

STONE CHURCH NEWS

November 2016



Congregational Forum

Sunday, November 20

9:15 am Meet for coffee in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Meeting Begins

- ✓ Come to hear a "progress report" from the Discovery Team
- ✓ The slate for leadership 2017 will be presented

*Childcare and planned activities will be available for all young people while adults engage in the forum meeting.

A Stone Church Pot Luck Fellowship Meal!!

Sunday, November 13

following Worship - in the fellowship hall

Hosted by the Hospitality Team



Share this meal with our honored guest, preacher and former pastor, Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm. Bring a dish (or two??) to share, and join us in this time of fellowship!

Juniata Students and Older Adults are encouraged to come as guests!



Huntingdon Community Thanksgiving

offered by the Huntingdon Forum of Churches

Sunday - November 20 - 7 pm

at the Stone Church of the Brethren

The sermon will be offered by Rev. Mark Reid of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. and gifts of music will be shared by

- * a multi- church choir, directed by Marty Keeney
- * a duet of Mikayla and Shannon Harrington,
- * and Loren and Donna Rhodes, with piano/organ pieces.

The offering will be received for the Transient Fund, used to provide support and care for those traveling through our area without resources. Please invite friends and family for this service as we gather together and give thanks to God for the many blessings of life.



Stone Church of the Brethren
Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar
Saturday, December 3 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

GIVE A GIFT THAT HAS A LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPACT.

As this community of faith joins together for the Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar, we welcome your participation and encourage all to be involved with this great December day!

To Volunteer you may contact anyone on the committee:
Guen Porcelli, Carolyn or Bruce Lidston, Daisy or Jeff Decker

We especially need soup makers.

ALSO... please plan to attend the Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar!
Visit **new vendors**, share a cup of SERRV coffee or cocoa with a friend and enjoy the seasonal music.

SUNDAY
November 13th
6PM

Taizé Worship



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

For those who enjoy quiet and meditative worship, Stone Church is offering Taize worship services. This is a style of worship using scripture, silence, prayer, and repeated phrases of simple, but 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!

Leadership Team Meeting

10/12/2016

A Night of Thankfulness

Submitted by Vice Chair Rick Laabs



After a 10 month hiatus from the Leadership Team, I returned as Interim Vice Chairman, filling the remainder of Kim Witkovsky's term. My return was greeted by a meeting full of **thanksgiving**. Chairman Jeff Decker called the meeting to order with welcomes and announced it is National Clergy Appreciation month. The team celebrated and thanked Pastor Christy & Interim Pastor Anna Lisa's for their service and ministry.

We heard an inspiring reflection presented by both pastors, recounting a true story where a mega church arrogantly sent a letter requesting a small Brethren church to merge with them, presuming the smaller church could not sustain due to size. The Brethren Pastor declined. She recounted all the positive attributes of the smaller church asking if the larger would adopt the smaller one's values. Pastor Christy asked, "if we would ever consider merging with another church", then concluded with a prayer of thanks for the vibrancy of our Stone Church community of faith. .

Thanks were expressed for:

- Treasurer John Wright's efforts in producing the monthly and quarterly financial reports, including historic comparisons to recent years.
- Those providing reflections during Worship, in support of our annual Stewardship Campaign.
- Valerie Corbin's service in arranging the church library, which is soon to be open.
- The Pastors' opportunity to celebrate communion with 100 years young Jean Prendergast.
- Randy Yoder's 50 years of ministry, celebrated at District Conference.
- Emily Elder's opportunity to attend District Conference and hear outstanding reports regarding Nigeria and Juniata College.
- Speaking of thanks, Thanksgiving service will be held at Stone on November 20th.
- I bet a few parents will be thankful for a free evening on October 29th, as the Stone Church Youth will enjoy a "lock-in" at the church. Emily Elder has threatened to drop in!
- The insightful stewardship materials on the website. Check it out under the "Giving" tab.
- District Conference delegates were approved utilizing a paper ballot during worship, in lieu of a Forum after worship.
- Upcoming Christian Ed Team retreat to focus on adult education.
- Otto Krugh's extended service on the Property Team. Though Otto has resigned he will continue to perform certain duties. Tom Ness for his work on the side door.
- The Hospitality Team's draft of Stone Church Kitchen Rules and Regulations.
- Beth Williams participation in the Forum of Churches Homeless Shelter meetings.
- Visual enhancements at Worship services.
- Pam Grugan and Beth Williams for coordinating the Soup Kitchen through February.
- The wonderful work and intern ministry of hospital chaplaincy by Lauren Seganos, for which Stone Church renewed her license. We wish her the best in her ordination interview later this month.
- The efforts by the Discovery Team as they continue their work on a Mission statement and Staffing Model.

