



# OLDSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Annual Report 2019

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The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight  
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*God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.  
~Fred Pratt Green*

Yes, God is here at Old Stone Presbyterian Church. This truth was seen in many ways in 2019. There were more than a dozen funeral receptions—countless sandwiches made and shared. The floors needed to be mopped and/or vacuumed several times a week because the building is alive with activity. Thousands of bags of food went out the doors and donations came back in to make sure there was always enough. Hymns were sung, prayers offered, tears shed, and laughter shared—all of it giving God the glory.

As you read through these pages you will see that there is much to celebrate in the life of Old Stone Presbyterian Church. You'll also see that we are living in a liminal time.

Liminal time is a phrase I am borrowing from church consultant and author Susan Beaumont. She recently wrote a book entitled, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*. What is liminality? Beaumont defines it this way: "The simplest way to describe liminality is to say that it's a threshold moment. Liminality is the in-between space when you are neither here nor there, and it's a very rich time organizationally and institutionally for an organization to rediscover a lot about itself and to become highly creative."<sup>1</sup>

Old Stone is, I believe, in one of these seasons. It can be disorienting being unsure about what is ahead, but it is also an opportunity to lean into faithfulness and discipleship. As we step into the future, I hope that you will remember that Old Stone has something that many churches do not— 237 years of changes. Could the 1783 Old Stone congregation (Lewisburg Presbyterian Church) have foreseen where we are now? The 1883 congregation? They couldn't see the future, but they laid the foundation for where we are now, just as we are called to do for the congregations that will come after us.

Change is not new to Old Stone, and we need not be afraid —God is here— we need only to listen and go where God leads. It is a privilege to be your pastor. I am grateful for the years past and am looking forward to the years ahead.

Peace, Rev. Anna

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.susanbeaumont.com/embracing-liminal-space/>  
<https://faithandleadership.com/susan-beaumont-leading-between-season>

## Amy Kesterson, Program Coordinator

“I am the church! You are the Church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we’re the church together!”  
-Hymn – We are the Church

Being a part of the staff at Old Stone Presbyterian Church has been one of the most rewarding and enriching experiences of my life. 2019 marked the fifth year of my service with this congregation. In that time I’ve been blessed with the joy of watching our children grow, some graduate both high school and college, and even more making spiritual milestone through our Sunday School classes, Logos and PYC.

I’ve also had the opportunity to celebrate life events with our church family, such as meeting new babies, watching preschoolers embark on their formal education in Kindergarten, and marking milestone birthdays.

It comes as no surprise that I have also witnessed the love of this congregation as you have loved one another through difficult times – illness, career changes, and the loss of loved ones, just to name a few. I believe that faith grows in people of all ages, and connects us to one another. I am constantly blessed to watch how our church community lives this connection out loud.

Working with the Christian Education Committee is a pleasure. While grappling with how to stay relevant in an ever-changing world, this committee leads with heart, faith and commitment. Together, we continue to assess what is working, what isn’t, and what direction we are being called.

While there are surely mountains to climb, I believe Old Stone is well suited to embrace the exciting opportunities (and challenges) of ministry ahead. Each and every day I see proof that God is real and present within our worshipping community. Together we will embark on making God’s love visible to the world.

Grace Abounds,  
*Amy Kesterson*

## Dr. Calvin A. McClinton, Music Director

Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow, another year 2019, has passed. My second year here at Old Stone Presbyterian Church has been a year filled with new challenges, some wonderful and spirit filled that has forever changed the congregation and I, and others that have left us both wanting and praying for God's guidance.

In the early spring of 2019 the music department and church saw the retirement of our long time and faithful organist, Linda Walls. Linda will truly be missed, her commitment and service to the music program, church and community will be a huge loss.

The worship committee launched a search for another substitute organist to help with the worship music along with Ms. Bridgett Edwards who still continues to bless us with her music and service to Old Stone and the music program. After some searching several candidates were brought forth and one young man was selected, Dr. Brennan Wood. Dr. Wood now joins the music program as a substitute organist. We are very happy to have Brennan to be a part of the Old Stone family.

We also welcomed Stephanie Blume and Fred Prichard to the music department. Stephanie now helps lead the music with the Logos program and Fred works with the Old Stone Preschool. Stephanie and Fred were hired after my illness, when I no longer wished to continue with those parts of my work. Welcome to Stephanie and Fred.

The beginning of the year 2019 may have started off a little unstable but it picked up momentum with the PYC's Sunday morning's GODSPELL worship service. The service was a up-beat, contemporary service led entirely by the youth, using music from the musical "Godspell" and scriptural passages from the New Testament of the Bible. This coming year 2020, the PYC youth group hopes to exceed its triumph with Godspell by creating its own original service based on their favorite popular songs and correlating passages from the Bible. This VICTORY service led by the PYC youth on April 19, is not to be missed.

During the Lenten Season 2019 the choir and community created a very moving Holy Saturday service of Handel's Messiah, Easter portion which is the 2nd and 3rd part of the Messiah Oratorio. It was a dramatic service with readings, music from the oratorio and sounds and visuals. It had attendance well over 200. Praise be to God.

