

STONE CHURCH NEWS

October 2019

From the Pastor's Desk



Halloween is coming. Filled with ghosts and goblins wandering the streets, Jack-O-Lanterns and trick-or-treaters. Sometimes it's easy to forget that Halloween started out as a church holiday! "All Hallows Eve," the night before "All Saints Day." It's the part of the church year when we remember the dead - the faithful departed who have gone on ahead. Hebrews 12 reminds us that we are not alone:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..."

The chapter before that recounts the stories of so many great heroes of the faith. Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, David, and still others... We are not alone. We are joined on our journey - *cheered on* - by those men and women who have gone before. As Hebrews reminds us, none of them ever saw the culmination of the work. Abraham and Sarah died with only two sons - well short of the "descendants more numerous than the stars" they had been promised. Moses himself never set foot in the promised land. But they lived by faith, each doing their part in their time, before passing the mantle to the next generation.

We too are part of a community like that. Cindy and I are always so aware and grateful for those ministers who shepherded this congregation in years past - Christy & Dale Dowdy, Anna Lisa Gross, Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Tim Raymond, Earl Fike, Dick Landrum, Earl Kaylor and so many others. We are so aware of the way they have nurtured and brought health to this church family of which we are now a part. We remember also those faithful from this church family and from our own families who have gone on ahead in the past year... Orpha Hearn and Floyd McDowell. Russel and Carol Pollock. Henry Tuten and Naomi Keeney. Dave Aurand and Emerie Rhodes. Lamar Rhodes and Dianne Shingler. Howard Parlett, Raymond Coulter, and others.

Together we continue the work, cheered on by those who have gone on ahead, by this great cloud of witnesses as we take up the mantle and seek to live out the good news here in this community and around the world.

In the following pages, you will discover that this month is again full of opportunities to gather together as the community of faith. In worship we will dive into the apocalyptic visions of the book of *Revelation*. We will discover together that this dreamscape draws us out of our individualistic worlds and invites us to envision a new world. As Michael Battle puts it, Revelation invites us to "dream again," reminding us "that dreams can become reality."

On October 6th, we will wrap up our Stewardship Outreach, as we, through our gifts and commitments, make possible the ministry of this church toward creating this new reality. Together as a community, from generation to generation, we get to be part of the work. We may never see its culmination, but we live together by faith - trusting that God is at work in us and through us. And so we press on together, *running with perseverance the race that is set before us...*

Sunday School

@ 9:30am

EARLY CHILDHOOD (Toddler – 2nd grade)

“Stories of God’s People & Church Friends in Many Places” with Jeannie Lashlee

“LLAMACATS” (Grades 3-7)

Living into Christian values with Pam Grugan

SENIOR HIGH (Grades 8-12)

“In the Beginning” with Pastor Ben Lattimer



ADULTS

• *Sojourners*, coordinated by Laura White. For adults of all stripes (young, middle-aged, and seniors)!! This fall, the study book is titled *Just Spirituality: How Faith Practices Fuel Social Action*, by Rev. Mae Elise Cannon. The author, the executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, develops the topic through examining life stories: Mother Teresa, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Jr., and four other spiritual social activists. If you didn't participate last year but would like to join, please contact Laura (laura.jamie@gmail.com) so we order enough copies of the book.

October 6: Ch. 2 - Larry Martin (pp. 36-47); Prayer (pp. 51-57)

October 13: Ch. 2 - Prayer (pp. 51-57)

October 20: Ch. 3 - Watchman Nee (pp. 58-69); Scripture Study (pp. 74-80)

October 27: Ch. 3 - Mark Labberton (pp. 69-74); Scripture Study (pp. 74-80)

• *Bible Study – “Women of the Bible (continued) and Revelation”* with Pastor Cindy Lattimer. We will continue to look at the stories of different women in the Bible at the beginning of the month. Then, on October 20th, we will shift to the book of *Revelation*, alongside our new sermon series. Because Revelation is so unfamiliar to many and rich with avenues of thought, we will expand on the texts used to guide the preaching during October and then return to studying women after that worship series finishes. For most, the ability to study the scripture as a group enhances their engagement with and appreciation for the sermon. Make sure you join us in what promises to be a fascinating and informative series.



SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Love Feast, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2019

We will gather as the Stone Church community to celebrate the abundance in our midst through Love Feast. Each of us has something to bring - and all of us are invited - young and old; those who have been before and those who are curious and exploring. We can *all* share, serve, sing, remember, discover, and be blessed!



One day Jesus was praying. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...'
 Luke 11:1

2019 Middle Pennsylvania District Conference
Saturday, October 12

9:00am – 4:00pm

New Enterprise Church of the Brethren
 3729 Brumbaugh Rd.
 New Enterprise, PA 16664

**We hope you'll attend ---
 but you don't have to attend to support the ministries!!
 Donations can be made at the church!**

Outreach Project:

Southern Cove Volunteer Fire Company

The Program & Arrangements Committee would like to support a local ministry in the New Enterprise area. The Southern Cove Volunteer Fire Company is always on call and is supported by donations. During District Conference we will be collecting items for their ministry

- Granola Bars
- Protein Bars
- Packs of crackers
- Cases of water
- Gatorade



Monetary Donations:

Offerings will go toward.....

