

STONE CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST 2017



August 6

A Potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall, following worship

Join us as we celebrate new **Stone Church members**.

Jordan Soliday, Nina Meadows, and Landon Meadows will be baptized,
and others will be received by affirmation of faith

Following lunch Chloe Soliday shares from her summer work camp with a Navajo community in Lybrook, New Mexico. Bring a dish to share!

August 13

A Summer Picnic at Raystown Lake, Dogwood Shelter, at 5:30pm

As we return from summer adventures we gather for a potluck picnic to share stories from 18 years of life and ministry with the Dowdys. This is an informal gathering of love and laughter around a campfire! (We hope!!) Bring a dish to share and table service.



August 20

We gather for worship at 10am and we'll prepare a surprise gift for Pastor Christy following worship!



August 27

A new time for worship as summer hours end!!!

We gather in worship as Pastor Christy offers her final message at Stone Church, and we welcome Juniata College Students.

Worship begins at 10:45am

A Celebration Meal in Fellowship Hall, following worship

Followed by a Dessert Reception, at 2:00pm

We share memories, thank Pastors Christy and Dale and send them on their next journey with love, well wishes, and a secret gift! All while we enjoy a wonderful "Lisa Lunch"!

RSVP for the meal and/or the reception no later than 8/21:

stonechurch@verizon.net or 814-643-3390



A NOTE FROM CHRISTY

Dear Friends,

Truly, I am not looking forward to saying good bye to all of you as your pastor. I know I will miss so many relationships and the privileges I have had to share with most of you in sacred space and times in your lives. Yet the time is coming very soon to formally end our pastoral relationship.

I'm not convinced we can ever be very good at saying good-bye. In this era of cell phones and Facebook and Twitter, we might have a false sense of the reality. And for me, I admit I often want to avoid the actual moment of a departure; it's easier to "slip away," and not have a face to face encounter. Yet I also believe there's something essential about being clear about the change and ending. Neither Dale nor I will continue to be your pastor, and we are at an important threshold for each of us who are part of the Stone Church community of faith.

In February, I let the Leadership Team know of my sense of call to leave this pastoral role, and they, in turn, informed you of the news. Since that time, there have been many preparations made and your search committee is hard at work interviewing candidates for the next chapter of Stone Church ministry.

On July 31, the moving truck will back up to our door at 2209 Wooded Way in Huntingdon and take our (sorted) earthly belongings to our new address at 4305 Wiltshire Dr. in Rockingham, VA 22802. The boxes will sit in that house until we return following the closing worship and celebration with you on August 27. In the meantime, Dale and I are thankful to be able to live at Floyd McDowell's home in Huntingdon. (Floyd has been living with his daughter, Kim, since November and has recently moved to a retirement home). Between now and then I trust we will share meaningful worship and good stories and conversation. Most important, during this threshold time, we are invited to be acutely aware that God is leading us all into the new chapter of our lives.

Jan Richardson has impacted me as she has written about thresholds:

I am still fascinated by thresholds—those places we come to that lie between the life we have known and the life ahead of us. I am continually intrigued—and eager, and fearful, and amazed, and mystified—to enter into those spaces where we have left the landscape of the familiar, the habitual, and stand poised at the edge of a terrain whose contours we can hardly see or even imagine. Whether we arrive at these between-places by design, by accident, or by the choices that others have made for us, the threshold can be a place of wonders. It can also be chaotic, discombobulating, and even terrifying. Yet a threshold, chosen or otherwise, is a place of wild possibility. A threshold invites and calls us to stop. To take a look around. To imagine. To dream. To question. To pray.

May each of us take that invitation seriously.

I am deeply grateful, my friends, for this life I have shared with you these last 18 years. I will say good bye to you on August 27 and earlier to some who will not be able to attend that day. I pray that as we each cross this threshold we will offer great thanksgiving for love shared, for life lived and for grace that has been abundant. Thanks be to God!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Christy Dowdy



Pastor Christy Dowdy leads the reflection time at the May Leadership team meeting, contemplating on all those who have crossed the threshold of Stone Church doors, coming in and going out.

June Leadership Team Meeting

“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Plane



“What’s in your closet?”

Stone Church has a lot of closets. What should we keep? What should we give away? What should we purge? What should we bring into light to share and enjoy? What should we leave in the closet for another day?