From our Finance Team – Stewardship Pledge Sunday



Remember ... Give ... Live
Pledges to be received on
October 30

*Our Stone Church Stewardship Focus invites your prayerful and grateful response. REMEMBER to bring your pledge card to worship **on October 30**. (If you are not able to be in worship that morning, your pledge will be thankfully received in the church office, preferably by October 28).*

From our Treasurer -- Treasurer's Report for September

Closing Bank Balance: \$27,304.39

	Sept. 2016	Year-To-Date
Income:	\$19,680.25	\$187,722.55
Expenses:	\$18,402.15	\$198,859.94
Net Income	\$1,278.10	-\$11,137.39





Meal for CROP

**Join the Students of Juniata College to Stop Hunger,
Both Locally and Globally!**

On November 16th, the Juniata College Christian Fellowship will be hosting the annual Meal for CROP. For this event, Juniata College students voluntarily give up their evening meal, which is then sold to a member of the Huntingdon community. Three-quarters of the proceeds go to CROP, a subsidiary of Church World Service, to fund hunger relief and self-help projects around the world by sending relief money, tools, seeds, and food directly to the people who need them. The remaining amount is donated to the Huntingdon Area Food Bank. In the past twenty years, this event has raised over \$50,000 to help in the fight against hunger, both here in our own county and around the world.

We invite you to join us in this year's all you can eat meal, which will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Baker Dining Hall of Ellis Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.

Tickets can be purchased at the Juniata College Campus Ministry Office, located in the Unity House at 1905 Moore Street (641-3361) or from the Juniata College Information Desk, located in the main lobby of Ellis Hall. Tickets will also be available at the door during Meal for CROP.

Older Adult Lunch

The Older Adult Lunch gathering will meet Tuesday, **November 15th at 12 noon** in room 102. If you know someone within Stone Church or a neighbor or friend who might enjoy this time of gathering, be sure to invite them! Reservations are requested in the church office (643-3390 or stonechurch@verizon.net) by Monday, November 14th. See you on October 18th!

Lunch.
Feed your curiosity



Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, November 19th
8am**

DONNA'S RESTAURANT

All are welcome!



Older Adult Ministries & Happenings

Monthly Older Adult Luncheon

Salt – salt on the roast pork, salt in the mashed potatoes, salt cured sauerkraut – salt was definitely a critical player in the Older Adult Luncheon on Tuesday, October 20 in Room 102. Water – water by the glass, water by the pitcher full – lots of water was close by to quench everyone’s salty thirst! Reminding us, who were gathered around the tables, to be God’s salt in our community, with God’s love and forgiveness being the water that quenches the thirst of our friends and neighbors (and enemies). Each of us has our own special saltiness – like the pink salt in the mashed potatoes. Yes, it was pink! Straight from the Himalayas and loaded with trace minerals, the salt has a unique pink color. Straight from God with our own special “color”, we were challenged to go out and sprinkle our unique saltiness wherever life takes us in the coming month.

Making our gathering special is done by many hands and hearts – tables were “dressed up” by Sandy and Kay, transportation by Carolyn and Bruce, welcoming by Sharon, blessing of the meal by Dick, food prepared and served by Melanie, Sheila, Sharon, Louise, Sandy, Kay, and Anita, sending forth by Carolyn, and cleanup by everyone with Jim as the featured dishwasher! (If you are wondering who some of these people are – come eat with us in November!)

After our dessert selections of Anita’s homemade gingerbread with whipped cream, Louise’s orange Halloween cake topped with green icing, chocolate fudge, and pumpkin fudge were served, we sang Happy Birthday to celebrate the October birthdays of Myrna Landrum, Dale McClure, and Thelma Wallace.

As November begins, don’t forget that you are God’s one-of-a-kind salt! Does the way that you live – your special color of salt – make others thirsty for the “Water of Life” that only God can provide? Imagine how bland food would be without salt. Imagine how bland your friend’s life would be without you – God’s salt. So don’t be afraid to sprinkle your salt around – God is always right there with you, refilling your shaker!

