your camp favorites: friends, games, singing, worship, group building activities, sledding/tubing and much more! All youth in grades 6-8 are invited. Cost is \$60 (\$65 after Feb. 1). To register, complete a registration form or register online at www.campbluediamond.org.

Upcoming Events

Youth Retreat for grades 9-12	January 10-12
Jr. High Retreat for grades 6-8	February 7-9
Junior Retreat for grades 3-5	March 6-7
Annual Dinners	March 27-28
Spring Work Day	April 4
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 17-19
Father/Son Retreat	May 1-2

Have questions?

Contact your Camp Representative, David Meadows, at 814-599-6017 or meadowd@juniata.edu.

Happy New Year

"With us in spirit..."

This is a list of those members of our church family who, though not often physically able to join us in worship, remain with us in spirit. Remember them in your prayers. Cards and visits are always appreciated. Contact the church office (814-643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) to add others you know.

DeLois Fluke
11325 Raystown Rd.
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Jean Prendergast
Arista Care, Room 173
1229 Warm Springs Ave
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Thelma Wallace
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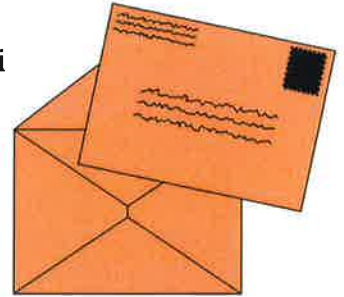
Gene Goshorn
14155 Hill Valley Rd.
Mt. Union PA 17066

Lydia Price
c/o Charla and Greg Chiapelli
597 Sechler Rd.
Somerset, Pa 15501

Joyce Keiper
Rest Assured Living Center
1137 Shirleys Hollow Rd.
Meyersdale, PA 15552
(John Keiper - jdkjak@gmail.com)

Westminster Woods

John Bowser
Joanne Dolnikowski
Sue Martin (& Bill @the Oaks)
Yvonne McKensie
Denny Rock



**Grocery Gift Cards— Every card helps our church!
(We get 5% to use in our ministries!)**

Purchase a Stone Church Grocery Gift Card on Sundays at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office – and Stone Church gets 5% of your grocery receipt total when you buy your everyday groceries – at either Weis or Giant!

Have an address, phone, or email change; or a new individual or family photo you'd like to use? Be sure to notify the church office **by January 15** so they are included in the 2020 directories! You can send updates to the church office, write them on the weekly Sunday attendance pad, or write them in the large directory binder at the back of the sanctuary.



PENNIES FOR WITNESS is an offering that puts emphasis on our Mid-PA outreach ministries: Trucker Traveler, CentrePeace, Prince Gallitzin Park Ministry, Small Church Fund, Outreach Ministry Matching Grants, and Global Outreach. Start collecting your change at home and bring it to the church when you can! Look for the new bright yellow **collection box** at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday's and on the filing cabinet in the church office on weekdays. My hope is that we can meet the challenge of collecting \$300 by October's District Meeting. —Carolyn Lidston, District Conference delegate

January 2020

January 2020							February 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 20	2	3	4
9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 4:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)		12:00pm Worship Team (Room 201) 7:00pm Witness Team (Room 201)	10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Leadership Team (Room 201)	8:45am Christian Ed 6:00pm Democratic Committee (Room 102) 7:00pm Democratic Committee (Fellowship Hall)	OFFICE CLOSED	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Food Pantry Sunday 8:45am Pre-Fourm Refreshments 9:00am Congregational For 10:45am Worship Service 4:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellow 6:00pm Taize (Sanctuary)	Newsletter Deadline 3:00pm JC Day of Svc dinner (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)	12:00pm Older Adult Luncheon (Room 102)	10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Property Team	5:30pm B.B.S. (Fellowship Hall) 7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	OFFICE CLOSED	
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Congregational Forum
Sunday, January 19 – 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall (Coffee at 8:45 a.m.!)



For all members and friends of Stone Church!