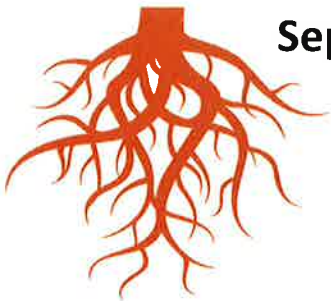


STONE CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2017

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.

Fall Sermon Series: How does our vision live? Like a tree...



September: Rooting – Spiritual nourishment sermon series:

- 3rd Donna Rhodes: Stepping faithfully into change
- 10th Interim Pastor Anna Lisa Gross: Members of One Another
- 17th Pastoral Candidates visit
- 24th Interim Pastor Anna Lisa Gross & the Finance Team: Hunger

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday school begins Sept. 3 with a two-week mini-series: The Changing Church.

The combined class examines changes in national, denominational and congregational life and explores what it means to live into our mission statement.

K- 11th will meet as a combined class led by Pam Grugan and Joanne Thurston-Griswold to allow teachers to participate in the mini-series.

All classes begin in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am September 3rd & 10th.

Regular Sunday school classes will begin Sept. 17:

- Early childhood – Joanne Thurston-Griswold
- Elementary – Pam Grugan: Being God's People, reading Acts and Genesis
- Youth 8th-11th – Rick Laabs: Bound together/clothed in Christ
- Young adults (High School Seniors/College) – Chuck Yohn and David Meadows: short film discussions
- Sojourners – Laura White: book discussion "Reading the Bible After Christendom" by Lloyd Pietersen
- Fellowship Class – Bruce Lidston: Biblical Studies "Covenants with God"

Christy and Dale are blessed for their next journey



“If everyone could feel this loved, our world would be such a different place.”
--Christy Dowdy

ALL PRAISE BE THE NAME, WHO WAS, AND IS, AND IS TO BE, IS STILL THE SAME!

Praising the Living God

Sunday, August 27, our worship service celebrated the eternal, steadfast presence of God, which Pastor Christy reflected in 18 years of loving, stable leadership. We also celebrated Pastor Dale (who retired in 2015) and his 16 years of compassionate leadership.

Our Strength and Stay

One of Pastor Christy's favorite hymns is the “God of Abraham Praise” and we sang this powerful song of God's eternal nature as the scripture for the day, Ephesians 4:1-6, was read in multiple translations by Juniata students Evan Ulrich, Eddie Rice and Sarah Ullom-Minnich.

The Stone Church Ringers shared an anthem based on the hymn, will Belle Tuten, soprano. “Our Strength and Stay” was commissioned by Belle Tuten and Sharon Yohn in honor of Christy's 18 years of ministry with Stone Church. Composer Gabriel Gould worked with the ancient Jewish doxology (song of gratitude) the *Yigdal*, and the Church of the Brethren's modern adaption in our hymnal, to create the anthem “Our Strength and Stay.”

Making A Joyful Noise

Music was robust and meaningful throughout the service. Loren and Donna Rhodes played “Great is Thy Faithfulness” as the prelude, establishing the theme of God's steadfast presence throughout transition at Stone and turmoil in our country.



With Dante Fisher's leadership, the choir sang “I was Glad” as a call to worship and “Total Praise” during the offering. Christy's sermon “Blessed for the Journey” reminded us that we are called by Christ and united across time and distance through our calling. David Meadows, tenor, and Terry Murray, pianist, responded to the sermon with the anthem “We are an Offering.”

We shared the ancient ritual of laying-on-of-hands in prayer with Christy and Dale, to bless them for their next journey and honor how they have not only touched, but truly shaped, Stone Church.



Agatha says goodbye

Christy and Agatha have been talking about goodbyes in the young people gathering time throughout the summer. On Sunday, Agatha hugged the young people goodbye and got in her suitcase.

The Community Gathered

Bell tables contributed to the cozy celebration on Sunday. Head Usher Mary Garvey counted 242 in worship, and setting up chairs in the back of the sanctuary was a cheerful task.

The worshipping community included former Stone Church members who have moved away and friends and colleagues from other churches in Huntingdon.



Go to huntingdonstonechurch.org/newsletter for color pictures!

Feasting on food and stories

Lisa Hosler (with wonderful help) created a seasonal smorgasbord and we enjoyed being together in the line wrapping around the church building.

