



## Stone Chippings Newsletter

September 2021

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### Welcome Our September Guest Preachers:

Join us by radio, livestream, or in-person as we continue our “Summer of Guest Preachers”!

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



### September 5th - Ginna Taylor

Ginna Taylor was born in South Charleston, West Virginia and is a life-long Presbyterian. Ginna graduated from West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting and has earned a minor in Early Childhood Education with Pre-K endorsement from coursework at West Virginia State University, Marshall University, and WVU. She retired this year from First Presbyterian Church, Charleston having served 18 years in preschool ministry as Director of the weekday Preschool Program. She currently lives in Charleston, West Virginia with her husband, Blair, and her son, Tait.

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### September 12th - TO BE DETERMINED



### September 19th - Rick McLaughlin

Hello, my name is Richard (Rick) McLaughlin. I am originally from Marlinton, grew up in Elkins, and moved back to Marlinton 17 years ago. I am a music teacher/band director and have taught in both Randolph and Pocahontas counties for the last 27 years. Currently, I am the band director/music teacher at Pocahontas County High School and Marlinton Middle School. In 1998 I started working at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Beverly WV as a choir director, handbell director, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Leader, and occasional pulpit supply. In 2010 I became a member of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church and continued to sing, play, and occasionally direct the music while also providing pulpit supply. I have provided pulpit supply for several churches in Pocahontas and Randolph Counties. My wonderful wife, Lisa, and I today are members of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. I have 3 stepsons all grown, 3 grandchildren, 3 dogs, a cat, 6 chickens, and 2 hives of bees. In addition to teaching and playing music, I also love archery, beekeeping, making maple syrup, gardening, kayaking, and camping. I am looking forward to providing pulpit supply for Old Stone Presbyterian Church and meeting all of you!!



## September 26th - PYC

The PYC will report on their June mission trip to Charleston, WV with Appalachian Service Project.

### PYC Mission Trip:



### Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering:

**\*Note: Change of Location**

**What:** Women's Fall Social Gathering

**Who:** Granddaughters of All Ages, regardless of Circle membership

**When:** Sunday, September 12th , 2-4 pm

**New Where:** Tracy Peyton, 436 Teaberry Road, Lewisburg

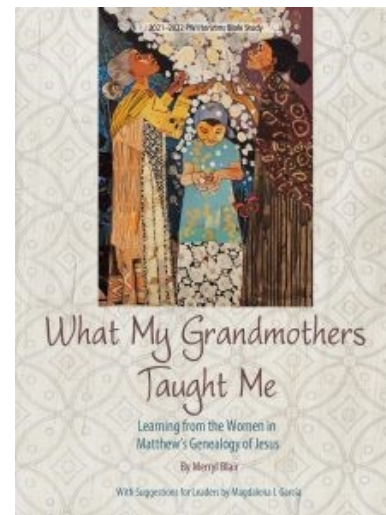
**Why:** To reconnect with other Old Stone Women and kick off the upcoming Bible Study, "*What My Grandmothers Taught Me*". The study focuses on teachings of the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Books will be available.

**Bring:** A sharable remembrance, treasure, wisdom, recipe, etc. from your grandmother (or another influential woman in your life).

**Please RSVP by Sept 8:** Send email to Carol Cales, [ccales1@frontier.com](mailto:ccales1@frontier.com) ; Lou Ella Lewis, [loulew@suddenlink.net](mailto:loulew@suddenlink.net) or call the church office (304-645-2676)

**COME JOIN US FOR GRANDMOTHER-APPROVED FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!**

~ Marcia Leitch, Presbyterian Women



### Fellowship Committee:

Members of the Fellowship Committee kept in contact during August to finalize the Ice Cream Social that was held on August 22 after church. We had a beautiful sunny day to enjoy Blue Bunny ice cream cones and ice cream sandwiches. Amy Brown shared laminated blessings for our youth to put on their book-sacks. (They'll be shared again.)



