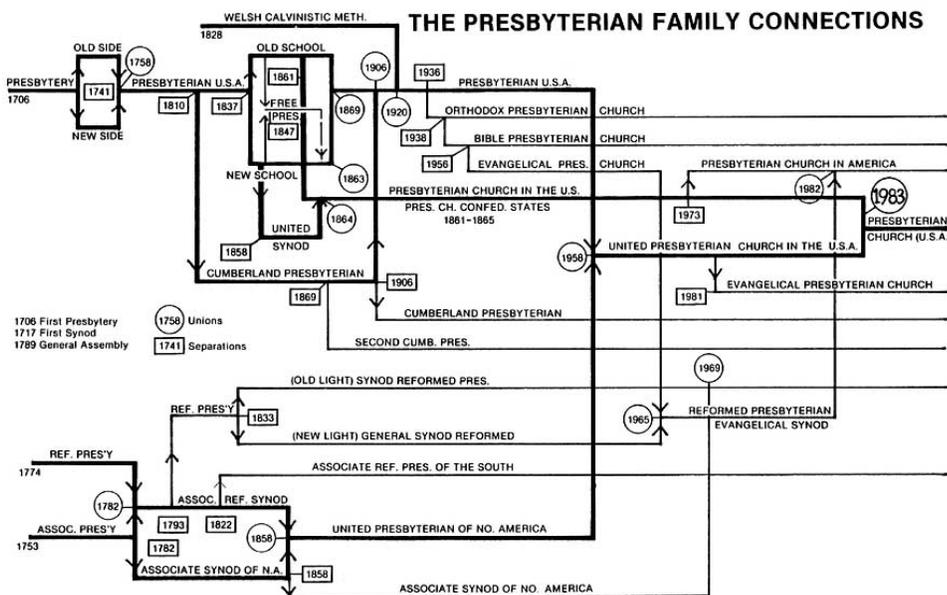


Stone Chippings

What does it mean that we are a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? While our roots go back to John Calvin, the Protestant Reformation, and, well, Jesus, in the United States Presbyterians were some of the earliest immigrants, founding congregations as early as the 1630s. Across the centuries we've grown and expanded, divided and reunited. Some divisions have been smaller than others, some reunions larger than others, but the largest reunion happened in 1983 when the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), the "southern stream," and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), the "northern stream," agreed to form one denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), healing a fracture that

occurred in 1861 caused by churches' differing views on slavery.

Why am I bringing this up? This month the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be meeting in St. Louis. (the 223rd such GA). It's not other people, it's us who will be gathering in St. Louis to worship, work, and pray about where God is leading this denomination. The



Rev. Susan Sharp Campbell is one of the commissioners elected by the Presbytery of West Virginia to serve on the commission from this Presbytery, a commission made up of ministers and elders. We are all invited to watch, read, and pray during the gathering. (<http://www.pcusa.org/events/24276/223rd-general-assembly-2018/>) I hope that you will join me in doing just that.

(If you are curious about this, there is LOTS more information to be found at <https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history>).

Finally, I'll be out of town from June 13 – 30 for a few days of vacation and then to serve on the faculty of the annual Worship and Music Conference held at Montreat. If you have a pastoral need during that time please contact the church office. Debbie knows how to find me and who is on call to handle pastoral needs while I am out of town.

Peace, Rev. Anna



On the first Sunday of each month we invite any child or youth who has a birthday in that month to bring coins to place in the birthday bank during the Time for the Young Church—one coin per year. When the bank is full it is emptied and the proceeds are donated to mission. **Happy birthday!**

June 2	Tim Holbrook	June 10	Staci Banton
June 3	Paula McLaughlin	June 13	Emily Blankenship
June 5	Erin Blankenship	June 17	Katie Montgomery, David and Megan Hofmann
June 6	Kaye Rodgers	June 18	Lawson Hamilton, Sara Graham, Janie Kirk
June 7	Gordon Campbell, Rebecca Kucera	June 27	Christie Rodgers
June 8	Frank Milam	June 28	Philip McLaughlin
June 9	Jerri Gillespie		

VBS- June 3rd-7th from 6:00-8:00

This year our VBS theme is “Babylon” and it’s all about Daniel! You can expect to learn exciting new songs with Doc, experience the life of Daniel through story time, learn through hands on crafts and enjoy delicious and creative snacks! Forms are available in the church office today!