Juniata returns

About 26 Juniata students joined us for lunch and got to know each other, chaplain Dave Witkovsky, young adult Sunday school leader David Meadows, JC alum Sandy Loughlin and Interim Pastor Anna Lisa Gross a little better. The JC Wildlife Society (with Chuck Yohn's leadership) washed lunch dishes so the rest of us could visit.

Dessert reception

We moved the lunch tables to get all people in one room and set up a dessert extravaganza in the Witness Hallway. Friends came from far and near, including First Church of the Brethren Roaring Spring.

Moderator Brooke Meadows got the crowd moving with questions. Stand if you:

- were on the Search Team in 1999 that brought the Dowdys here? [Harriet Kaylor stood— anyone else?]
- were here for their trial sermon and candidate weekend? [perhaps 1/3 of the crowd stood]

By the time she got to:

- Whose life has been touched by the Dowdys?

The whole room was standing.



We passed a mic so all could speak tributes. By video, Jill & Marty Keeney, Lauren Seganos Cohen, Stephen Dowdy and Micah Dowdy offered love and thanks. We were blessed with a holy blend of laughter and tears.

Gifts

We loved watching Christy and Dale open their gifts; read about them on the next page.



Closing

What more could be said? We were drenched in gratitude, aware of all we've shared. So Dale got his guitar and sang a duet with Christy, "Sing praises to God, forever and ever...."



See all this in color at our website.
huntingdonstonechurch.org/newletter

From Christy



My dear friends,

My heart is overflowing.

"A most amazing day..." (those are some of the words from a song of the musical "Children of Eden" and that tune, along with the strains of "The God of Abraham Praise," and "For everyone born" continue to sing in my whole being.

I was certainly surprised and delighted!

Surprised and delighted by a church full of friends: those who came for the first time as new Juniata students, community friends, friends from afar and all those who are part of almost every Sunday morning worship at this beloved community of faith.



Surprised and delighted by amazing music which included the (VERY BIG SURPRISE) of the commissioned bell composition and solo by Belle Tuten; beautiful duets by Donna and Loren Rhodes, the choir's "Total Praise," and "I was Glad," and David Meadow's gorgeous "We are an Offering," beautifully accompanied by Terry Murray.

(Not) surprised but certainly delighted with a most awesome lunch for over 200 guests, led by the most wonderful cook Lisa and her family and friends!

Surprised and delighted by the beautifully decorated tables set up for the ultimate in hospitality!



Surprised and delighted by the gifts presented in a beautifully wrapped box Better than any Christmas ever!

- A stunning stained glass creation of the Tub and Towel by local artist, Deb Tumlin
- 2 newly designed STONE CHURCH mugs with a "wad of cash" included!
- framed photo of Dale and I at the Stone Church arched doors
- framed photo of the whole Stone congregation (that was a BIG SURPRISE) taken Aug 20, with Shepherd holding our picture. Words on the back are: We stand behind you. Our prayers go before you. We hold you close in our hearts.
- Gift certificates for "THE BEST" restaurants in Harrisonburg, VA!
- Cards and notes and personal gifts

Surprised and delighted by tributes and stories that made my heart sing.

Surprised and delighted by the slideshow shared (thank you Tinka!!)

Surprised and delighted by the feast of desserts!

Surprised and delighted by ALL THE DETAILS!! (and everyone who held the details.)

As I leave I regret I didn't get to say "good-bye" to every one of you; (the plan to "make it around to the tables" didn't quite work out.) There wasn't time to be able to make all the visits I wanted to make in these last weeks and days; eventually, all of us need to depart.

Dale and I are deeply grateful to every one of you who made Sunday, August 27 one of the very best days of our lives!

Special thanks to Anna Lisa Gross and Brooke Meadows who are absolutely the best friends and partners in ministry anyone could imagine.

I was exhausted following the Sunday festivities, but my 18 years with you, culminating in this day of amazing thanksgiving and worship was more than we could have imagined. Truly ... our hearts are overflowing and we are deeply, deeply grateful.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Christy Dowdy



How does our vision live?
LIKE A TREE...