And well into the summer, once again, the choir, congregation, community members and ministers from local churches came together at the Old Stone Church to celebrate our nation's history on the 5th of July in a musical tribute of scripture and song. It was a huge success.

But later in the Fall, because of my illness in the later part of July and through August, the Harvest Festival program was canceled. However, I would like to take this time and thank the church and congregation for all of the prayers, cards, gifts and wonderful

generosity given to me during this period of illness. I have never been so over come with such love and affection, as I have received and still receive, as I do from this congregation. Praise be his name.

Now that I am well into my second year here at Old Stone, my primary focus remains the same, building community and developing musical excellence for the worship service. I would be remised if I did not mention how proud I am of the growth and development in the other areas of our music program, here at Old Stone.

The Handbell program, led by Ves Burford, has been a joy to the congregation when both the Adult and Children Handbells offer music for the worship service. The handbell program along with Logos and PYC under the leadership of Amy Kesterson is also getting our youth more involved with music for worship in some exciting non-traditional ways. I really enjoy working with the PYC group and I think this coming year 2020, the VICTORY service which they are preparing and mentioned earlier, will be a service you don't want to miss.

In December of 2019, the music program embraced once again the major challenge of presenting Handel's Messiah as a community sing-a-long, with full orchestra and soloist. Over 200 were in attendance. The church congregation, community members and people from all over the area came to enjoy and fellowship in the beauty of the church's decorations and wonderful music to honor the birth of our savior. Also, not only did the local community enjoy the message through music, the region and beyond was able to receive the service via internet. The Alleghany Journal streamed the service live from the sanctuary over the internet and youtube. Where you still can go to enjoy the magic and wonder of that service. What an amazing celebration. Thanks to all involved. Everyone is now looking forward to our next sing-a-long in 2020.

To close out the Christmas season the Old Stone Chancel Choir participated in a concert at Curfman Hall in Covington, VA as part of the year long American Evolution Commemoration. I am so proud of them and also to announce that they will return in January of 2020 to sing with the American Spiritual Ensemble, a professional New York group, to conclude that year long commemoration.

As we close this year of 2019, I look back and can only say, Thank You Lord.

With much love,

**Doc**

## Old Stone Church Preschool 2019 - 2020

We are having another amazing year with a total of 24 students, ages 2 through 5 years of age enrolled in our Program. We appreciate having three classrooms: 2-year old, K-3 and K4/5 as we have found that the learning abilities of the children greatly differ. The smaller classes give an opportunity to the community to place their children in smaller-sized classes with more efficient learning rather than in a public-school universal preschool setting.

The 2-year old teachers are Pat Boisvert and Diane Collins; the K3 teachers are Dana Neumann and Amy Ahern; the K4/5 teachers are Kelly Bennett and Julie Dunbar. The teachers are doing an outstanding job preparing the children for their next year in preschool or for kindergarten.

We are proud to be a part of this Program and thank you for your support in teaching some of the children in our community.

The Old Stone Church Preschool Program has been an educational part of the Church for a long time and the focus remains the same. We help the children flourish in a fun-loving Christian environment. The children attend chapel in the sanctuary once a week with Pastor Anna or Amy Kesterson. In some cases, this is a new experience for the child. We believe that learning takes place through play and that above all, preschool should be fun.

The teachers continue to introduce students to the world around them while building on their developing literacy foundations, creativity, social skills and boosting their confidence in their own academic ability.

You can learn more about the Preschool on the Church's website. ([www.oldstonechurchwv.com](http://www.oldstonechurchwv.com)) or the Preschool's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/OldStonePresbyterianPreschool](http://www.facebook.com/OldStonePresbyterianPreschool))

**Pat Boisvert**  
Preschool Director

## Clerk of Session

2019 was a busy year for the Session and congregation of Old Stone Presbyterian Church.

The Session held nine (9) Stated Session meetings along with three (3) Called meetings. The Session called one (1) Congregational meeting, and also held the Annual meeting of the church. Some of the highlights of these meetings included:

- Stated Meetings – the regular business of the church was conducted, along with reports from each of the Session committees.
- Called Meetings – At one of these meetings, the Session met with the seven (7) members of the Confirmation Class. The students were examined and welcomed into the membership of Old Stone. Members of the class included: Fielding Foster, Lawson Hamilton, Cora Kesterson, Lauren Rodgers, Julia Smith, Lauren Smith and Sam Totten. At another Called meeting, the Session welcomed five (5) individuals into the membership of the church, – by Letter of Transfer and Reaffirmation of Faith – including: Jessica Tuckwiller Montgomery, Rebecca Walk Kisner, Becky Mahlburg, Stephanie Williams and Todd Williams.
- Congregational Meetings – In February, there was the Service of Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders. Also, in February, the Session and membership of the church held the Annual Meeting. In October, the congregation met to hear the report of the Nominating Committee, followed by the election of Ruling Elders – Class of 2022; a Trustee – Class of 2022, and the members-at-large to serve on the 2020 Nominating Committee.

