

# STONE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 2017

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## **Palm Sunday, April 9**

It is a tradition at Stone Church and many other churches to have palms on this Sunday, as we remember Jesus entering into Jerusalem with the shouts of those welcoming him into the city. (Meanwhile, Pilate is also welcomed on “the other side” of the city to a parade of power and wealth) - The palms for everyone present will be “Eco-Palms”. A **fried chicken dinner** follows the morning’s service in the Fellowship Hall, prepared by the Mt Hope Baptist Church ladies!

- **6:00pm Taize Worship Service**

For those who enjoy quiet and meditative worship, join us Palm Sunday evening! 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 join Stone Church at this growing gathering of contemplative worshippers. **All are welcome!**

## **Love Feast- Thursday, April 13**

Thursday at 6:30 pm Stone Church remembers the last supper Jesus had with his disciples: We gather around tables with our friends, brothers and sisters, to recall the story of John 13. Come

- To root into Holy Ground
- To serve and be served washing each other’s feet. (Hand washing is an option.)
- To hear stories of bulb growth and blossoming from a variety of voices
- To partake in a simple meal of soup and bread
- To join with all in the bread and cup communion

The Deacons will prepare the space for all of us to come to this Love Feast.

\*Childcare is provided for all those who find this helpful. Please e-mail or call the church office (stonechurch@verizon.net, 643-3390) by Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to make reservations for childcare.

## **Good Friday Service- April 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3 pm**

The Huntingdon Area Forum of Churches invites the community to the Good Friday procession of services. The first service begins at Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ and then will move in succession through the downtown churches. Persons may participate in all seven of the services, focused on "The Last Words of Christ," or feel free to select a service or services in order to meet personal needs. (A full schedule of speakers is posted on the bulletin board.)

- **Lent Movie - *Godspell* at 7pm**



Good Friday's profound, prophetic, painful story can feed us through film. Experience the gospel story afresh and a-funny through the clowns of *Godspell*. Your favorite parables and Beatitudes come to life in psychedelic color in this 1973 G movie. The music will stick with you "day by day" and this film offers a charming and poignant way to live among the 12 for an evening. With popcorn.



## **Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

- **6:30 am Sunrise Service at the Peace Chapel**

Gather with community members and family at the outside Peace Chapel for this reflective service of celebrating the resurrection. Peace Chapel and the rising sun are our setting to celebrate transcendence and new life!

The Peace Chapel is located off Warm Springs Avenue on Peace Chapel Road. If it is challenging for you to walk up the hill, you may gather in the parking lot at 6:15, and transportation will be available to take persons to the site of the service.

Rain location: Stone Church Sanctuary.

- **10:45 am Worship in Stone Church Sanctuary**

Everyone is invited to join in celebrating the resurrection story in word and music. Pastor Christy Dowdy will deliver the morning message. The Stone Church Ringers will play, and at the conclusion of the service, the chancel choir will invite singers in the congregation to join in the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. You are encouraged to invite friends and family to join in this special day of celebration

# Retreat Recap ~ February 2017

Submitted by Brooke Meadows, Moderator

Picture this...the story of Stone Church as told on a treasure map. Instead of one red X marking the spot, we find our treasures everywhere: in the people we encounter and the experiences we share. Our congregational retreat focused on our journey together, as we continue to map out who we are and where we are going.


We began with an update on the **Search Team**, which resumes its work in March — after being put on hold for nearly a year to allow for further discernment. Then we spent time discussing the

**vision statement and mission depiction** (originally presented during January's forum). The latest version involves an upside-down tree! Copies are available in the church office. Feedback was very positive.

Then Chuck Yohn unveiled the **pastoral staffing model** developed by the Discovery Team and affirmed by the Leadership Team. In brief, it recommends 1.5 FTE pastoral staff for a total of 75 hours/week. FTE means Full-Time Equivalency. This model includes one full-time pastor and one half-time pastor who compliments the interests and skills of the full-time pastor. Alternatively, a pastoral team (married or otherwise) may apply together. This model sounds similar to what we have now with Pastor Christy serving full time and Pastor Anna Lisa serving half time. However, the two of them currently work about 100 combined hours/week. The point is that in order to live into our vision and mission, we need to set boundaries for which tasks our pastors will handle and which tasks will be held by the rest of us. Copies of the staffing model can also be requested in the office.