**Spiritual
nourishment
sermon series**

Sep 3: Donna Rhodes
Sep 10: Interim Pastor
Anna Lisa
Sept 17: Pastoral Candidates
Sep 24: Interim Pastor Anna
Lisa & Finance Team

**Equipping and
empowering
sermon series**

Oct 1: World Communion Sunday
(Anna Lisa)
Oct 8: Dave Witkovsky
Oct 15: Chuck Yohn
Oct 22: Jerriann Heiser Wenger
Oct 29: Interim Pastor Anna Lisa

**Continuing the
work of Jesus
sermon series**

Nov 5: Laura White &
Interim Pastor Anna Lisa
Nov 12: Interim Pastor
Anna Lisa & Finance Team
Nov 19: Mark Meckstroth
Nov 26: Mary Garvey



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rooting



growing



fruiting



Choir!

Choir rehearsals every Thursday at 7:16pm in the sanctuary.

If you have any questions about participating in choral music, instrumental music, bell choir, or have other musical abilities we might be able to make use of at Stone Church, please be in touch (dantejordanfisher@gmail.com or 599-7581).



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 16

8am

Donna's Restaurant
-Back room-

All men are welcome!

Older Adult Lunch

The Older Adult Lunch gathering will meet Tuesday, **September 19th at 12 noon** in room 102. **We'll discuss the candidates' visit and pastoral transition process.** If you know someone within Stone Church or a neighbor or friend who might enjoy this time of gathering, be sure to invite them. Reservations are requested in the church office (643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) by Monday, September 18th.
.....See you on September 19th!

Lunch.
Feed your curiosity



Children's Disaster Services (ministry of the Church of the Brethren) volunteers are in San Antonio serving children and families in Red Cross shelters due to Hurricane Harvey and rainstorms. Brethren Disaster Ministries and Church World Service (CWS) are gathering clean-up buckets and other Gift of the Heart kits to the area.

We are collecting for both Children's Disaster Services and Brethren Disaster Ministries in worship or at the church office anytime. You can write checks to Stone Church with "flooding" in the memo line, or put cash in an envelope labeled "flooding."

We hold all those affected and all volunteers in our prayers. Prayer also is requested for a Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) project site, Casa de Esperanza, which is located in the affected area.



Search Team



Stone Church is moving intentionally into our pastoral transition. We have experienced a meaningful good-bye with Dale and Christy Dowdy, and we remain lovingly cared for by interim pastor Anna Lisa Gross. Our next step is to experience a visitation weekend and trial sermon with the pastoral team invited by the search team.

The search team worked diligently and prayerfully as we interviewed our candidate pool, always considering the fit between candidates and Stone Church. While we had an excellent candidate pool, we were unanimous in our decision to invite this team, and we feel excited about possibilities with them.

I know you'd like to hear names and more information about them. However, with the advent of social media and the ease of tweeting, texting, and posting on Facebook, we are not sharing names at this point. There is another congregation involved, and we don't want to cause discomfort and anxiety for the candidates, the other congregation, or Stone Church with the release of premature information.

The candidates are well educated and, as a team, bring an incredible balance of the multitude of pastoral skills needed in successful ministry. They hold the desire to blend their skills with the life-giving mission and ministry of Stone Church serving in the one and a half pastoral positions designed by the Discovery Team.

Mark your calendars for a meet and greet session set at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 16 in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy light snacks and fellowship as the candidates and Stone Church community get to know one another. Our September 17 worship service will include the trial sermon and worship planned by our candidates. We will follow the worship service with a congregational business meeting which will include two votes: the first to call them as pastors and the second vote to approve the financial package, providing the first vote was positive. It is Church of the Brethren practice that current pastor(s) are not present when candidates visit a congregation, so Interim Pastor Anna Lisa Gross will not be at Stone Church this weekend.

We rejoice in the fact that our search process moved quickly and well. Many congregations are often in the process for a couple of years. A pastoral transition can be a time of anxiety as we wonder about the future, but take heart in the reassurance that the search committee worked prayerfully on behalf of Stone Church and feels very encouraged about this selection.

More information will be provided as we near the visitation weekend. We look forward to our time with the pastoral team, and we know that Stone Church is moving confidently into the next season of our life together in shared ministry.

Taizé Worship



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

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

3rd SUNDAYS

September 17

October 15

6PM

Stone Church Sanctuary

Inspiration 2017



The National Older Adult Conference is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities and the world.