The Village at Morrisons Cove to purchase a lift the facility uses called a SARA-Flex stand up lift. The cost of the lift is \$4,420.00. The facility needs these types of lifts to ensure safe transfers for residents and to promote independence. Saturday offering will go to support the purchase of a lift. **Checks payable: Middle PA District.**



Pennies for Witness is an offering emphasis on our outreach ministries: Trucker Traveler, CentrePeace, Prince Gallitzin Park Ministry, Small Church Fund, Outreach Ministry Matching Grants, Global Outreach. We encourage congregations to collect pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and dollars. That is a lot of spare change! **Checks payable: Middle PA District.**





Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 19th, at 8am

This time of food and fellowship is open to all men - Please Join Us!

We enjoy good food, plenty of jokes and laughs, wonderful fellowship and a light reflection. Fathers, bring your sons! They are welcome too! If you haven't attended before give it a try!

For more info or to RSVP:
(laabsra55@gmail.com or 814-599-8762).

**Donna's Family
Restaurant
(backroom)**



Older Adult Lunch

The Older Adult Lunch gathering will meet
Tuesday, October 15 at 12 noon in room 102.

Lunch.
Feed your curiosity

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.



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

Sunday Evening
6PM
October 20th
All are welcome!

For those who enjoy quiet and meditative worship, Stone Church offers Taize. All are welcome! Dress is very casual. The 45 minute service consists of music, prayers, and silence. A small group of instrumentalists accompany songs which are prayerfully repetitive. A Taizé service is an excellent opportunity to find some stillness and quiet in our busy world. Come, join us, and experience rest and peace for your spirit, a time of Sabbath.



Stone Church Sustainability Circle

October is Write to Congress about Climate Change Month!

Are you ready to help change the world? Take a few short minutes this month to respectfully ask your representatives to act on climate change. Just follow one of the three easy methods listed below.

1. Go to <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/write-your-representative/> to support the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763). This is a bipartisan bill that will reduce emissions, improve the economy and protect the most vulnerable. This policy has been endorsed by Stone Church.
2. Go to www.house.gov and www.senate.gov to look up contact information for your representatives. Then send them a respectful email asking for action on climate change.
3. Call your representatives and respectfully ask for action on climate change. You can find contact information at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov

Together we can create the political will for action!

Want to get more involved? Contact Sharon Yohn at yohns@juniata.edu

Save The Date **Stone Church** **Alternative Christmas Gifts Bazaar**

Saturday, December 7th
9am to 2pm
at Stone Church

Mark your calendars now
and

join us for this special Christmas shopping event!



A new extension of the bazaar: Stone Church will be hosting
a **BLOOD DRIVE** at the church on **Friday, Dec. 13**



News From CAMP

2019 Summer Camp Project

Every summer the Camp Blue Diamond Program Committee chooses a summer project for campers to support. An invitation is given prior to camp, and again at the end of the week. This is an important reminder to the campers to reach beyond themselves and offer care to others.

This past summer, the campers and their families raised \$686 for mosquito netting for the Queensland Girl's Boarding School in Nimule, South Sudan. Each week, about five girls at the school get malaria, a dangerous disease passed through mosquito bites. Because mosquitoes are most likely to bite while a child is sleeping, draping nets over the beds greatly reduces the chance of malaria. Each net costs only \$6, but most girls don't have the money for one. The school needs about 400 nets, and camp's offering is enough for over 100 of them. Thanks to all the campers and families that contributed!

Upcoming Events

Youth Retreat for grades 9-12	January 10-12
Jr. High Retreat for grades 6-8	February 7-9
Junior Retreat for grades 3-5	March 6-7
Annual Dinners	March 27-28
Spring Work Day	April 4
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 24-26
Father/Son Retreat	May 1-2

Have questions?

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

"With us in spirit..." Below are members of our church family who, though not often physically able to join us in worship, remain with us in spirit. Remember them in your prayers, and with cards and visits! Please contact the church office to add others you know.

DeLois Fluke
11325 Raystown Rd.
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Jean Prendergast
930 Mifflin St.
Huntingdon, PA 16652

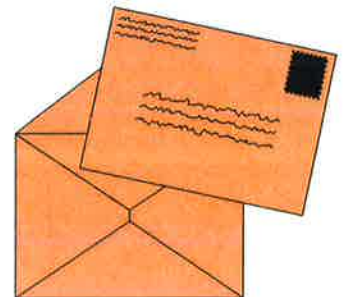
Thelma Wallace
5754 Wallace Dr.
Huntingdon, PA 16652

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

Westminster Woods

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

Arista Care (814-643-4210)
1229 Warm Springs Ave, Huntingdon 16652
Howard Crouch – Room 265





Gene's Jottings



"EVER GET THE FEELING?"

You might notice I like quotes. I pick quotes I hope will inspire, enlighten or make you laugh.

"Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity," bestselling author Yehuda Berg writes. "Words have energy and power, with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate, and to humble."