Please come and join us at noon on November 15, as we nourish our bodies, minds, and spirits together at the Older Adult Luncheon in Room 102. Bring a friend and share some salt together!



Those of you who have been members of Stone Church for many years may remember my father, the Rev. Albert M. Haught. He served as minister of visitation when Dick Landrum was pastor. Although I have many memories of my father, I can still hear him praying at the close of a visit to a sickbed. He always asked God to give the patient “a good night and a better day tomorrow.”

These past few months I have been remembering this prayer. Perhaps this is a good time for each one of us to think about what it means to us. For myself, I think about the upcoming election. Will its results change our country for the better or---unthinkable though it is---the worst? Will anything change? Perhaps our country will simply stay the same, and would that be a bad thing or a good one?

In these times of the Internet and so many politically related shows on television, I suspect that some of us have long since reached the saturation point this fall. It seems that each evening television schedule brings new opportunities for pros and cons for us to consider. Talk about information overload!

Thank the Lord that we Brethren do have some other resources to read and consider during these trying times! “Aha!” you say, “Here’s where she gives her *Messenger* pitch!” Right you are. And isn’t it about time?

If you do not subscribe to our denomination’s magazine, you may have missed seeing Bob Neff’s article “The Healing Ministry of the Church” which tells the story of John’s Way Medical Equipment Ministry at the Clover Creek Church of the Brethren in Martinsburg. Members accept gifts of medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and any other products needed to care for the sick and handicapped. Gifts of such items totaled more than 2,700 last year! Intrigued? Call Debbie at our church office to order your own subscription.

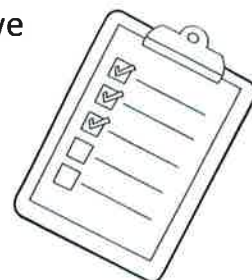
Alberta Haught Goshorn
November 2016

The Hospitality Team Report



Pot Luck Luncheon - November 13 following worship.
Drinks and table service will be provided by the Hospitality Team.

New Kitchen Policies - Three Hospitality Team members attended a seminar on food preparation for groups. From that seminar we have made some changes in how the church kitchen will operate. New signage will be posted in the kitchen outlining the new policies and procedures that have been established to ensure proper food handling in our community kitchen.



District Women's Fall Brunch

Saturday, November 5, 2016

10:00 am

(Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)



Roaring Spring First Church of the Brethren
901 Bloomfield St.
Roaring Spring, PA

“Blessings From My Grandmothers”

My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 21 Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. 22 When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. 23 For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life, Proverbs 6: 20-23

Women of all ages throughout the district are invited to come together on the first Saturday in November in Roaring Spring to enjoy a delicious brunch, rich fellowship and enjoy a wonderful story from our guest speaker, Connie Maclay.

Connie Maclay, is a mother and grandmother and resides in McVeytown. Connie grew up in Codorus COB in Southern PA District, and graduated from Elizabethtown College and Penn State. She taught in York and Mifflin County public schools, and at Juniata College. She is a graduate of Bethany Theological Seminary and served as pastor at Beech Run COB for 15 years before retiring in 2014. She enjoys spending time with her family and teaching ACTS program classes for Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.

Tickets for the event are \$7.00

For Reservations please contact Kris Shunk at 814-643-0601 or at
kshunk@midpacob.org

Reservation deadline is October 28.

Invite your friends and family to join you!

Stone Church Youth News

October 2016

The youth planning team met Oct 2 to set priorities and make plans for youth activities throughout 2016. We were strengthened by coffee, bagels and donuts to work from 8-9:15 am, and welcome all of you to join us at our next meeting, Dec 11 (also 8 am).

We continue to gather for Sunday school at 9:30 am and appreciate the work of Brooke Meadows, Emily Elder and Dennis Plane as they prepare these lessons and invigorate discussion and learning.

We'll settle into deeper relationships during our fall lock-in, Saturday Oct 29. We're going to begin outside the church, with a progressive dinner. Stay tuned for details, but we'll probably begin dinner at 5pm. Youth are invited to spend the night at church (bring supplies) and we'll wake up in time for Sunday school. Please let me know if you plan to attend (both parents and youth). Friends are welcome; coming and going is discouraged (hence the name lock-in). This is group-formation and spirit-renewing time!

