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The Stone Church Newsletter

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Our Welcome Statement

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Stone Church of the Brethren is a Christ-centered community, which celebrates every individual as a unique and beloved child of God.

We welcome all—of any age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, economic circumstance, or current relationship with God.

We invite your active participation in the life of this congregation, as together we continue to grow in grace and seek justice for God's creation.

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From the Pastor's Desk



“You cannot tell the story of injustice without telling the story of power. It requires integrity to become honest about how our power systems and our position in the world affect our capacity to do justice. Which is to say, justice can never be severed from mercy. The two sway and balance each other as we move into the stories of our and others’ wrongs.” - Cole Arthur Riley

As I let Isaiah 58 swirl within me this Lent, I find myself consistently wanting to point my finger at others. “I have to loosen these bonds of injustice, because **YOU** people keep oppressing and marginalizing and being violent,” I keep thinking. **YOU** people are the problem. I can see the injustice. We at Stone Church can see how **YOU** are making it worse. **YOUR** power, **YOUR** greed, **YOUR** Christian Nationalism - **YOU** are the problem.

You see the trap, right? The self-made chains that bind me to my own vision of right-ness, my own power?

One of the gifts of choosing to move through this one scripture text slowly, over the course of weeks, is the ways it forces me to slow down. To move beyond my knee-jerk reaction and consider what more God may want for me when God speaks through the prophet Isaiah:

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

It's not that this text isn't calling us to DO something - to bust up some systems, to protest, to make some noise - but the instinct to rush in and save it all doesn't serve us well all the time. Nurturing our ability to listen, discern, and move with intention is important. “What if what we take as stillness is not always inactivity as we perceive it?” Cole Arthur Riley wonders, “Can there be a form of contemplation that is at once stillness and movement? Some might say the beginnings of Christian monasticism were, in part, a defiant protest against the elitism and centering of the upper class in the faith. And today, activism tells the truth about what is and imagines what should be. This imagination for justice requires contemplation.”

Imagination for justice requires contemplation, and my ongoing contemplation keeps inviting me to a place where our work is deeper than seeing how particular other groups are getting it wrong and causing the oppression and violence and injustice that I despise. Deeper contemplation pulls me away from the ensnaring chains of believing that I am right and whole while others are beyond redemption. Again, Riley speaks wisely, “You might think justice is a form of choosing sides, choosing whom to stand behind. In a way, maybe it is. But justice doesn't choose whose dignity is superior. It upholds the dignity of all those involved, no matter whom it offends or what it costs...It communicates that what has been done is not what the offender was made for. They, too, were made for beauty. In justice, everyone becomes more human, everyone bears the image of the divine.”

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. - Isaiah 58:8a

Summer of Renewal 2027: What Makes Your Heart Sing?

It really began with teaching myself to crochet. Several years ago, because of a long history of crocheters in my family and because I needed to do something creative that was not worship planning, sermon writing, or facilitating a group, I decided to teach myself to crochet. I fell in love. I could mess up and start over without feeling like I let anyone down. I could slow down. I could use colors or stitches just because they felt beautiful. I thought I was just learning to crochet, but I was beginning to learn the beauty of creating for the sheer joy of it. I am still growing into this reality - trying new ways and things to create just for the joy of it: watercolors, poetry, spaces in my home. It shouldn't surprise me, the creative parts of my ministry work have always been my favorite - creating worship and liturgy, planning for a group gathering, preparing a physical space - these things make my heart sing. And when I try creative outlets that are NOT ministry specific, but still deeply spiritual, I find that I get better at both. I need both.

