



## Stone Chippings Newsletter

March 2022

### Coming to Terms with History:

Who is Old Stone Presbyterian Church? Over the course of the next five newsletters, I would like to introduce you to what are considered the five *Developmental Tasks* of interim ministry, and the first has to do with self-identification. Transitional ministry is by its own nature a time of movement. Churches say goodbye to previous pastors, begin the process for calling a new pastor, and perhaps most importantly, begin to formulate a vision moving forward as the church membership itself. But in order for us to know where we are heading in the future, we first need to know where we have been. If we were to create a map of Old Stone over the past nearly 239 years, what would we see? Were there events that we look fondly back upon? Were there events that were extremely challenging? How are we feeling about the previous pastor's departure? These are all important questions to ask as we come to terms with our history.



And just as important, we are asked to identify where we are currently, and how we got here in the first place. One common observation with churches today is that many of the members still identify the church with their childhood, or when they first arrived as newcomers years ago. The reality, however, is that a church is an evolving organism, just like anything else. New members come and go, new experiences create imprints on the DNA of the congregation, and new leadership leads the congregation to new places. So, who is Old Stone today? What has changed in the last, say, twenty years? What has changed in the last five years, or two years since the start of the pandemic? What do we do well today?

As I have mentioned previously, the Session has started on the formal steps of this process with the drafting of a Mission Statement that will be used to guide our Pastor Nominating Committee in the months ahead. But I also want to extend an invitation for your input as well. As we reflect on where we have come from, we'd love to hear from you. Feel free to stop in, write a note, or give any of us at the office or on Session a call, and share your story of who Old Stone has been, and who we are today. Together, we are Old Stone Presbyterian Church, and we have a wonderful story to share.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff



# Old Stone Presbyterian Church

Lewisburg, West Virginia

March 2, 2022 at 6:00pm

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WEDNESDAY

Bulletin at:  
[www.oldstonechurchww.com/worship](http://www.oldstonechurchww.com/worship)

Please join Rev. Jeff Binder, the OSPC choir, and others for the receiving of ashes as we begin the season of Lent together.

The 30 minute service will begin at 6:00pm.

Livestream will be available on our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/OldStonePresbyterianChurch>

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## Presbyterian Women “Together In Service” Project:

This project of the Old Stone Presbyterian Women initially supported initiatives throughout the world where needs were identified—for example, cotton bandaging and netting for beds in third world countries, layettes for infants in parts of the world supported by Presbyterian missionaries. During the 1980’s and 90’s, Jewell Dolan was singlehandedly sewing items or purchasing and sending the requested items where the Presbyterian Women liaison directed. Later, this committee became a two-person effort to ensure that there would be continuity in completing the project initiated during the program year.

In recent years, the committee members have worked with local agencies to assist with needs here in Greenbrier County. For several years, warm winter coats, hats, and gloves were purchased and distributed with the help of United Way. Another year needed supplies (spiral notebooks, pens/pencils, underwear, etc.) were purchased for distribution by the Communities in School liaison at Greenbrier East High School. The previous two years, we worked with Children’s Home Society in supplying needed items for children housed at their facility in western Greenbrier County.

Does this ministry “tug at your heart”? Your interest and participation in the ministry, is certainly welcomed! Contact Pam Lewis at 304-646-0412 and [bpmlewis3@suddenlink.net](mailto:bpmlewis3@suddenlink.net), or Becky Kelso at is [beckyskelso@gmail.com](mailto:beckyskelso@gmail.com) and 865.803.1670.

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## Session Highlights - February 2, 2022 Stated Meeting:

- A quorum was declared – Chuck Lewis, Scott McClelland, and Sara Irons participated via Zoom; Stuart Brown and Megan Kirkham were absent.
- Tag Galyean opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.
- Meeting docket was approved.
- Ginger Lockhart was introduced to Session via Zoom. Mrs. Lockhart requested church membership by letter of transfer from The Presbyterian Church in Logan, Utah. The Lockharts were Utah State University professors. They moved to Organ Cave in August. She was a member of session there. They work from home now. The session members introduced themselves to Mrs. Lockhart.

