STONE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019

The manner in which most of us became Christian [was] by looking over someone else's shoulder, emulating some admired older Christian, saying yes to and taking up a way of life that [was] made real and accessible through the witness of someone else."

~ Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon in Resident Aliens

The quote above speaks a lot of truth to me, but in my life there is one small flaw. It is not that I have taken up this life after seeing it lived by *one* someone - it is after looking over the shoulder of many, *many* someones. I can remember serving meals at Roanoke Area Ministries alongside Gene, who came in to organize and serve every week - well into his eighties because the life of faith would have been dry and dead for him without this outworking of love. I recall conversations around campfires about life, death, doubt, and hope with church-folk from all over the district. I have sweet memories of tables added upon tables that extend out of dining rooms and into living rooms to welcome everyone in - and the prayers of thanksgiving, the laughter, sometimes the tears that accompanied those diverse gatherings. This life - where it felt like those around me were fully alive - and I was fully invited to participate - it continues to call to me.

People risked investing in me. And they risked being real with me. Those who shaped my faith did not have everything together or all the right answers. Most of them weren't even in full time ministry. They wrestled with hard questions alongside me. They offered up their experiences not as answers but as possibilities. I wonder now if they knew I was looking over their shoulders or not.

In a little over a month, we are going to begin a Baptism and Membership class during the Sunday School Hour. The class will look at Church History, Brethren History, the Bible, and Brethren Beliefs and Practices. It will be intergenerational - any young people who are interested will be learning right alongside any of you who are more seasoned but looking to inquire more fully into these issues. Participating in the class is also not a commitment to baptism or membership. While we will offer baptism at the end, it is not an obligation. This is a chance to ask questions and learn. Furthermore, it's not limited to those who aren't members - maybe you want a re-fresher - you are welcome.

But this means we will have a group of people exploring - and so I want you to consider if perhaps yours is a shoulder that some of them might look over. Not because you've got it all figured out, but because you are engaged in the process. Because your real life is one you have chosen and continue to develop. Because you have something genuine and meaningful to offer someone else. It would be amazing if everyone in this new class had someone they could sit in worship with sometime, someone to invite them to Love Feast, someone to tell them true stories about faith, doubt, and hope. Please let me know if I can pair you and your shoulder up with someone.

Maybe that's not where you are right now, but as we move into this time where a new ministry is beginning with the college and we start to discern our gifts together with the gifts discernment survey, what *do* you want to offer to the ongoing work of God and this church?



Sunday School Spotlight

with Jeannie Lashlee

Recently I talked with the Stone Church Sunday School Teachers via modern technology (aka e-mail) to learn more about what's offered on Sunday mornings. Over the next few months in this Sunday School Spotlight, I'll give you a taste of what's happening in some of

our classes. Read on, and discover where you can get plugged!

Currently, we have five classes:

Pre-school and Early Elementary class taught by Jeannie Lashlee,

Llamacats led by Pam Grugan,

Senior High Class with Rick Laabs,

Sojourners led by different teachers but coordinated by Henry Thurston-Griswold, and an Adult Bible Study taught by Pastor Ben.

(And in early spring Pastor Cindy will be offering a Membership Class)

This month we continue the conversation and I answer my own questions...!

Question: What Sunday School class do you teach? Who is the class for?

Jeannie: I teach Pre-School and Early Elementary; children in the 3rd grade or younger.

Q: What is something you would like others to know about your Sunday School class? **Jeannie:** Parents/Caregivers are welcome to join in at class. The more the merrier!

Q: Do you have upcoming plans for your Sunday School class?

Jeannie: Future plans for the Early Childhood class include talking about what happened after the Christmas story. So, we will talk about Jesus as a boy, Jesus meeting the disciples and Jesus performing miracles.

"With us in spirit..."

Below are members of our church family who, though they are not often physically able to join us in worship, remain with us in spirit. Remember them in your prayers, and with cards and visits! Please 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 930 Mifflin St.

Huntingdon, PA 16652

Westminster Woods

John Bowser

Joanne Dolnikowski Bill and Sue Martin

Yvonne McKensie

Denny Rock

Arista Care (814-643-4210)

1229 Warm Springs Ave, Huntingdon 16652

Howard Crouch – Room 265 Orpha Hearn – Room 251 Floyd McDowell

Olney Assisted Living 16940 Georgia Ave.

Olney, MD 20832



Thelma Wallace

5754 Wallace Dr.

Huntingdon, PA 16652





"Be still, and know that I am God." ~Psalm 46:10

For those who enjoy quiet and meditative worship,
Stone Church offers Taizé worship services.