This is the opening of the written portion of our congregational grant application to Lilly Clergy Renewal Program. It responds to a question about how the time of renewal we are planning for the Summer of 2027 will make the pastor's heart sing. **So here is a look into what we have planned for the pastors and our family:**

Solo retreat time at Pendle Hill Quaker Spiritual Center including access to the art studio, an art class, and daily silent worship. Time with close friends who are artists in Staunton, Va, where we will create for the joy of it. Relaxing as a couple - without the kids. And traveling with the kids to be with family and friends. A trip to Ecuador that includes classes with artisans, a homestay with indigenous weavers, unscheduled downtime, a visit into the rainforest, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands. After some rest at home, the travel portion of the renewal leave ends with a trip to the retreat center, Loyola on the Potomac for silence, lovely views, and spiritual direction.

But the renewal time is for all of us. The congregation also gets to explore what makes YOUR heart sing? How might you embrace joy and meaning-making in this time of renewal? **Here is a look at what has been planned for the congregation:**

Creative engagement with worship through experiences like eating together, hearing from one another about creative spiritual practices - and trying a few, as well as sermons prepared by some familiar faces, a hymn-sing, and a Taizé-style worship. The final renewal event will be a catered block party to celebrate coming back to one another and the beginning of our fall semester. The grant proposal asks for money to pay outside speakers, pay for a couple meals and the block party, compensate Marty for doing worship coordination, and buy supplies to support practicing some of the creative and artistic spiritual practices you bring.

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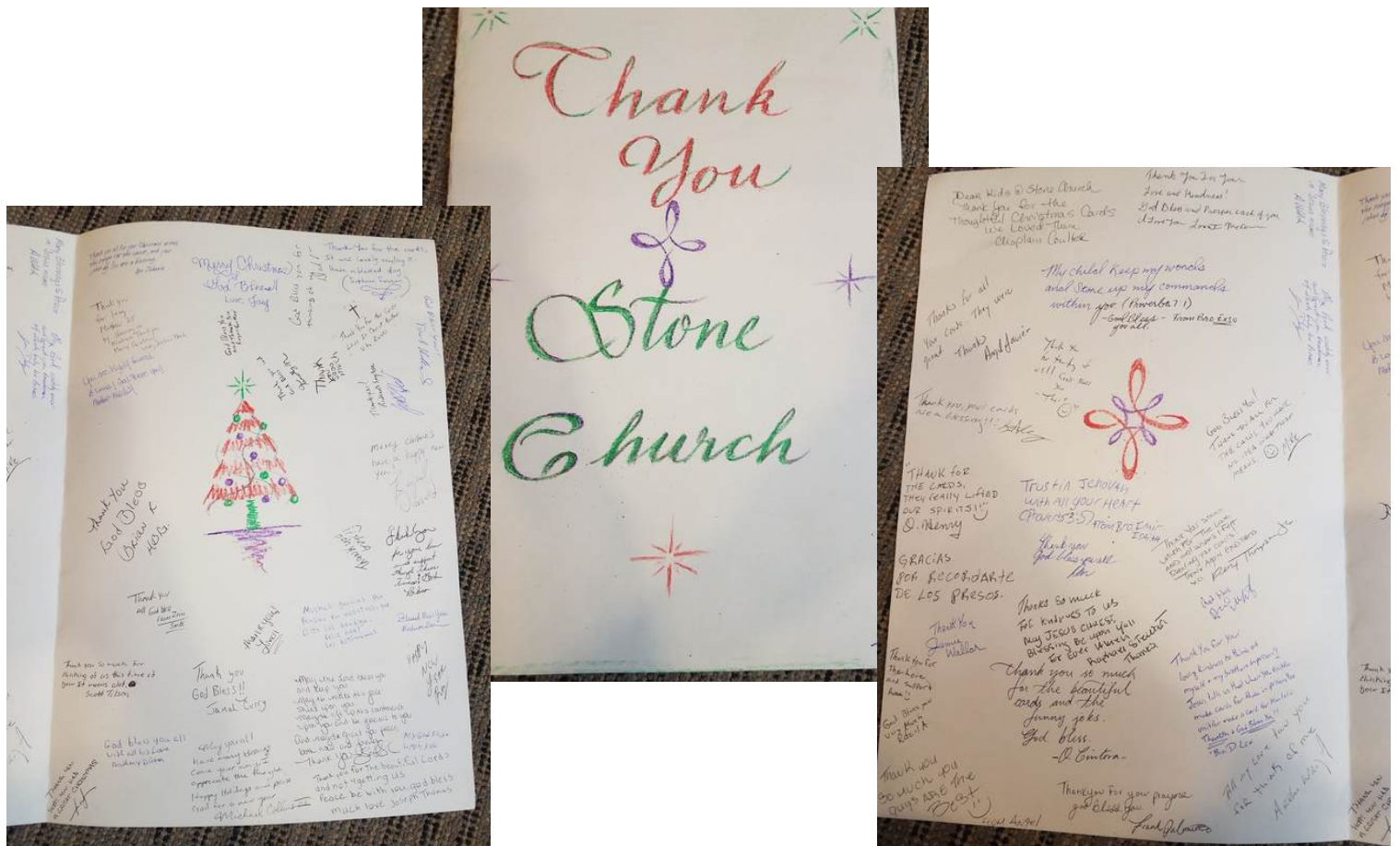
Summer of Renewal 2027 Continued...