- Ginger Lockhart was accepted into membership by unanimous vote.
- Nancy Smallenberger was elected clerk of session.
- Scott McClelland was elected church treasurer.
- Session approved moving Stated Session meetings to the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.
- Elected Joan Montgomery to represent the Session on the Nominating Committee.
- Personnel Committee -- Jim Rowe and Sara Irons were appointed.
- Congressional Care – Chuck Lewis and Jim Coleman
- Christian Education – Townley Hamilton
- Finance and Stewardship – Scott McClelland, Jennifer Runyon, and Jim Coleman
- Property Committee – Chuck Lewis and Joan Montgomery
- Music and Worship – Chuck Lewis and Townley Hamilton
- Fellowship – Karen Leland and Megan Kirkham
- Outreach Committee – Jennifer Runyon and Tag Galyean
- Task Force on Reopening – Jennifer Runyon as liaison
- Budget for 2022 – Jim Coleman discussed the spreadsheet of budget versus pledges. It was noted that the totals were \$53,000 out of balance. We haven't had a balanced budget for the past few years. After discussion, the fellowship committee agreed to meet and present a balanced budget on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor's Report – Discussed health issues of congregation. Gave dates he will not be in the pulpit.
- Considered a wedding request for the fall of 2022 – approved.
- Amy Kesterson – requested a winter Bible Camp February 28<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March – approved.
- PYC soup and salad luncheon February 13<sup>th</sup> as a fund raiser to be delivered – approved.
- Grief Support group request – approved.
- Confirmation Class to start February 6<sup>th</sup> through April – approved
- Clerk's Report - attendance at church and on line. Presbytery meeting on Zoom. Townley Hamilton volunteered to be the commissioner.
- Closed with prayer at 8:24 PM.

*Submitted by Jim Coleman*

### Stewardship Financial Update:

<b>Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update Through January, 2022</b>		
	January Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$20,219.00	\$20,219.00
Other Offerings	\$3,783.00	\$3,783.00
Other Income	\$259.00	\$259.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$24,261.00</b>	<b>\$24,261.00</b>
Expenses	\$27,820.00	\$27,820.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	-\$3,558.00	-\$3,558.00

### Congregational Meeting - Sunday, March 6th Following Worship:

There will be a congregational meeting called for Sunday, March 6th

following worship for the purpose of presenting the annual report and 2022 operating budget.



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### **Communion Supplies Available for Pickup - Friday, March 4th 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, February 4th to pick up your communion supplies from the basket on the glass display at the front entrance of the Education Building. No appointment necessary.

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### **Offering Envelope Pickup:**

For those of you that requested offering envelopes on your pledge cards, they are labeled with your name and available for pickup from the glass display at the front entrance of the Education Building. Please feel free to pick them up when you are here for Sunday worship or at your convenience during normal office hours (Monday through Friday 9am-2pm). No appointment necessary.

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### **Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle:**

The P.W. Afternoon Circle plans to meet in the Activity Room of the church at 1:00pm on Wednesday, March 9th.

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### **Presbyterian Women Evening Circle:**

The P.W. Evening Circle plans to meet via Zoom at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 9th.

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### **Comfort Outreach - Volunteers Needed:**

Comfort Outreach, a ministry of Presbyterian Women, is a monthly program held at Greenbrier Health Care Center on the first Tuesday of each month. We are looking for volunteers to join us for one hour to read and share encouragement and prayer. Volunteers must be vaccinated. Call Amy Brown 304-676-1468 for more details.

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### **Food Locker Monthly Distribution: Calling All Volunteers!!**

The Lewisburg/Fairlea Food locker is a volunteer organization sponsored by area churches. It is located in Old Stone's Fellowship Hall, and conducts monthly distributions on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8-10am. Each year, several thousand of bags of food are distributed to residents of Lewisburg, Fairlea, Caldwell area who financially qualify.

A single individual receives one bag of groceries; a couple two bags and a family of three or more three bags. Each bag contains frozen meat, canned goods such as soup, green beans, corn, kidney beans or ravioli, dry goods such as cereal, oatmeal, beans, and macaroni and cheese. Normally food is distributed on the second Saturday of each month. Volunteers from a participating church distribute to Lewisburg Manor, Tabor Towers and Morgan Manor which are residences for elderly and disabled members of our community. All other individuals walk into the Old Stone Fellowship Hall to receive food.

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. There are usually 125-150 bags to be delivered to the 3 residences and we typically need 6 trucks, and at least 8 volunteers to help load & unload, and go door to door to deliver the bags at each facility.

This year, Old Stone is doing distribution **March 19 and November 19**. 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!)

If you cannot help in March please save November 19 on your calendar to help the next time!

