



Stone Chippings Newsletter

November 2021

Getting Back to Basics:

Greetings Old Stone Community!

My name is Jeff Binder, and I am your new Interim Pastor. I am excited to be here with you all at Old Stone; a congregation and community with a celebrated history, and a bright future ahead, centered in Jesus Christ. Over the next several months my role will be to journey alongside you as we together discern how God is moving and calling this congregation in the days and years ahead. Logistically speaking, our time will lead toward calling a new installed Pastor, but there is so much more that happens in between the beginning and the end of the interim process.



For the time being, let's take a few moments to calm ourselves after what must have felt like a trying last few months without a pastor (not to mention this pandemic), and to get back to the basics of Christian community. Your congregational leaders have faithfully moved forward during such times, and I am happy to spend the first few weeks hearing and learning about all that has been going on. So, consider this your invitation to say hello! I would love to sit and talk with each of you, and to learn more about you, and this Old Stone community. I love a good cup of coffee or a meal—let's get to know each other!

You will also be learning more about me in the coming weeks through communications like these, Sunday worship, and here at the church throughout the week. That being said, if you wish to stop in the office for a conversation, my door is open, and you can reach out to the church office or via email to arrange a time to sit down and talk.

Again, I'm so excited to be here with you all during this exciting time of discerning God's call for Old Stone moving forward. What a joy it is to walk alongside one another in faith and love as we listen for God's voice speaking into our daily living!

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering:

Please join us in being Thankful!

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their church and communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more. This year's programs will be funded by last year's giving! Hopefully, our church congregation will give generously again this year!

This year's Thank Offering will take place on Sunday, November 7th. Special envelopes will be included in your bulletin. You may also give online throughout the month of November by visiting our website (www.oldstonechurchwv.com), then navigating to the upper right-hand corner and clicking on "GIVE". Once the online giving portal opens, click on the "To" dropdown menu and

choose "Presbyterian Women Thank Offering".

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Thank offering.

Blessings, The Presbyterian Women of Old Stone

Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle:

The P.W. Afternoon Circle plans to meet in the Activity Room of the church at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 17th.

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
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October Birthdays

*10/02 Pam Lewis
10/02 Brenda Smith
10/03 Nixon Brown
10/06 Renee Fife Ahern
10/06 Mallory Frye
10/06 Hayes Hileman
10/07 Glenn Lehman
10/11 Ellsworth Buck
10/11 Brahm Kesterson
10/11 Luke Kirkham
10/12 Jason Kesterson
10/14 Betty Dempsey
10/19 Elizabeth "Sissy" Isaac
10/21 JoAnn Pearis
10/24 Riley Smith
10/29 Lauren Rodgers
10/30 Vicki Wilson
10/31 Mary Jane Gilkerson
10/31 John Hofmann*

November Birthdays

*11/01 Tracy Morgan
11/06 Macie Hileman
11/06 Dawn Huffman
11/06 Stephanie Williams
11/13 Ian Burford
11/14 Brenda Jones
11/14 Shirley Runyon
11/16 Dick Marshall
11/16 Lucy (Marshall) Taylor
11/19 Bridgett Armentrout-Edwards
11/21 Marley Kesterson
11/22 Annabelle Galyean
11/23 Carol Cales
11/23 Larry Jones
11/24 Elizabeth Kucera
11/27 Carter Huffman*



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 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.