During 2019, Old Stone Presbyterian Church mourned the death of eight (8) members, four (4) of whom had served as Ruling Elders in the church.

As 2019 has ended and 2020 has begun, the Session would like to thank the Ruling Elders of the Class of 2019 for their service and dedication to the OSPC. Members of the Class of 2019 are: Carol Bland, Townley Hamilton, Sandi Hofmann, Cam Huffman, Andy Kelso, Molly McMillion and Coriann Nemcik.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Nancy Smallenberger*



## Care Committee

LeeAnn Gillilan, Rodney Weikle, Lou Ella Lewis, Lynn Weikle, Marcia Lietch, Brenda Jones, Arlen Myers, Chuck Lewis

The function of Care Committee is to provide emotional and physical assistance to the Old Stone members and friends who are experiencing life struggles and joys at many different levels.

The assistance we provided this year included visitation to members who were ill, grieving and/or homebound. Often a meal or simply soup and bread accompany the visit. We provide rides to appointments or church services.

We are a part of fellowship committee with organizing and executing the church and community events such as Palm Sunday brunch, Harvest fall kick-off, Santa brunch and other special receptions of the church.

It is a rich blessing and a warming of the heart to provide this kind of service to members and friends of Old Stone Presbyterian Church.

In His Service

*LeeAnn Gillilan*

## Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee is responsible for coordinating most educational opportunities at Old Stone. This includes the Preschool, Sunday School Nursery, Sunday School for adults and youth, LOGOS, PYC, Confirmation, Youth Sunday, Winter Bible School, acolytes, lay readers, mission trips, camps and retreats, and conferences. The committee also enjoys putting on celebrations like the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Advent Fair and Christmas Pageants.

Sunday School is available for adults and youth at 10am with a Nursery available for both Sunday School and Worship. New this fall, Sunday School was presented in units covering a particular theme over several weeks then allowing for a break before beginning a new unit. This format will continue into Winter/Spring 2020. Classes are led by dedicated staff and volunteers from the congregation.

The Weekday Preschool under the direction of devoted church member, Pat Boisvert, has 24 children currently enrolled. Three classes are nurturing 2, 3 and 4-5yr olds with a lead teacher and aide in each class in compliance with Old Stone's Safe Sanctuary Policy (2 adults per room). In addition to the students' daily routines they are further enriched by weekly chapel and music.

LOGOS, "The Word", is where we build the foundation of bible knowledge and life application for students in grades K-5. Eighteen energetic children led by education director, Amy Kesterson, and church volunteer, Amy Brown, fill the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday for snack, playtime, bible lessons, crafts and music. We are grateful to choir director, Calvin McClinton, bell director, Ves Burford and musician Stephanie Blume for directing the children musically.

Winter Bible School, held last March was a reinvention of the Vacation Bible School typically held in early June. The timing of Winter Bible School seemed to be the right window to capture busy children and families between winter and and spring sports and activities. The program felt invigorating and deemed a success worth continuing in 2020.

PYC (6-12th grader's) led by education director, Amy Kesterson, and assisted by volunteers, Debbie Taylor, Townley Hamilton and many wonderful parents and grandparents had a most impressive and impactful year! Two particular events come to mind and continue to amaze me and bring on my biggest smile! GODSPELL!! and Thanksgiving Lunch!! The Godspell musical worship service last April was brave, moving and beautifully executed by the youth. Amy Kesterson and Calvin McClinton did an outstanding job encouraging and teaching the teens to spiritually and musically lead the Godspell service. The Thanksgiving Lunch that was prepared by the youth truly was a day for the congregation to celebrate and give thanks for our blessings, for one another and for our church. We had some terrific adults who prepared turkeys in their homes but I must brag about the impressive room set

up and ALL of the bountiful sides prepared by our young chefs! I witnessed it with my own eyes and was astounded by how the youth truly exemplified dedication, talent, execution, and enthusiasm in preparing a most memorable Thanksgiving for us all. Year round our youth are learning, growing and making the congregation proud with their faithful service and participation; such as, Sunday evening PYC, Youth Day of Service, 30 Hour Famine, Presbyterian Youth Council, Confirmation Class, Bluestone camps and retreats, Triennium Retreat in Indiana, Mission Trip to the Ojibwe Reservation in Minnesota, Parents Night Out, luncheon hosting and clean up. - just to name a few.

On behalf of the youth ages zero to 18, Amy Kesterson and the Christian Ed Committee, I thank each and every one of you for your annual giving and volunteer hours to Old Stone. Without you and your gifts none of the mentioned opportunities and leadership would be possible.

Respectfully and gratefully yours,

*Townley Hamilton*

CE- Co Chair

## Fellowship/Growth Committee

The Fellowship Committee is a committee of the Session that coordinates and schedules events that celebrate various times and occasions within the life of our church. This may include celebrating the work of a certain staff member who is leaving or retiring, or welcoming a new staff member with a small reception after our morning worship.