Fellowship will be presenting "More Than Mortar" and a hot dog picnic after church on **Sunday, September 26th**. This will provide the congregation a quick, casual opportunity to learn about the church's different committees, who is serving in them, and the various programs that each committee offers. Outside there will be simple picnic fare (courtesy of session members) to go along with the hot dogs.

#### Future Projects:

- If you are interested in participating in "Super Soup" (making or bring soup made at home) to put into the church freezer for a member who's sick- we're forging on with this idea. I'm asking Allyson to keep a list, or feel free to call my cell (Karen Leland: 985-290-0725).
- Interested in small groups going out to lunch together or having an at-home dinner? Let's get this started while we have beautiful weather. Call me - we can get together outdoors. Think about how we might arrange this. Please share your ideas.
- Cookie exchange in November (well before Thanksgiving).
- Maybe... a baking exchange in December. Share your ideas.

~ Karen Leland, Fellowship Committee

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### **Stewardship - A Note from the Moderator**

"Then another man spoke up and said, 'Lord, I'll follow You, but first I must take care of my aged father and bury him when he dies.' But Jesus said to him, 'Now is the time to follow Me, and let those who are dead bury their own dead.'" - Matthew 8:21-22, The Passion Translation

This is a September like none that the Old Stone Presbyterian Church has ever seen, despite its long and strong history. With a pandemic still shaking its angry fist over our town, our state and our world, and with leadership of the church in a time of uncertainty and transition, we are trying to be the faithful Church in a time with a lot more questions than answers.

And as many long-time church people know, autumn is Stewardship season. This is the time when we prayerfully reflect and faithfully invest ourselves in the ministry and mission of our common life as a congregation. In a time with so much unknown, it is completely understandable that we are tempted to sit back and wait to see how all this plays out before we commit. But I believe that this passage from Matthew's Gospel points out a still better way: **now** is the time to commit. Now is the time to step out in trust, pledging not only our treasure but our talents and our most important gift, our time. Like the disciples who walked with Jesus, we have no clear map of where all of this is going to lead. But the future belonged to those who followed Jesus into it. No one remembers the names of those who turned back... it was those who followed Him without answers who became those who changed the world.

So my hope is that you will prayerfully ask, "How can I best support and encourage what God is doing in and through this church? What talent do I have hidden away that needs brushed off and shared? Who needs my special skills or loving attention? What have I been holding on to, waiting to see, when NOW is the time for me to invest it in faith?" And the God who is faithful and true in all things will receive those gifts gladly and bless them, and make them a blessing that brings God glory and joy.

~ Pastor Dave, Moderator of the Session

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#### August Birthdays

08/02 Jim Rowe  
08/03 Sue Rock  
08/04 Norman Ahern, Jr.

#### September Birthdays

09/05 Gary Williams  
09/09 Jeb Brown  
09/11 Richard Franke

08/05 Jackie 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  
08/27 Beverly Johnson  
08/27 Acie Kesterson  
08/30 Linda Hayes

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 Charles Plumley  
09/23 Ben Lewis  
09/24 Karen Lee McClung  
09/25 Patty Plumley  
09/28 Tag Galyean  
09/29 Debbie Smith



## 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 of 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 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.

### In-Person Worship Reminder:

The Session of Old Stone is in regular conversation and prayer about the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the Delta Variant. Currently, we remain open for hybrid worship, both in-person and online at 11:00 am on Sundays. *In accordance with current CDC guidelines, we recommend that masks be worn indoors by all persons, regardless of vaccination status.*

### Calendar Reminder:

To view the deadlines for bulletin and newsletter article submissions, please navigate to the calendar available on our website. The calendar also includes scheduled events, meetings, and other important information that you may find helpful.

To view Old Stone's calendar of events and stay up-to-date with church deadlines, please visit <https://oldstonechurchwv.com/calendar>.

### Event Reminders:

The memorial service for Patsy Wingo will be held at 12:00pm on Saturday, August 28th.

The memorial service for Art Mashburn will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, September 4th.

The Men of Old Stone breakfast will be held at 8:00am on Wednesday, September 22nd.