As Christy prepares to part with Stone Church, these questions have become more salient. How are we to be good stewards of our treasures and keepsakes without burdening others with unnecessary clutter? And how are we to know the difference. While one person’s trash may be another’s treasure, one person’s treasure may also be another’s trash. How are we as a congregation to make collective decisions about what to treasure, what to trash, and what to bring to the light? For fear of trashing what might be another’s treasure, sometimes we are reluctant to clean out our closets—creating more clutter (which further obscures the treasure).

Yet closets are also important for keeping mundane but important items to keep the church operating—things like brooms and dustpans, teaching supplies, and linens.

As I look at the closet in my office, it is clear that it is full. But is it full of trash or treasure? We have our kids’ adoption paperwork securely protected in a fireproof safe—clearly treasure. And there’s Becky’s wedding trash—also treasure. But what about those scraps of wallpaper “just in case” we ever want to remember what was in fashion in the 1960s when it was first hung? (Probably trash.) And then there’s my childhood coin collection that I’ve been saving for when I have kids. Maybe it’s time to bring that to light to starting giving pieces to my kids; or maybe they’re not quite old enough to appreciate it yet...

Christy used this closet metaphor to start of June Leadership Team meeting. It provided a chance to think about what’s worth saving and what’s worth bringing out of our closet to share. It also provided a chance to think about our duties as stewards—not just of the physical stuff in our closets, but also of other things that are important to the life of the church. David Meadows spoke about the importance of being good steward to Camp Blue Diamond, which is engaged in a capital campaign to make sure that it continues to minister to future generations of youth (and adults). Christy reminded the Leadership Team that the congregation can be generous when there is an identified need, such as with the recent plea for support for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

Christy also dug out photographs from one of our closets demonstrating the life of Stone Church over the decades, with some easily recognizable faces, others recognizable to only a few current members, and yet others who remain anonymous—at least for the time being. Yet we celebrate each individual as a unique and beloved child of God.

Leadership team focused on two main topics. First, we discussed many topics related to logistics of the pastoral transition (along with the accompanying hopes and fears). Second, we discussed many topics about the ongoing life and ministry of the Stone Church.

In terms of the pastoral transition, we discussed the logistics of ensuring pastoral support given the uncertainties of the timing of the search. Bottom line: there are so many variables that the Leadership Team was not ready to start the search for another interim pastor at this time, especially since there may be some flexibility over the duration of Anna Lisa’s interim ministry at Stone. We also discussed the right send off for Christy (and Dale) as they embark on the next stage of their journeys.

In terms of the continuing life and ministry of the church, we talked about summer picnics, the Curve baseball outing, the 3 a.m. fire alarms caused by dust in the attic, World Refugee Day, and the upcoming financial campaign for Stone Church.

So, not everything is in the closet. Much of the life of the church takes place out in the open—in the classrooms, meeting rooms, and sanctuary of Stone Church--and perhaps most importantly, outside of her walls. And as I write this paragraph about being “out of the closet,” I am also reminded of the recent Pride celebrations in New York and throughout the world. And I am happy to proud to worship with the welcoming Stone Church congregation.



Search Committee update

July 2017

The Pastoral Search Committee is hard at work on behalf of the Stone Church congregation. Here is a recap of our work:

- We reconvened in March 2017 following the Discovery Team's work and Pastor Christy's resignation announcement.
- We returned to the congregational profile building work with a fresh look utilizing the Discovery Team's insight and new data.
- Our congregational profile was completed and submitted to the denominational system which means that ministers who are discerning a move to a new position could gain access to our profile and express interest.

The search process is a journey which requires prayerful consideration on the part of the search committee and interested candidates. It is a time of sacred discernment as we evaluate if candidates are a fit for Stone Church, and the candidates determine if we are fit for them. This is also a time of confidentiality during which we do not share the names of any candidates with whom we have conversations.

Our committee has been pleased with our candidate pool, and we are currently in the interview process. We have a hopeful timeline of bringing a candidate to the congregation in the fall for a meet-and-greet time and a trial sermon. Following a favorable vote on the part of the congregation, we expect a new pastor will join us in early 2018.

Search committee members are: Donna Rhodes-chair, Doris Comerford, Emily Elder, Henry Thurston-Griswold, David Witkovsky, Roxann Yon, and Chuck Yohn.

Please continue to hold Stone Church and the search process in prayer, and we will update you soon.



We would like your Photo -- for the Stone Church database!

Send or bring a photo of yourself (and /or your family)
to stonechurch@verizon.net OR...
have your photo taken following worship services in August.



Alternative Christmas Gifts Bazaar

Saturday, December 2nd
9am to 2pm
at Stone Church

Mark your calendars now
and

join us for this special Christmas shopping event!