PYC Field Trip

On June 10th immediately following worship, all middle and high school students are invited to attend our year end picnic at Douthat State Park. Please plan to grab a fast food lunch. Don’t forget to pack swimwear and a towel! Contact Amy Kesterson to sign up...we want to be sure that we have a seat for you!

Summer Sunday School

All children’s Sunday School classes will take a break for summer. We will begin class again in September! The only adult class meeting throughout the summer is Chuck Lewis’ class that will continue to study The Present Word in the Session Room. Please watch for information concerning new education opportunities for the fall!



Greetings from the Sunday School Class led by Chuck Lewis.

I want to thank Ben Lewis for teaching these last several weeks. This month we study and discuss what Jesus says about justice and how that affects our society today. Our main scriptures will come from Matthew and Luke. Others will come from 1 Samuel, Hosea, Deuteronomy, John, Psalms, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Amos, Exodus, 2 Corinthians, Acts, Mark, Proverbs, and James. Please join us at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room (library, Session Room) on Sundays throughout the summer.

Mom's CAFÉ (Come And Feel Encouraged)

Mom's CAFÉ, whose mission is "to strive to engage mothers in our community by providing encouragement and guidance in a loving Christian environment", is an outreach ministry sponsored by Old Stone. This ministry idea was conceived by Amy Brown and adopted by the church in Summer 2017. The Steering Team is made up of two "mother mentors", Paula McLaughlin and Mary Scarborough, and four mothers, including Amy Brown, representing churches in our community. In addition, there are nine loving women who serve the ministry by providing childcare, along with snacks, crafts and bible stories. Old Stone provides the meeting place and childcare rooms and covers the expense of non-volunteer childcare workers.

Twenty mothers regularly participate in the program, along with their 25 children. From September-May Mom's CAFÉ met twice monthly, and will gather monthly over the summer for "Pray and Play" family outings. During the school year the programs were planned around monthly themes and included community speakers. The mothers group also participated in community service projects, making Christmas gifts for mothers at the Family Refuge Center and collecting food for the Backpack Program in elementary schools.

Mom's CAFÉ advertises its ministry as a place to come, relax and feel encouraged. The group includes mothers of newborns, mothers of teens, mothers of varied backgrounds and mothers from several church denominations. Sam Cahill Wilson, mother of Brice Wilson, reflected, "I look forward to our monthly meeting for the new friendships, open discussions, non-judgmental, motherly advice. I love having a safe environment to discuss motherhood, the good, the bad and the ugly. Mom's CAFÉ has helped me become a more confident mother. When I feel like I am struggling in a season of motherhood, it's so nice and uplifting to hear from other moms that I am not in this alone. I've learned that communicating about the ups and downs of this wonderful journey is truly a sanity saver and mood buster!" I've learned that we don't have to do this challenging, rewarding job alone. We have a group of supportive, positive women who are willing to lend an ear, hand or heart. This makes our job even more exciting!"

The Mother Mentors are key to this ministry, encouraging, leading and sharing wisdom with each young mother participating. Their nurturing, Godly love provides richness to the discussions and activities. Mentor, Paula McLaughlin, observed, "There is a wealth of information and guidance provided to all moms. I expected that, but what I am amazed to see is the bond that is being formed among the ladies. They have formed a unique sisterhood."

Amy Brown, who initiated and works tirelessly with others to implement this outreach ministry, shares this:

Mom's CAFE is personally a wonderful example to me, that **nothing is impossible with God**. When I first approached the church with the idea of having a community-wide mothers' support group, I thought Pastor Anna or the Session would think the idea to be crazy. However, both Pastor Anna and the Session wholeheartedly embraced the idea with enthusiasm and funding. My faith was small when I started

this journey, with questions swirling through my head like: Where would we find childcare workers? Would anyone actually attend? During the course of this first year with Mom's CAFE, God has shown me that He is always bigger than our doubts and fears. He has provided everything and more. At every meeting, He amazes me at what He has done with and through this ministry. Many of our 20 mothers that regularly attend have thanked our church for hosting Mom's Cafe and expressed how much it has meant to them in their motherhood journey. There is no one more appreciative of your support than me. This Old Stone-supported ministry has encouraged and strengthened my walk with God in ways that I never imagined possible. God bless you for your continued support, and we are looking forward to seeing what God will do with next year's Mom's CAFE. Please check us out on Mom's CAFÉ Greenbrier County Facebook Page!

