



### Monthly Worship Attendance:

**Sunday, December 3rd:** In Person: 83 / YouTube: 12  
**Sunday, December 10th:** In Person: 75 / YouTube: 27  
**Sunday, December 17th:** In Person: 100 / YouTube: 23  
**Thursday, December 21st:** In Person: 14 / YouTube: 0  
**Sunday, December 24th (Morning):** In Person: 153 / YouTube: 27  
**Sunday, December 24th (Evening):** In Person: 121 / YouTube: 5



### Thank You and Well Wishes to Betty Dempsey from the Presbyterian Women:

It is with much gratitude that the Old Stone Presbyterian Women recognize the service of our long time treasurer, Betty Dempsey, and wish her well as she relinquishes some of the responsibilities she has so faithfully fulfilled throughout the years. She will continue to contribute to the life of Old Stone as her health allows and her service to our church and community offers a shining example to all.



“Well done, good and faithful servant” are words that certainly apply to the service Betty has given to Old Stone Presbyterian Church. She joined the church in 1951 after her marriage to Raymond “Dick” Dempsey who was also very much involved in Old Stone.

During the tenure of 6 pastors, Betty has performed many responsibilities, including Sunday School teacher, youth leader, assistant at Harts Run Day Camp, and counselor at Bluestone. Betty served as the Sunday School Secretary for many years. Her involvement in Presbyterian Women has also been extensive. She has been the treasurer for PW for over 30 years as well as serving as Circle Moderator and chairman of the committee that organized the scholarship program for New River Community College. When Old Stone held the Presbytery-wide PW gathering, Betty was in charge of registration, and in 1999, she received an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women.

Betty's service to our church and community is extensive and includes organizing and preparing meals for funeral receptions as well as Gwen's meals. She has served on several different church committees including Christian Education, Finance, and Care. She has helped with the STAIR program, ushering, the Counting Board and volunteering in the church office.

Betty herself says: “It has been a pleasure to work with all the people who worked with me in all of these projects. None of these activities were solo projects, but it was everyone working together that made them successful. I was honored and proud to know everyone involved and have enjoyed their friendship through the years. It was working together that made church work a pleasure. And I value the relationships I have made during all these years of Christian service and fellowship.”

Thank you Betty for your service and your example!

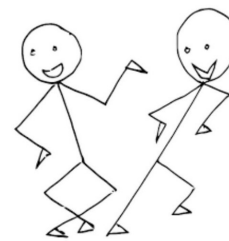
### It's a GREAT year to DANCE!!!

**What:** Beginning Line Dance Lessons

**When:** Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- January 3, 10, and 17

**Where:** Old Stone Church's Fellowship Hall (enter on Foster Street)



Lessons are sponsored by Active Southern West Virginia....FREE....Open to the community. Emphasis will be on beginning steps and dances from 6-7, with slightly more difficult dances taught during the last half hour. It is NOT necessary to attend all sessions or to stay the entire time. No partners needed, but bring your friends and neighbors. Check out the Facebook page "Beginning Line Dancing with ActiveSWV".

Lessons are geared towards persons 18 and over. Youth must be accompanied by a guardian and the adult must stay with them during the activity. Participants are asked to sign a one-time waiver with Active Southern West Virginia.

So step to the right, step to the left, and LET'S DANCE!

### Stewardship Financial Update:

<b>Old Stone Presbyterian Church</b>		
<b>Financial Update November 2023 *UPDATED</b>		
	November	
	Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$23,671.00	\$276,512.00
Other Offerings	\$11,230.00	\$56,904.00
Other Income	\$5,150.00	\$46,045.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$40,051.00</b>	<b>\$379,461.00</b>
Expenses	\$26,695.00	\$371,800.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$13,356.00	\$5,711.00

<b>Old Stone Presbyterian Church</b>		
<b>Financial Update December 2023 Month-to-Date</b>		
	December	
	Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$17,095.00	\$293,607.00
Other Offerings	\$2,814.00	\$59,718.00
Other Income	\$47,241.00	\$93,285.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$67,150.00</b>	<b>\$446,610.00</b>
Expenses	\$32,093.00	\$403,893.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$35,057.00	\$40,768.00

## December Birthdays

*12/01 Amy Ahern  
12/01 Linda Walls  
12/04 Herb Pearis  
12/07 Hallie Nemcik  
12/09 Frances Crane  
12/09 Paige Totten  
12/10 Ben Gurley  
12/11 Betsy Satterfield  
12/16 Townley Hamilton  
12/26 Andrew McClelland  
12/28 Cliff Huffman*

## January Birthdays

*01/02 Merle Shank  
01/06 Susan Graham  
01/08 Marcia Leitch  
01/08 Corbin Long  
01/11 Miriam "Whickey" Knight  
01/12 Grace Brown  
01/12 Amy Meadows  
01/13 Suzanne Snyder  
01/16 Julia Smith  
01/16 Lauren Smith  
01/17 Rodney Weikle  
01/18 Beverly Kucera  
01/21 Tracy Peyton  
01/22 Linda Monti  
01/23 Hanno Kirk  
01/27 Nancy Greenstreet  
01/28 Katrina White  
01/30 Meg Kirkham  
01/30 Olivia Plybon*

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### **Scam Emails/Phone Calls Reminder:**

This is a reminder to be diligent and watch out for scammers pretending to be staff of Old Stone. We've already had at least six reported instances this year of a scammer sending fake text messages to our church members pretending to be Rev. Julie. We ask that you reach out to us if you receive any texts, emails, or phone calls pretending to be a staff member so that we can notify church members when this is happening.

If you receive an email, text, or phone call and you aren't sure if it is legitimately from a staff member, please call the church office at (304) 645-2676 to find out. Do NOT reply to the person's text, email, or phone call. We want everyone to be safe and not fall victim to these types of scams. Just as a reminder, we will NEVER reach out to you asking you to purchase gift cards, request any type of monetary exchange, or request personal information, so you can be sure it is a scam if you are asked for any of these things.

While there is no way for us to prevent this from happening 100%, we are taking additional steps to try to reduce the likelihood of this happening in the future.

In the meantime, Rev. Julie has recommended that you report and then block the phone number that sent you the scam text. You can report the text by forwarding the message to 7726. After you block the number, you shouldn't receive any more scam texts from that phone number.

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