There are other times of the year that this committee has luncheons to celebrate a special Sunday such as Palm Sunday, Choir recognition Sunday, Rally Day Sunday and Santa's brunch at Christmas time. We hope this year to have a St. Patrick's Day fellowship time, as well as coordinating meals with the Music Committee when needed.

We will continue to invite members of other churches to attend many of our gatherings and it has been wonderful having them when they have been able to come. We also help with Holy Week Breakfasts when it is OSPC's turn to host this community event and will always be there to help our other Session Committee's when needed, especially our youth.

Your committee is very hopeful that more members of our church will sign up on the board that is in the Narthex to provide a small snack and allow for the opportunity for those who attended church that morning to continue being with friends and sharing moments together.

While our committee had lots of fun cooking and decorating for luncheons, that drew a record number of people at each event, this could not have been possible without; Lynn Weikle, Kaye Rodgers, Debbie Taylor, Lee Ann Gillian, Tracy Morgan, Sandi Hoffman, Ben Lewis, Megan Kirkham and we welcome Karen Leland for this coming year and, anyone else that would like to be a part of our fun time together, making lots of others happy!

**Dick Marshall**

## Outreach Committee 2019 Annual Report

The Outreach committee was formed in 2017. Our Vision: to search for ways in which Old Stone can be active in the community, state, country, and world and to learn more about how Jesus is calling us to live out our faith. We have forged through some new territory (and some old too!) this past year. Committee members: Debbie Taylor, Brenda Jones, Amy Brown, Grace Coffindaffer, Jennifer Huffman, Karen Leland. Moderator: Molly McMillion

**Mom's CAFE (Come And Feel Encouraged)** Amy Brown, OSPC Coordinator

Mom's Café started it's third year in September 2019. We have 20-25 mothers from many churches throughout Greenbrier County and Virginia that regularly participate in our meetings. With these lovely mothers comes over twenty five children that seven volunteer and paid childcare workers care for during meetings.

Meeting two Friday's per month, Mom's CAFE provides a warm environment where mothers can share the joys and challenges of being a wife, mother and women. We do this with hot caffeine, delicious treats, fun icebreakers/conversation, devotions, prayers and uplifting speakers within our community!

Our Mom's also continue to participate in outreach projects during our meetings September-May such as canned food drives and collections of personal hygiene items for women at the Family Refuge Center.

### **Food Locker**

The Lewisburg - Fairlea Food Locker which is housed in Old Stone's Fellowship Hall is operated by a consortium of churches including Saint James Episcopal, Old Stone Presbyterian, Saint Louis Catholic Mission, Lewisburg United Methodist, John Wesley United Methodist, Edgewood Presbyterian, First Baptist - Fairlea, Shuck Memorial Baptist, Rhema Christian Center and Clifton Presbyterian. In 2019 the Lewisburg Fairlea Food Locker provided countless bags of food to thousands of people in hundreds of families.

There are many volunteers that keep the Food Locker running. Bill and Gloria Martin are the coordinators and have a wonderful team who help monthly. In addition, participating churches take turns monthly helping deliver to Lewisburg Manor, Tabor Towers and Morgan Manor, which are residences for elderly and disabled members of our community.

Old Stone is doing distribution **in March and November in 2020**. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Volunteers who have a truck are a plus but we are glad to have everyone willing to help out! (And, by the way this is a GREAT family project!) It's not a hard or long job - volunteers meet in Fellowship Hall Saturday morning of the distribution at 7:45am and are often finished with deliveries by 9:30am. You know the saying: "Many hands make light work!!" If interested please text Molly @304-667-4362 or email @mollyscarb@gmail.com

## **Reach Out and Read**

The best opportunity to influence a child's future is in the first five years, a critical window of rapid brain development that does not occur at any other time. Children who hear fewer words during early childhood start school developmentally behind their peers and may never catch up.

When families read aloud to their young children, they can give them a better start to life. With unparalleled access to families with young children, Reach Out and Read medical providers give books to children at more than 10 well-child visits from infancy until they start school. More importantly, they encourage families to read aloud and engage with their infants, toddlers and preschoolers every day.

The effectiveness of the Reach Out and Read model is recognized by the American Academy of Pediatrics in a policy statement that recommends early literacy promotion as an essential component of pediatric care. Our program is both cost-effective, and evidence-based: research shows that our program results in more frequent reading at home, accelerated vocabulary and critical brain stimulation.

Reach out and Read's mission is closely aligned to Old Stone's rich history in education. During 2019, 2254 age appropriate books (nearly double the number in 2018!) were distributed during well child visits at the Robert C. Byrd Pediatric for children 6 months through 5 years old. 581 visits from 0-5 months were also completed. Reach Out and Read believes that giving books and anticipatory guidance should begin in infancy, so they are collecting data to see how many sites have started giving books at visits from 0-5 months. This is not currently an expectation but may be in the near future.

Plans for 2020 include increasing the program's outreach starting with newborn babies. Greenbrier Valley Medical Center has expressed an interest in being trained and included in our Reach Out and Read program. They would like for one of our Reach Out and Read books to be included in each of the packets that are sent home with the family of each newborn baby. This would involve approximately 475 age appropriate books (0-6 months) per year and maybe an additional 50 books for children 1-5 years old admitted to the hospital during the year.