This is a style of worship using scripture, silence, prayer, and repeated phrases of simple, beautiful music to create a transcendent and peaceful worship experience. Many in the Huntingdon community have been joining the Stone Church community to enjoy this growing gathering of contemplative worshipers.

All are welcome!



Enjoy fun and fellowship while serving our neighbors!

You are invited to join Stone Church members and friends as we prepare and serve a meal at Huntingdon's Community Soup Kitchen on Thursday, February 28th at the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, 508 Mifflin Street. You are welcome to participate ANY time between 3:00 and 7:30. Thank you!!

Mark your calendars

In 2018 Stone Church is doing the Community Soup Kitchen on:

February 28

April 25

June 27

August 22

October 24

Contact Pam Grugan at 814-386-7435 or grugan2@gmail.com

to sign up for February 28, to learn more about this ministry, or to volunteer your time or talents for future dates!



JUST 5 MINUTES!! By Sunday, March 3rd!

Stone Church friends and members: Please complete the **annual Congregational Gifts Survey** without delay! It will take no more than five minutes!! Just enter the following link address:

https://goo.gl/forms/woaDpgaaPVzim5zj2

The survey allows you to indicate areas where you currently serve as well as those where you would consider serving (the survey is NOT legally binding!) should the need arise. This information is crucial for the Gifts Discernment Team as it seeks to identify willing hearts and hands to do the work of Stone Church. Hard copies of the survey are available in the back of the sanctuary for those who would prefer to complete it on paper and submit it to the church office.

We really have used your information from last year's survey, and thank you all for taking the few minutes to fill it out. If you wish help, we will have computers and youth available to help you after Church on Sunday, March 3rd.

Saturday 8 AM - February 16th Location TBD

The February Men's Breakfast will be held on February 16, 2019 at 8am at a yet to be

determined location. If you haven't attended before, we encourage you to give it a try. We require no commitments, come once, come when it is convenient or become a regular attender, we welcome you anytime. There is engaging and enjoyable fellowship conversation, joke telling and a light reflection. And

the food is great and reasonably priced. ... If you have questions call Rick Laabs (814-599-8762 or laabsra55@gmail.com).



Older Adult Luncheon

The Older Adult Lunch gathering will meet Tuesday, **February 19** at **12 noon** in room 102.



If you know someone within Stone Church or a neighbor or friend who might enjoy this time of gathering, invite them!! Reservations are requested in the church office (643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) by the Monday before. ...**See you there!**

THE HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IS HOSTING...

MAKE-YOUR-OWN-PIZZA BAR AND GAME NIGHT — Friday, February 8, from 5:30pm-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone, oldest to youngest, is invited to bring their favorite game. We'll break into groups to learn and play!





"LISA LUNCH" — Sunday, February 17 after worship in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this time of community and fellowship as Lisa Hosler "whips together" one of her great meals. There is no charge, a suggested donation of \$5 is helpful. As are RSVP's by Thursday, the 14th.

Mark your calendars and join us!

YOUTH CONFERENCES

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE 2019 "Enflame us with your love; Empower us with your spirit!" May 24-26, 2019 at Camp Blue Diamond

Young Adult Conference (YAC) offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation. Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults!

- Registration (\$150) includes food, lodging and programming!
- Scholarships: Upon request, we will send a letter to your congregation asking them to provide a \$75 scholarship. Make your request by April 1. Scholarships are also available to BVSers who are currently serving.
- A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due within two weeks of registering.

This conference is recommended for its energy and focus on extremely relevant spiritual and ethical questions. For more information and to register: http://www.brethren.org/yac/

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE 2019 "Strong and Courageous"

June 14-16, 2019 at Elizabethtown College

- Discounted registration of \$180 is available online at www.brethren.org/njhc. Beginning April 1, 2019, the regular registration fee is \$210. We registration ASAP.
- Preachers including Chelsea and Tyler Goss, Leah Hileman, Eric Landrum, and Mikayla Alphonse will help participants consider how to live bold and creative lives of faith.
- And, of course, it wouldn't be NJHC without lots of time for fun games and activities, lively and encouraging music, and opportunities for new friendships to form between youth throughout the Church of the Brethren.

Church Directory Updates:

The 2019 Church directory is in the process of being uppublished. If your address, phone number, or any other informate published in the 2018 directory, or has changed, and you it included, please contact the Church Office (stonechurch@verizon.net or 814-643-3390).

FILL THE ARK with Heifer International

In December our *Llamacats* (4th-7th graders) launched their campaign to **Fill the Ark** and encouraged everyone to **Be the Rainbow** you wish to see in the world.

Each Sunday, a skit and their theme song.....