You have voiced excitement to “grow in intentional community,” “care for each other in new ways,” and “watch people in our community lead in new ways” through guest preaching, stepping up to support one another, and in the teaching and sharing of our own creative endeavors. It is all so exciting to look forward to. Which may leave you asking - what happens next? The application will be submitted by March 17. We will know in August if we are receiving it - which will give us lots of time to put plans and dreams into place so that by the summer of 2027, we have the space prepared for renewal.

If you would like a more detailed look at the budget we proposed or if you have other questions about the time of renewal leave - please do not hesitate to reach out to us! Looking ahead with you in hope!

A Special Note of Thanks

In December, during one of our all-ages, intergenerational Sunday School classes, we created Christmas cards for inmates at SCI Smithfield. They sent back a HUGE Thank you card - signed by all of the men who typically attend worship with Chaplain Nina Coulter. Here are the pictures, but you should make time to read all the notes in person! It will be hanging on the bulletin board by the church office.



A Welcoming Challenge

SUBMITTED BY SHARON YOHN, LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIR

For the past nine months, we have been focusing on a priority of welcoming and support. As part of that, we've made some changes - you may have noticed things like clear instructions about the hymnal supplement and information about places to park in the Friday Flash.

So here's my welcoming challenge for you (and myself!). Use people's names.

Research shows that the simple act of using someone's name in a conversation makes them feel seen and valued, and can make the conversation more memorable. Unfortunately, not everyone is good at remembering names. And once you've been introduced a couple times it's so embarrassing to have to ask... Yes, I am speaking from experience. Remembering names is definitely not one of my strengths! You can probably guess where this is going by now. Yup - I'm going to ask you to please wear a name tag on Sunday mornings. If you don't want a pinhole in your nice clothes - no problem! We have lanyards in the back of the sanctuary. Or maybe you always accidentally bring your nametag home and leave it there. Not a problem - use a sticker, or ask us to make you a second one! If you are in the choir, you can keep your name tag in the choir room, or even have a second one made special for the choir room. If you'd like a new or an extra nametag, just note that down in the attendance pad or complete the online form in the Friday Flash.

Wearing nametags and using names is a way to build and strengthen our community. It's worth a little extra effort - I hope we'll all give it a try!

From the Deacon Team

SUBMITTED BY PATTI PATERSON

In case you didn't know this about me, I am Co-Chair of the Deacons, along with Carol Fultz. At this time we have 17 deacons.

We serve our congregation by choosing Care Groups to whom we can be a first contact in addition to calling on a Pastor. This helps live into being the Body of Christ together where we are all Ministers. We reach out to our Care Groups on birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions.

I find this is a great way to stay connected to the members of our congregation. We form bonds that are very special.