Volleyball practice has been a youth and parent joy, and we're now in limbo as the DuBois Business College gym is no longer available. Anyone know about a HAHS or JC gym for practice? Please let Anne know.

Another way to exercise and fellowship is Ultimate Frisbee, Tuesdays at 6pm at Grugan Field. All are welcome. Meadows' ice cream treats often follow, maybe more campfires now that it's getting cold? Anne, Eddie, Matias, Tinka and others can give you more info.

Remember that chocolate-covered pretzel tradition - youth fundraiser, delightful activity, and contribution to the Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar? Assuming we have enough coordination, we're on for pretzels on Nov 28. Anita is coordinating, and would be glad for help from others who have done this in the past. If we're going to do it we need a bunch of people throughout that day. I'll be out of town, so please communicate with Anita about this event.

On Dec 21 we'll gather at church at 4pm and go caroling. Then we'll return to church to eat chili, and prepare dinner for the next day's Huntingdon Community Soup Kitchen. Please come for these joyous activities on the 21st, and if possible, to the Soup Kitchen (at the Presbyterian Church) on the 22nd to serve the meal and clean-up. This would just be between 5 and 7:30 - and we can sing more Christmas songs!

Skiing is on some people's minds for January, but depends on finding the right venue and date. The Camp Blue Diamond youth retreat appears to be Jan 13-15, pencil that in.

I look forward to gathering with you in these ways - Anna Lisa

Calendar:

Sundays 9:30 am – Sunday school

Sundays 10:45 am – Worship

Tuesdays 6 pm – Ultimate Frisbee, Grugan Field

Thursdays 6 pm – Huntingdon Community Soup Kitchen at the Presbyterian Church

Sat. Oct. 29 – Lock-in, 5pm

Mon. Nov 28 – Chocolate-covered pretzel making, all day

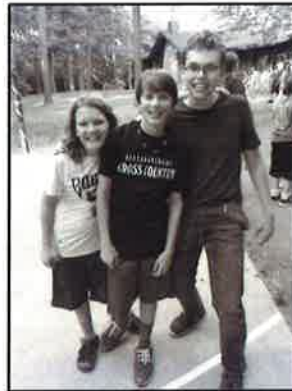
Wed. Dec 21 – Caroling, soup-kitchen cooking and sharing dinner, 4pm

Thu. Dec 22 – Serve at Soup Kitchen, 5-7:30 pm

News From CAMP

Thanks for making our kids a priority!

In times of penny pinching and budget cuts, churches often look for ways to balance the budget that may include reducing or eliminating programs. I am deeply grateful that Stone Church has made an ongoing commitment to the Christian formation of our children and youth through a relationship with Camp Blue Diamond. That we continue to support our young peoples' summer camp attendance through funding half of their registration fee is no small thing; it's a statement that makes clear what we value. And in the summer of 2016, we stated that we value the 20 Stone Church children and youth who chose to drop their technology and forego their busy schedules for time at Camp. Thank you! -- David Meadows



Upcoming Events in 2016 and 2017

Wilderness First Aid for Ages 16 and Older
District Youth Retreat for Grades 9-12
Jr. High Retreat for Grades 6-8
Annual Dinners
Quilt & Craft Camp
Father/Son Retreat

November 12 – 13
January 13 – 15
February 24 – 26
March 24 & 25
April 28 – 30
May 5 – 6

Have questions?

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



CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZEL SALE

Stone Church Youth and families will be making and selling chocolate covered pretzels as a fundraiser for NYC (National Youth Conference). The big pretzel making day is scheduled for Monday, November 28. The youth will be making one-half and one pound bags of milk chocolate and dark chocolate covered pretzels.

Bags will sell for \$9 for one-pound or \$5 for ½ pound and will be available Saturday, December 3 at the Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar.



PROPERTY TEAM

HAPPENINGS

Bruce Lidston and I describe the mission of the property team as: To provide facilities for the Stone Church congregation that support the programs and missions of the church and the Ministry Team. The building is to be safe, secure, and inviting to all.

We are very blessed as a congregation to have such a beautiful and stately 100 plus year old property to worship in. Maintaining it however does create challenges at times as we have unexpected and/or irregular expenses that are hard to budget for.

A big thank you to the Finance Team and Leadership team for the creation of the "Property Projects Fund" that was incorporated into our annual stewardship appeal. **Another big thank you** to congregation members that have pledged and given to the fund.

