



## Stone Chippings Newsletter

August 2021

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### Welcome Our August Guest Preachers:

Join us by radio, livestream, or in-person as we continue our “Summer of Guest Preachers”!

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#### August 1st - Ginna Taylor

Ginna Taylor was born in South Charleston, West Virginia and is a life-long Presbyterian. Ginna graduated from West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting and has earned a minor in Early Childhood Education with Pre-K endorsement from coursework at West Virginia State University, Marshall University, and WVU. She retired this year from First Presbyterian Church, Charleston having served 18 years in preschool ministry as Director of the weekday Preschool Program. She currently lives in Charleston, West Virginia with her husband, Blair, and her son, Tait.

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#### August 8th - Darlene McNeel

Darlene is a member of the Beckley Presbyterian Church for 25 years. Married to Charles McNeel and have three children Richie (Kristen), Kristin (Sean), Rachel and two grandchildren Izzy and Presley. She works at Woodrow Wilson High School as the financial secretary. And, she serves in the Presbytery of WV Youth Council as the adult moderator. With that being said she is in need of youth and adults to serve in this wonderful committee.

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#### August 15th - Rick Accord

I retired in 2017 from the Business Office at Glenville State College. My wife Barbara retired in 2018 after 25 years as pastor of Davis Memorial Gassaway. We have 2 adult children, Emily and Blaine and 4 beautiful and at times silly grandchildren who we were visiting regularly up until about 15 months ago and hope to resume visiting this summer. We have not wasted our quarantine time though. I have taken up woodworking and Barbara had her knee replaced. Looking forward to worshipping with Old Stone in August.

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#### August 22nd - John Arbuckle, Jr.

John Arbuckle has lived in Lewisburg for 75 years on the family



farm near Maxwellton. He resides there with his wife, Elizabeth, and their dog, Murphy. He is an elder in Edgewood Presbyterian Church. He is an Authorized Lay Preacher in the Presbytery, a former Moderator of Presbytery, and has served on several Presbytery committees. He was a commissioner to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and is an Honorary Life Member of Presbyterian Women. He and Elizabeth currently split their time between Lewisburg and Tucson where they worship at Christ Presbyterian.

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### **August 29th - Rev. Malcolm Brownlee**

Malcolm Brownlee holds degrees from Washington and Lee University, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Yale Divinity School, and Columbia Theological Seminary. In retirement he lives in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, his boyhood home near Lexington. He spends a lot of time gardening, preaches occasionally, is a consultant in strategic planning for churches, and serves on the boards of his local United Way and his local community development organization. He is married to Sarah Hale, They have two sons.

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### **Presbyterian Women's Council:**

The Old Stone Presbyterian Women's Council is planning to host a fall gathering for all the women of the church to reconnect after the summer, be informed about the women's programs and Circle activities, and experience a time of fellowship and fun. "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" is the title of the Circle study and will be the theme of the gathering.



Please mark your calendars for Sept 12 at 2:00 at the Muddy Creek Mountain home of Tracy Morgan and Gordon Campbell, and watch for more information as the time approaches.

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### **Presbyterian Women/Council and Circles:**

What is the purpose of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study;
- to support the mission of the church worldwide;
- to build an inclusive community of women that strengthens our church and community while promoting peace and justice;
- to witness to all, through our words and actions, the promise of God's Kingdom.

The Old Stone Presbyterian Women's Council is a very active and diverse team of ladies that oversee activities in our community, church and worldwide, all in the name of our Savior. The Council meets the first Thursday of every month (September – May) at church.

Circles meet the second Wednesday of every month at various locations, providing a time of fellowship and support for members, especially as we study together from the Horizon Bible Study Curriculum. The Afternoon Circle meets at 1:00 PM, the Evening Circle meets at 7:00 PM, and members are also able to participate by Zoom.

**Afternoon Circle - Marcia Leitch – 304-466-0982, Lou Ella Lewis – 304-645-6557**

**Evening Circle - Carol Bland – 304-661-2400, Pam Lewis – 304-646-0412**

## Local Projects

### **Americana Shop:**

**Lynn Weikle – 647-5713, Brenda Jones – 910-465-2276**

The Americana Shop exists to serve the community, with 100% of the proceeds going to the community through the Presbyterian Women. This popular thrift/resale store is located at the corner of Court and Foster Streets.

*How can you help? Donate gently used or new items, volunteer monthly for two-hour shifts in the store, help sort and stock donations, help at periodic “yard sales” at the store, and of course, check out the treasures in the Americana.*

### **Care & Gwen’s Meals:**

**Betty Dempsey – 645-1678, Arlen Myers – 645-6254**

Bereavement meals, a function of the Session Care Committee, are provided usually following a funeral or memorial service.