Funding for these books was provided by the generous contribution of the session of Old Stone Church and RBS, Inc. We would like to thank the Snyders and the session for helping to meet this critical literacy need in our community! If you would like to help with this program (help is always needed when shipments of books arrive and need to be stickered, sorted and shelved, along with delivery to the clinic/hospital) contact Jennifer Huffman. (Report by Reach Out and Read Coordinators Jennifer Huffman & Sue Gurley)

## **Phillip Fife Scholarship**

The committee selected Breanna Boggs of Frankford, a graduate of Greenbrier East High School, as the recipient of the Philip Fife Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is a great help for students in our community as they begin their college education. The funds are paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice and can be used toward tuition or books.

### **Davis Stuart & Davis Stuart Special Projects -**

The relationship and collaboration with Davis Stuart that is part of OSPC's history, continued in 2019 as Davis-Stuart celebrated 100 years of operation! Davis Stuart is a private non-profit organization providing therapeutic residential care for adolescents ages 12-18 who have been court ordered removed from their homes and placed in WV State's custody for treatment purposes. Davis Stuart's mission is "In showing the Spirit of Christ, facility staff are committed to helping children and their families find the spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness for which they have been created." That work is difficult to do as a non-profit. The number of and acuity of the children being placed at Davis Stuart increased in 2019. Old Stone helped supply much needed school supplies, bedding and bath towels along with backpacks and duffle bags with personal hygiene items. Individual church members created and donated items such as personalized pillow cases for the kids who often arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs. At Christmas, we worked with staff to ensure that the 6 kids who were unable to go home for the Christmas holiday had a Merry Christmas by providing lots gifts through our "Angel Tree" project.

### **Christmas Angel Tree Project**

In 2018, Amy Brown helped us find children in need through her position with Communities in Schools. That brought attention to a huge need in Greenbrier County. The Communities in Schools (CIS) staff work closely with at risk kids and are aware of the many needs they have. Care is taken to screen for families not receiving other assistance at Christmas. OSPC partnered with CIS to provide for first 10 children, and then at the last minute (a week before Christmas) a family with 4 children was found to be in great need as well. The generosity of our congregation continues to amaze and comfort us!! Each of the 20 children received 6-10 gifts each along with a snuggly warm fleece blanket (thank you Shirley Runyon for the blankets!!) The Presbyterian Women contributed food via a "reverse advent" collection and we were able to deliver 20 "family" boxes of food to Ronceverte Elementary which had been identified as having a large number of families in need. The family with 4 children received the kid's gifts plus a large amount of food (including a turkey and fresh fruit). Mom was truly overwhelmed and touched when she picked everything up Christmas Eve afternoon!

### **Support for the United Way's WV211 program**

In the past, the Outreach Committee and Rev. Anna have helped respond to as many requests for assistance from families in our community as funds would allow. The United Way of the Greenbrier Valley recently joined a collaborative project of all 14 United Ways of West Virginia: "West Virginia 211". The program keeps an accurate and comprehensive

database that can be used to find health and human services to meet a multitude of needs. Every day hundreds of people across West Virginia turn to 211 for information and support—whether financial, domestic, health or disaster-related. The session of OSPC decided to put our “other benevolences” funds to use donating them to the program, in order to better and more comprehensively serve our community.

The WV 211 database allows people in need to browse hundreds of health and human services online, learn about specific programs, intake requirements, eligibility, operation hours and more. The database also has information on disaster related services. The program can also be accessed by phone or by text 24 HOURS A DAY. 7 DAYS A WEEK  
Types of Services available through WV211:

- Addiction
- Counseling + Mental Health
- Crisis + Emergency
- Disabilities
- Domestic Violence
- Emergency+ Disaster Relief
- Food
- Healthcare
- Human Trafficking
- Jobs + Education Reentry
- Shelters + Housing + Utilities
- Substance Abuse
- Veterans

## 2020 Plans

- Recommend to the Session the Seasonal Offerings to be received and make promotional materials available as a means of interpretation.
  - Offerings for 2020
    - One Great Hour of Sharing (March/April)
    - Birthday Offering (May—Presbyterian Women)
    - Thank (November- Presbyterian Women)
    - Additional: Children- 2 cents a meal offering in conjunction with the PYC – Hunger/30 hour famine –February 22-24.
    - Christmas Eve loose offering (recipient tbd)
- A budget has been submitted with a few changes and additions. The original plan for Moms Café was to become self-sustaining. Old Stone continues to support this important ministry by providing space, custodial support, funding and processing the payroll for the child-care providers this year while the coordinators provide their own materials/supplies.



## Property Committee

**Members:** Andy Kelso, Joan Montgomery, Carroll Crane, Tim Holbrook, Wilson Bland, Clifford Gillilan, Craig Boisvert, Susie Harkness, Mike Leland, David Kucera, Trip Hamilton, Angus Peyton and Jim Seeley.