The Witness Team invites you to help **Stuff the Bus**. The Salvation Army of Huntingdon County will be handing out backpacks filled with school supplies to area students in preparation for the start of school. The following (new) items are needed:



- Backpacks
- 1", 2" & 3" binders
- 3-subject notebooks
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Pens
- Lined paper
- Bookmarks
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Book covers
- Glue sticks
- Folders
- Sticky notes
- Tabbed dividers
- Highlighters
- Calculators
- Scissors
- Markers

Please drop off donations in the bus box by the office door by **Monday, August 7th**.



August Summer Meditation (2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

- Tuesday, August 8 – 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 22 -1:30 pm

Gather in the quilting room for a time of reflection, quiet space and sharing. All are welcome to join Janis Jones and Pastor Christy, as they lead this "time away."



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 12th
8am

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

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



The first choir rehearsal will be held at 7:16 PM on **WEDNESDAY August 16th**. We start the choral season early to prepare for Pastor Christy's farewell on August 27th. If you are unable to make this rehearsal but would still like to participate on the 27th, you are encouraged to come to rehearsal the following week on **THURSDAY August 24th** at 7:16 PM.

Rehearsals continue through the Fall at the normal time: Thursdays, 7:16-8:46 PM



**Enjoy fun and fellowship
while serving our neighbors!**

Join the Stone Church Team for the next Community Soup Kitchen on Thursday, August 24th at the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church on 508 Mifflin Street. Your helping hands would be welcomed any time between 1:00pm and 7:30pm or by providing a dessert for the meal. To sign up, please contact Cathy Closz at cathyclosz@gmail.com or at 717-572-8388. **Thank you!**



And... "Many thanks" to those who cheerfully contributed to preparing, serving and cleaning up after a community meal at the Community Soup Kitchen on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Shelby Anders, Cathy Closz, Doris Comerford, Mike Dick, Christy Dowdy, Emily Elder, Paul Elder, Lori Fagan, Mary Garvey, Chris Gibboney, Anna Lisa Gross, Harriette Kaylor, Joe Krabill, Terri Krabill, Rick Laabs, Bruce Lidston, Carolyn Lidston, Sheila McMeen, Becky Mitchell, Rose Rahman, Dan Santos, Louise Smith, Sally Stewart, Cheryl Washburn, and Phillip Zink

Your contributions came in the form of helpful hands, which scrubbed many potatoes, lifted heavy pans, served lots of ham and washed many dishes. You shared your homegrown, organically grown broccoli, lettuce, tomatoes and carrots. You baked cookies and brownies and angel food cake. You stood on your feet for hours and smiled all the while. **"Thank you" for putting the "community" into our Community Soup Kitchen!**

THANK YOU TO BECKY MITCHELL

We have received news that Stone Church has been nominated for **"Garden of the Month"** in Huntingdon. Though we do not yet know if we've received the honor, those of us seeing Stone Church gardens know they are beautiful **THANKS TO** Becky Mitchell, who spends many hours tending to the church landscaping.



THANK YOU TO DON MITCHELL, BRUCE LIDSTON and RENA BUMGARDNER

The church kitchen has received a super clean up with help from Don Mitchell, Bruce Lidston, and Rena Bumgardner. A recent need to explore the bulging kitchen floor resulted in a jackhammer leaving concrete dust in all corners and surfaces of the Kitchen. Bruce and Don spent time together tackling this enormous task! Our church custodian, Rena Bumgardner, has been asked to spend some extra hours with further cleaning. (We will need to wait until the heat is again turned on to fully determine just where the leak truly resides).



ANNUAL CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

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Betty Ann Cherry.....

I am very appreciative of the opportunity to have been one of your delegates to the 2017 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren. Thank You!!!

A few statistics to start: 24 Districts, each with 2 members of Standing Committee; 672 delegates from individual congregations, according to their membership numbers; 2,306 non-delegates, who registered.

It is a critical time in the life of our denomination and the manner in which the business was handled this year confirmed that judgement. Over and over again concern for clarification was expressed, both by delegates and the Moderator, about a number of the items of business. The Report from the Review and Evaluation Committee, which happens every 10 years, was a very different and lengthy one this time. It complicated the procedures of Annual Conference Business because some of its recommendations intertwined with items of both old and new business so it was often not clear what item should be talked about first or second! Confusion at times ruled. However, in spite of that, the tables worked, talk among persons with different opinions/beliefs flowed, and I enjoyed being a facilitator for one of the 80 round tables, at which all delegates sat. Respect for the words of another person prevailed at the microphones as well as at the tables, insisted on by the officers, especially by Moderator Carol Sheppard. It is clear that the church has some serious, intense talk and prayer ahead, as we wrestle with issues of inclusion and the divisions that already exist. So business at Annual Conference will remain crucial to our life as the Church.