September 4-8 marks a quarter of a century for those in the Church of the Brethren, age 50+, to gather for a week of inspiration and rejuvenation. This year the National Older Adult Conference is being held in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The theme for this year's conference, Inspiration 2017, is "Generations": "One generation shall laud God's works to another and shall declare God's mighty acts." (Psalm 145: 4).

If you aren't there in person, watch online!



RAGS NEEDED!

If you have a surplus of good cleaning rags, we could use them at the church! Just drop them off at the church office! -Thank you!



Stone Church's WIFI improved over the summer!

Access the guest account without a password.

Thank you to Phillip Zink for the equipment and service upgrade!



News From CAMP

Heritage Fair – September 23

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the 37th annual Heritage Fair at Camp Blue Diamond. Highlights include delicious homemade foods, crafts, children's activities, auctions, live entertainment and the Brethren Heritage Center. New this year – the Diamond Dash 5K! Heritage Fair generally runs from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., with booths opening after 8:30 a.m. Parking and admission are free, with shuttles available from the parking lots. For more information about all the action at Heritage Fair, visit www.campbluediamond.org/heritagefair.html.

Volunteer parkers are needed. If you're willing to help, please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office, or contact David Meadows.



Diamond Dash 5K – September 23

Join us for Heritage Fair's Diamond Dash 5K Walk/Run at 7:00 a.m. in front of the Camp Directors' House. Registration is open until the event. Register by Sept. 7 and get a free Diamond Dash t-shirt! This new event is being planned by the Albright Church of the Brethren. Entrance Fee: \$30

Little Juniata River Canoe Float – October 7

Enjoy the serenity of the river, the beauty of autumn colors, and the fellowship of brothers and sisters while paddling down the Juniata River. Meet Camp Staff at Camp Blue Diamond at 10:00 a.m. to load up. The float will begin at Spruce Creek and end before 4:00 p.m. at Peterburg – about 7 miles. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch, canoe, all the needed gear, and transportation to and from the river.

Upcoming Events

SOLO Wilderness First Aid	September 9 – 10
Diamond Dash 5K	September 23
Heritage Fair	September 23
Little Juniata Canoe Float	October 7
Junior Retreat for Grades 3-5	October 20 – 21
SOLO Wilderness First Aid	November 4 – 5

Have questions?

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

Stone Church celebrates new members!

Cheryl Washburn was born and raised in Norwalk, Connecticut but has lived in



Huntingdon since the 1960's. She is married to Bob Washburn and has two sons and three grandchildren, two in the Philadelphia area and one in Los Angeles.

She most recently worked as a preschool teacher before retirement. Through the years she has been active in many community organizations including the Friends of the Huntingdon County Library. She is currently on the board of First Book - Huntingdon County, an organization that promotes children's literacy.

Cheryl wants to express her appreciation to the pastors and the Stone Church community for all the blessings she has received from her association with Stone Church.

Emmanuel Jordan Soliday is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Everett High School. He enjoys listening to music and singing it too – did you catch his performance at the county fair's talent show?



Jordan also enjoys movies, travel, and meeting new people. His best gift is giving hugs! He also has skills in laughing with others, greeting strangers, sharing in other's sadness and joy, and smiles.

Jordan most appreciates the people and the singing at Stone Church. He also enjoys Sunday school and wishes we had it in the summer. Jordan's parents are Anita and Doug, and his sister is Chloe.

Landon Dex Meadows is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Hollidaysburg High School.



Landon enjoys playing sports, playing in band, and spending time with his friends. Landon plays baritone horn in marching band and his baseball team went to the championships this summer. Landon most appreciates Sunday school at Stone Church. His best gift is his competitive spirit.

Nina Jane Meadows is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Hollidaysburg Elementary School. This summer she rode her bike from home to school and back, all by herself, for the first time. Nina enjoys gymnastics, tennis and reading. Her greatest gift is compassion! Nina most appreciates Sunday school at Stone Church.

