



Stone Chippings Newsletter

September 2022

You are Invited to Join in God's Activity!

The month of September is an exciting time for so many of us. Football is here! Cooler temperatures! People are returning home after summer travel. Back to school!...wait...I guess the level of excitement about that one depends on whether you ask the parents or the kids!



September is also an exciting time in the life of the local church. Many churches around the country are having Kick-Off Sundays, Rally Days, or Homecomings. Old Stone has some celebrating of its own to do this time of year! This week we will celebrate More than Mortar, which is an activity fair within the life of our church. Following worship, we are invited to learn more about the many different ministries and programs that help make Old Stone what it is. And if so inclined, we are also invited to sign up to participate in this year's activities, including committees and special events. If you missed it, there is still time to join in the fun. Simply contact the ministry or the church office to let us know how you'd like to get involved. Not sure how you'd like to join? Just let me know, and we can sit down and discuss how God may be calling you to match your spiritual gifts with our opportunities for ministry.

We will also be having our annual church picnic to help kick off the program year on September 11th following worship. While this may be a solemn day for many grieving the attacks of 9/11, it is also a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives by intentionally gathering in community. How wonderful it is to gather as church family again, especially following these years of pandemic. Be sure to read the accompanying information for event details, including location, schedule, and how you can help.

Finally, there are many volunteer opportunities here at church that you may be the perfect fit for! I mention it each Sunday during worship, but Old Stone is up and running because of the many hours that our members and friends contribute through our events, committees, and programs. Have an interest in sound and video? We have a use for you. Really enjoy books? We need your help! Want to meet others in the neighborhood? Let's talk! Interested in learning more about the inner workings of the church? You may be called to ministry and leadership that you may never have even thought of before.

Consider this your invitation to join in all that God is doing here at Old Stone. The more people we have involved, the stronger this church will be for years to come. We are able to enjoy this wonderful faith community because of the efforts and energy from previous generations. How will your participation with this church today help to shape the life of Old Stone moving forward into the future?

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

Monthly Worship Attendance:

Sunday, July 31st, 2022: In Person: 71 / YouTube: 15
Sunday, August 7th, 2022: In Person: 72 / YouTube: 17
Sunday, August 14th, 2022: In Person: 47 / YouTube: 9
Sunday, August 21st, 2022: In Person: 72 / YouTube: 17



Church Transportation for Sunday Worship Available:

If you are in need of a ride to and from worship, please call Townley at 1 (304) 646-1352 and she will gladly pick you up or arrange for someone else to pick you up.



Annual Church Picnic - Sunday, September 11th at 12:30 pm at Charlie Mackey Park in Maxwelton:

Please join us at Charlie Mackey Park on Sunday, September 11th at 12:30 pm (after church) for our annual church picnic! We will be serving lunch from Blackwell's Catering while we enjoy fellowship together.

If you would like to volunteer to bring a salad or dessert to share with others, please feel free!

Church Picnic at Charlie Mackey Park

When: Sunday, September 11th 12:30 pm

Where: Charlie Mackey Park

[165 Charlie Mackey Lane - North 219 across from Clifton Presbyterian Church]



Please RSVP:

Printed RSVP forms will be included with the 8/28/22 bulletin as well as the 9/4/22 bulletin. Completed RSVP's can be placed in the offering plate or in the box in the narthex when you attend church on Sunday, or feel free to email your response to office@oldstonechurchwv.com or by calling (304) 645-2676.



OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO A PICNIC AT CHARLIE MACKEY PARK

**THE 2022 OLD STONE PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT
CHARLIE MACKEY PARK ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

(165 CHARLIE MACKEY LANE, MAXWELTON)

**PLEASE SIGN AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE
OR IN THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.**

PLEASE RSVP BELOW

(Place in offering plate/basket in the Narthex)

Name: _____

Number of Adults:___ Number of Children (under 12):___

Session Highlights - Stated Session Meeting (Wednesday, July 27, 2022):

The Session met for their Stated Session meeting on Wednesday, July 27. In attendance were: Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; and Ruling Elders: Jennifer Runyon, Townley Hamilton, Stuart Brown, Sara Irons, Karen Leland and Jim Coleman. Rev. Binder welcomed three guests: Roger Wolfe, Rev. Cameron Harkness and Suzanne Snyder.

Rev. Binder welcomed Roger Wolfe to the meeting, stating that Mr. Wolfe is desiring to join the membership of Old Stone, by letter of transfer. Following a time of introductions, a motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept Mr. Wolfe into the membership of OSPC. Rev. Harkness and Suzanne Snyder were in attendance to give the Session an update on the Bereavement group that has been meeting at the church. Currently, twelve individuals have participated. Rev. Harkness and Rev. Hughes will be leading another session, 6-weeks, beginning soon. Those who have participated feel that this is a program that should be built on.