Business is not the only reason for Annual Conference!!! As a small denomination we are much like a large extended family and Conference is Old Home Week for many who attend, whether it is eating ice cream together, lunches/dinners with those who share their passions, or a lot of big hugs as you meet again, after many years. It is a big social event! And Worship every evening and Sunday morning is a must, for the services, music and sermons. We Brethren do know how to sing! For me, this year, the morning Bible Studies, with Bob Bowman, were the inspirational highlight. He dealt with three Old Testament stories and developed perspectives I found exciting and helpful, right here and now.

Hearings and Insight Sessions seem to grow in numbers every year! There are MANY! These are ways in which the denominational staff and many others, share with anybody who wants to attend, ideas about the many ways in which the church lives its life as the body of Christ. I am always amazed how far and long the reach is of the services of the Church in the name of Jesus Christ.

The church office has two videos from Annual Conference, one of the Worship Services and one of the Conference. The latter one also has the Bible Studies I spoke of earlier. Do come and borrow them for a viewing! Debbie has them at her desk. Sign them out and enjoy! Many, many thanks to all of Stone for letting me be your delegate!

Shalom, Betty Ann

Sara White.....



Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

I want to express my appreciation for your trust in sending me off to Annual Conference this summer and for your supportive prayers along the way.

Perhaps many of you are thinking, rather you than me. Maybe you are a relative newcomer to the Church of the Brethren or have never really experienced the denomination beyond Stone Church, and the world of Annual Conference seems like a far-away, confusing mystery. Maybe you are someone who has some engagement with the broader denomination but has been really turned off, frustrated, and hurt by the outcomes of past Annual Conferences in which climate change has been denied, exclusion of LGBTQA+ persons has been reaffirmed, and the Church has failed to take a strong stand for racial justice. Or maybe you are someone who has been working in the denomination for so long that you are just utterly exhausted.

There is no doubt, and my participation as a delegate at Annual Conference has only led me to further emphasize, that our denomination is “not of one mind.” In practice this means that at Annual Conference I was always likely to encounter individuals who find biblical evidence for the sinful nature of homosexuality, take a literal reading of Genesis, and believe that peace is when no one makes too much of a fuss. Over half of the delegate body voted to revoke the agency status of On Earth Peace. Although some may have made such a vote while still in support of OEP’s work but thinking it would be better as its own organization, many voted as a direct reaction to OEP’s statement of inclusion of all people regardless of their sexuality, their willingness to use female pronouns in relationship to God, and their advocacy that “black lives matter.”

Yet, like the conference theme, “Risk Hope,” I do find many reasons for wanting to remain an active participant in this denominational community and found my time at Annual Conference to be full of a number of blessings. To begin with, I am continually amazed and inspired by the leadership of young adults, particularly young adult pastors, within the Church. While the average age of the Annual Conference delegates seemed to be in the late 50s or early 60s, I am able to participate in the worship service of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT interests, insight sessions around women in ministry, and some young adult activities. In all of these spaces I met young adult after young adult who is full of energy, skill, and vision for the denomination.

On a slightly different note, I also risk hope in the discussion that took place around my conference table. My table was as split as the denomination; yet, every day we sat down together, shared snacks, tried our best to understand Robert’s Rules of Order (Anyone have a good alternative to these rules for the Church to use? The spirit is not moving in them.), sang, and prayed together. I became particularly close with one man from the Shenandoah District of Virginia, where I am working this summer. We disagreed on every vote we took and yet were also able to share stories about our congregations’ work related to food security in our local communities. We see all around us in the world people whose social media, local communities, and friend groups are as politically homogenous as they can get. I continue to risk hope that the Church of the Brethren can be a space to wrestle with what it really means to share God’s love in community with all – whether or not we are of one mind – in a way that we just don’t in the rest of our lives.

How might we as Stone Church live into hope for our participation in the denomination in the year ahead?

Peace,

Sara White

Mid Year Update from the Finance Team



June YTD Total Income: \$149,133.02
June YTD Total Expense: \$147,120.65

Year to date income is slightly above year to date expenses through June 30, 2017. The level of giving is very much appreciated and is necessary if we are to achieve what we have set out for ourselves as a congregation. As we work together toward a successful transition in our ministry team, sustained giving is essential. Thanks for your support for the vision and mission of Stone Church! If you have questions or would like more information about our financial status, please contact a member of the Finance Team.

