

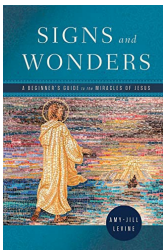


# Stone Chippings Newsletter

## May 2024

### Monthly Worship Attendance:

**Sunday, March 31st:** In Person: 122 / YouTube: 17  
**Sunday, April 7th:** In Person: 71 / YouTube: 18  
**Sunday, April 14th:** In Person: 86 / YouTube: 12  
**Sunday, April 21st:** In Person: 122 / YouTube: 19



### "Signs and Wonders" Bible Study - Beginning Wednesday, May 1st at 12:00 p.m.:

We will begin our "Signs and Wonders" Bible Study on Wednesday, May 1st at 12:00 noon. Bring a lunch with you to enjoy while we discuss the miracles of Jesus! The books are currently available for pickup from the glass countertop at the front entrance of the Education Building.

*If you would like to help cover the cost of the book, we will be collecting monetary donations during the bible study. Please feel free to donate any amount of your choosing, or if you would like to cover the entire cost of the book it is \$13. Donations are optional and not required to attend.*

### Invitation to 80th Birthday Celebration for Herbert S. Montgomery - Sunday, May 5th (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.):



PLEASE JOIN

# Herbert S. Montgomery

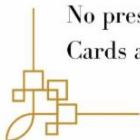
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## 80TH BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024  
 OLD STONE CHURCH  
 FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 1-3 PM

**LUNCHEON MENU  
 INCLUDES  
 ALL OF HERBERT'S  
 FAVORITE FOODS!**

No presents please!  
 Cards and your presence welcome!



RSVP APPRECIATED 304-646-2317



### First Sunday - Come Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Us! -

## May 5th (5:30 - 7:00 PM):

The Care Team will host First Sunday, May 5th from 5:30-7:00 pm with a Mexican Flare! Pastor Schuyler Olt will make his famous Cuban pork and bean dish. We will also have a beef and chicken taco bar with all the fixings!

We would love everyone's help with our service project which will be providing care packages to local nursing homes. While we have nine church members and friends in local nursing homes, we have a goal of completing 20 care packages. Starting this Sunday (4/29) through Sunday (5/5), we will be collecting items. On Sundays, items can be placed in the designated bin in the narthex. Throughout the week, items can be placed in the designated bin at the front entrance of the Education Building.

### Items Needed:

- Small lotions, shampoos and soaps
- Hair combs
- Women's hair clips (flowers and bling are a plus)
- Chapsticks
- Hard and soft candies (some sugar free)
- Gel Bead Room Scents (no wicks allowed)
- Large print cross word puzzles and erasable pens
- Large print coloring books/crayons for adults

For questions, please see Allyson in the church office or call Amy Brown at 304-676-1468.

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## **New Book Club - Beginning Monday, May 6th at 12:00 Noon** *(will take place on the first Monday of each month):*



**Join The New Book Club!**  
Bring Your Lunch and Dive into Great Reads  
**When:** 1st Mondays at Noon beginning May 6th  
**Where:** Old Stone Presbyterian Church  
644 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV

**What to Expect:**  
Engaging Discussions  
Diverse Book Selections  
A Welcoming Community

**Why Join?**  
Expand Your Literary Horizons  
Connect with Fellow Book Lovers

Enjoy Your Lunch Break with Good Company

**Contact Information:**  
For more details or to RSVP, email us at  
[julie.olt@gmail.com](mailto:julie.olt@gmail.com) or call 304-645-2676

**Remember, books and lunch make the perfect pair!**  
**See you there!**

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## **Presbyterian Women - Wednesday, May 8th - Charlie Mackey Park in Maxwelton at 12:00 PM - SAVE THE DATE!:**

The Presbyterian Women meet monthly for fellowship, prayers, lessons, and food. Our last meeting of this "year" will have all of





those...and YOU are invited! Join us on Wednesday, May 8th at Mackey Park in Maxwelton. Fun starts at 12:00 p.m.

**FOOD:** Bring a potluck dish to share (or just bring yourself). Table service and drinks will be provided.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Enjoy the country setting from the enclosed pavilion or outside. Meet old and new friends.

**PRAYERS:** Share your joys and concerns with others.

**LESSON:** Reverend Julie will lead our final lesson titled "People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples" in this year's study of The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Each lesson stands alone, so you do not need to regularly attend to participate.

Who is invited? You - your friends - your neighbors! The shelter is handicapped accessible, and there is outdoor space for children to play. Join us for our meal (12 p.m. - 1 p.m.) only or stay for the lesson (1 p.m. - 2 p.m.). If you would like to carpool/caravan to Mackey Park, please meet in front of the Education Building at 11:40 a.m.