The property committee is responsible for the physical maintenance, security, safety and continual operation of the church. The committee insures scheduled maintenance is performed and that all aspects of the church buildings and properties are fully maintained.

2019 was another productive year for the Property Committee, completing the second large-scale building restoration project in the last few years and maintaining the continual operation of the church property. Jim Seeley has been doing an excellent job of maintaining the building and coordinating repairs that have been needed.

The major project for the committee this year has been the effort to paint and repair the exterior surfaces of most of the Education Building and the wood surfaces of the Sanctuary, and to repair the concrete on the front porch/steps of the education building. Repairs were made to the bricks and mortar joints where needed on the South side of the education building, along the walls of the stairwell down to the kitchen hallway exterior door, along the front of the porch between the pastor's office and Education Bldg., and in a few places around the exterior of the Pastor's office. Some repairs were also made to the mortar joints and bricks around the area of the access ramp at the front of the Education Bldg.

Once these repairs were done Greenbrier Painting and Design starting their painting process by pressure washing all the surfaces of the church that would be painted to clean them and remove as much peeling paint as possible. Once all these surfaces were cleaned they painted all of the walls, trim and windows (with a few exceptions) on the Education Building and Breezeway. While the painting proceeded, Seldomridge Building Company repaired/replaced portions of the concrete around the pillars on the front porch and on the steps at the front of the Education Bldg. During the project it was discovered that the brick chimney that protrudes from the roof of the Education Bldg. was also in need of repair; therefore the repairs were made and the chimney painted. The actual cost of the project was \$88,247.53, slightly above the \$75,437.00 estimated. With a generous grant of \$55,000 from the Peyton Fund, the total paid for from the building fund of the church was \$33,247.53.

Due to the completion of the roof project in 2018 and the exterior restoration this year, we feel like the main infrastructure of the church property is in good repair and well-protected for many years to come.

*- Andy Kelso*

## Worship Committee

Worship is the very heart of the church's life. All that the church is and does is rooted in its worship. The community of faith, gathered in response to God's call, is formed in its worship. Worship is the principle influence that shapes our faith, and is the most visible way we express that faith.

Why do we worship—a short question—but not a simple one. As a worshipping congregation we come together each Sunday at 11:00 am, and at other times, too. We come because we can, because we want to, because we always have. We come because we are happy, sad, thankful, worried, afraid, lonely, or feel obligated. It is the wish of the worship committee to support the worship opportunities offered by Old Stone Presbyterian Church to meet the needs of the people who worship for all these reasons and many more.

Worship is the center of our life together and our primary witness to the faith, hope, and love we have in Jesus Christ. The worship committee works with our pastor, Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight, and our music director, Dr. Calvin McClinton, to plan worship services, with God at the center, incorporating preaching, music, prayers, and sacraments to glorify God and draw us closer to God.

At Old Stone, we are blessed with sermons from Dr. Straight, who continues to deliver well researched, relevant sermons that always engage us. We are blessed with the music ministry of Dr. McClinton and the choir, our organist, Bridgett Edwards, and the bell choir led by Ves Burford. During 2019 we bid farewell to Linda Walls, our other organist, as she left us to move closer to her family.

We continue to incorporate children and youth in our worship services each Sunday as they serve as acolytes and liturgists. Throughout the past year, the children and youth led worship several times. Services included Godspell, Youth Sunday, Mission Report Sunday, and the Sunday before Christmas.

During 2019, Old Stone celebrated the seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas and several special worship services including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Messiah sing-a-long, Blue Christmas, Christmas Messiah sing-a-long, and our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service. Additional worship opportunities were a Taize prayer service and a concert presented by the Salisbury Presbyterian Youth Choir from Midlothian, VA.

The worship committee invites each of us to remember:

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 118:24

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker” Psalm 95:6

*Carol Bland*

## Summary from the Board of Trustees for 2019

Trustees for year 2019 included:

Thomas Greenstreet – chair

John Wilson – vice chair

James Rowe – secretary

Robert Perkins – treasurer

Shirley Runyon

The function of the trustees is to manage permanent trust funds according to their terms, and properties for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, which included the following in 2019:

1) Authorized check totaling \$523.95 (\$325 to move donated Mashburn piano and \$198.95 for a piano cover). The McMillion Trust provided the funds.

2) Reviewed fee policy and investment performance returns for invested trust assets.

3) Jim Rowe’s term expired at the end of 2019, and he is being replaced by Carol Cales. Jim faithfully served the mission of the Board of Trustees of Old Stone Church.

We value the leadership and input that our minister, Anna Straight, provided us in 2019, and look forward to 2020.

