

Welcome Back Rev. LaDana Clark: Currently LaDana is traveling across America as a spiritual road warrior in an 18-wheeler helping Americans get their essential items. While at the same time serving God, Christ and Humanity. Recently in November 2022, Rev. LaDana achieved and received a Certificate of Public Theology from the Presbyterian USA's Historic John C. Smith Theological Seminary as a learning partner in their 6-month Juneteenth – “Drum Major For Justice” curriculum. She is also an Outreach HIP HOP Pastor of the Utica Presbytery's 1001 New Worshipping Community.



Next Sunday, December 1 is the first Sunday in ADVENT. As is our custom, during the Advent season our worship services will include the lighting of the candles in the Advent wreath and the opportunity for each of us to come forward with our special Advent offerings. Throughout the Advent season, we at Stone Church will be challenged to consider our own relationships to all of God's people. And, as each candle in the Advent wreath is lighted, the ceremonial words and prayers seek to emphasize our relationship to REAL people and problems, a relationship made concrete through our special **Advent collections**. Our Advent collections will be as follows: **Hope** in support of Hope House (December 1) as it feeds and shelters those who cannot do so themselves; **Peace** in support of the Thea Bowman House for the peace and support offered to children and women (December 8); **Joy** in support of the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering (December 15) for retired Clergy and Education opportunities for those wishing to become ministers; and **Love** (December 22) in support of The Country Pantry, our very busy area food bank and the support for the Center (Dec 24 and Dec 29) for the peace and support offered to refugees and immigrants who are striving to make the Utica-Rome area their new home.

Hope House: They have a special request for **cereal & toiletries (especially shampoo and conditioner)**. Please contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) if you have any questions.

The Country Pantry: Colder weather is approaching and the number of requests for food continues to increase for a variety of reasons. For the winter months we will collect soup, canned pasta, cereal, oatmeal, fruit and vegetables. One client during last month's distribution couldn't thank God and us enough. She said she discovered that morning her snap benefit was not renewed due to a four-month backlog. The pantry is now her only source of food. All donations are appreciated. And remember we have designated the third Sunday of the month as our collection for bringing donated items to worship as part of our monthly “offering” to the Country Pantry. Of course, we welcome bringing items in anytime.

The Fair Trade Shoppe: Today, folks celebrate Thanksgiving for a multitude of reasons. For some, it remains a way to express gratitude for the harvest, for family, or to a higher power; for others, it's a holiday built upon being united as a family (in person or virtually) and sharing in a special meal. We have some beautiful dishware that will add elegance to your table this Thanksgiving. Colorful tabletop ceramics are intricately hand painted in bold floral designs, a traditional Palestinian craft. Our Yellow West Bank Bowl is microwave safe, but not oven safe. Your purchase of our West Bank Appetizer Plates helps handcrafters in the West Bank develop their social rights and communities through local handcrafting traditions and become active agents in their own livelihoods sustainable development and hope for marginalized people.



CALENDAR



Today – 11/24/24:	After Worship
Monday – 11/25/24:	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday – 11/29/24:	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday – 11/29/24:	4:00 p.m.
Friday – 11/29/24:	5:00 p.m.
Friday – 11/29/24:	6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12/01/24:	10:30 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens
Hope House
Fair Trade Shoppe
Carol Singing with Rob Kolb
St. Mary's Choir
A Visit from St. Nicholas at the gazebo
Worship



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:

Ken & Shelly Coe
 Barbara Shuck
 Susan & Ron Siedsma



Prayer Request:

Linda Rance & Family
 Phil Conley
 Chris Conley
 The Christeler Family
 Nancy & Will Eisenhower
 Larry Bakos
 Carol Sherman
 Ewa Lawrence
 Conley Roberto and Family
 Cindy Chamberlain
 Ruth Hughes
 Erik Jones
 Andrew Bering
 Daniel Kolb and Family

