

STONE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 2018

*The
Season
of
Lent*



From the Pastor's Desk

I was probably in seminary before I truly started to pay attention to the church calendar. I was vaguely aware of Lent and Advent as I grew up, but the seasons of the church year didn't impact my life in any real way. The idea that Christ might be so sovereign in my life that I would even keep TIME differently is still relatively new to me. And yet I am so drawn to this rhythm of life that tries to continually connect me to the life of Jesus - and the ongoing unfolding of God's work in my life.

Lent is an especially rich time to engage the church year - not just to remember Jesus' life, death, and resurrection - but to annually re-experience those events. Jesus spent time in the wilderness - we can experience a sense of that action by creating time and space for quiet, simplicity, confession, and prayer. Like the 40 days of Lent, that time in the wilderness can seemingly last a long time - isn't that part of the point? Part of the learning?

As we continue this long journey of Lent, we also anticipate the experiences of Holy Week. I hope you'll each hear the invitation to not just remember that Holy Week happened - but to re-experience the events alongside Jesus - and alongside each other. We gather on **Palm Sunday morning**, calling out, "Hosanna, God Save us!"; on **Maundy Thursday** we obey Jesus' command to serve one another by washing one another's

feet. Jesus also ate and fellowshiped with his disciples and friends and so we experience the warmth of fellowship and love around the tables of **Love Feast** as well. **Good Friday** we must confront the cross - without it there can be no resurrection - **Easter** needs Good Friday. On Sunday morning, like the women disciples, we rise at daybreak to be surprised again by the Resurrecting power of our God. And then we gather once more in celebration to sing our "Hallelujahs!" because Christ has risen! ***Christ has risen indeed!***

Here are the times and places we look forward to re-experiencing the events of this holy season with you:

Palm Sunday Worship, March 25 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary

Taize Service, March 25 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Love Feast, March 29 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Community Service, March 30 from Noon – 3pm
(Begins at Abbey Reformed Church progressing through the downtown churches; come for all or any part - Pastor Ben is preaching at 1:15 at St. James Lutheran)

Easter Sunrise, April 1 at 6:45am at the Peace Chapel

Easter Morning Worship, April 1 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary



HUNTINGDON AREA FORUM OF CHURCHES

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

March 30, 2018

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

The First Word Noon – 12:20 p.m.	“Father, Forgive Them...”, Luke 23:24 Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ	Preacher: The Rev. Donna Jarrell (6 th & Church Streets)
The Second Word 12:25 – 12:45 p.m.	“Truly, I tell you....”, Luke 23:43 First Regular Baptist Church	Preacher: The Rev. Brett Hoover (6 th & Mifflin Streets)
The Third Word 12:50 – 1:10 p.m.	“Woman, here is your son...”, John 19:26 – 27 Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Preacher: Pastor Victoria Apicella (534 Mifflin Street)
The Fourth Word 1:15 – 1:35 p.m.	“My God, My God...”, Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34 St. James Lutheran Church	Preacher: The Rev. Ben Lattimer (525 Mifflin Street)
The Fifth Word 1:40 – 2:00 p.m.	“I am thirsty...”, John 19:28 First United Methodist Church	Preacher: The Rev. John Staje (427 Mifflin Street)
The Sixth Word 2:05 – 2:25 p.m.	“It is finished...”, John 19:30 Huntingdon Presbyterian Church	Preacher: The Rev. James Stork (508 Mifflin Street)
The Seventh Word 2:35 – 2:55 p.m.	“Father, into your hands...”, Luke 23:46 St. John’s Episcopal Church	Preacher: The Rev. Fred Hickok (212 Penn Street)

2018 Easter Flowers



Celebrate the joy of Easter with beautiful Easter tulips!

Tulips are \$10.00 each, and are in 6.5" pots. If you would like to order tulips for the Easter service, contact the office by March 18 with the information indicated below. Tulips will be displayed on the Worship Center during Easter and may be taken home following the 10:45am Easter worship service, or on the following Tuesday. **Happy Easter!!**

Forms are available at the church, or you may email/call the office with:

Your Name (as you'd like it to appear in the bulletin) and contact information (should we need to reach you), the number of tulips being ordered and the name(s) of those you are remembering/honoring (please specify which).

You may contact the office if you have any questions.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

MARCH 25

APRIL 15

MAY 6

6:00 PM

Stone Church Sanctuary

Taizé Worship



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

For those who enjoy quiet and meditative worship,
Stone Church offers Taize 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 worshippers.

All are welcome!

Stone Church Ringers

10:45am Worship

MARCH 11

APRIL 15

MAY 13

Stone Church Sanctuary



For those who enjoy the stirring sounds of handbells during worship, the Stone Church Ringers will be part of the 10:45am worship experience one Sunday per month for the next three months! Be sure to join us these Sundays to share in this ministry!

