

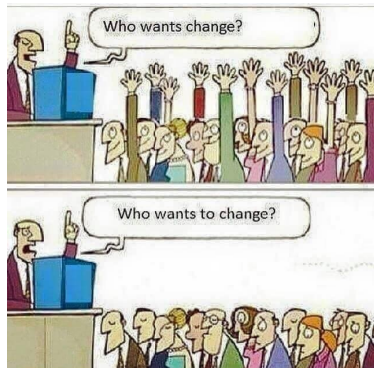
A Note from Rev. Julie Olt:

It's hard to believe that it is fall already! Have you looked outside in the last few days? The leaves are beginning to change color. I imagine that if leaves could talk, they would say that they don't like change; at least not much. Kind of like all of us.



We know deep down that some things need to change, but it is a challenge for us when it affects us directly. "We like things the way they are, why do we have to change?" Well, one of the answers is that we don't have to change. But there are consequences to choosing that answer, and I think you know what some of those consequences might be.

I like to think on the positive side, so what are some of the consequences if we do make some changes? I think we will see more involvement, we will be more active as a community of faith, and we will be living out our call as followers of Jesus. If we can give up just a little bit of what we are used to and what makes us comfortable in order to make others comfortable, I think it would be worth it.



If we can try to think beyond our four walls and see where God's heart is breaking in our community, we can reach people who need our help in some way. Younger people want to join along with us in short-term projects that help others. Where these two things meet is where we will find our opening to form relationships both with younger people and with people we might not know in our community. When relationships are formed, people are more likely to talk openly about their faith or lack thereof. We can reach out and fulfill the command of Jesus to go out and make disciples!

Some of the things we try might work, and some might not. That's ok! We will never know unless we try. I know it's hard. I promise we will move slowly and bring everyone along. No one will be left out.

What are some changes you think God might be calling us to make in this time and place?

Grace and peace,



Rev. Julie

Monthly Worship Attendance:

Sunday, September 3rd: In Person: 80 / YouTube: 10
Sunday, September 10th: In Person: 75 / YouTube: 17
Sunday, September 17th: In Person: 92 / YouTube: 14
Sunday, September 24th: In Person: 68 / YouTube: 18



Americana Thrift Store Sale – Saturday, September 30th from 9:00am – 1:00pm:

The Americana Thrift Store will be having a sale in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you have any new (or gently used) clothing, shoes, children's toys, or household goods that you would like to donate for the sale, please feel free to drop them off at the Old Stone Education Building from 9am to 4pm Monday - Friday. All donations are welcome and appreciated! Thank you!

Logos Kick-Off:

Logos is off to a great start with 15 participants from Kindergarten-5th grade. We enjoy a snack after school, some playground time if the weather permits, and currently we are taking a deep dive into the life of Joseph as we learn about jealousy, forgiveness, and how God always has a plan! Logos has a long tradition of Christian education for members of Old Stone and members of our community alike. We are blessed to continue this programming.

PYC Service Project:

At the end of October, PYC will prepare some whimsical spooky treats for the residents of the Family Refuge Center. We believe that both big and small gestures can be ministry, and sometimes it comes in the form of an unexpected treat. Please join us in praying for the residents of FRC as they navigate some of the most turbulent of times in their lives.

Bluestone Fall Getaway - October 20th-22nd:

It's not too late to sign-up for the retreat at Bluestone! Everyone of every age is welcome, and there may not be a more beautiful time to experience the scenery at camp! If there are children or youth who would like to go without an additional family member, please contact Amy Kesterson to get them enrolled!

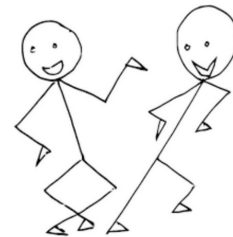
Life Is Better When You Can Line Dance!

What: Beginning Line Dance Lessons

When: Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- October 4, 18, and 23
- Will continue to meet the first three Wednesdays of each month from October through December

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!

Stewardship Financial Update:

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update August 2023 *UPDATED		
	August Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$42,595.00	\$209,048.00
Other Offerings	\$2,787.00	\$35,928.00
Other Income	\$5,000.00	\$34,041.00
Total Income	\$50,382.00	\$279,017.00
Expenses	\$35,921.00	\$279,533.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$14,460.00	-\$2,465.00

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Financial Update September 2023 Month-to-Date		
	September Actual	Actual to Date
Pledges Received	\$25,051.00	\$234,099.00
Other Offerings	\$5,160.00	\$41,088.00
Other Income	\$6,020.00	\$40,061.00
Total Income	\$36,231.00	\$315,248.00
Expenses	\$26,033.00	\$305,565.00
Net Ordinary Receipts	\$10,198.00	\$7,733.00

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

October Birthdays

10/02 Pam Lewis
 10/02 Brenda Smith
 10/03 Nixon Brown
 10/06 Renee 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

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.
