
Renewing Denominational Linkages:

What does it mean to be Presbyterian today? I often have a conversation with people I meet for the first time that goes something like this:

“So you’re a pastor...like a priest?”

“Well, not exactly. I’m Presbyterian, so it’s a bit different than being Catholic.”

“Okay. What do Presbyterians believe?”

Then, based on my reading of the situation and the sincerity of the question, I gauge my response accordingly.

Has anyone asked you about being Presbyterian? What do you tell them? One of the tasks of transitional ministry is “Renewing Denominational Linkages,” but what does this mean, exactly? Long story short, the interim period (time between installed pastors) is a good time to be reminded of the relationships beyond the walls of this congregation that are an essential part of our Presbyterian identity—the connectional church. Presbyterians structure themselves in a series of ongoing relationship with one another. We see this in our form of government (polity) with different levels of governance. For example, our Presbytery (regional level) continues to work in relationship with Old Stone throughout the transitional process by helping to train and guide our church in between pastors. While at the same time this summer, our General Assembly (national level), comprised of representatives from the various presbyteries and congregations, will gather to legislate the life of the denomination for the next two years.

The interim period is a good reminder that we as Presbyterians are in constant, ongoing, relationships with other congregations and governing bodies; from just down Route 219, to throughout the nation. It’s exciting to know that church members here at Old Stone can be helping to make decisions on the presbytery, synod, or general assembly level!

Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian? I’m happy to sit down and discuss in detail the ins and outs of being Presbyterian anytime (again, I’ll gauge my responses based on your eyes glazing over). There are also many great books on the subject, or you can always go to the Presbyterian Church (USA) website to learn more. Just click here, or use the following link: <https://www.pcusa.org/> to read all about the PCUSA.

Together, let’s find some time during this period in the life of Old Stone to be reminded that we, as Presbyterians, are never alone. As the Apostle Paul writes, we are surrounded by “a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) to support and encourage us as we move into a new chapter of life and ministry ahead!

In Christ,



Pastor Jeff



Although the Presbyterian Women of Old Stone do not hold regular meetings in the summer, our activities continue!

The Americana shop is open, with ALL proceeds supporting local charities and organizations. Watch this space and check out Old Stone's Facebook page for special sales. *If you would like to volunteer at the Americana, contact Brenda Jones or Lynn Weikle.*

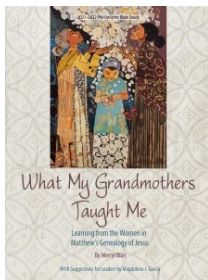
We distribute sanctuary flowers that are not specifically dedicated to members and friends of our congregation; *if you would like to help with this* or if you know someone who would enjoy a special bouquet, contact Lou Ella Lewis or Lynn Weikle.

Our next Gwen's Meals is June 1st. *If you would like to help prepare or serve meals to our community, contact Tracy Morgan.*

Although the S.T.A.I.R. tutoring program ended the year with a party celebrating student gains in reading and confidence, *if you would like to learn more about being part of this program* next year, contact Debbie Taylor.

The Afternoon Circle finished their study of "What My Grandmother Taught Me" at a Mini-Retreat and the Evening Circle completed their study during their scheduled Zoom meeting. *If you would like to be part of a community of women learning and practicing their faith together, contact Marcia Leitch (Afternoon Circle) or Pam Lewis or Carol Bland (Evening Circle).*

Many, many more opportunities for fellowship and service are available; note that most of these opportunities welcome MEN OR WOMEN!



Are you finished with your Circle Lesson study book on "What my Grandmothers Taught Me"? If you are, please leave it in the church office and we will share them with other congregations. If you have the DVD, please return it, as well.
THANK YOU!

Fellowship Time Hosting:

Please consider hosting a fellowship time after worship service! A sign up board is located in the vestibule. Please bring a sweet and a drink and watch the chatter, smiles and laughter begin!

Stewardship Financial Updates:

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update Through April, 2022		
	April Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$23,292.00	\$133,768.00
Other Offerings	\$4,834.00	\$26,362.00
Other Income	\$5,516.00	\$8,501.00
Total Income	\$33,642.00	\$168,631.00
Expenses	\$24,571.00	\$106,261.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$9,071.00	\$62,370.00

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update Through May, 2022		
	May Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$9,706.00	\$143,473.00
Other Offerings	\$1,779.00	\$28,141.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$8,500.00
Total Income	\$11,485.00	\$180,114.00
Expenses	\$17,087.00	\$124,289.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	-\$5,602.00	\$55,827.00

Communion Supplies Available for Pickup - Friday, June 3rd 9am-2pm:

For those of you that worship at home and follow along on the radio or YouTube videos: prepackaged communion bread/juice will be available for you to pick up on the Friday before communion. Please feel free to stop by the church between 9am-2pm on Friday, June 3rd to pick up your communion supplies from the glass display at the front entrance of the Education Building. No appointment necessary.

