

# **Stone Chippings Newsletter**

October 2021

# Welcome Our October Guest Preachers:

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." ~Philippians 4:6-7

*With Thanksgiving to God*, we welcome back special friends who have served Old Stone generously this year. And, we have the distinct joy of welcoming Rev. Jeff Binder who will lead us in worship and our next chapter beginning October 24th.



#### **October 3rd - Sallie Daugherty**

Sallie is a native of West Virginia with deep Presbyterian roots in Pocahontas County. Sallie grew up in Charleston and has been a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston where she is an Elder and is currently serving as Clerk of Session, choir member and children's Sunday school teacher. The Presbytery of West Virginia approved Sallie as an authorized lay preacher at its November 19, 2020 meeting. She is the daughter of Jarve Currence and the late George A. Daugherty and is married to Byron Goodew. Sallie and Byron make their home in South Charleston, West Virginia.



#### **October 10th - Becky Williams**

Becky Williams is a lifelong resident of Greenbrier County, a graduate of Greenbrier East High School, and she works for the school system in the finance department. She completed the West Virginia Presbytery Lay Preacher course in 2012. Her hobbies include reading historical books (fiction and nonfiction), needle tatting, and watching sports. Some of her favorite sports to watch are professional ice hockey, WVU men's basketball, and major league baseball. Her favorite baseball teams are the Pittsburgh Pirates (even when they are struggling) and the St. Louis Cardinals. When Becky was growing up, the Oakland Athletics were her favorite and will always have a special place in her heart. She can remember Reggie Jackson playing for the Oakland

Athletics.

#### October 17th - John Arbuckle, Jr.

John Arbuckle has lived in Lewisburg for 75 years on the family farm near Maxwelton. 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.



# **October 24th - Jeff Binder**

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg announces the Call of The Rev. Jeff Binder to be the congregation's Interim Pastor, effective October 18. Rev. Binder comes to Old Stone after serving as pastor and head of staff at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon. Jeff is a native of Parma, Ohio; a large suburb of Cleveland. He attended The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies. Following graduation he served as director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville in New Jersey. In 2009 he was awarded a

Masters of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, in Chicago, IL. Presently, Jeff is a Doctor of Ministry candidate with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX. His first ordained call was as associate pastor for Families and Mission at the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, Florida, and subsequently served as associate presbyter for Discipleship & Ministry with the Presbytery of the Peaks in Lynchburg, VA., before being called to Valley Community Presbyterian. Jeff is a faithful fan of all Cleveland sports teams, an avid outdoorsman and runner.

"I am excited to have old friends just a few miles away in Virginia and my family within a halfday's drive in Ohio. I am thrilled to be returning to the mountains and people of Appalachia, which feels like home time and time again. And, I am inspired with the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor where we can journey alongside one another in faith and fellowship," said Rev. Binder.

# A Note from the Treasurer:

I got up this morning and walked across the bedroom to open the blinds. Looking out at the street, it appeared that nothing had changed. The leaves were beginning to color, an occasional car passed by, the sun was breaking through the clouds. A woman was walking by with her dog. She was wearing a mask. And then I remembered. Something had changed. An invisible enemy had invaded our land. And I knew in my heart that life would never be the same. It reminded me of when my wife had died. She was gone and my life would never be the same again. And now there was another loss to face. Life in America would never be the same again. But then from deep within me I heard a voice saying, "I am the Lord and I never change." And I walked downstairs to get some breakfast with peace in my heart.

Through the ages things around us change but God is constant. As we prepare to accept a new minister, trust in God and prepare our hearts for the changes around us.

~Jim Coleman, Stewardship Committee

#### **Fellowship Committee:**

The Fellowship Committee is glad to announce that our newly organized "Souper Soup" has

begun! This is an outreach program of "Care", which has been set up for ill members of our congregation. If you find out a person of Old Stone is sick and could benefit from a quick warm meal of soup, contact Allyson at the church office then go to the kitchen freezer which contains an assortment of soups. A chart has been devised which lists information of the individually packaged soup currently available (date and by whom made). Please use the pen (on the door) to mark off what you've taken for ease of knowing what stock is available. *Note: Anyone is welcome to contribute soup, share your blessings.* 

Last month Session was approached to initiate a grief support group at Old Stone. If you would be interested in participating in this much needed community outreach please leave your name and contact information with the church office. We hopefully will begin this in the very near future. Now we need to gather information to develop this outreach. More will follow.

~Karen Leland, Chairman of Fellowship Committee

#### **Bereavement Support Group:**

Old Stone Presbyterian Church will be offering a Bereavement Support Group, which plans to meet on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in the Session Room of the Education Building (adjacent to the church). Anyone experiencing loss recently or in the past, seeking support, advice, and coping skills is invited to join. The group will meet for six weeks and is limited to twenty people. Please call the church office at (304) 645-2676 to enroll. Amy Wade, Hospice House, will be leading the group. We will announce meeting dates in the near future so keep an eye out for that information to be posted to our Facebook page as well as via email correspondence.

# Worship Update:

The Session of Old Stone met on September 15th and voted to remain virtual through October 3rd. The Session is in regular conversation and prayer about the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and will re-evaluate the situation at the stated Session meeting on October 6th. Please join us for worship on the radio or by livestream.

# **Radio Broadcasting:**

Due to technical issues at the station, Radio Greenbrier (WRON) has not been able to broadcast Old Stone's Sunday service the last three Sundays in September. An engineer has now made the repair, so future services should broadcast normally. Radio Greenbrier will not charge Old Stone for the missed Sundays and they are sorry for the delay in repair.

# 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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/103.1BearCountry</u> or <u>https://tunein.com/radio/The-Bear-103-1031-s30113/</u>
- In-Person Worship Guidelines are Available Here: www.oldstonechurchwv.com

# September Birthdays

09/05 Gary Williams 09/09 Jeb Brown 09/11 Richard Franke 09/13 Robert Banton 09/14 Carol Bland

# **October Birthdays**

10/02 Pam Lewis 10/02 Brenda Smith 10/03 Nixon Brown 10/06 Renee Fife Ahern 10/06 Mallory Frye 09/15 Phoebe Stanley 09/17 Molly McMillion 09/17 Emily Plybon 09/20 Lee Ann Gillilan 09/21 Amy Brown 09/21 Charles Plumley 09/23 Ben Lewis 09/24 Karen Lee McClung 09/25 Patty Plumley 09/28 Tag Galyean 09/29 Debbie Smith 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

# **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 and 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.