We broke out into small groups to discuss the staffing model and generate questions for a “panel of experts” (pictured above). But first we ate cookies and reflected on **upcoming transitions in leadership**: Marty Keeney's

leave of absence (May 2017 – August 2018) and Pastor Christy Dowdy's departure (August 2017). Anna Lisa Gross asked us what qualities each brought to their ministry at Stone Church that we'd like to see continue. Many lovely comments were offered and recorded.

At the conclusion of the retreat, Anna Lisa asked how we would bring those not in attendance along on our journey. If you missed it, this really long article is for you. You're part of my map. 



Our “panel of experts” answers questions during the retreat. Pictured from left to right are Laura White, Chris Gibboney, David Meadows, and Henry Thurston-Griswold. Laura and David represented the Discovery Team. Chris and Henry represented the Leadership Team. Behind them on the wall hangs the treasure map of Stone Church.

## Many Thanks to Our Discovery Team

Cathy Cloz  
Christy Dowdy  
Anna Lisa Gross  
Rick Laabs  
David Meadows  
Laura White  
David Witkovsky  
Chuck Yohn

## Please Pray for Our Search Team

Doris Comerford  
Emily Elder  
Donna Rhodes (Chair)  
Henry Thurston-Griswold  
David Witkovsky  
Chuck Yohn  
Roxann Yon



## Annual Conference 2017

June 28 – July 2

Grand Rapids, MI

DeVos Convention Center

**General registration** is open for the 2017 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren in Grand Rapids, MI from March 1 through June 5. The theme is "Risk Hope." We live in times that challenge us in our quest to be a faithful people. Strife and uncertainty permeate our society and invade our churches, and we grow disheartened and discouraged. Yet Scripture teaches that troubled times can be times when God's blessing is most evident in the midst of God's people. We are not to fear the instability of our time, for our hope rests in the rock of our salvation. Isaiah reminds us: "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what it fears, or be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." (Is, 8:12-13)

As we face the various storms of our times we gain strength and hope from the stories of God's people in exile in Babylon. Robbed of the Land, the Temple, and the City of God, and hauled away to a foreign land, the People of God had little hope for survival. And yet, the promises of God would not die.

Isaiah prophesied: "And this shall be a sign for you: This year eat what grows of itself, and in the second year what springs from that; then in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. The surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward; for from Jerusalem a remnant shall go out, and from Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." (Is. 37: 30-32)

And so the people gathered together the stories of their ancestors, the promises to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, the call to Moses and the Covenant of the Law, and there in Babylon they were faithful.

In the same way, let us too be bold in this time of challenge – bold to turn aside from our despair, to step out in faith, to claim the promises that are ours in Christ Jesus, and to Risk Hope for the life and vitality of the Gospel.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." Heb. 10:23

Our Stone Church delegates, Sara White and Betty Ann Cherry, Pastor Anna Lisa, and others will attend. Carpool, anyone?

More detailed information and the registration link are now available at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac).

### **BELL FESTIVAL**



There will be five bell choirs involved in this year's community bell festival, including the Stone Church Ringers. Each bell choir will perform two pieces. After all have played, the five bell choirs will come together to play two pieces! A local charity will benefit from the free will offertory. The festival will be April 2 at 2:30 at the First

United Methodist Church at the corner of Fifth and Mifflin Streets. Please come to show your support for all of our local ringers.

# Youth update

**Congratulations Stone Youth volleyball team!**

16 congregations represented

22 teams

3rd place went to Stone and friends:

Eddie Rice

Matias Berger

Peter Kruse

Abe Rudolph

Jeffrey Brown

Haley Goldstone

Michael Huntsman

Anne Rice



We send prayers with Eddie, Caden and Chloe as they depart for the Middle PA District Youth annual soup kitchen trip as we prepare this newsletter. By the time you read this they'll be home – ask them about the trip!



Chloe and family made a wonderful Navajo-inspired brunch for Stone Church, raising money for Chloe's summer workcamp to Lybrook Ministries in New Mexico – thanks to the youth and friends who helped: Anne Rice, Eddie Rice, Caden Pensak, Emily Elder, Cathy Closz and more!

## ***We celebrate youth accomplishing great things!***

Like Matias Berger going to state in swimming, Sabin Fisher going to state for choir, and Emma Musser whose basketball team went to states!!