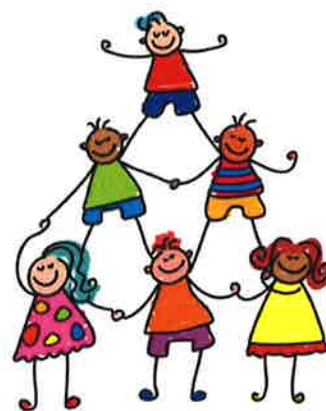


Ways for Congregations to Support our Ministers

Beth Cage, Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Church of the Brethren

We had the honor of throwing a party for Christy and Dale, and the joy was infectious! With pastoral transition at Stone we're reflecting on our church relationships. PCABC offers these ideas for supporting your pastors:

1. Pray - not random prayer but deliberate, sustaining prayer... with notes to him/her that prayer is on-going on his/her behalf.
2. Have a worship service where the pastor is a member of the congregation... so s/he can be filled.
3. Protect a pastor's time of study and sermon prep.
4. Invest in their continuing education... seminars, workshops, etc.
5. Give them resources for growth and development... books, webinars, gift certificates for Materials, etc.
6. Honor their days off.
7. Be respectful of their time... phone calls during office hours, etc.
8. Offer a sabbatical for renewal. It's in the pastoral handbook. Talk with the District Executive about this opportunity.
9. Be a friend and listen! Both the pastor and their spouse need a confidential friend too!
10. Defend him/her when criticized; never publically criticize or complain about the pastor.
11. If you have a concern or complaint... share it with them honestly and confidentially.
12. Let him/her use your time share or vacation home/cabin for a get-away.
13. Smile during the sermons!!!
14. Put flowers in the church in their honor.
15. Take personal responsibility to create excitement and enthusiasm.
16. Find out what books, periodicals, or music s/he likes and make a surprise order.
17. Offer to help... fold bulletins, answer phone, work on newsletters, etc.
18. Clean the car while s/he has office hours... what a wonderful surprise!
19. Provide gift certificates to a bookstore or coffee shop.



20. Volunteer to do odd jobs around their house, especially when they go away for Annual Conference or are on vacation.
21. Send fruit or flowers -for no reason except you appreciate them!
22. Use your special talents for blessing your pastor, i.e. sewing, woodwork, painting, etc.
23. Have the whole church sign a huge card... it can bring a lasting reminder of the unity of the church body and their appreciation for the pastor's service.
24. Make/provide T-shirts for the pastor and family. Have all the children make one, wear it and present one to the pastor. Be creative!
25. Allow the pastor to share his/her vision for the church.
26. Set aside a week and bombard them with texts, emails, and tweets from members of the Congregation - messages showing appreciation.
27. Remember birthdays, anniversaries and holidays... with cards or a call.
28. Tell your pastor THANK YOU... not just when you leave the worship service on Sunday.
29. Develop a calendar or list of ideas for the congregation to adopt or sign up for:
 - Thank you notes or thinking of you notes assigned to classes or individuals so they are on-going throughout the year
 - Pastor and spouse appreciation day - plan a big celebration!
 - Take the family out to lunch or dinner
 - Babysit for young families so Mom and Dad have time together
 - Give them a "night out" with gift certificates to restaurants, movies or local activities
 - Offer to do things around the house (great for youth activity) like mow, trim, prune, etc.
 - Send a cartoon or thought... by any convenient mode i.e. email, text, note, etc.
 - Be a friend... do things with him/her... walk, have coffee, craft projects, sports, etc.
 - Make an (unexpected) meal or dessert and take it to them
 - Have Children's Sunday school draw pictures with a note of appreciation
 - Write an article in the church newsletter about how you appreciate the pastor

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13 says: Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.



Stone Church August 2017 Leadership Team Meetings "Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together."



On August 9th, the Leadership Team had an exit interview with Pastor Christy to hear insights from 18 years of Ministry with Stone Church. Christy shared challenges and successes from that wealth of time and the session ended with warm memories, a richer outlook for the future, and prayer.

On August 16th, the Leadership Team had a traditional meeting. The highlights include:

- A positive report from Search Team about pastoral candidates
- Details regarding preparations for the farewell celebrations with the Dowdys
- The call for a Transition Team to support staff in the coming months with historical perspective, troubleshooting, and other questions that might arise. Brook Meadows, Laura White and Rick Laabs have agreed to serve.
- Status reports from the pastors, moderator, and ministry teams that were present.



The setting may be a home, hospital or nursing facility room, or office. There may be just 2, or more people present. The situation may be illness, loss of a loved one, or some other life transition. The intent of sharing God's love and peace and the caring of Stone Church, through a prayer shawl makes the love always present.