Minutes were presented for approval, including:

- June 22 – Stated meeting; and
- July 13 – Called/Special meeting, to approve the M.I.F. (Ministry Information Form) that had been completed by the Pastor Nominating Committee

Session heard or reviewed reports from the following committees:

- Fellowship

- Property
- Stewardship and Finance
- Worship
- Trustees
- Outreach
- Personnel

The following action items, requiring Session approval, were presented and approved:

- The Fellowship committee requested additional funds, over and above their committee budget, to help with expenses for the church picnic – APPROVED.
- The Property committee presented the updated Room Reservation policy for approval, which was APPROVED and will be included in the Manual of Operations.

Pastor’s Report was presented by Pastor Jeff, which included:

- The Stewardship committee has talked with the Trustees concerning the management of the insurance umbrella for the church, with the Trustees agreeing to serve as managers. The Session APPROVED.
- The recently updated Manual of Operations was APPROVED, with the addition of the bullet point pertaining to the Trustees managing the church’s insurance.
- Pastoral care updates
- As a part of the transitional conversation, he urged Elders to become familiar with the portion of the Manual of Operations pertaining to the responsibilities of Session members.
- Pastor Jeff expressed his thanks to the Session for the time to attend Part II of his Interim Training that he recently attended.

The Clerk’s report included:

- Correspondence
- Worship Attendance
- Electing Karen Leland to serve as Ruling Elder Commissioner for a Called Meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia; and
- Electing Jim Coleman to serve as Ruling Elder Commission for the August 18 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Session will hold their next Stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, in the Activity Room and on Zoom.

Submitted by Nancy Smallenberger, Clerk

Stewardship Financial Updates:

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update Through July, 2022		
	July Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$26,588.00	\$190,242.00
Other Offerings	\$2,369.00	\$33,671.00
Other Income	\$332.00	\$9,497.00
Total Income	\$29,289.00	\$233,410.00
Expenses	\$29,267.00	\$200,302.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$22.00	\$33,108.00

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update Through August, 2022		
	August Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$8,266.00	\$198,508.00
Other Offerings	\$1,910.00	\$35,581.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$9,497.00
Total Income	\$10,176.00	\$243,586.00
Expenses	\$16,506.00	\$216,807.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	-\$6,330.00	\$26,778.00

August Birthdays

08/02 Jim Rowe
 08/03 Sue Rock
 08/04 Norman Ahern, Jr.
 08/05 Jacqueline Bennett
 08/08 Bob Perkins
 08/09 John Wilson Bicksler
 08/11 Nancy Bulla
 08/11 Shannon Lehman
 08/11 Andrew Scarborough-McLaughlin
 08/14 Jim Leitch
 08/17 Wilson Bland
 08/24 Dorothy Lee
 08/24 Jen Runyon
 08/25 Nancy Smallenberger
 08/26 Bobbi Hoffman
 08/27 Beverly Johnson
 08/27 Acie Kesterson
 08/27 Bonnie Marshall
 08/30 Linda Hayes

September Birthdays

09/05 Gary Williams
 09/09 Jeb Brown
 09/11 Richard Franke
 09/12 Gillian Snyder
 09/13 Robert Banton
 09/14 Carol Bland
 09/15 Phoebe Stanley
 09/17 Molly McMillion
 09/17 Emily Plybon
 09/20 Lee Ann Gillilan
 09/21 Amy Brown
 09/21 Chuck Plumley
 09/24 Karen Lee McClung
 09/25 Patty Plumley
 09/28 Tag Galyean
 09/29 Debbie Smith

A Note from Margaret Hambrick and Arpi Tordai Regarding His Ukraine Relief Efforts:

"Hello all,

I have been remiss in bringing our Tordai Ministries Fund reports up to date. Below you will see the fund information and balances for May, June, and July. We have \$ 1508.30 left in the Ukrainian Support line of this account and \$202.83 left in what I am going to start calling Youth Programs. Arpi and Zsofi decided not to accept any funds from the Scholarship line for Akos and to use those for Youth Programs in their church. As you know if you see their Facebook page, they have had a busy summer!

This is an incredible mission to the people of Romania and now to the people of Ukraine. Funds go directly to the programs with no overhead expenses.

Thank you for all you do!

Grace and blessings,

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As of 05-31-2022

Withdrawals	\$0
Deposits	\$2,153. (Ukraine Refugee Fund)

Balance

Scholarship Fund	\$1,333.45
Sunday School fund/seed money/hearing device	\$ 431.94
Ukraine Refugee Fund	\$3,518.48

Total funds in account \$ 5283.87

As of 06-30-2022

Withdrawals	\$2,110.18 (Ukraine Refugee Fund)
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Deposits	\$0
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Balance

Scholarship Fund	\$1,333.45
Sunday School fund/seed money/hearing device	\$ 431.94
Ukraine Refugee Fund	\$1,408.30

Total funds in account \$ 3,173.69

As of 07-29-2022

Withdrawals	\$1,562.56 (Youth Programs)
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Deposits	\$ 100.00 (Ukraine Fund)
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Balance

Scholarship Fund	\$0
Sunday School fund/seed money/hearing device	\$ 202.83
Ukraine Refugee Fund	\$1,508.30

Total funds in account \$ 1,711.13

(Arpi and Zsofi wanted to donate the funds they might have received for scholarship money for Akos to the Youth Programs at their church.)