Chloe Soliday was the lead in her high school musical! And we can't wait to go see all the Stone Youth in HAHS musical, *Into the Woods*: Maggie Lashlee, Leah Lashlee, Sabin Fisher, Meghan Wright, Grace Cook-Huffman, and Richard Widman.

### **GET TICKETS**

Musical: *Into the Woods* – **April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am – senior citizens get in free!

Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7pm – \$7

And Tom Tuten is playing in the Bell Festival Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm in the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Fifth and Mifflin Streets

Christian Citizenship Seminar takes Chloe to New York City and DC this month to learn about Native American rights and food security. After studying the issues she'll meet with congress people (or their staff) to speak up.

On May 21 we celebrate high school and college graduates, thank our Christian Ed teachers and also celebrate and bid farewell to Marty Keeney. While his wife Jill is on sabbatical, Marty is taking a leave of absence from Music Program Coordination at Stone Church. Mark your calendars for this lunch and celebration! And send Tinka pictures of high school & college grads: from infancy to the present!



In March, the middle school Sunday school class invited you to increase your food pantry donations! By doubling our "normal" monthly donation we will support a thrifty family of four for a month. After the middle schoolers posed this challenge, March's food pantry donations were exuberant! Every third Sunday, we collect food and cash donations for the food pantry. Bring donations to worship and the young ones will gather them up.



# Farmers' Market Bucks Are Back

**What are Huntingdon Farmers' Market Bucks?** They're "fake money" that can be used like cash at the Huntingdon Farmers' Market. They come in \$1 and \$10 denominations.

**Why purchase Market Bucks?** To commit...

- to eating more fresh, nutritious, locally-grown food
- to supporting and strengthening the market, its environmentally-responsible farmers and our local economy
- to increasing access to the market for folks who otherwise couldn't afford it
- to enhancing our sense of our community



## How will Market Bucks help folks otherwise unable to afford shopping at the market?

Donations may be made toward the purchase of Market Bucks for use by persons who get government food assistance (*i.e.* SNAP benefits, formerly known as Food Stamps, now on EBT cards). When folks use their EBT cards at the market, they'll receive \$1 of "Bonus Bucks" (donated Market Bucks) for each \$2 they spend. Additionally, 5% of Market Bucks proceeds will be given to Huntingdon County PRIDE, which uses those funds to purchase Market Bucks for distribution to its elderly clients.

**How can one buy Market Bucks and/or make donations to support the "Bonus Bucks" program?** Market Bucks purchases and donations may be made using cash or check:

- in the back of the sanctuary following worship on Sunday mornings (April and May)
- at the Stone Church office Mon-Fri mornings (April through October; see Debbie)
- at the Farmers' Market (all season – May through October)
- at the PRIDE office, 1301 Mt. Vernon Ave., Huntingdon (Smithfield Twp.), Mon-Fri, 8:30-4:30 (April through October)

**Other questions?** Interested in helping out with the project? We're seeking volunteers! Please contact Laura White at [laura.jamie@gmail.com](mailto:laura.jamie@gmail.com) or 814-251-4363.

*Originating at Stone Church, the Market Bucks/ Bonus Bucks program is a cooperative project involving the Huntingdon Forum of Churches, the Huntingdon Farmers' Market, and area social-services agencies.*

**Farmers' Market Opens Thursday, 4 May**



# People's Climate Mobilization April 29<sup>th</sup>!

## Four ways to participate:

- Join the march in Washington, DC  
For information on buses from State College, see <https://www.meetup.com/Moshannon-Group-Sierra-Club/events/237619284/> or <http://rallybus.net/peoples-climate-march/from/state-college-pa>. If you would be interested in carpooling to a bus in State College, please email Laura White (laura.jamie@gmail.com).
- Join the local march in State College at 10:00 a.m., location TBD (see <http://peoplesclimate.org/sister-marches/>)
- Make a monetary donation (see <https://peoplesclimate.org/donate/>)
- Pray for marchers and for our nation's leaders, that they might be receptive to the marchers' messages



## Creation Care Committee update by Sharon Yohn

At the 2016 Annual Conference a Creation Care Committee was appointed in response to the query, "Continuing the Study of Our Christian Responsibility to Care for God's Creation", and I am privileged to serve as chair of the three-person group (also including Laura Dell-Haro and Duane Deardorff). We have interpreted our charge as a call to catalyze action within the denomination to increase renewable energy usage and energy efficiency at the denominational, congregational and individual level.