The Stone Church Prayer Shawl Ministry is beginning its ninth year of caregiving and has shared over 300 shawls and several pillows. Each presentation is unique to the personal situation; yet, the response from the recipient almost always is one of deep gratitude that they are remembered and are gifted with a shawl that was created with prayer, love, and hope.

Our Shawl Ministry has a notebook filled with thank you notes received. An excerpt from a recent card received from the spouse of a surgery patient: "Thank you for the prayers and shawl. He wanted it wrapped around him in the hospital, and he had it on continuously until his discharge. At home, he still covers himself with it."

The Stone Church Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the conference room near the church office. Consider joining us! We knit or crochet, chat and laugh together, and we share in a prayer of blessing for the shawls and recipients. We welcome your participation; we would love to have you stitch with us! If you would like to participate, but don't know how to knit or crochet, we will have someone to help you get started.

We meet next on Monday, September 11, and new members are welcome! If you have questions about the Stone Church Prayer Shawl ministry, please contact Donna Rhodes or the church office.



Thank you to Cathy Cloz who organized the workers and the meal. Pam Grugan and her team made fresh bread and pesto from the community garden. We had over 89 for the meal and the usual great conversations and interactions. We were joined in the kitchen by several women from the local Church of the Latter Day Saints, and Melissa McBayer organized desserts.

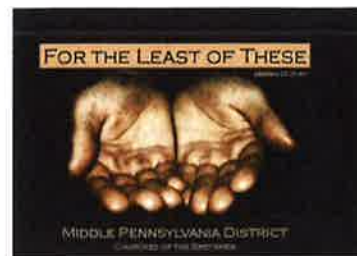
Stone Church's next meal is October 26th. We don't yet have a coordinator! Contact Beth Williams or Pam Grugan to help! Talk with previous coordinators Cathy Cloz or Chris Gibboney to learn more.

2017 District Conference — October 13-14, 2017

Maitland Church of the Brethren
315 Crossover Drive Lewistown, PA 17044

Moderator – Brian Bert

Friday Evening Speaker: David Radcliff



All are welcome to attend, carpooling encouraged

Our delegates are Jeff Decker, Henry Thurston-Griswold, Dean Wenger, Bruce and Carolyn Lidston, and Interim Pastor Anna Lisa Gross.