Jeff Closz, Bob McMinn, and John Wright

THANK YOU TO SUE LAMEY

Sue has served on the Finance Team for almost the last two years, but recently felt the need to resign due to family responsibilities. Please give Sue your THANKSGIVING for her service to this team (which often requires one to stay following worship to count the offering monies).



Coming Soon... TomatoFest 2017!



Wouldn't you love to bottle up the waning summer to enjoy it in the bleak mid-winter?
Canning sun-ripened tomatoes is the next-best thing...

Hope you'll come join us for TomatoFest 2017, a communal canning/service event on **Saturday, September 2nd** beginning at **8:30 a.m.** in the Stone Church kitchen. Novice and experienced canners welcome. Can't make it at 8:30? Drop in whenever you're able.

If you'd like to take part, please contact Sharon Yohn (yohns@juniata.edu, 643-6846 or 641-3718) or Laura White (laura.jamie@gmail.com, 667-3736 or 251-4363) **by Sunday, August 27th**, so we can coordinate purchasing of local tomatoes and other supplies. Please let us know how many quarts of tomatoes you'd like to take home and whether you'll be bringing empty jars. *Please be prepared to commit at least 1 hour of time for each 3 quarts of canned tomatoes you request.* If you don't want to take any tomatoes home, but just want to participate, late or no RSVP is fine. (We'll have plenty of jars, rings and lids on hand and several water-bath canners.) Hope to see you there. *Donations of excess tomatoes welcome!*



MESSENGER MUSINGS

“The Year of the Rooster”



In the Chinese zodiac, this is the year of the Rooster—the epitome of punctuality and fidelity. For ancestors who had no alarm clocks, the cock’s crowing awakened people to get up and go to work. In Chinese culture, another symbolic meaning for the chicken was to root out evil spirits.

At Stone Church, however, this year is the year of Allied Van Lines—for our beloved pastors, Christy and Dale Dowdy, co-pastors of Stone Church and denizens of Wooded Way for longer than anyone else, are pulling up stakes to move to the state of Virginia, home of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe—and Mark Dowdy.

Dale and Christy have been part of our Stone Church family since 1999—eighteen years for Christy and sixteen for Dale. They have pastored longer than John C. Middlekauff, who served some twelve years, from 1947 to 1959, according to the church history written by Professor Earl C. Kaylor.

The Dowdys also had the happy distinction of joining in happy wedlock Miss Alberta Haught, daughter of the Rev. Albert M. Haught (who had served as minister of visitation), and this reporter, a lapsed Methodist and Presbyterian. The Dowdys will be missed by Alberta and me and many others here. I hope Virginia’s happy.

When Junior learns his first word, Mommy’s happy when he says, “Mommy.” Daddy may be happy when Junior learns to say “Harley Davidson.” I understand my first words were “I’m sorry.” That’s because I find myself saying, “I’m sorry!” quite frequently to my wife. Now don’t get me wrong. I love my wife and she sometimes says she loves me. However, she also quite frequently tells me that I’m a “nuisance.” She points out that she says that “lovingly.”

I first learned about girls when I was about nine years old. That’s when I found out some of the kids in Sunday School started to look better in pink than I did—and they smelled better, too. One of them had her parents get her a chemistry set from the Porter Chemical Company in Maryland. She did that because I had one—and she wanted to have one like me. But in Sunday School she wouldn’t let me kiss her. I think I hear my wife coming now, so I’d best put an end to my trip down the Goshorn Memory Lane. I just have time to remind you to make sure that your *Messenger* subscription is current. Just check with Debbie at the church office.

-Eugene R. Goshorn-



Brethren Open Golf Tournament – August 8

Bring your friends and enjoy a great day of golf while helping to raise funds for Middle PA District and Camp Blue Diamond. Sign-in at Iron Masters Country Club is from 11:30am – 12:30pm for a 1:00pm start. Cost is \$75 per golfer, which includes 18 holes, cart, and dinner at 6:00pm. More info is on the bulletin board near the church office. **The registration deadline is August 1.**

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! Costs vary per person and the maximum family contribution is \$360. More info is on the bulletin board near the church office. **More info on the church bulletin board and at www.campbluediamond.org.**

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. Heritage Fair generally runs from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.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 see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Upcoming Events

Annual Golf Tournament	August 8
Family Camp	August 18 – 20
Heritage Fair	September 23

Have questions?