Heifer International 2019

(To the tune of "Rise and Shine")

The Lord told the Llamacats to Fill up the Arky, Arky
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Get those costumes put on and ready, ready, All Creation Waits

The animals, they waited, at Gate CU 3sie 2sie
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Flight Attendants announced, "Delaysies, laysies," All Creation Waits

The last one to board was the Heifer called Marty, Marty The last one to board was the Heifer called Marty, Marty Ring that bell for Little Rocksie, Rocksie, *All Creation Waits*

"So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory Children of the Lord"

The Stone Church *Llamacats* are grateful and give God the glory for the generosity of all those who helped us *Fill the Ark* and send \$7450.00 to Heifer International in Little Rock, Arkansas this year. --- That's one full Ark, <u>PLUS</u> 16 llamas, 1 honey bee hive, and a flock of chicks! Thank you!!!!



Summer Camp 2019 – Peace Works

Don't miss out on summer camp opportunities for children and youth ranging from 5 years-old to high school seniors, and families too! Regular registration is open through June 1, with *early bird savings* available before February 28. Families should check out the *Multiple Sibling* discount. Don't

forget that Stone Church pays half of the registration fee for our children and youth. If finances stand in the way of a child going to camp, look for scholarship information in the brochure and consider applying.

Brochures are available at the back of the Sanctuary and/or in the Conference Room; online registration at www.campbluediamond.org.

Hiring Summer Staff--Apply Now!

Applications for 2019 positions are now available at *www.campbluediamond.org*. Interviews and hiring began in January, with preference being given to those who apply by February 15. For those who love CBD and enjoy working with kids, nothing is better than working at Camp (and getting paid to do it)! Counselors, tower director, maintenance, lifeguards, naturalist and crafts' director are needed. Applicants must be at least 18 (maintenance 16), committed Christians, enjoy kids, and be able to live in harmony with others. 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 someday, it's terrific on the job training! Pay is \$185 - \$235/week, depending on the job and experience. Room & board provided. Summer camp runs June 6 – July 27.

Jr. High Retreat - February 8-10, 2019

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth graders are invited to Camp Blue Diamond's Jr. High Winter Retreat in February. Our guest speaker will be summer counselor David Fehr, who is a seminary student at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Flyers will be mailed in mid-December. In addition to David, Brian and Amanda will be there, plus your favorite summer camp counselors. There will be lots of music, great food, games, crafts and winter fun like sledding and tubing! Be sure to save the date! *More info on the church bulletin board and at www.campbluediamond.org.*

Junior Retreat - March 1-2

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to the Junior Retreat at Camp Blue Diamond. The retreat will start at 7 p.m. on Friday, and end at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Come and explore what Jesus meant when he spoke about giving us 'water' to drink that will forever quench our thirst. And enjoy all of your camp favorites like games, singing, a campfire, the giant swing, arts and crafts, and your camp friends and counselors. Cost is \$35. *More info on the church bulletin board and at www.campbluediamond.org.*

Upcoming Events

February 8-10 Jr. High Retreat for grades 6-8 March 1-2 Jr. Retreat for grades 3-5 March 22-23 **Annual Dinners** April 12-13 Father/Son Retreat April 26-28 Quilt & Craft Camp May 24-26 National Young Adult Conf. at CBD May 31 Senior Adult Day June 9 Hoss's Fundraiser September 21 Heritage Fair

Have questions?

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

MESSENGER MUSINGS

By Euge

"Love and Marriage"

By Eugene R. Goshorn

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud...... Love never fails," says First Corinthians.

For more than 25 years, my wife was a responsible and respectable community librarian in Huntingdon and Altoona. Much like Marion the librarian in the *Music Man*. Her father was the Rev. Albert Haught, a pastor with the Church of the Brethren. In fact, Alberta was named after her father and was a true "PK." By the time she was 60, Alberta had not wed but was a lover of cats, of which she had had many.

Then Alberta made a serious boo-boo. After her parents passed away, Alberta took in a stray cat who came looking for food. Always picking New Testament names for her cats, she named her stray "Joseph." Soon "Joseph" had to be renamed "Mary Joseph" when "Joseph" brought home a litter of seven. Alberta did note "Joseph" was putting on weight.

Then Alberta boo-boo'd again. This time, Alberta married a man she had known since she was 16, when he sold her dad his first new car. He walked into her life one day while she was working as a volunteer at Huntingdon County Historical Society. Naturally, she was thrilled.

Who did Alberta marry, you ask. Here she got really lucky. Of course, you guessed it. She married me, Yours Truly. She realized how lucky she was when I took her to the Olive Garden in Altoona for our first date. I paid. As you may know, not every girl gets taken to a prime out-of-town restaurant on their first outing together

Upon reading these words, Alberta declared"

"I've had plenty of time to rue my mistake."

