



Stone Chippings Newsletter

February 2024

First Sunday - February 4th at 5:30 - 7:00 PM:

First Sunday will take place on February 4th at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a Mardi Gras supper, which will include chicken jambalaya, red beans, salad, rice and sausage. After our meal, we will put together Valentine's care boxes for our college students. Parents of the college students are welcome to join! Friends and family are always welcome. We can't wait to see you there!

New Hope Grief Group - Wednesdays from February 7th to May 1st at 10:00 AM:

Are you, or someone you know, grieving the death of a loved one? A new grief group "New Hope" is forming at Old Stone Presbyterian Church. Using GriefShare materials, New Hope will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 from February 7th through May 1st at the church. The 13-week session will help you find support and healing during a difficult time. Please call the church office at 304-645-2676 for more information and to register.

Fellowship Luncheon - Sunday, February 11th Following Worship:

Join us after worship on Sunday, February 11th for a Fellowship luncheon. We are planning a Valentine's celebration and will have more information available at a later date.

Messiah Rehearsals - Beginning Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM:

Messiah rehearsals began on Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM and will continue to meet weekly on Mondays at the same time. The Easter Messiah will take place on Saturday, March 30th. *More information will be available at a later date.*

Monthly Worship Attendance:

Sunday, December 31st: In Person: 108 / YouTube: 14
Sunday, January 7th: In Person: 61 / YouTube: 16
Sunday, January 14th: In Person: 72 / YouTube: 16
Sunday, January 21st: In Person: 38 / YouTube: 0



Stewardship Financial Update:

Old Stone Presbyterian Church		
Financial Update December 2023 *UPDATED		
	December	
	Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$40,155.00	\$316,667.00
Other Offerings	\$5,189.00	\$62,093.00
Other Income	\$47,241.00	\$93,285.00
Total Income	\$92,585.00	\$472,045.00
Expenses	\$36,144.00	\$407,944.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$56,441.00	\$62,152.00

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Financial Update January 2024 Month-to-Date		
	January Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$12,775.00	\$12,775.00
Other Offerings	\$4,146.00	\$4,146.00
Other Income	\$50,339.00	\$50,339.00
Total Income	\$67,260.00	\$67,260.00
Expenses	\$8,642.00	\$8,642.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$58,617.00	\$58,617.00

January Birthdays

01/02 Merle Shank
 01/06 Susan Graham
 01/08 Marcia Leitch
 01/08 Corbin Long
 01/11 Miriam "Whickey" Knight
 01/12 Grace Brown
 01/12 Amy Meadows
 01/13 Suzanne Snyder
 01/16 Julia Smith
 01/16 Lauren Smith
 01/17 Rodney Weikle
 01/18 Beverly Kucera
 01/21 Tracy Peyton
 01/22 Linda Monti
 01/23 Hanno Kirk
 01/27 Nancy Greenstreet
 01/28 Katrina White

February Birthdays

02/01 John Rodgers
 02/02 Katie Buck
 02/03 Paul Kucera
 02/04 Trip Hamilton
 02/06 Becky Neal
 02/12 Craig Boisvert
 02/21 Charlie Gwinn
 02/25 Bill Cunningham
 02/26 Adam Snyder
 02/27 Mary Scarborough

Scam Emails/Phone Calls Reminder:

This is a reminder to be diligent and watch out for scammers pretending to be staff of Old Stone. We've already had at least six reported instances this year of a scammer sending fake text messages to our church members pretending to be Rev. Julie. We ask that you reach out to us if you receive any texts, emails, or phone calls pretending to be a staff member so that we can notify church members when this is happening.

If you receive an email, text, or phone call and you aren't sure if it is legitimately from a staff member, please call the church office at (304) 645-2676 to find out. Do NOT reply to the person's text, email, or phone call. We want everyone to be safe and not fall victim to these types of scams. Just as a reminder, we will NEVER reach out to you asking you to purchase gift cards, request any type of monetary exchange, or request personal information, so you can be sure it is a scam if you are asked for any of these things.

While there is no way for us to prevent this from happening 100%, we are taking additional steps to try to reduce the likelihood of this happening in the future.

In the meantime, Rev. Julie has recommended that you report and then block the phone number that sent you the scam text. You can report the text by forwarding the message to 7726. After you block the number, you shouldn't receive any more scam texts from that phone number.