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### **Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering - Sunday, May 19th:**

The Birthday Offering, one of Presbyterian Women's two annual offerings, will be collected on Sunday, May 19th. Since its inception in 1922, when women were asked to donate one cent for each year of life, the offering has provided a tangible way of celebrating life's blessings while supporting the mission of the church worldwide by providing needed financial assistance to selected worthy projects. Visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) to read about the 2024 Birthday Offering recipients.



*Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women and note "Birthday Offering" in the memo line of your check. If you prefer to give a cash donation, please ensure "Birthday Offering" is written on your envelope to ensure your donation will be processed correctly. You can also give online by visiting [oldstonechurchwv.com](http://oldstonechurchwv.com) and clicking on "GIVE" at the top right of your screen. Be sure to click on the drop-down menu and change the "To" option from "General Fund" to "Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering" before submitting your donation. Thank you for your continued support!*

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### **New Hope Grief Group - Mondays Beginning June 3rd at 6:30 P.M.:**

Are you, or someone you know, grieving the death of a loved one? Please join us on Monday, June 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. as we guide you through this difficult time using printed materials provided by GriefShare. We will meet each Monday at 6:30 for 13 weeks. Please call the church office at 304-645-2676 to enroll or find out more.

*Please note: You do not have to attend all 13 meetings in order to enroll. You are welcome to join us at any time that works best for you!*

*If you would like to help cover the cost of the workbook, we will be collecting monetary donations during the meeting. Please feel free to donate any amount of your choosing, or if you would like to cover the entire cost of the book it is \$20. Donations are optional and not required to attend.*

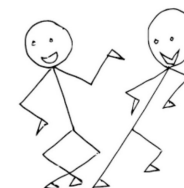
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### **Life Is Better When You Can Line Dance!**

**What:** Beginning Line Dance Lessons

**When:** Wednesdays (May 1, 8, 15, and 22nd)  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Old Stone Church's Fellowship Hall (enter on Foster Street)



Lessons are sponsored by Active Southern West Virginia....FREE....Open to the community. Emphasis will be on beginning steps and dances from 6-7, with slightly more difficult dances taught during the last half hour. It is NOT necessary to attend all sessions or to stay the entire time. No partners needed, but bring your friends and neighbors. Check out the Facebook page "Beginning Line Dancing with ActiveSWV".

Lessons are geared towards persons 18 and over. Youth must be accompanied by a guardian and the adult must stay with them during the activity. Participants are asked to sign a one-time waiver with **Active Southern West Virginia**.

So step to the right, step to the left, and LET'S DANCE!

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### **Session Highlights (Wednesday, March 20th Stated Meeting):**

Session held their Stated meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Present were: Moderator, Rev. Olt; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator: Amy Kesterson; and Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Sara Irons, Andy Kelso, Mike Leland, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe, Jennifer Runyon, Debbie Taylor and Gary Williams.

Minutes presented for approval included:

- Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – Stated Session meeting
- Friday, March 1, 2024 – Called Session meeting
- Sunday, March 3, 2024 – Congregational meeting

These minutes were approved as presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Julie

- Pastoral Care visits she had recently made.
- The Lenten Bible study has ended. Hopefully a new study/discussion group will be planned to begin sometime in May.
- The Grief Group is continuing to meet, with a completion date in May.
- Maundy Thursday worship service will be held on Thursday, March 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasting approximately 30 minutes.
- The End-of-Year S.T.A.I.R. party was a huge success. Pastor Julie thanked the members of Session who had attended.
- Plans are continuing to start a Book Club that will meet on Wednesday's at noon with those attending to bring a "Brown Bag Lunch".
- Pastor Julie announced that she and Ann Walker are working on plans for a "Presbyterian Heritage Tour" to Scotland in 2025. More information to come.