**-Tom Greenstreet**

	Corpus		12.31.2019	06.30.19	12.31.18
Evans	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 156,151.84	\$ 147,165.81	\$ 134,545.58
Hamilton	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 211,458.85	\$ 209,684.84	\$ 206,685.59
Matthews	\$ 163,500.00		\$ 171,483.91	\$ 170,136.75	\$ 166,330.20
McMillion	\$ 59,332.50		\$ 70,864.15	\$ 67,292.67	\$ 61,521.98
Shaefer	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 202,004.93	\$ 190,380.21	\$ 174,054.13
Checking Account			\$ 2,237.27	\$ 2,778.18	\$ 2,778.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$622,832.50</b>		<b>\$814,200.95</b>	<b>\$787,438.46</b>	<b>\$745,915.66</b>

## Stewardship Committee

The members of 2019 Stewardship Committee were Carol Cales, Jim Coleman, Gordon Campbell, Frances Crane, Larry Jones, Mike Meadows and Bob Perkins.

Our 2019 stewardship season was successful. Our theme was “Come and See” based on Jesus’s words in John 1:39. Again our goal was to move people toward giving more and becoming tithers. We believe all that is happening at Old Stone should inspire everyone to give joyfully.

You, the congregation, responded with grace and generosity.

### For 2020

90 pledges

Average Pledge \$3,811.11 (7.5% increase)

Total Pledged \$343,000.00

### For 2019

85 pledges

Average Pledge \$3,743.72

Total Pledged \$318,216.00

The Session committees worked to reduce the operating loss to \$67,522 from the budgeted level of \$102,788. As part of this effort the Stewardship Committee restructured the church’s investment assets under Session control, outsourced the church accounting work and worked to simplify office procedures and financial reporting.

In addition, we communicated church financial information in the monthly newsletters to keep the congregation better informed. The operating budget recommended to the Session reduces the operating loss for 2020 to \$44,494. This is a reduction of \$23,028 from the 2019 operating loss of \$67,522.

In December, the Peyton Foundation awarded the Old Stone a \$50,000 grant to be used for refurbishing chairs in the activity room, new tables and chairs in the fellowship hall, upgrades to the technology equipment needed for wireless internet and the Radio Greenbrier broadcast, and seed money for the endowment. The Nickell Foundation sent their final \$5,000 payment of their pledge towards the replacement of the sanctuary roof. These grants are not included in operating income since their use is restricted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Larry Jones*, Treasurer

# Old Stone Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - Unrestricted Cash	72,648
1010 - City National Bank	
<b>Total 1000 - Unrestricted Cash</b>	72,648
1100 - Subsidiary Organizations	
1090 - Food Locker Account	16,017
1105 - Presbyterian Women	16,820
1110 - Presbyterian Women Scholarship	8,043
1272 - Food Locker CD	10,006
<b>Total 1100 - Subsidiary Organizations</b>	50,885
1200 - Session Desig. Cash and Invest	
1210 - New Covenant Mutual Funds	
1240 - Memorial Fund - Growth Fund	180,552
1245 - Memorial Fund - Income Fund	153,236
<b>Total 1210 - New Covenant Mutual Funds</b>	333,788
1270 - Other Endowed Cash & Invest	
1296 - CNB-Columbarium Checking	14,937
1297 - Old Stone Construction Account	32,635
1298 - Old Stone Gen. Fund Holding Acc	281,028
<b>Total 1270 - Other Endowed Cash &amp; Invest</b>	328,600
<b>Total 1200 - Session Desig. Cash and Invest</b>	662,387
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	785,920
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	785,920
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>785,920</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 - Accounts Payable	1,529
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	1,529
Credit Cards	
1111 - City National Credit Card	735
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	735

**Old Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of December 31, 2019

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 Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 19
Other Current Liabilities	
1800 · Minister's Discretionary Fund	3,972
2100 · Accd. & W/H Pay. Taxes & Emp.	
2110 · Federal Income Tax Withheld	1,550
2115 · FICA Withheld	886
2120 · FICA Accrued	264
2125 · State Income Tax Withheld	-152
	2,549
Total 2100 · Accd. & W/H Pay. Taxes & Emp.	
2505 · Accrued Expenses	2,410
	8,930
Total Other Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	11,193
Total Liabilities	11,193
Equity	
3000 · Net Assets	
3020 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-289,110
3030 · Session Designated Net Assets	329,556
3035 · Temp. Restricted - Capital Camp	42,395
3060 · Temp. Restricted - PYC	4,157
3070 · Temp. Restricted - Memorial	10,427
3080 · Temp. Restricted - Grants	55,000
	152,425
Total 3000 · Net Assets	
32000 · Net Income Offset	723,539
Net Income	-101,237
	774,727
Total Equity	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>785,920</b>