Here is an update of what we have been using the funds for:

- Repair of multiple leaks in the rubber roof on the Bell Tower
- Repair of ice damage to roof, spouting and light over outside doors on Fellowship Hall. (Insured loss with \$1,000.00 deductible)
- Replacement of old phone system that had been regularly dropping calls
- Replacement of office printer that was malfunctioning
- Repair of water pressure valves and urinals in the men's bathrooms
- Repair/replacement of two air conditioning compressors that failed
- Replacement of the church kitchen freezer
- Repairs to and painting door trim and header on the Moore Street Bell Tower entrance
- Planning to clean carpets in basement hallway and room 102 soon
- Repair of several stair banisters

Your continued support of this fund has allowed us to respond to emergency and unexpected needs without disrupting the annual church budget.

Thanks!!

Jim Bookhamer

Co-chair of Property Team



November Birthdays

1—Grant Musser	15—Chloe Soliday	21—Peg Krolak
1—Christopher Porcelli	16—Matias Berger	21—Annabelle Kidd *90 th
4—Kaitlin Gibboney	16—Becky Plane	21—Daisy Decker
5—Aaron Keeney	17—Jim McClain	21—Jay Hosler
6—Thomas McDowell	18—Ken Evans	21—Lisa Hosler
6—Beth Smolcic Larson	18—Bruce Lidston	23—Stephen Dowdy
10—Loren Rhodes	18—Bert McBrayer	24—Melva Whalen
11—John Bowser		

November Anniversaries

5—Carol & Bob Oldring	22—Barbara & Frank Zanylo
10—Brenda & Mark Quarry	27—Chris & John Shuck
13—Cathy & Jeff Cloz	30—Dennis & Becky Plane
14—Cheryl & Jim McClain	

Updates to the Church Directory:

Phone number change:

Laabs, Rick & Joanne –
Work: 814-642-6000 x 2203 (Rick)

Cloz, Jeff & Cathy
2212 Catharine Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652



Food Pantry Sunday—November 20th

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the children's circle time. The November item of the month for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is Hand Soap, 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 OCTOBER, a wagon load of Peanut Butter and \$112 in cash were collected and donated to this local ministry during the third Sunday monthly offering.



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.

November 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203	2	3 5:30P BBBS/S.M.A.R.T. 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203 7:16p Choir Rehearsal	4 JC Japanese Dinner set-up-FH	5 8a CE Retreat-Rm 201 5p JC Japanese Dinner-FH/Kitchen
6 12p Deacons 4p Cub Scouts	7 12 Forum of Churches 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203	8 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203 7p Finance Team-Rm 201 7p Habitat Board Meeting-Room 102	9 7p Leadership Team	10 5:30P BBBS/S.M.A.R.T. 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203 7:16p Choir Rehearsal	11 Preaching Course/ SVMC-Rm 201 5pm-HAHS Saturday event set-up	12 Preaching Course/ SVMC-Rm 201 8a Discovery Team-JC 6p HAHS Field Hockey Banquet-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
13 12p Potluck Meal 4p Cub Scouts 5-8p JC Food History Lesson-FH/Kitchen 6p Boy Scouts 7p Taize	14 6p Prayer Shawl-Rm 201 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203	15 12p Older Adult Luncheon-Room 102 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203 7p Witness Team-Rm 201	16 5:30-7p CROP Meal-JC 7p Finance Team-Rm 201	17 5:30P BBBS/S.M.A.R.T. 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203 7:16p Choir Rehearsal	18 Newsletter Due	19 8a Men's Breakfast-Donna Restaurant 10a-10p Fiesta Latina-FH
20 9:30a Congregational Forum 2p Westminster Woods worship service 4p Cub Scouts 7p Forum of Churches Thanksgiving Service	21 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203 7-9p Discovery Team-Rm 201	22 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203	23	24 THANKSGIVING	25 Office Closed	26 Kitchen -Barb Purdy
27 4p Cub Scouts	28 AnnaLisa vacation Youth Pretzel Making 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203	29 AnnaLisa vacation 6p Kindermusik-Rm 203	30 AnnaLisa vacation			

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- CONGREGATIONAL FORUM at 9:30am
- SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:45am
- COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 7pm

The Huntingdon Forum of Churches Thanksgiving Service takes place at Stone Church!