Re-Creation - 6:30pm Sunday, March 4, at 15th Street United Methodist Church. This group of dynamic young people will present a concert of uplifting music. The **Re-Creation** sacred program is structured with a sensitive presentation of an enduring faith in the Christian message. The group's remarkable blending of voices, tasteful apparel, and dynamic presentation contribute to a unique and memorable worship experience. All are invited! A free-will offering will be received. (15th & Moore, above Sheetz; parking at 1521 Mifflin St.)

You are invited to sign up for a Breakfast of Champions!



Come get to know Pastors Ben and Cindy more - and let them get to know you as well. Each Sunday during Lent, the Pastors will gather in Room 102 with a small group during the Sunday school hour to share stories, ask questions, and help us all get to know one another better in a setting that better allows for that than our large group gatherings. It's important to Pastors Ben and Cindy to know you - our hope is that each person will come to one of the breakfasts! We will have coffee, snacks, and a very low-pressure spirit of interaction. In order to keep the groups small enough to actually share with one another, we have made sign-up sheets and placed them on the bulletin board outside the office and in the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up each person who will attend so that we can get a count. Also - there's a backstory to explain the naming of these events - but you'll only get to hear it if you show up to one!



Annual Conference 2018

July 4 – July 8

Cincinnati, OH

Duke Energy Convention Center

**Delegate & Non-delegate registration:
March 1 through June 5 at www.brethren.org/ac**

Living Parables

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'”
(Matthew 9:35-38)



Souper Sunday – A Victory for the Home Team (Yeah Team!)

The Witness Team wishes to give a big cheer and hardy thank you to captain and quarterback Jeannie Lashlee and her team of outstanding players who led Stone Church to a Souper Bowl Victory on Sunday, February 4. According to an informal poll, it was the best Souper Bowl west of Foxboro, Mass. and east of Alaska.

The soups, fresh bread, desserts and drinks were perfect for a cold day. Seven delicious soups were prepared by Andy Murray, Laura White, Jeannie Lashlee, Kim Roth, Patti Paterson, Rose Rahman and Mary Garvey. Tinka Berger prepared the bread. Roxann Deike donated butter and crackers. Desserts we made by Barb Moyer, Donna Rhodes, Sally Stewart and the Llamacats Sunday School Class. The Llamacats helped set up, along with Maggie Lashlee and Tinka Berger. The cleanup squad included Jamie and Laura White, Mary Garvey, Rose Rahman, Tinka Berger and some assorted walk-ons. Indeed, a winning team!

\$492 was received at the luncheon and from additional gifts. This amount will go towards Camp Blue Diamond's Heritage Fair which benefits the ministry at Camp Blue Diamond as well as other programs through the Middle PA District, such as the Trucker Traveler Ministry.

Thank you to all who supported Souper Sunday. Put it on your calendar for next year.

- submitted by Mark Meckstroth for the Witness Team



Food Pantry Sunday—March 18th



We will ask the young people to collect your items as they come for the Young People Gathering time. The March item for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is **CANNED FRUIT**, 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 February, the item was Beans. We collected 81 cans of beans as well as 36 boxes mac-n-cheese, 3 boxes pasta, 1 can stewed tomato, 1 box crackers, 1 box pumpkin cake mix, 2 cans tuna, and 1 can fruit. This offering, plus \$229.00 in cash, was donated to this local ministry during the third Sunday monthly offering.

The Stone Church Calendar!

To stay current on what's happening and when, go to our website (www.huntingdonstonechurch.org) and click on "Calendar". This calendar updates within five minutes of changes made by the office!



If you use Google calendar for your personal schedule, add us as a friend to access the church calendar there as well – just enter us as stonechurch@verizon.net.

And **remember** to update the office when you schedule or change an event or meeting. That way anyone can look up the time, date, or location of an upcoming event/meeting! And there will be no double booking!

BTW – Did you know that Sunday's sermon is posted on the webpage on Monday?!!

Stone Youth Volleyball Saturdays

Grades 6-12 are invited to the high school gymnasium on Saturday evenings from 6:30-8pm. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Feel free to bring a friend or two!

We are gearing up for the middle district youth volleyball tournament held at Juniata College on Saturday, March 17.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Emily Elder or Pam Grugan. If we want to play in the tournament, we will need to register a team soon, so please check your calendars.

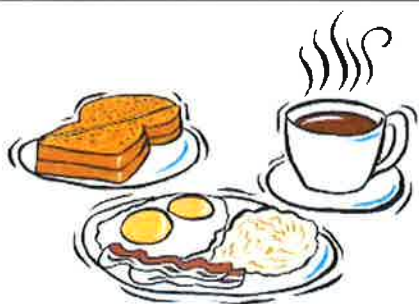


Older Adult Lunch

Tuesday, **March 20 at 12 noon** in room 102.