In order to determine what resources would help congregations and individuals achieve this goal, we sent out a short survey (thank you to those who completed it!). With almost 500 responses, we found that specific information and recommendations, as well as contact information for resource people within the denomination were the most requested resources. We are now working to determine how to best provide those resources. If you would like to be a part of the Brethren Creation Care network, please let me know!

I was also able to attend the Presidential Forum entitled "God's Green Earth" at Bethany Seminary in March, and led two sessions on the work our committee has been doing. It was an energizing two days with lots of information and great networking.



# Loving your neighbor, by choosing renewable energy?

Did you know that Stone Church has chosen to purchase 100% renewable energy as part of faith commitment? Burning fossil fuels, including the negative impacts on air quality and climate change, has a disproportionate impact on the poor. As a faith community, I believe we should not be comfortable taking actions that lead to drought, hunger, and increased poverty and that we have a responsibility to begin the transition to renewable energy.

You can choose renewable energy wherever you live. In many places you can switch directly to renewable sources by going to [www.papowerswitch.com](http://www.papowerswitch.com). If your power provider is Valley Rural Electric, you can choose to purchase renewable energy credits. For more details, pick up detailed directions in the back of the sanctuary or contact Sharon Yohn.



Stone Church hosts Huntingdon's chapter of **Citizens Climate Lobby**, and the new Kids Care Climate Change club! We gather for letter-writing, phone calls, and mutual support every two weeks on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:45 in Stone's conference room, with tea and snacks. Please consider joining us **April 12 and April 26**. Both dates have special elements! On April 12 David Radcliff will be with us, and he brings stories and strategies from communities around the world who are living sustainably and resisting fossil fuel destruction. (Then David speaks at Juniata at 7pm, see below/above/next page). On April 26 we wrap up our letter-writing by going downstairs for the free and festive Juniata College Pasta Dinner (5:30-6:30). All are welcome!

## When Worlds Collide

David Radcliff presents

*"When Worlds Collide: Nature vs Capitalism"*.

**Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm**

Join Juniata College in Good Hall, room 302, to hear about David's learning tours all over the world and within the United States, wisdom from "traditional" cultures, and sustainable living.



Join Juniata College students **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall of Stone Church when the Juniata group "Indivisible Huntingdon" will show the documentary movie *"Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie)"*.

## Shoes?

One Shoe? Two Shoes?

Red Shoes? Blue Shoes?

Big Shoes? Small Shoes?

Gently Used Shoes?



If you're cleaning out your closets, getting ready for springtime, and you've got gently used shoes you don't think you'll wear again, please bring them to Stone Church and place them in the Shoe Collection ShoeBox in the back of the sanctuary.

Your gently used shoes will be sent to **Community Recycling** in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, where they'll be sorted and prepared for markets around the world, and the **Juniata Valley Sustainability Club** will receive 50 cents per pound of shoes. All of the money received will be used to support the club's **Outdoor School Scholarship Fund** to send JV 5th graders to **Camp Blue Diamond**, where they'll spend four days and three nights in October. During this time PSU students from the **Shaver's Creek Environmental Center** will share what they know about Pennsylvania's outdoor treasures. It's an opportunity no JV 5th grader should miss, and you can help make it happen. Thank you!



## 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, Barb Purdy and Cheryl Ritchey, have challenged everyone to purchase a card one week out of every month for the next year.



## Food Pantry Sunday—April 16, Easter Sunday

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the children's circle time. The April item of the month for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is green beans, 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. (Please check for valid expiration dates.)

### IN March – The Food Bank Giving Challenge from the Stone Church Middle School Youth

“So what does the Lord ask of Stone Church? Do justice and let it roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Our class asks you to care a little bit more for the financially disadvantaged. We challenge you to strive to **double** our monthly giving to the Food Bank. If we do, it will nearly cover the monthly food needs for a family of four. For those who give, thank you. Please consider giving more. For those who don't, we challenge you to pitch in too. Together we can make a difference for one needy family.

### USDA January 2017 Monthly at Home Food Costs for a Family of 4



**IN March**, the item was Canned Fruit – as you can see by the picture on the Youth Page, we could have used another wagon or two! And, in addition to the overflowing wagon of food items collected, \$330 in cash was also donated to help feed local families.