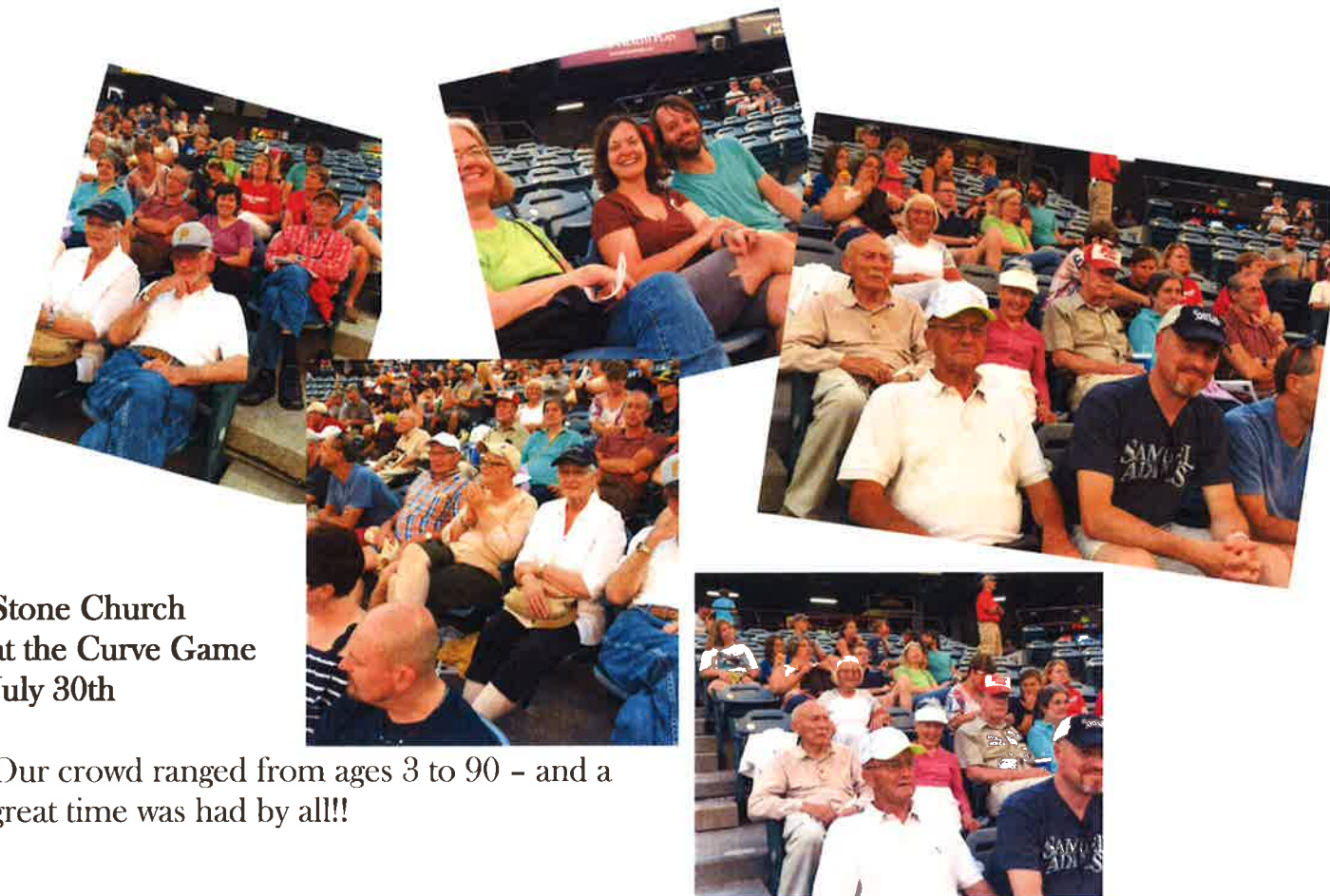
STONE CHURCH WORSHIP CENTER



Worship Center Flower Dedication Sign-Ups — Commemorate a loved one, special event or season with a floral arrangement or focal piece! Sign-up on the sheet posted at the back of the sanctuary, or contact Patti Paterson. 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, you can call Patti at (h) 658-3399 or (c) 599-6962.

Stone Church at the Curve Game July 30th

Our crowd ranged from ages 3 to 90 - and a great time was had by all!!





MESSENGER MUSINGS

*“Hair was here,
Now men shave their heads”*



Mrs. Goshorn was to write this month. She’s a much better writer than I. She went to Juniata College and to the University of Pittsburgh. And she was a reference librarian at Huntingdon and Altoona. But her computer, nearly ten years old, broke. What a shame.

Has hair loss had any effect on you? Has it caused worry about the future? Do you feel less attractive to the opposite sex? How do you feel about men who have shaved their heads to feel more attractive? My head is too lumpy for that. Some are embarrassed, less confident after hair loss. Is your beautician careful to cover your bald spot?

Found on a Dove dark chocolate wrapper: “Learn something new about a loved one.” One example could be – How do they feel about dark chocolate? Do they prefer milk chocolate? Have they ever been to Hershey, Pennsylvania, to tour the Hershey chocolate factory?

Boxing Great Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali after joining the Nation of Islam at age 22. His grave marker in the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville reads: “Service to others is the rent you pay for your room in Heaven.”

Poet Maya Angelou is quoted as saying, “Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, & liking how you do it.”

Writer J. K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter stories, said, “It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might not have lived at all.”

A little puzzler for you: R-O-Y-G-B-I-V. You’ll find the answer will color your life.

If you read the Brethren Church’s “Messenger,” you’ll find a story about Ted Studebaker, a volunteer with the Vietnam Christian Service that our own Andy and Terry Murray wrote a song about, titled “Brave Young Man from Ohio.” Studebaker opposed the war and died there for his faith. If you don’t already subscribe to the “Messenger,” contact Debbie in our Stone Church office.

Quoting a line from one of my favorite movies, Salma Hayak’s great grandmother tells her, “You will never know Love unless you surrender to it.”