It's not a hard or long job – volunteers meet in Fellowship Hall Saturday morning of the distribution at 7:30am and are often finished with deliveries by 9:30am. \* Masks are required for everyone and all safety precautions observed.

You know the saying: “Many hands make light work!” If interested, please text Molly @304-667-4362 or email @ [mollyscarb@gmail.com](mailto:mollyscarb@gmail.com)

**SAVE YOUR KROGER PICKUP BAGS PLEASE** --These are ideal for the Food Locker - Leave them in Fellowship Hall or if you need pick up let the church office know.

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### February Birthdays

02/01 John Rodgers  
02/02 Katie Buck  
02/03 Paul Kucera  
02/04 Trip Hamilton  
02/06 Becky Neal  
02/21 Charlie Gwinn  
02/25 Bill Cunningham  
02/27 Mary Scarborough

### March Birthdays

03/02 Cam Harkness  
03/02 Ben Kelso  
03/04 Georgia Foster  
03/04 Anne Staunton  
03/05 Melanie Monti  
03/05 David Thomas  
03/07 Cora Kesterson  
03/08 Jim Arbuckle  
03/11 Lynn Brody  
03/11 David Kucera  
03/11 Lynn Weikle  
03/15 Kate Lehman  
03/17 Rebecca Kinser  
03/20 Suzanne Bicksler  
03/21 Wiley Irons  
03/21 Kathy Smith  
03/24 Andy Kelso  
03/25 Carroll Crane  
03/27 Ed Rock  
03/28 Lexanne Meldrum  
03/30 James Montgomery

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### **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](http://www.oldstonechurchwv.com)
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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!

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### **Greenbrier Community Care Corps (GCCC) Nonmedical Supportive Services:**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Greenbrier Community Care Corps (GCCC) local model! GCCC is a pilot project administered by WVSOM Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH), in collaboration with the Greenbrier County Health Alliance (GCHA). GCCC is a grant funded program that links volunteers in the community to provide nonmedical supportive services to Greenbrier County residents who are at least 60 years of age, adults with disabilities, and/or their caregivers, with the goal to support independent living, reduce caregiver stress and burdens, and to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.

This is a free program to serve Greenbrier County residents. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and submit to a background check, which includes fingerprinting, as well as onboarding and training, before being linked to provide services. If you want to register directly, you may use our online system located here for volunteers: <http://bttr.im/9mpb5>, or located here for those that want to receive services: <http://bttr.im/6lru7>. Opportunities for virtual volunteering are available (such as virtual/phone companionship).

If you'd like more information or have any questions please call Misty at 304-520-5945 or email [gccc@osteo.wvsom.edu](mailto:gccc@osteo.wvsom.edu).



# GREENBRIER COMMUNITY CARE CORPS

A new local program in which volunteers assist family caregivers, adults over the age of 60 or adults with disabilities with nonmedical tasks. This free program assists recipients with errands and day-to-day chores to help them maintain their independence.

For information on receiving services or volunteering with the Greenbrier Community Care Corps program, contact:

gccc@osteo.wvsom.edu  
304-520-5945



## WVSOM Mini Med School Returns:

This will be a single night event on **March 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm**. It is open to anyone **above the age of 16** who would like to learn more about the healthcare field and medicine. Participants will be taught a variety of health related topics by WVSOM students. Some of these topics include preventative health, stroke rehabilitation, hypertension, addiction medicine, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, and mental health awareness. Many students have worked hard to prepare exciting and interactive presentations for this event.

Due to continuing COVID restrictions we have to **limit participation to 40 individuals**.

Registration is first come and can be completed using the QR code on the flyer or by calling the number on the flyer. This event is completely **free** and includes a **take home meal**.

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# MINI-MED SCHOOL

*Osteopathic medical students share knowledge and skills with community members.*







4-7 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 15

At the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's  
Clinical Evaluation Center

Mini-Med School is free for 40 participants on a first-come basis. A take-home meal will be provided in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.

## TOPICS:

-  Preventive Health  
(men's and women's health, bone health)
-  Self-Care and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM)
-  Mental Health and Addiction Medicine
-  Common Diseases, Rehabilitation and Exercise  
(hypertension, atherosclerosis and stroke rehabilitation)

400 Lee Street North • Lewisburg, WV 24901

## TO REGISTER:

Contact Georgette Morton  
304.647.6422  
gmorton@oste.wvsom.edu  
Registration deadline is March 8.