I feel very lucky to have drawn the month of April to write about for this month's Stone Church "Musings" as I always have considered myself a serious and somewhat rather outstanding member of the opposite sex. Not everyone knows I maintained my standing on the academic honor roll with the help of a number of rather attractive female members of my class. In that age, few high school students knew the square root of 81.

My wife Alberta, daughter of the Rev. Albert Haught and Clara Swartswelter, themselves from south of Pittsburgh, where a good sense of humor can be a lifesaver, has said of me, and I quote: "I love you the way you are, because you love me the way I am!!!" Alberta and I have heard it said: "The only people who grow old were born that way to begin with." Now, those words were uttered by an angel whose name I hesitate to mention. With 30 days available in April, I have selected numerous bits of humor from various lay and religious sources to reflect the loving and caring sentiments of the month.

Early Romans called April "Aprilis" their second month and suggested the word from Aphrodite, Greek goddess of love. Greeks also thought the heart was the seat of thought and many a modern man has lost his heart to a woman. And, since the heart controls intelligence, love is blind. Poor chap.

When I was impressionable, we knew April 1 was the day we told our friends their shoes were untied. Yuk yuk. When I learned there were girls, in the third grade, I discovered diamonds are the April birthstone and Daisies are the flower of the month. Sonny James sang to us about young love: "They say for every boy and girl there's just one love in this whole world and I know I've found mine. The heavenly touch of your embrace tells me no one could take your place ever in my heart."

A fellow named Russ Conway sang, "Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May. So if it's raining, have no regrets, because it isn't raining rain, you know, (It's raining violets,) and where you see clouds upon the hills, you soon will see crowds of daffodils, so keep on looking for a blue bird, and list'ning for his song, whenever April showers come along."

Both Easter and Passover come the week of April 10. In "Commandments of Jesus" Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments...my command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:12, KJV)

Don't forget to pick up your copy of *Messenger* and check the table of contents. You are certain to find articles that will both intrigue and inform you about our denomination. If you don't have your own copy, do see Debbie in the church office about a subscription.

---Eugene R. Goshorn---

# News From CAMP

## Camp Work Day – April 22

This is an opportunity to help Camp get ready for summer camp! Projects will include: wood cutting, splitting and stacking, staining, carpentry, raking, repairing, cleaning, and the list goes on... Pancakes and sausage served from 7:30 to 8:00am. Jobs will be assigned at 8:00. A hearty lunch

will be served at noon. If you have a splitter, chainsaw or truck for hauling wood, please take them along.

**Please let Camp know you are coming by calling the office at 814-667-2355, or email [campbluediamond@verizon.net](mailto:campbluediamond@verizon.net).**

## Quilt & Craft Camp – April 28-30

Join the camaraderie of creating beauty and laughter with friends. This weekend is for crafts of all types. Bring your quilt work, cross stitch, knitting, scrap booking, etc... and join the fun! Several creative workshops will be available throughout the weekend offering opportunities to learn a new skill. There's something for everyone. **More info on the church bulletin board and at [www.campbluediamond.org](http://www.campbluediamond.org).**

## Summer Camp 2017 – Branching Out: Connecting Through Christ

Regular registration is open through June 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.**

## Family Camp – August 18-20

Family Camp is designed to provide opportunity and space for families of all types to reconnect while living in a Christ-centered community and surrounded by God's glorious creation. Experience the best of Camp including swimming, canoeing, campfires, Bible discovery, gaga ball, the climber tower and giant swing, homemade icecream, singing, and so much more! Debbie Eisenbise, a gifted storyteller and worship leader will be the special guest speaker again this year. Costs vary per person and the maximum family contribution is \$360. **More info on the church bulletin board and at [www.campbluediamond.org](http://www.campbluediamond.org).**

## Upcoming Events

Camp Work Day	April 22	Hoss's Fundraiser	June 11
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 28 – 30	CBD Staff Alumni Reunion	July 22
Father/Son Retreat	May 5 – 6	Annual Golf Tournament	August 8
Bird Watching	May 27	Family Camp	August 18 – 20
Senior Adult Day	June 2	Heritage Fair	September 23
Summer Staff Orientation	June 8 – 14		

## Have questions?

Contact your Camp Representative, David Meadows, at 814-599-6017 or [meadowd@juniata.edu](mailto:meadowd@juniata.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### about summer's Sunday morning worship at CBD.