And words have the power to exhort.

A politician, noting the negativity in America today, declares:
"Our best days still lie ahead. Together we will choose hope over fear, unity over division and truth over lies."

As Mel Allen would say, "How about that!!"

"Be who you are and say what you feel," says Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel).
"Because those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."
"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

Winston Churchill observed that "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

And there is always "Anonymous:" ---

"Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words.
Keep your words positive because your words become your behavior.
Keep your behavior positive because you behavior becomes your habits.
Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values.
Keep your values positive because your values become your Destiny."

"Me and my big mouth. I'd get rid of it, only it's such a handy place to keep my teeth!
— Jimmy Durante

"Did you ever get the feeling that you wanted to go, but still had the feeling that you wanted to stay? You know it was right – wasn't wrong – you said you wouldn't be long. It's tough to have the feeling that you wanted to go; still to have the feeling that you wanted to stay. Started to go – changed your mind. Started to go again; but changed your mind again. Do re mi fa so la ti do!! I go!! I'll stay!!

— comic Jimmy Durante in the movie *The Man Who Came to Dinner*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

— Romans 7:15, 24-25

October Birthdays

4—Evan Peters	13—Jean Prendergast *103	23—Barb Moyer
5—Melissa Trout	15—Zeb Evans	23—Chip Gibboney
6—Marty Keeney	16—Mark Quarry	26—Kathryn Beck
6—Dale McClure *9221	17—Thomas Tuten	27—Dante Fisher
9—Myrna Landrum	17—Jamie White	27—Alberta Goshorn
9—Maxwell Paterson	18—Janis Jones	27—Sue Martin
9—Yvonne Stein	19—Gavin Musser	29—Thelma Wallace *92
12—Donna Rhodes	19—Peg Yoder	30—Laurie McMinn
12—Jim Tuten	20—Heather Fisher-Sneath	30—Judy Pheasant
12—Joanne Laabs	20—Maylin Musser	31—Maggie Lashlee
12—Quinera Bumgardner	23—Henry Elder	

October Anniversaries

6—Joanne & Rick Laabs *40	20—Joyce & John Keiper
13—Roxann & Jon Yon	21—Brenda & Monte Furry
17—Sarah Worley & Ryan Wetzel	26—Lori Schoupe-Wright & John Wright



Food Pantry Sunday—October 20th

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the young people gathering time. The October item of the month for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is PEANUT BUTTER, 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 SEPTEMBER, the item was Toilet Paper and 163 rolls of TP, along with 11 cans of vegetables, 2 jars of Peanut Butter and 2 Mac-n-cheese, 1 cornmeal, and 1 salad dressing were donated during the third Sunday monthly offering to this local ministry; and \$242.00 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 – and Stone Church gets 5% of your grocery receipt total when you buy your everyday groceries!

Over the past years, proceeds from this fund have provided refreshments and decorations for 4 celebration events (including a donation to the Wildlife Society in the name of the Juniata College students doing clean-up after the Dowdy's Farewell event), 2 committee meeting lunches, updated photos for the photo wall, our new website, thank-you gifts for special guests, church signage, and special church repair projects. ...What a GREAT ministry!

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
		12:00pm Worship Team (Room 201) 4:00pm JC History of Food class (Fellowship Hall & kitchen) 7:00pm Witness Team (Room 201)		8:45am C.E. Team (Room 201) 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 201) 7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	OFFICE CLOSED	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 4:00pm Boy Scouts (Gathering Space) 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		7:00pm Habitat for Humanity	5:30pm Personnel Team 7:00pm Leadership Team (Room 201)	6:00pm Democratic Committee Board (Rm 102) 7:00pm Democratic Committee (Fellowship) 7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	OFFICE CLOSED 3:00pm JC Japanese Dinner Prep (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)	DISTRICT CONFERENCE (N) 6:00pm JC Japanese Dinner (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	Newsletter Deadline	12:00pm Older Adult Luncheon (Room 102)	7:00pm Finance Team (TBD)	5:30pm B.B.S. Family night (Fellowship Hall) 7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	OFFICE CLOSED	8:00am Men's Monthly Breakfast (Donna's Family Restaurant, 9048 William Penn Hwy # 6, Huntingdon, PA 16652, USA)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Food Pantry Sunday (Pear) 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Taize Worship (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:30pm Beekeepers Meeting (Room 201)	6:30pm Deacons (Room 102)	CSK meal prep (kitchen) 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Property Team	5:30pm B.B.S. (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Community Soup Kitchen (Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, 50) 7:16pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm JC Korean Dinner Setup (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)	10:00am JC Korean Club Dinner (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
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Sep 29 - Oct 5

Oct 6 - 12

Oct 13 - 19

Oct 20 - 26

Oct 27 - Nov 2

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Stewardship Sunday – October 6

We receive stewardship pledge cards and acknowledge Sabbath as resistance.

Worship Series –

October 6: “*Sabbath as Resistance*” concludes

October 13: Preacher Joe Detrick

October 20-November 17: We begin “*Revelation*”



District Conference – October 12

Lord, Teach us to pray (Luke 11:1)