In a few weeks we will be preparing for a "Call" for new Deacons from our congregation. To serve as a Deacon you need to be a member of our church. If you are "Called" to be a deacon, you will receive a call from one

of the Co-Chairs or Pastor Ben to see if you are available to take on this role. You will see more about this in the Newsletter and Friday Flash as the time draws near in March.



2026 Deacon Call

SUBMITTED BY PATTI PATERSON

“Deacons are called to be dedicated caregivers who use their spiritual gifts in a shared ministry of concern for the total well-being of God’s people.

*—from the 1997 Annual Conference statement,
Deacon Ministry in the Church of the Brethren*

The Stone Church Deacons have found ways to be effective caregivers. We decided that we would form sub-groups to use our spiritual gifts and energy to be more specific in our caregiving. We developed the following small groups within the deacon team: Greeting Cards; Prepare & Assist for Love Feast/Communion; Transportation, Visitation, Assist with Anointing; Prepare & Deliver Meals; Prayer; Assist with Baptisms; Bible Study Leaders.

It is important to add that deacons are not perfect people, but they are spiritually healthy people. Joan Deeter, in the Brethren publication *Called to Caregiving*, has said: “Those best qualified to serve as deacons will be those who have themselves known brokenness, who have grown strong at the broken places, who have known God’s strength most powerfully because of their own weakness, and who are willing to risk sharing their stories. . . Those most ready to serve as deacons are those who have experienced the joy of rebirth.”

Please prayerfully consider names of people you think would be good deacons for our congregation.

The Stone Church Deacons are members of the church, called out from the body to be dedicated caregivers using spiritual gifts to support the Stone Church pastors and our community of faith.

During the worship service on Sunday, March 15th, you will be asked to write down names of church members you would like to call or “re-call” to this position. You may even write your own name if this feels like a good role for you. Please feel free to send names to the church office (prior to March 15th) or use the chat thread if attending virtually on Zoom March 15th.

The Deacon Discernment Team will collect the suggested names and prayerfully discern which members are being called to the deacon role. Those members will be contacted by the Deacon Discernment Team and informed of the call. The names of those who accept the call will be shared with the congregation and affirmed at a date to be determined. Current Deacons are listed below:

DEACON NAME	TERM ENDS	DEACON NAME	TERM ENDS	DEACON NAME	TERM ENDS
Darlene Chivers	2026	Marty Keeney	2027	Patti Paterson	2028
Carol Fultz	2026	Cheryl Ritchey	2027	Phil Paterson	2028
Brenda Furry	2026	Jeremy Uhrich	2027	Bill Peters	2028
Janis Jones	2026	Cheryl Washburn	2027	Barb Purdy	2028
Bruce Lidston	2026			Jim Sharrock	2028
Carolyn Lidston	2026			Tom Ness	2028
				Chuck Yohn	2028

From the Witness Team

SUBMITTED BY PAM GRUGAN

Black History Month and SANKOFA

Stone Church has partnered with members and friends of Payne Church in Huntingdon, Bethel A.M.E. Church in Mount Union, University Baptist and Brethren Church in State College, State College Friends Meeting, Alabaster House in Mill Creek, and Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Mount Union.

Together we have sent more than eight cross-racial pairs—two-by-two—to get on the bus in Atlanta, look back into our nation’s racial history, and move forward together in truth and in love.

In February, Black History Month, Sankofa travelers were especially busy telling their stories.

The January/February 2026 issue of the Church of the Brethren Messenger magazine featured Sankofa on the cover and an article written by Pastor Cindy.

On all four Sundays in February, Bethel AME members celebrated “the foundations, footprints, and force of the Black Church...through stories of faith, resilience, and hope.”

And they told more stories...

February 3, 2026 at the Huntingdon Rotary Club meeting,

February 6, 2026 at Huntingdon County Library’s “Friday’s at Noon,”

February 15, 2026 at the State College Friends Meetinghouse, and on

February 26, 2026 Church of the Brethren Director of Intercultural Ministries Founa Badet hosted a Sankofa storytelling event over Zoom.