Summer Camp!

Are your kids going to sleep-away camp this summer? An extended visit out of town? I'd love to write them a letter to let them know that God and their church family loves and prayers for them wherever they are, wherever they go. Please email me their address and the dates they will be away. Thank you! apstraight@oldstonechurchwv.com



Summer Camp



The Afternoon Circle will meet on Wednesday June 13 at 1:00 P.M.. Tracy Morgan will be hosting us at her new home on Muddy Creek Mountain. Brenda Jones will lead the Bible study on Lesson 9. We will meet at the church at 12:15 and carpool from there.



MADRID ~ EBENEZER ~ ABERSTWYTH ~ PUER NOBIS NASCITUR - CANONBURY LM ~ MORE LOVE TO THEE

What do these words mean? Have you noticed the words in all-caps next to the hymns? Those are the hymn tunes. Did you watch the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Essex and hear a hymn that sounded like "Be Thou My Vision," but wasn't? "Lord of All Hopefulness" is a hymn written by Jan Struther that uses the same tune as "Be Thou My Vision," SLANE.

The next time you think you are singing a new hymn, look at the tune. (There is an index in the hymnal). It might be a tune you've sung before, just with new words! What tunes are your favorites and why do you like them?

And can you still tell me (Rev. Anna) your favorite hymns or hymns you would like to sing? Always. I keep track of all of your requests and try and include at least two hymns each Sunday that have been requested.

For the 2018 summer sermon series you were asked to submit your questions.

Is there a Bible story that has always perplexed you?

Is there a Bible story you've never heard used for a sermon?

What topic are you interested in hearing more about what the Bible (and/or the church) has to say?

Where do you feel God challenging you and you'd like to know/learn more?

What are the issues of faith facing you in your own life?

From your questions:

"I'd like to hear a sermon about"

2018 Summer Sermon Series

June 3	"Failure" Genesis 27: 30 – 40, Luke 22:54-62
June 10	"Heaven" Psalm 146, John 14: 1 – 7
June 17	Barbara Chalfant, guest preacher
June 24	Tom Campbell, guest preacher
July 1	"The Old Testament and the New Testament God. Are they the same?" Isaiah 2: 1 – 4, Matthew 10: 34 - 39
July 8	"The Bible Says What?" 2 Kings 2: 19-25
July 15	"Who's Judging?" Judges 4: 4 – 10, Luke 6:27-42,
July 22	"Prayer" Luke 6: 12 – 16, James 5: 13 – 18, Romans 8: 26 - 27
July 29	David Bower, guest preacher
August 5	David Bower, guest preacher
August 12	David Bower, guest preacher
August 19	"Forgiveness, God's and Ours" Matthew 18, 15 – 21, Matthew 26: 26 – 30
August 26	"21 st Century Beatitudes" Matthew 5: 1 - 12
September 2	"The Science of Creation" Genesis 2: 5 – 25

Find the most up-to-date calendar at www.oldstonechurchwv.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2
27 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 5:30pm - PYC	28 Office Closed - Memorial 10am - No APS Office 3pm - No APS Office Hours	29 10am - Bulletin Deadline	30 1:30pm - Staff Meeting 3pm - APS Office Hours	31				
3 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12pm - Church Picnic at 5:30pm - PYC 6pm - VBS	4 6pm - VBS 7pm - Choir Practice	5 10am - Bulletin Deadline 6pm - VBS	6 9am - Men's Breakfast 2pm - Comfort Care 6pm - Session Meeting 6pm - VBS	7			8	9
10 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12pm - Douthat State Park-	11 7pm - Choir Practice	12 10am - Bulletin Deadline	13 7pm - PW Circle	14			15	16
17 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship	18 7pm - Choir Practice	19 10am - Bulletin Deadline	20 10am - Newsletter 6pm - NO Committee Night	21			22	23
24 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship	25 7pm - Choir Practice	26 10am - Bulletin Deadline	27	28			29	30