	Actual 2019	Budget 2019	Budget 2020 (2/5/2020)
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4010 · Contributions Income			
4020 · Pledges			
4022 · Unpledged Giving	\$ 319,402	\$ 331,356	\$ 343,000
4025 · Loose Offerings	37,461	27,000	36,300
4035 · Sunday School	20,671	10,000	20,500
	229	750	225
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,763</b>	<b>369,106</b>	<b>400,025</b>
4200 · Other Giving or Income			
4206 · Ramey Fund	810	1,637	840
4207 · Reach Out & Read	-	975	-
4209 · Mission Trip	-	-	-
4214 · Undesignated Pledges	-	1,000	-
4200 · Other Giving or Income - Other	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>3,612</b>	<b>840</b>
4500 · Preschool			
4510 · K4 Tuition	14,149	5,612	13,545
4512 · Gifts/Subsidy	5,000	5,000	5,000
4513 · K-2 Tuition	12,694	11,970	17,100
4514 · K-3 Tuition	12,673	16,254	13,545
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,516</b>	<b>38,836</b>	<b>49,190</b>
4900 · Miscellaneous Income			
4800 · Interest - CNB Operating	3,290	1,000	1,800
4920 · Use of facilities	415	750	600
4930 · Misc. Items	1,376	950	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>428,170</b>	<b>414,254</b>	<b>452,455</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
50000 · Compensation	325,420	350,301	324,855
51000 · Advertising & Promotion	709	3,400	1,050
52000 · Office Expense	3,000	5,500	2,400
52100 · Postage	1,421	2,800	1,100
53000 · Occupancy Expense			
53100 · Utilities			
53200 · Repairs & Maintenance	9,635	11,400	11,900
	14,215	12,000	13,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,850</b>	<b>23,400</b>	<b>25,500</b>
54000 · Fees For Services	33,384	33,650	33,235
55000 · Presbytery	30,141	30,141	23,220
56000 · Travel & Conference			
56100 · Travel			
56200 · Conferences	8,409	500	4,345
	9,975	13,500	9,950
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,384</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>14,295</b>
57000 · Insurance	7,952	9,000	8,000
58000 · Supplies	21,950	10,300	21,900
59000 · Information & Technology	12,796	11,900	7,725
61000 · Miscellaneous	2,485	800	469
62000 · Church Social	1,984	3,950	3,750
63000 · Contributions	11,063	12,100	7,850
64000 · Printing and Publication	630	5,800	100
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>495,169</b>	<b>517,042</b>	<b>475,449</b>
Net	(66,999)	(102,788)	(22,994)

	Actual 2019	Budget 2020 (2/5/2020)	Change From 2019
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4010 · Contributions Income			
4020 · Pledges			
4022 · Unpledged Giving	\$ 319,402	\$ 343,000	\$ 23,598
4025 · Loose Offerings	37,461	36,300	(1,161)
4035 · Sunday School	20,671	20,500	(171)
	229	225	(4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,763</b>	<b>400,025</b>	<b>22,262</b>
4200 · Other Giving or Income			
4206 · Ramey Fund	810	840	30
4207 · Reach Out & Read	-	-	-
4209 · Mission Trip	-	-	-
4214 · Undesignated Pledges	-	-	-
4200 · Other Giving or Income - Other	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>30</b>
4500 · Preschool			
4510 · K4 Tuition	14,149	13,545	(604)
4512 · Gifts/Subsidy	5,000	5,000	-
4513 · K-2 Tuition	12,694	17,100	4,406
4514 · K-3 Tuition	12,673	13,545	872
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,516</b>	<b>49,190</b>	<b>4,674</b>
4900 · Miscellaneous Income			
4800 · Interest - CNB Operating	3,290	1,800	(1,490)
4920 · Use of facilities	415	600	185
4930 · Misc. Items	1,376	-	(1,376)
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>(2,681)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>428,170</b>	<b>452,455</b>	<b>24,285</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
50000 · Compensation	325,420	324,855	(565)
51000 · Advertising & Promotion	709	1,050	341
52000 · Office Expense	3,000	2,400	(600)
52100 · Postage	1,421	1,100	(321)
53000 · Occupancy Expense			
53100 · Utilities			
53200 · Repairs & Maintenance	9,635	11,900	2,265
	14,215	13,600	(615)
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,850</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>1,650</b>
54000 · Fees For Services	33,384	33,235	(149)
55000 · Presbytery	30,141	23,220	(6,921)
56000 · Travel & Conference			
56100 · Travel			
56200 · Conferences	8,409	4,345	(4,064)
	9,975	9,950	(25)
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,384</b>	<b>14,295</b>	<b>(4,089)</b>
57000 · Insurance	7,952	8,000	48
58000 · Supplies	21,950	21,900	(50)
59000 · Information & Technology	12,796	7,725	(5,071)
61000 · Miscellaneous	2,485	469	(2,016)
62000 · Church Social	1,984	3,750	1,766
63000 · Contributions	11,063	7,850	(3,213)
64000 · Printing and Publication	630	100	(530)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>495,169</b>	<b>475,449</b>	<b>(19,720)</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(66,999)</b>	<b>(22,994)</b>	<b>44,005</b>

2020 Budget (approved by Session on February 5, 2020)



At the annual training session for Elders this past December, the Session was tasked to think, creatively, about who Old Stone Presbyterian Church is. Who we have been. Who God is calling us to be.

This is part of what they wrote:

**The Old Stone Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg, West Virginia is a member church in the Presbytery of West Virginia of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It has been called by God and organized by the Presbytery to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in worship and service to the needy, and to promote peace and justice in the world. Standing on the shoulders of those who have come before:**

**We are Invitational and Open.**

**We are Learning and Teaching.**

**We are Sharing and Helping.**

**We are Following God and Sharing Faith.**