Then, February 18, 2026 Marty Keeney, Anthony Bullet, and Michael House began a whole new Sankofa chapter in Central Pennsylvania when they embarked on their own journey.



Sunday School Happenings

SUBMITTED BY JEANNIE LASHLESS

In the Sunday School class for our youngest people, there is a lot going on. Any given week, Livi Hall, Miles Hall, Henrik Minor, Emil Minor, Tavey Rohrbaugh, Aeneas Robbins, Oliver Robbins, Natalie Buterbaugh, Beau Buterbaugh and others may come to Sunday School.

After free play and a Bible lesson, kids do activities about the lesson such as games and crafts. There's also snacks. Tavey explained that she likes coming to Sunday School because she loves "spending time with her friends. Doing fun activities and learning more about JESUS."

While class has a Teacher and an Assistant, it's child led – following the direction of the children's interests. Pam Grugan, one of the teachers on rotation shared her experience, "I like participating in Stone Church's Sunday school programming for a number of reasons. The relationships I develop with the children make everything I do with my church family even more fun. I like when the children recognize me and greet me." She continued by saying, "Recently, one of the children asked if I would sit with them during the worship service. Was I flattered? Yes, I was! I sat right down! I also really like getting to know the children's parents. Enjoy listening to how they tell their stories and participating in all of their activities. And, I like when an activity I plan really clicks with one of the children."

Anne Rice, Teacher Assistant cites that Sunday School "helps [children] to know how much they're loved by God and how to share that love with others." It's putting faith into practice which the class was challenged to do on a recent Sunday when children learned about a parable in Matthew 25 about sheep, goats and judgement using the Shine Curriculum from Brethren Press. In the Sunday School book, Dorothy Jean Weaver writes, "Jesus said that when we care for others, we are caring for Him."

Following the lesson, there was a lively discussion on how we can help others. Tavey suggested to "tell a teacher" if a friend is sick or hurt and Miles suggested giving people "blankets" who are cold. The children were able to play with a doll and doctor's kit practicing "when I was sick you cared for me," water play when ladling out cups of water for each family member (even pets!) representing "when I was thirsty, you gave me a drink," and decorating a t-shirt cut out with ribbons and fabric for "when I needed clothes you gave them to me." The class also made snack bags to give to friends (and themselves!) for "when I was hungry, you gave me food." Livi was asked about an activity that she likes at Sunday School. She explained "building houses with blocks."

In Stone Church's Sunday School class there is a lot going on. More than building houses. We are building relationships and our faith.





Annual Dinners – March 20, 6:30 p.m. & March 21, 5:30 p.m.
You're invited to Camp Blue Diamond's Annual Dinner!
This fundraiser features delicious food, meaningful fellowship, and awesome entertainment. Your \$60 donation goes a long way in supporting the mission and ministry of Camp.

Entertainment will be the singing trio 3 Four One, which performs modern, harmonized arrangements of contemporary Christian songs, spirituals, and traditional hymns, along with their original music. For menu, registration, and more, see the enclosed flier or contact Stone Church's servers, David Meadows and Jeannie Lashlee.

Quilt and Craft Camp – April 17-19

Quilting and crafting are a lot like gardening. If things are sewn into the right places, beautiful images and patterns will emerge at the end of our hard work. Whether you quilt, knit or crochet, scrapbook, paint, make jewelry, or whatever other crafty things you do, bring your projects with you and work on them over the weekend! There will also be time for an optional guided workshop on a specific project. Delicious food and lodging will be provided. The retreat begins Friday at 7pm (move in as early as 6 pm) and we'll conclude Sunday at 1pm. For cost, more info, and online registration, visit:

www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events.

