

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks amazing!

Our First Advent offering of **Hope** will be on December 1. We all have reasons to need hope in our lives and the personal part of Advent for us is to reflect on what we hope for and God's role in our needs for hope. On a less personal basis we devote **HOPE** Sunday in support of Utica's Hope House, a soup kitchen devoted to providing safe shelter and a hot meal to those in need. Anyone who walks through the doors of Hope House, whether homeless or in need of stretching meager dollars, is welcomed to share in a meal. In addition to offering warm food and a friendly environment, Hope House volunteers and staff work to promote self-sufficiency and improvement in the quality of life.

Christmas Families: We will be adopting families through the Neighborhood Center again this year. We will be adopting 2 families. Tags with their wants and needs will be on the tree December 1st. All unwrapped gifts with the tags attached need to be in the church by December 15th. We will have our wrapping party after church service that same day. We have plenty of wrapping paper but could use some bigger boxes for blankets and coats etc. If need be, please call Janice at the office (315) 853-2933 on what gifts you would like to choose if you are unable to make it to church. Thank you all in advance for your generosity! We have always impressed the Center with the amount of presents we bring in.

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 reason. 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: Elves are commonly depicted as the keepers of hidden knowledge and wisdom in various mythologies and folk-lores across different cultures. They are often portrayed as ethereal beings who possess ancient wisdom and serve as intermediaries between the mortal world and the realms of gods and spirits. **Are You Ready For The Elf?** Because he will tell you that you must see for yourself the huge selection of one-of-a-kind treasures that are available at our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. There are many uniquely handcrafted gift items from 38 countries are available at our shop from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Thursday and every Saturday until Christmas.



CALENDAR



Thursday – **12/05/24:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday – **12/07/24:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – **12/08/24:** 10:30 a.m.
Monday – **12/09/24:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Greeter & Host: Judy LaGasse

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:

Pam & Jack Denison
Nancy Smith
Randy & Kathryn Stear

Prayer Request:

Dick Camarata & Family
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



"Bill got me a little space heater...
and the pounds just melted off!"