If you know someone 65 or older who might enjoy this time of gathering, invite them!! Reservations are requested in the church office (643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) by Monday, March 19.

Lunch.
Feed your curiosity™



Men's Breakfast
8am - Saturday, March 17
Donna's Restaurant
(Back room)
All men are welcome!

News From CAMP

Summer Camp 2018 – Beyond Belief! The Universe of God

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 March 1. 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.

Camp Blue Diamond Annual Dinners

Swing into Spring

Learn what's new with Summer Camp, help raise funds for a new Camp van, enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship with friends, and fantastic swing band!

Friday, March 23rd – Appetizers 6:00; Dinner 6:30

Saturday, March 24th – Appetizers 5:00; Dinner 5:30

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from our Stone Church waiters: David Meadows (Friday) and Amanda Helfrich (Saturday). Payment can also be made in the Stone Church Office.

Our entertainment this will be the Keystone Society of Swing, a high energy big band that performs music from the 20s through the 60s. KSOS promotes the preservation and performance of classic big band dance music with a sprinkle of the more modern. Featured too is Elizabeth Webb, singing several big band hits.

Menu: Boneless Country Ribs, Oven Browned Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Escalloped Apples, Rolls and Butter, Ice Cream Brownie Delight



Quilt & Craft Camp – April 20-22

Come laugh, create, pray and laugh some more! This weekend is for crafts of all types. Bring your quilt work, cross stitch, knitting, scrap booking, etc... and join the fun!

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

Upcoming Events

Annual Dinners	March 23 & 24
Camp Work Day	April 7
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 20 – 22
Father/Son Retreat	April 27 – 28
Senior Adult Day	June 1
Hoss's Fundraiser	June 10
Annual Golf Tournament	August 14
Family Camp	August 17 – 19
Heritage Fair	September 22

Have questions?

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



Many years ago when I was very much a younger man, I had a cat. At that time I was living in Mount Union, where I was growing up, and the borough, in its wisdom, decided to hold a pet parade. On the given day, I recall that the street was full of girls and boys like me with their pet cats and dogs ready to march.

Unfortunately, the dogs outnumbered the cats. And dogs at that time in American history showed no respect for cats and cat lovers. The dogs frightened my cat and, for us, the parade ended in pandemonium.

Since then—which you must remember was in the 1950's—American academia has spoken. In “Life Science” cat lovers scored higher than dog lovers on introversion, open-mindedness and sensitivity. Whereas, the article pictured dog lovers as “conformists looking for a good time.”

A Carroll University study concludes that some people have dogs, some people have cats, and some people have both. Why, would you suppose, any right-thinking persons would not have the ability to select their favorite?

In my lifetime I have had numerous cats and dogs. Of all the cats, I had only one that was really friendly and would lie on my lap. I also had numerous dogs who were good companions. Nothing wrong with that.

When I had a family of my own, I bought a dog for my kids. We lived in a suburb with cars and people all around. One day our dog was hit by a car, and because we had no sufficient means, we had to have him put down. The veterinarian lived less than two miles from our house. When I told him we had to put the dog down, I remember (I was in my thirties at the time) I cried uncontrollably all the way home.

The Messenger prints articles dealing with grief—and happiness—on all levels. If you do not already subscribe to our denomination's magazine, do see Debbie at the church office and look forward to enjoying the articles.

--- Eugene R. Goshorn ---



Zachary David Closz

9 pounds even, and 20 inches long

Born 2:57pm February 14, Valentine's Day

Born to Jeffrey and Cathy Closz,
and brother to Samuel.



*Thank
You*

To the Stone Church family

Much appreciation from Bob and I for all the prayers, calls, cards and kind words of support during Bob's recent months of radiation and surgery in Hershey.

Thank you all! Cheryl Washburn

March Birthdays

2—Chuck Yohn

6—Paul Elder

7—Lydia Price

12—Oscar Tuten

15—Seppi Grugan

16—Sarah Worley

17—Tim Launtz

14—Barb Zanylo

19—Tom Kepple

23—Dan Cook-Huffman

23—Lori Fagan

24—Shelby Anders

25—Brandon Conaway

26—Knox Boyer

26—Taylor Boyer

26—Carol Oldring

26—Kate Thurston-Griswold

26—Kim Witkovsky

27—Chris Gibboney

27—Charlie Paterson

29—MaryIn Ignath

30—Anita Soliday

March Anniversaries

17—Evelyn & Raymond Pembroke

24—Patti & Phil Paterson

2018 Church Directory Updates

Email for Pastors Ben and Cindy Lattimer:

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Grocery Gift Cards—Every card helps our church!

Purchase a Stone Church Grocery Gift Card on Sundays at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Coordinators are Barb Purdy and Cheryl Ritchey.

March 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Feb 25 - Mar 3

Mar 4 - 10

Mar 11 - 17

Mar 18 - 24

Mar 25 - 31

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the Lord is risen indeed