Due to transitions of music and pastoral leadership, the Worship Team has decided to NOT have our traditional Sunday morning worship at Camp Blue Diamond in August. Starting in 2018, we will consider moving to an evening worship service in August at Camp Blue Diamond. We are interested in hearing any and all congregational feedback. Our Worship Team Chair is Jim Tuten ([tutenj@juniata.edu](mailto:tutenj@juniata.edu)).



Thanks to Camp Blue Diamond staff, board and volunteers for a fabulous dinner and concert! Stone Church showed up both Friday and Saturday nights and we look forward to the next opportunity to support and enjoy Camp Blue Diamond!

# April 27<sup>th</sup> Soup Kitchen!



April 27<sup>th</sup> is Stone's next time preparing the meal for Huntingdon Community Soup Kitchen (at the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church on 508 Mifflin Street.) Please contact Chris Gibboney at [gibbonc@juniata.edu](mailto:gibbonc@juniata.edu) or 814-386-0380 or Carolyn Lidston

[binocular2@comcast.net](mailto:binocular2@comcast.net) if you are able to help with the April Soup Kitchen! Final days and times of need TBA, but we anticipate needing help the afternoon or evening of April 26<sup>th</sup> and then on that Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> (in shifts) from 2pm through clean-up (after dinner). Thank you!



"Many thanks" to all those who contributed to the Community Soup Kitchen meal on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. More than 25 people came together to prepare, serve and clean up after a meal that served between 80 and 90 guests. This community effort offers not only a nutritious meal but also an opportunity for folks from many walks of life to come together and listen to and share one another's stories.

For the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meal, we thank Anita Soliday, Sheila McMeen, Ginny Sandifer, Barb and Max Moyer, Andy Murray, Bob Lamey, Louise Smith, Pastor Christy, Beth Williams, Lily Formosa (JC), Makayla Persha (JC), Pam Grugan, Jessie Willson (JVSD), Victoria Kyle (JVSD), Bridget Kenny (JVSD), Mike Dick, Shelby Anders, Sharon Bookhammer and the Stone Church bakers. And we thank Sue Docherty, Michelle Rupert and Amy Yocum for their weekly service coordinating the Soup Kitchen!

## **April Birthdays**

2—Debra Garman  
3—Pamela Adams  
5—Emma Janelle Musser  
6—Joanne Krugh  
7—James Ake  
7—Melissa McBrayer  
8—Chris Baker-Shuck  
8—Micah Dowdy  
9—Robert Beck

10—Soren Borgardt  
11—Katie Dickey  
13—Brenda Furry  
13—Dianne Shingler  
13—Meghan Wright  
13—Olivia Ghaner  
14—Betty Ann Cherry  
14—Rose Rahman  
14—Kim Roth

19—Carolyn Lidston  
21—Wilfred Norris  
22—Dean Wenger  
22—Sara White  
26—Martha Swigart  
27—Ruth Heaton  
27—Eddie Rice  
28—Anthony Rivello  
30—John Keiper

## **April Anniversaries**

1—Joan & Stephen Engle  
5—Sarah & Donald Braxton  
5—Dottie & Ken Steele  
15—Sylvia & Tom McDowell

16—Donna & Kenneth Evans  
29—Jennifer & Todd Newman  
30—Liz & Duane Beatty

# We Remember.....



## **John W. Swigart, Jr.**

April 24, 1938 - February 23, 2017

A memorial service was held at Stone Church of the Brethren on March 4, 2017 with Pastors Christy Dowdy, Bob Neff, Anna Lisa Gross and Dale Dowdy officiating.

John was born April 24, 1938, in Huntingdon, the son of John Workman Swigart and Jane Bell Swigart. He married Martha Hunter Swigart on June 17, 1961, and they are the parents of two daughters: Anne and Katherine. John was a lifelong resident of Huntingdon and member of Stone Church of the Brethren. A 1961 graduate of Juniata College, John worked for his entire career at Swigart Associates, Inc. (now known as Mutual Benefit Group), retiring as president in 1998, and then continuing to serve on the board for the next 10 years.