As our summer wanes, those of us kiddies who can say “cherry popsicles” can thank Mrs. Goshorn and me for these winners: Why did the inches obey the yardstick? He was their ruler. Everybody knows that! How does the Moon clean the ice off its windshield? It has a skyscraper. Why won’t the Rooster ride on the Roller Coaster? He’s a chicken. Didn’t you know that? What did the horse say to the angry Bull? What’s YOUR Beef?

When my wife stutters --- I know she’s up to no good!

--By Gene Goshorn, for Alberta Goshorn

September Birthdays

3—Holden McBrayer	11—Rachael Beck	20—Aiden Borgardt
5—Cheryl McClain	12—Lynn Cockett	22—Bill Peters
5—Floyd McDowell	13—Pam Hileman	24—Grace Cook-Huffman
7—Kathleen Biddle	14—Brandon Beck	24—Richard Widman
7—Harriet Kaylor	14—Rena Bumgardner	25—Joan Engle
8—Kris Launtz	14—Barbara Detwiler	25—Earl Kaylor
8—William Musser	15—Randy Yoder	25—Austin Plane
8—Michael Peters	16—Rowan Dickey	26—Doug Soliday
9—Kleda Evans	17—Joanne Dolnikowski	29—Howard Parlett
10—Barbara Purdy	18—Laban Wenger	30—Tom Ness
10—Betty Quarry	19—Henry Thurston-Griswold	

September Anniversaries

1—Melissa & Bert McBrayer	15—Sharon & Chuck Yohn
1—Margaret & William Smith	21—Mary Garvey & Jeremy Santos
4—Lona & Wilfred Norris	25—Cindy & Geoff Clarke
5—Kathleen & Joe Biddle	29—Pamela & Jeff Adams
8—Greg & Beth Smolcic-Larson	



Church Database Pictures:

Have you sent your individual and family photo to the office, or had a new one taken by Tinka before/after Worship on Sunday? We'd like to see your face in the upcoming photo directory!!



Food Pantry Needs

Food Pantry Sunday—September 17

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the children's circle time. The September item of the month for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is Toilet Paper 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 AUGUST, the item was canned vegetables. We collected 111 cans of vegetables as well as 10 boxes of cereal, 2 of pasta, 4 Jello, and 10 jars of baby food were donated to this local ministry, and \$68.00 in cash was donated toward Farmer's Market Bonus Bucks, which support fresh veggie and fruit purchases for families who receive SNAP.



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

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 TomatoFest Setup- Kitchen	2 8a-3p TomatoFest – Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen
3 9:30a Sunday School begins (“The Chang- ing Church” series) 10:45a Worship 6-9p JC Food Class-	4 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	5 6p Christian Ed.-Rm 201 7-9p JC Food Class- FH/Kitchen	6	7 10am Office/ Treasurer mtg 11:30a Office/JC mtg	8	9
10 9:30a Sunday School (“The Changing Church” series) 10:45a Worship 1p Boy Scouts 4p Cub Scouts 6p B.B.B.S.Club-FH	11 6p Prayer Shawl-Rm 201 7p Finance Team-Rm 201 7p SURJ-FH/Rm 102	12 7p-Habitat Humanity -Rm 102	13 10a Staff Meeting- Rm 201 5:30p Worship Team -Rm 201 7p Leadership Team- Rm 201	14 6:30p-Democratic Committee-Rm 102 7:16p Choir	15	16 8a Men’s Breakfast- Donna’s Restaurant 6p Meet & Greet w/ Pastoral Candidates- FH
17 9:30a Sunday School (regular classes begin) 10:45a Worship <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 6p Taize Worship	18 7-9:30P Beekeepers Assoc.-Rm 201	19 12p Older Adult Luncheon-Rm 102	20	21 7:16p Choir	22	23 Heritage Fair CBD
24 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship 2p B.B.B.S	25	26	27 6:30p Pastoral Rela- tions-Library	28 4-9p JC Food Class- FH/Kitchen 7:16p Choir	29	30

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STONE CHURCH NEWS

September 2017

Fall Sermon Series – *How does our vision live? Like a tree...*

September 3rd – November 26th

Meet & Greet Pastoral Candidates

September 16, 6:00pm

**Pastoral Candidates lead worship & preach,
-Congregational Meeting to follow**

September 17, 10:45am

Taize Worship

September 17, 6:00pm

Details Inside!



Dowdy celebration stories inside