There were no committee reports presented that required Session action. The Care committee had included a printed report in the packet and financial reports had be included in the packet by the treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ratifying an email vote – An email had been received from Brennan Wood on behalf of the Greenbrier Valley Chorale, requesting the use of Fellowship Hall for a rehearsal on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pastor Julie had sent the request via email to Session members for their approval. The vote, by email, was to approve the request. A motion was made and seconded to ratify that vote; the motion was APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Debbie Taylor, coordinator for the S.T.A.I.R. program, thanked those who had attended and helped with the End-of-Year Party. The students who had participated in this year's program were invited to attend next year's LOGO program.
- Pastor Julie encouraged each committee to continue thinking on "community" – both inside and outside the church building.
- The Fellowship and Care committees will be sponsoring a Hot Dog Luncheon following the morning worship service on Sunday, April 21, in honor of LOGO and Youth Sunday. All are encouraged to attend – and if they wish to bring either a side dish or dessert to add to the luncheon.
- A Building Use Request was received from Community in Schools to hold a Board meeting in the Activity Room on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 10: 00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A motion was made, seconded to approve the request; motion was APPROVED.
- Jen Runyon, moderator of the Outreach Committee, made a request/motion to attend a motion that had previously been approved by Session, concerning the make-up of the standing Fife Scholarship Committee. The previously approved motion was that members of the committee be: current moderator of the Outreach committee: Amy Ahern and Nancy Smallenberger. The amended motion would be: *"The members of the standing Fife Scholarship committee would be: current moderator of Outreach, current co-moderator of*

*Outreach (if there is one), along with Amy Ahern and Nancy Smallenberger.” This comes as a motion from committee so no second is needed; motion was APPROVED.*

- Joys and Concerns were covered.

There being no other business that required Session action, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Pastor Julie.

The Session will hold their next Stated meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

*Submitted by Nancy Smallenberger, Clerk*

**Pebbles of History About Old Stone:**

In 1960, the old brass pipe organ behind the pulpit was replaced by a new organ. The organ chambers were walled up and a new organ arrangement was made in the balcony.



**Stewardship Financial Update:**

<b>Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update March 2024 *UPDATED</b>		
	March Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$17,010.00	\$55,823.00
Other Offerings	\$5,516.00	\$15,545.00
Other Income	\$1,325.00	\$53,696.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,851.00</b>	<b>\$125,064.00</b>
Expenses	\$49,860.00	\$100,359.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	-\$26,116.00	-\$25,490.00



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Financial Update April 2024 Month-to-Date		
	April Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$12,595.00	\$68,418.00
Other Offerings	\$4,702.00	\$20,247.00
Other Income	\$125.00	\$53,821.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,422.00</b>	<b>\$142,486.00</b>
Expenses	\$10,436.00	\$110,795.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$6,986.00	-\$18,504.00

### April Birthdays

04/05 Anna Ahern  
 04/05 Mary Page Nemcik  
 04/08 Asa Brown  
 04/09 Polley Cunningham  
 04/09 Jeff Rodgers  
 04/10 Arlen Myers  
 04/11 Linda Babcock  
 04/14 Jennifer Huffman  
 04/14 Karen Leland  
 04/15 Darlene Hicks  
 04/15 Amy Kesterson  
 04/15 Scott McClelland  
 04/17 Doug Bicksler  
 04/17 Leslie Bicksler  
 04/18 Jill Gwinn  
 04/19 Madison Snyder  
 04/21 Carol Perkins  
 04/22 Mary Adeline Bicksler  
 04/22 John Wilson  
 04/23 Bob Mareneck  
 04/25 Ashley Meadows  
 04/27 Bill Irons  
 04/27 Joan Yarid  
 04/28 Sharon Rowe  
 04/29 Walter Coffindaffer  
 04/29 Joe Taylor  
 04/30 Sofia Kelso

### May Birthdays

05/01 Frances Layton  
 05/03 Amelia Monti  
 05/04 Mike Leland  
 05/04 Bill Satterfield  
 05/05 Rhodes Irons  
 05/05 Herbert S. Montgomery  
 05/06 Sara Irons  
 05/07 Stephanie Bachman  
 05/07 Michael Meadows  
 05/10 Janice Milam  
 05/11 Lyn MacCorkle  
 05/12 Ves Burford  
 05/12 Grace Coffindaffer  
 05/14 Becky Kelso  
 05/14 Gail Marshall  
 05/15 Dee Brown  
 05/16 Carson Banton  
 05/19 Polly Smith  
 05/20 Sandi Hofmann  
 05/21 Jacquelyn Marshall  
 05/24 Kathy Snyder  
 05/25 Victoria Monti  
 05/29 Debbie Taylor

### **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 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.

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### **Phishing Reminder from the Presbytery of WV:**



*A number of people have shared that they received emails this morning from "Rev. Maureen Wright" asking that you return a text sent to you. **These emails are a scam.** Maureen Wright is a ruling elder not a reverend, and the email is from "[organizationmission@gmail.com](mailto:organizationmission@gmail.com)." All staff emails remain the same. Please delete any email coming from this address, do not give any personal information in response to this, and do not purchase or send money to anyone. Presbytery staff will never randomly ask for personal information or request that you purchase items or send money. If you have any questions, please contact the office.*

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