But, being the author, I get in the last word:

"I'm going to stand outside, so if anyone asks. I am outstanding."

Besides, February is my birth month.

We Remember.....



Howard Robert Parlett

September 29, 1935 – December 31, 2018

Howard Robert Parlett, 83, was born to Roy Howard and Reba Elizabeth (Miller) at the family home in Stewartstown, E. Hopewell Township, York County; and was raised there with his two brothers, Walter "John" and William "Bill". On July 23, 1961, he and Barbara Arlene Whitsel were married at Stone Church of the Brethren by the Rev. Stewart B. Kauffman. They were married for 57 years and, during that time, raised their four daughters – Linda, Sandy (Norris), Roberta "Betsy", and Elizabeth "Liz" (Beatty). There are also two grandchildren, Zachary and Amanda, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Howard was very involved in Huntingdon, where he both lived and worked. He worked for the Pennsylvania State Police Department for 32 years and was a member of the Huntingdon Lions Club for 37 years! The joy and laughter he brought to those around him were celebrated at a service on January 5, 2019, officiated by Pastor Cindy Lattimer. Our thoughts and our prayers remain with Barb and their family.

Worship Center Flower Sign-Up — Commemorate a loved one, special event



or season with a floral arrangement or focal piece!
Please sign-up on the easel board located in the back of the sanctuary. Most florists in town have a key to the church and will deliver flowers right to the Worship Center for you (some suggestions: Mowers Flowers, Weaver the Florist, Colonial Florist). Or make your own arrangement, bring in a beloved sculpture, piece of pottery, or anything that inspires you!

If you have any questions, contact the Worship Center Committee member listed by the Sunday(s) of your choice.

Stone Church seeks to be a Christ-centered community where all are spiritually nourished, equipped and empowered to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.

Grocery Gift Cards

Eight years members of our congregation (Tan Hille, Martha Swigart, Cheryl Ritchey and Barb Purdy) got inspired and set up the Grocery Gift Card Ministry. It grew steadily for five years, and while it remains a meaningful and significant ministry — a staple to our bottom line — the last 4 years have seen a decline in participation. Below they share the numbers with you, so you know what can be, and has been accomplished. These numbers represent the 5% we earn for every dollar you spend at the register!

<u>Year</u>	Weis	Giant
2010	\$ 1275	\$ 1158
2011	\$ 1625	\$ 1425
2012	\$ 1850	\$ 1500
2013	\$ 2350	\$ 1500
2014	\$ 2685	\$ 1450
2015	\$ 2000	\$ 950
2016	\$ 2500	\$ 850
2017	\$ 2005	\$ 800
2018	\$1750	\$ 900



Totals: Weis \$18,040.00 & Giant \$8,534.00. Total earned since 2010 is \$26,574!!

We greatly appreciate our loyal gift card buyers, and those who purchase cards on occasion! In today's economy, this is a great way to support the church while doing the unavoidable – buying groceries! Every time you shop with a grocery card you help keep the Grocery Gift Card Ministry alive and enable Stone Church to do small and large building projects and host fun events!

Can we take a page from the Llamacats and their efforts to Fill the Ark?!

Purchase cards weekly or monthly so you have them with you when you shop! They're available each Sunday at the back of the sanctuary, or from the church office Monday-Thursday. *Thank You!*

February Birthdays

3— Doris Comerford	14—Meta Meckstroth	18—Phil Paterson
7— Anne Rice	14—Karen Morgan	19—Donna Evans
7— Cheryl Ritchey	15—Monte Furry	21—Norm Navarro
7— Greg Stein	15—Laura White	21—Daniel Santos
7— Joanne Thurston-Griswold	16—Sylvia McDowell	27—Gene Goshorn
8— Robert Oldring	17—Sophie Fisher-Sneath	28—Norman Siems
14—Zachary Closz	17—John Wright	28—William Meloy
14—Edward Biddle	_	

February Anniversaries

3—Bill & Lori Fagan 4—Bob & Virginia Biber 19—Ron & Barbara Detwiler



Food Pantry Sunday—February 17

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the Young People's time. The February item for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is Beans, but any items may be brought for the cause of helping alleviate hunger in our community. Donations at other times may be placed in the wagon outside the sanctuary doors by the organ. IN January, the item was Mac &

Cheese and a wagonload of Mac & Cheese, other items, and cash were donated to this local ministry!!

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Sunday, February 17

- "Lisa Lunch" at noon
- Taizé Worship at 6pm

Join us!