May Birthdays

05/01 Frances Layton
 05/03 Amelia Monti
 05/04 Mike Leland
 05/04 Bill Satterfield
 05/05 Rhodes Irons
 05/05 Herbert Montgomery
 05/06 Sara Irons
 05/07 Stephanie Bachman
 05/07 Michael Meadows
 05/10 Janice Milam
 05/11 Lyn MacCorkle
 05/12 Ves Burford
 05/12 Grace Coffindaffer
 05/14 Becky Kelso
 05/14 Gail Marshall
 05/15 Dee Brown
 05/16 Carson Banton
 05/19 Polly Smith
 05/20 Sandi Hofmann
 05/21 Jacquelyn Marshall
 05/24 Kathy Snyder
 05/25 Victoria Monti
 05/29 Debbie Taylor

June Birthdays

06/02 Tim Holbrook
 06/02 Emma McClelland
 06/05 Kaye Rodgers
 06/07 Gordon Campbell
 06/07 Rebecca Kucera
 06/07 Laura Montgomery
 06/08 Henry Hileman
 06/08 Frank Milam
 06/10 Staci Banton
 06/17 David Hofmann
 06/17 Megan Hofmann
 06/17 Katy Montgomery
 06/18 Sara Graham
 06/18 Lawson Hamilton
 06/19 Caroline Bachman La Boissiere
 06/27 Christy Rodgers

CDC Covid-19 by County as of Thursday, May 26th:

☐ **Medium** - In Greenbrier County, West Virginia, community level is Medium.

[\[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html\]](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)

Virtual Worship Links and Information:

- Live Video from the Old Stone Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Begins at 11:00am: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OldStonePresbyterianChurch>
- Live Broadcasting on the Radio Begins at 11:00am: 103.1FM or <https://www.facebook.com/103.1BearCountry> or <https://tunein.com/radio/The-Bear-103-1031-s30113/>
- In-Person Worship Guidelines are Available Here: www.oldstonechurchwv.com

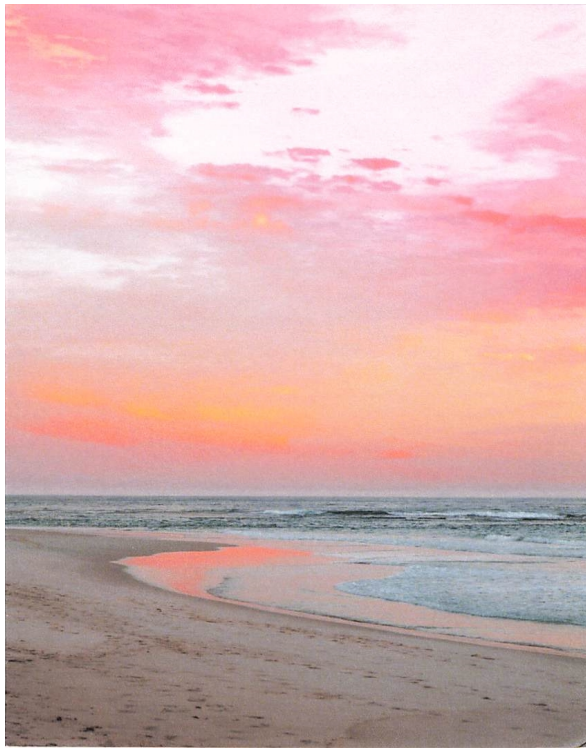
Just a reminder:

You will NEVER get an email or text from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.

If you receive one of these messages, it will come from an email other than @oldstonechurchwv.com or a phone number not in use by a church staff member. Simply report it to the church and delete. Do not respond. We are so sorry for the inconvenience these fraudulent activities (that have been happening for years to churches everywhere-not just here) continue to cause!



Thank-You from Pam Lewis & Family:



May 21, 2022

Dear Church Family,

Thank-you to everyone who was present at Ben's Celebration of Life last Saturday and who have kept our family in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We greatly appreciate your love and support.

Love,
Pam, Megan,
and Family