Herpetology Retreat – May 1-2

Camp is no stranger to reptiles and amphibians as our lake attracts numerous species of frogs, toads, salamanders, and turtles. In the woods around Camp, you can expect to find similar species, and of course snakes! While many folks think these creatures are slimy and gross (a few of them are a little slimy), they are still an incredible part of God's Creation. Join us for an overnight retreat as we search for and learn more about these fascinating creatures! This event will begin at 7pm on Friday and go late into the evening, as many species are nocturnal. We'll conclude by 11am on Saturday. Cost is \$40 and includes overnight lodging, a Friday evening snack, and Saturday brunch. For more info, recommendations, and online registration, visit

www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events.

Breakfast With the Birds – May 8 & 9

Join us for our Spring Migration "Breakfast with the Birds" morning at Camp Blue Diamond. Gabe Imler will lead us around Camp looking for bird species that are passing through Rothrock State Forest. The bird walk will begin on Saturday at 7am with a bird-themed breakfast to follow. Or, if you would like to come the night before and participate in a guided night hike, overnight lodging and a snack will be provided. Cost for both Friday and Saturday is \$40. All ages and experience levels welcome! Feel free to bring your own binoculars and field guides. For more info and online registration, visit www.campbluediamond.org/retreats-%26-events.

News From Camp Continued...

Staff and Volunteer Nurses Needed for Summer Camp 2026!

If you (or someone you know!) love Camp Blue Diamond and enjoy working with children and youth, nothing is better than working or volunteering at Camp. Each summer, Camp hires counselors, a lifeguard, climbing tower director, arts and crafts director, and naturalist; must be 18 or have finished high school. Kitchen and maintenance staff must be 16 or older. Applications are available at www.campbluediamond.org.

There is also a **SPECIAL NEED** for volunteer healthcare professionals. Nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or physicians are needed each week to provide care and distribute medication. Please contact Executive Director Brian Bert at 814-667-2355 or executive@campbluediamond.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Annual Dinners	March 20 & 21
Quilt & Craft Camp	April 17 – 19
Herpetology Weekend	May 1 – 2
Breakfast with the Birds	May 8 & 9
Heritage Fair 2026 – SAVE THE DATE!	September 19



You're cordially invited to

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND'S

Annual Dinner

March 20th at 6:30pm & 21st at 5:30pm \$60

Everyone is invited to share in the ministry of Camp Blue Diamond by enjoying an amazing evening of delicious food, wonderful fellowship and fantastic entertainment. Annual Dinner at Camp Blue Diamond has been a tradition for many years. Through this fundraiser you are helping to provide a socially, emotionally and physically safe place where children and youth can develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and form important new friendships.

Your \$60 donation goes a long way in continuing to help Camp Blue Diamond maintain the affordable Summer Camp prices for all campers, as well as support the mission of Camp Blue Diamond!



Annual Dinner Menu
Appetizers, Ceaser Salad,
Chicken Cordon blue,
Scalloped Potatoes,
Roasted Mixed Vegetables,
Applesauce, Dinner Roll &
Vanilla Cake with
Strawberries & Ice Cream

Entertainment both evenings will feature the trio 3 Four One. Their name comes from Lamentations 3:41, "We lift our hearts and hands to the Lord," and reflects the group's mission to raise their voices in praise to God while sharing His Word and love through the gift of music.

3 Four One performs modern, harmonized arrangements of contemporary Christian songs, spirituals, and traditional hymns, along with original music of their own.

Their rich musical harmonies promise to inspire and encourage all who attend as we journey through the season of Lent toward the joy of Easter.

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Total # of Guests _____

Saturday

Attending: Friday

Waiter Preference: _____ No Preference

Dietary Preferences/Restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, gluten free, sugar free, etc.)

Enclosed is a check or use my credit/debit card information \$ _____

Card # _____

Exp.: ____/____

Security # _____

Name on Card _____

I (We) will pay at the dinner I (We) cannot attend but would like to make a donation \$ _____

(Donations are tax deductible gifts. An end of the year giving statement will be given to all those attending, or those making a donation but not able to attend.)