Gwen’s Meals (named for Gwen Clingman) are coordinated by the Shepherd Center to provide Wednesday meals to our local community through their Faith in Action program. Several churches in the community participate. Old Stone usually prepares meals three to four times each year.

*How can you help? Provide, prepare, or serve food for Bereavement Meals. Volunteer to cook or deliver Gwen’s Meals.*

### **Flowers:**

**Betty Dempsey – 645-1678, Pam Lewis (caretaker of flowers) - 304-646-0412**

This ministry obtains, maintains and cares for the flowers in our sanctuary windows - geraniums, poinsettias, peace lilies, and other arrangements. We also help provide the weekly flowers for the front of the sanctuary.

*How can you help? Volunteer to water and care for plants, provide flowers from your house or yard, or donate funds to provide and dedicate a floral arrangement in the sanctuary.*

### **McCormick House/Davis Stuart:**

**Molly Hileman – 540-460-5945, Dawn Huffman – 647-1527**

The Women’s Council hosts regular activities/outings with the McCormick House, which is a Davis Stuart group home housing up to eight young ladies. Women from the congregation are invited to develop relationships with the young ladies, share God’s love and encouragement with them, and have fun! In December we help collect items for each girls’ Christmas wish list and we are often able to celebrate their high school graduation in the spring.

*How can you help? Join in on the fun activities! These have included craft nights, make-overs, and outdoor activities.*

### **Reba Ellison Comfort Outreach:**

**Amy Brown – 304-676-1468**

Comfort Outreach is a ministry to the residents of Greenbrier Health Care Center. We join residents there on the first Wednesday of each month for a one-hour program of music, sharing, skits (sometimes), readings, and jokes! This time is full of sharing God’s love, laughter and is a blessing to those who attend and those who participate.

*How can you help? Join the fun! Talent is NOT a requirement.*

### **Retreat Committee**

The Presbyterian Women hosts Women’s Retreats, usually with keynote speakers, small groups, fellowship, and inspiration. Retreats have been both overnight and one-day events.

*How can you help? We are always looking for ideas - themes, speakers, topics, locations - and persons to help organize and put on events.*

### **Spiritual Enrichment:**

**Linda Hayes – 304-645-1408**

This committee provides a devotional message at council meetings, and supports a card ministry for church members who are sick, lonely, have lost loved ones, or just need to know that they are loved and being prayed for by the Presbyterian Women. We also share information about other worship opportunities that are often available in our greater community.

*How can you help? Volunteer to send cards or share your favorite devotionals with us. We also hope to host regular spiritual activities and outings for women outside of church to encourage fellowship and grow our faith in God and our relationships with each other. Volunteer to lead or host an activity.*

### **Scholarship Committee:**

**Betty Dempsey - 645-1678**

Since 2004, we have awarded a scholarship to a student selected by The New River Community College and Technical Center Foundation - Greenbrier Campus. This facility is across the street from Old Stone. The scholarship recipient receives \$1,000.00 per semester, for one or two years, depending on the recipient's need. Funds to support the scholarship derive from bequests from the Lucille Skaggs estate, and from the estate of Mildred McClung Evans. Proceeds from The Americana Thrift shop are also used to supplement funds as needed. The Scholarship Committee maintains contact with the Foundation and recipient when possible.

### **S.T.A.I.R. Tutoring:**

**Debbie Taylor – 304-483-5090**

S.T.A.I.R. stands for "Start the Adventure In Reading", and is designed to provide one-on-one, after-school tutoring for local second graders who have been identified by the schools as needing help with reading skills. Students meet with their tutors two days/week from mid-October until spring break. Training, support, curriculum, and all resources are provided.

*How can you help? Volunteers are needed for coordinating, tutoring, substituting, providing snacks, prayer partners, preparing resources, shopping for gifts, and the year-end party. Tutors can volunteer either once a week or twice a week; teaching experience is not needed.*

### **Community Action:**

**Linda Hayes – 304-645-1408, Lou Ella Lewis – 304-645-6557, Mary Scarborough – 645-3962**

This committee is not only responsible for Presbyterian Women's Special Offerings (Thanks Offering and Birthday Offering), but for the visitation and support of our church members who are not able to attend worship or activities in person. Specifically, at Christmas this committee purchases gifts and visits them during the Christmas Season. Additionally, they host an annual Birthday Party for the residents of Greenbrier Health Care Center.