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

Older Adult Lunch

The Older Adult Lunch gathering will meet Tuesday, **August 22nd at 12 noon** in room 102.

August brings fresh local seasonal fruits & vegetables!

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 Sunday before. **...See you on there!**



August Birthdays and Anniversaries



August Birthdays

1—Terry Fultz	15—Mark Dowdy	24—Jordan Soliday
1—Luke Roth	15—Jean Kifer	25—Jim Bookhamer III
2—Sharon Yohn	15—Roxann Yon	25—Morgan Knepp
2—Lori Schoupe-Wright	16—Anna Lisa Gross	26—Dorothy Longenecker
4—Halen Beck	17—Robert Ghaner	26—Emily Yohn
5—Jeremy Santos	19—Luke Fultz	26—Sheila McMeen
5—Clay Pheasant	20—Raymond Pembroke	28—David Meadows
8—Nina Meadows	20—Dick Landrum	30—Aylee Pheasant
8—Owen Worley	20—Dottie Hershberger	31—Bob Wagoner
9—Liz Beatty	22—Otto Krugh	31—Andrew Deike
13—Fiona McBrayer	24—Dale Dowdy	

August Anniversaries

2—Peggy & Randy Yoder	16—Alberta & Gene Goshorn
4—Laura & Bob McMinn	16—Kim & Luke Roth
7—Judy & Clayton Pheasant	20—Linda & Tom Carpenter
8—Tan & John Hille	21—Sharon & Jim Bookhamer
9—Sue & Bill Martin	23—Celia & Dan Cook-Huffman
10—Christy & Dale Dowdy	25—Anita & Doug Soliday
11—Jerri & Dean Wenger	29—Shelly & Jim Rivello
15—Maylin & Bill Musser	



Grocery Gift Cards—

Every card helps our church!

Do you ever buy groceries at Weis or Giant? Purchase a grocery gift card through Stone Church and you can shop as normal and Stone Church gets a small donation!

Grocery gift cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. You can purchase these on Sundays at the back of the sanctuary or on weekdays in the church office. Coordinators, Barb Purdy and Cheryl Ritchey, are available if you have any questions.

Food Pantry Sunday—August 20th

We will ask the children to collect your items as they come for the children's circle time. The August item of the month for the Huntingdon Food Pantry is **carrots/vegetables**, 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.

IN July, the item was cereal and 50 boxes plus 15 additional items were donated to this local ministry, and \$248.00 in cash was donated toward Farmer's Market Bonus Bucks,, which are Market Bucks for those otherwise unable to afford shopping at the Farmer's Market.



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Christy off Dante Off	2 Christy off Dante Off	3 Christy off Dante Off Piano tuning	4 Dante Off 12p Christian Ed-Rm 201	5 Dante Off
6 Dante Off 10a Worship— <i>Baptism & Members</i> 11:30 Potluck	7 Dante Off	8 Dante Off	9 Dante Off 7p Leadership Team- Rm 201	10 Dante Off 10a— office mtg 6:30p Democratic Committee-Rm 102	11 Dante Off	12 Dante Off 8a Men's Breakfast- Donna's Restaurant
13 10a Worship— <i>Anointing</i> 5:30p Picnic at Raystown Lake— Dogwood Shelter	14	15 5:30p Worship Team- Rm 201	16 12p Staff Meeting- TBD 7p Leadership Team- Rm 201 7:16p Choir	17 10a— office mtg 6p Deacon Picnic- Lidston's	18 10a Gifts Discern- ment Team-Rm 201	19 11a— SURJ-FH
20 10am Worship— <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> 10a BBBS—FH 11:30 Youth Parents Meeting-Rm 201	21 Newsletter Deadline 7:30p Beekeepers Assoc.-Rm 201	22 12p Older Adult Luncheon-Rm 102	23	24 <i>JC begins</i> 10a— office mtg 6p Soup Kitchen (Cathy Cloz) 7:16p Choir	25 Mail Newsletter	26
27 10:45a Worship 12p Christy's Fare- well Luncheon cele- bration 2p Dessert Reception	28 Noon-Forum of Churches-1st United Methodist	29	30	31 7:16p Choir		

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August 27th



- * 10:45 Worship Time resumes
- * Welcome back Juniata Students!
- * Christy's Farewell Luncheon!!
Rsvp by Monday the 21st!

(Sunday School Classes resume September 3 at 9:30am)