Please mail to: Camp Blue Diamond, PO Box 240, Petersburg, PA 16669 by March 17th.

Gene's Jottings

WRITTEN BY GENE GOSHORN

The End of an Era

February, I turned 86. I also will have completed 12 years as the writer of Gene's Jottings for Stone Church. When Alberta, the daughter of pastor Albert, changed her name to Alberta Goshorn, I started to help her with her writings for the Stone Church Newsletter.

Now I believe I should, for health reasons, retire from writing Gene's Jottings. I have enjoyed my 12 years as the author of Gene's Jottings and happy for the opportunity to meet and write about many fine people. Now I think it's time to retire from Gene's Jottings.

The Stone Church Community expresses its deep appreciation for Gene's contribution to the newsletter over the last 12 years. The mixture of humor and history always made for an interesting read. Thank you, Gene, for using your gifts for God's glory and your neighbor's good.

Special thanks to Marty Keeney as well, who has taken time each month to be a scribe so that Gene could actively participate for as long as possible!

Welcoming Refugees and Immigrants

SUBMITTED BY EMILY YOHN

Last semester, I had the pleasure of taking a course called *Refugees and Humanitarianism* taught by Dr. Joseph Bock at Juniata. As part of this course, a speaker from an organization called Global Refuge came and spoke to our class about the efforts their nonprofit is taking to support refugees and immigrants. Like many others, this past year has left me feeling equal parts called to action and hopeless about anything I could do. In such a busy and chaotic world, it is difficult to feel like I am making any real difference. Through Global Refuge, however, I saw how I, with the support of Stone Church, could make a tangible impact on people's lives. Through their Build a Neighbor Kit, we are able to welcome recent immigrants and show them that they are welcome here. This Lent, we will be collecting supplies for the **Youth Mentorship Kit**, designed to help prepare kids for school. Just bring the items to church on March 8, 15, or 22. We'll assemble them together in worship on March 29. Together we can make a difference in welcoming kids to the United States in a time of turmoil!

For each kit

Required items

- Notebook
- Pen
- Pencil
- Highlighter
- Sketchbook
- Water bottle (12 or 18 oz)

Optional items

- Blue light glasses
- Hand sanitizer
- Reading light
- Headphones
- Portable charger

Christian Education Spotlight

Sunday School for ALL AGES Returns!

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30am - January 18th and beyond

- **Bible Study** - A gathering for adults led by Rick Laabs, diving deeper into the scriptures from each week's worship service. You can join in person in the room to the RIGHT of the office, or over Zoom!
- **Sojourners Book Group** - This book group is full of thoughtful people exploring the intersections of our life and faith. This is a great time to join! This Fall, we're reading Subversive Witness by Dominique Dubois Gilliard - In the room to the LEFT of the office, or over Zoom!
- **YOUNGER Kids' Sunday School** - meets in the Nursery - Kids from PreK - 2nd Grade join together learning Bible Stories with crafts and music and games, even as they create a community of friends to grow together!
- **ELEMENTARY Children's Class** - meets in the "Room of Bernard" down the Hall from the Office. Kids in 2nd - 5th grades are invited to come build and strengthen friendships while learning the stories of the Bible through fun and games.
- **YOUTH Class for Middle and High Schoolers** - meets in the 3rd floor classroom above the Office. In this class, youth will learn more about the beliefs and practices of our church. At the end of the class, those who want to are welcomed to be baptized / become full members of the church!

Upcoming Events

Food Collection for the Standing Stone Backpack Program

Sunday, March 1st, During Worship

At Stone Church of the Brethren, we're proud to support the Backpack Program at Standing Stone Elementary School here in Huntingdon. This wonderful program provides food for students in need to take home on weekends, ensuring that no child goes hungry when school meals aren't available.

This month, we'll be collecting donations of **POP TARTS** on Sunday, March 1st in worship!

Every small act of generosity helps feed a child and strengthen our community! Together, we can make sure every student starts their week nourished and ready to learn!