*How can you help? Volunteer to visit, call, or write to our Shut-Ins throughout the year.*

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### **Honoring Frances Layton:**

On Monday, July 26, Frances Layton moved away from Lewisburg, joining her sister, Janet Anderson, in Maryland, where they will be close to other family members. For more than 28 years, Frances contributed to the music of Old Stone, playing handbells and cello. Frances played for many Sunday morning worship services, Easter Sunrise services and in recent years, the community Easter and Christmas Messiah performances, conducted by Dr. McClinton.



For many years, she reserved the first Wednesday of each month to help entertain the residents of Greenbrier Health Care Center (Greenbrier Manor Nursing Home), an outreach program of the Women of the Church, at OSPC. For many years, on Tuesday mornings, she could be found helping stock the Americana Thrift Shop for the coming week.

In 2018, Frances was honored by the Presbyterian Women USA with an Honorary Lifetime Membership for her many contributions to the church, and to the community.

Frances, we wish you much happiness in the next chapter of your life.

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## **Fellowship News:**

We are having an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 22, 2021.  
There will be fellowship immediately after church.

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## **Calendar Reminder:**

To view the deadlines for bulletin and newsletter article submissions, please navigate to the calendar available on our website. The calendar also includes scheduled events, meetings, and other important information that you may find helpful.

To view Old Stone's calendar of events and stay up-to-date with church deadlines, please visit <https://oldstonechurchwv.com/calendar>.

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### **July Birthdays**

07/01 Ryan Meadows  
07/01 Coriann Nemcik  
07/02 Todd Williams  
07/06 Pat Bashen  
07/06 Susan Harkness  
07/06 Molly Hileman  
07/06 Mark Smith  
07/08 John Lehman  
07/10 Yvette Yarid  
07/11 John Marshall  
07/13 Pat Boisvert  
07/15 Stuart Brown  
07/16 Tom Greenstreet  
07/16 Zach Hileman  
07/18 Butch Neal  
07/19 Lou Ella Lewis  
07/22 Joan Montgomery  
07/22 Sharon White  
07/22 Dena Williams  
07/23 Frank White  
07/26 Jim Coleman  
07/26 Joanne Jolliffe  
07/26 Jo Wisebrod  
07/31 Betsy Hudgins

### **August Birthdays**

08/02 Jim Rowe  
08/03 Sue Rock  
08/04 Norman Ahern, Jr.  
08/05 Jackie Bennett  
08/08 Bob Perkins  
08/09 John Wilson Bicksler  
08/11 Nancy Bulla  
08/11 Shannon Lehman  
08/11 Andrew Scarborough-McLaughlin  
08/11 Jim Seeley  
08/14 Jim Leitch  
08/17 Wilson Bland  
08/24 Dorothy Lee  
08/24 Jen Runyon  
08/25 Nancy Smallenberger  
08/27 Beverly Johnson  
08/27 Acie Kesterson  
08/29 Allyson Seeley  
08/30 Linda Hayes

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## Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Are any among you suffering? They should pray.  
Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.  
Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them.

~~ James 5:13-14

Privacy laws prevent hospitals and other treatment centers from informing the church if you are hospitalized, receiving treatment or undergoing surgery. We feel called to be with those who are in need, both in times of celebration and times of concern. Please be in touch if you would like a pastoral visit, call, or prayer.

We will always ask if you would like you would like a prayer request shared with the congregation. These will be shared in the weekly "Pebbles from Old Stone" that is mailed and e-mailed, but will not be posted online or broadcast during this season of worship-at-home.

### S.T.A.I.R. Tutoring Program

The S.T.A.I.R. Tutoring Program (Start The Adventure In Reading) has become an important ministry of our congregation and is in partnership with the Lewisburg Elementary School. The program allows students currently in 2nd grade, with low reading skills, a one-on-one tutoring experience every Tuesday and Thursday with the school calendar. Our program is scheduled to run from October through March. The program requires tutors, substitute tutors, coordinators (training provided prior to starting), prayer partners, snack providers and end-of-year party helpers. Snacks needed are proteins (cheese, peanut butter, pepperoni), carbohydrates (crackers or pretzels), fruits, and water. The provider will help for a week at a time. A detailed list of snacks will be provided.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources/Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tutors                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Tutors  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Partners         | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinators       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> End of Year Celebration |   |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you would like to share your time and talents by completing the form and placing it in the offering box in the narthex. Forms can also be dropped off in the secure mailbox located on the front porch of the education building. Feel free to call Debbie Taylor for any of your questions at (304) 483-5090. Thank you for your support!