

This Sunday: is the third Sunday of Advent, the season when our worship and prayers emphasize our relationship with real people and our responsibilities to help care for them. During Advent, each Sunday we offer a special collection. For this Sunday, designated **JOY** Sunday, our collection will support the Presbyterian Church USA's Christmas Joy offering. This offering partially benefits both retired and current church workers with urgent financial needs and also is used for Presbyterian schools and colleges and their students. As is our custom, this Advent offering will be separate from our regular giving. Your generosity in support of The Christmas Joy offering is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Longest Night Ecumenical Service: At 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21, @ Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 South Park Row, Clinton, NY, will be the longest night of the year (the winter solstice). The Clinton Area Ministerium is supporting a Longest Night service for those experiencing grief, loss or hardship during the holiday season. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer, among other things can be difficult. The pain of loss is felt by many at this time of year and this service offers a sacred, gentle space to gather, remember, and comfort. It will be in-person and streamed on Facebook Live. Afterwards we will have light refreshments.

Hope House: has a special request for dinner plates and dry cereal. Please contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) if you have any questions.

The Country Pantry: The Country Pantry will be collecting foods needed for the holidays like boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, cranberry sauce, vegetables, canned yams, turkey, gravy, canned veggies or whatever you wish to donate. Monetary donations will be used for eggs, bread and cheese. Please mark the check as "holiday food". Remember the 3rd Sunday is collection day at the church, **however**, feel free to donate anytime.

The Fair Trade Shoppe: If anyone feels moved to support West Bank Palestinians whose livelihoods have been devastated, we are offering you the opportunity. We have dishes—bowls, appetizer plates, dipping bowls— and olive wood nativity sets that are made in the West Bank. We also have olive oil and za'atar mix that are made by a group of Israeli and Palestinian women working together in Israel. Our cold-pressed extra virgin olive oil is made from organic olives in Israel. It was the winner of the Gold medal at the Premo Biol competition in Italy, making it one of the best organic extra virgin olive oils in the world! Our traditional za'atar spice mixture is made with sea salt and can be used as a bread dip with olive oil, or on meats, vegetables, or hummus. Each purchase supports a model for peace between Arabs and Jews.



CALENDAR



Tuesday - 12/19/23: 12:15 p.m.
 Thursday - 12/21/23: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday - 12/21/23: 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday - 12/23/23: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 12/24/23: 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday-12/24/23: 7:00 p.m.

CAM Meeting
Fair Trade Shoppe
Longest Night Ecumenical Service
Fair Trade Shoppe
Worship
Christmas Eve Service



Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – Stonepres.org & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”

Greeter & Host: Emily Hughes

Prayer Chain: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request”

Members/Friends of the Week:

Christine Tuttle
 Debbie Zuchowski
 Doris Ackerman

Presbytery Of Utica's Rip Medical Debt Update

THANK YOU to everyone who responded last week with a donation to the Presbytery of Utica's RIP Medical Debt Campaign! We're now less than \$7,000 from reaching the goal of \$30,000 to relieve and forgive past due medical debt in New York and beyond! Your gifts will lift the burden of medical debt for many! You can make a year-end contribution and help those in aching need. Write a check payable to the Presbytery of Utica with "RIP Medical Debt" in the memo line; mail it to Presbytery of Utica, PO Box 127, Holland Patent, NY 13354.

Prayer Request:

Ruth Hughes
 Phil Conley
 Kristina
 Kathy
 Ralph Sherman
 Larry Beasley
 Grace & Frank Whittemore
 Erik Jones
 Emily Massi & Family
 Mary Chamberlain & Family
 Linda & Hal Rance
 The LaFont Family
 Patsy Glista & Family
 Trish Harris & Family
 Andrew Bering
 Louise Wrate
 Daniel Kolb and Family
 Sue Raitt