Older Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, March 10th at 12pm at the backroom of Donna's Restaurant

Join together with other older adults for a time of good food and even better fellowship together! (We have a very loose definition of "Older Adults" - so whoever you are, we hope you'll just come and enjoy the time together!)

ROot Card Making Event

Friday, Mar. 13th. from 6-8pm in the downstairs classroom

We will be restocking the greeting card basket for the deacons, and you're welcome to share other thoughts for how such hand-crafted cards could be used to bless others. Cardstock, stamps, ink, and other materials will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share with the group.

Upcoming Events Continued...

Food Pantry Collection Sunday

Sunday, March 8th, we'll roll out the red wagon to collect CANNED FRUIT and PEANUT BUTTER

Thanks for your generosity in caring for the hungry in our community!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 21st at 8am in the back Room at Donna's Restaurant

All Stone Church Men and your guests are invited to attend the Stone Church Monthly Men's Breakfast Gathering! Even if you haven't attended in the past, please consider joining us.

For wonderful fellowship, great food and plenty of laughs. This is a terrific opportunity to get to know other Stone Men in a friendly and pleasant atmosphere. I encourage you to give it a try. I promise, you will leave with a smile and full stomach!

Taize Worship

Sunday, March 22nd at 6pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for this contemplative worship experience! Using scripture, prayer, simple music, and silence, this service helps us to be rooted in God's presence. There is a beauty to this time together that it is difficult to put into words - we hope you'll join us!

New Community Project Learning Tours: Go. Meet. Learn. Grow. Change – yourself and your world. And there's room for you on our upcoming trips!

South Sudan/Rwanda – May 11-21 – African culture, spirit, resilience, faith. Women's groups, schoolgirls, reforestation, wildlife safari

Ecuadorian Amazon – May 28-June 3 – native communities, toucans and pink dolphins, toxic tour, nature's splendor

Borneo – June 11-19 – orangutans & sun bears, mangroves, palm oil plantations, snorkeling amidst coral, beaucoup biodiversity

Lybrook, NM – July 8-14 – Dineh (Navajo) life and culture, Chaco Ruins, magnificent vistas, medicine woman, daily work around the site

Denali/Kenai Fjords – July 27 – August 4 – hiking, wildlife (sheep, moose, bears), volunteer day at dogsled kennels; whales and puffins along the coast

Yellowstone/Tetons - early August 9-16 – thermal springs, waterfalls, bison, 'mazing mountains, camp and hike among all this

Nepal – January 12-24 – hosted by Shakti Samuha, learn about human trafficking and meet survivors – and the Chepang girls; visit Chitwan National Park (rhinos!)

[Here's the webpage](#) – let's go! Contact: 540.855.1199; dradcliffncp@yahoo.com

Staying in Community

FIND WAYS TO CELEBRATE YOUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS BELOW!

March Birthdays

1st - Daniel Laprade
2nd - Chuck Yohn
6th - Paul Elder
9th - Rowan Roth
12th - Oscar Tuten
14th - Beau Buterbaugh
15th - Seppi Grugan
16th - Sarah Worley
17th - Tim Launtz
23rd - Dan Cook- Huffman
23rd - Lori Fagan
24th - Shelby Anders
25th - Brandon Conaway
26th - Taylor Boyer
26th - Knox Boyer
26th - Carol Oldring
26th - Sandino Phillippe-Grugan
26th - Kate Thurston-Griswold
26th - Kim Witkovsky
27th - Chris Gibboney
27th - Charlie Paterson
29th - Paul Lattimer
30th - Anita Soliday

March Anniverseries

24th - Phil & Patti Paterson



Homebound Members

USE THE ADDRESSES BELOW TO REACH OUT TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN-PERSON

Gene Goshorn
156 Snyder Memorial Road
Marienville, PA 16239

The Oaks
Sue Martin
360 Westminster Drive
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Louise Smith
11642 Station Road
Huntingdon, PA 16652