John served the Huntingdon area in a number of capacities, being part of HCBI, the Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce, and was an active member of Rotary. He also served on the board of directors of The Village at Morrison's Cove; as a member of Huntingdon Landmarks, Inc., and the Borough Planning Commission; and as a director of Huntingdon Savings Bank.

Through traveling, hunting, and photography, John enjoyed the beauty of nature..

The Stone Church sanctuary was where John proposed to Martha, and he most recently served as co-chair of 2008-09 renovation committee. He was an active deacon, and also served as a long time member of the finance team. John was a faithful member and active participant at Stone Church until he could no longer attend, due to his pulmonary fibrosis. We will deeply miss his commitment to Stone Church and the Huntingdon community.



## **Hazel Eileen Crouch**

February 15, 1924 – March 8, 2017

Hazel was born February 15, 1924 in DeGraff, OH, the daughter of Raymond Edgar and Hazel Mae Black. Her mother passed away at Hazel's birth, and she was reared by her Aunt Dora Briscoe and her two cousins, Catherine Long and Mabel Briscoe. She married Howard Crouch on June 15, 1947 in Columbus, OH. To this union three children were born: Marc, Eric and Marsha. While residing in Ohio, Hazel was employed as assistant to the director of the Ohio Historical Society. After relocating to Huntingdon, she was a member of the support staff at Juniata College in both the Beeghley Library and Audio Visual Department, retiring in 1989 after 25 years of service. Hazel and Howard enjoyed spending many seasons at their home in Florida during their retirement years, and actively participating in the church there. Hazel was an outstanding needlepoint artist as well as an actor. She was active in Huntingdon Community Theatre and shared in the melodrama presented at Stone Church. Her pleasant smile and sense of humor was enjoyed by all; She and Howard were active participants in the Stone Church Fellowship Sunday School class until her attendance was no longer possible due to declining health. Hazel died peacefully at her home on March 8, following 6 years of declining memory and health.

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> District Soup Kitchen trip
<b>2</b> 10:45 Worship W/ Bells  3-5 Cub Scout Ban- quet-FH 4-5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7p Deacons-Rm 201	<b>5</b>  7p Search Committee -Rm 201	<b>6</b>  5:30p BBBS/ S.M.A.R.T. 7:16p Choir	<b>7</b>  5p Local Food Assoc. Board-Rm 201 6p JC Genocide Awareness event – FH/Kitchen	<b>8</b>  8am Men's Break- fast-Donna's Restau- rant  6p JC Russian Dinner- FH, Kitchen
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday 12p Chicken dinner- FH 3p JC Movie Night-FH 4-5:30 Boy Scouts 6p Taize Service 7p Bells	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  7p-Habitat Humanity -Rm 102	<b>12</b> 3:45p-CCL-Rm 201 4p JC Student Appre- ciation Dinner-FH/ Kitchen 7p Leadership Team- Rm 201 7:16p Choir	<b>13</b>  6:30p LOVE FEAST	<b>14</b> Good Friday  12-3 Good Friday Community Service 6p JC Korean Dinner- Kitchen 7p Godspell Movie- Gathering Room	<b>15</b>  10a-9p JC Korean Dinner-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
<b>16</b> EASTER 6:30a Sunrise Service -Peace Chapel 10:45 Worship w/ Bells	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  12p Older Adult Luncheon-Rm 102  5:15p Worship Team- Rm 201	<b>19</b>  7p Finance Team-Rm 201	<b>20</b> 4p JC Honors Recital- Sanctuary 5:30p BBBS/ S.M.A.R.T. 5:30p C.E. Team-Rm 201 7:16p Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  9a-3p JC Science Olympiad Event  12:30p SURJ-Rm 203
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  7p Search Committee -Rm 201 7p CBD Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall	<b>26</b>  5:30p JC Pasta Din- ner 3:45p-CCL-Rm 201	<b>27</b> Marty off HAHS Musical  5:30p BBBS/ S.M.A.R.T. 6p Soup Kitchen 7:16p Choir	<b>28</b> Marty off HAHS Musical  6p Francophone Appreciation Dinner (JC)-FH/Kitchen	<b>29</b> Marty off HAHS Musical
<b>30</b> Marty off						

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*A time of service, prayer and reflection.*

Thursday evening

April 13

6:30pm

Stone Church Fellowship Hall

**Gather to share the Agape Meal,  
service of footwashing, and  
communion: Love Feast**

