

Our Second Advent offering of **Peace** today will be sent to **Thea Bowman House**.

Since 1986, Thea Bowman house has served low-income at-risk children and families in the Utica community. It provides quality care to some of our community's most vulnerable children and youth in the hope of breaking the cycle of poverty through a structured program of educational and social enrichment. Currently serving over 350 children ages 18 months through 18 years, Thea Bowman House operates out of two sites in the city of Utica, one at 731 Lafayette Street and the other at the former St. Francis de Sales School at 309 Genesee Street.

Christmas Families: We are adopting 2 families through the Neighborhood Center again this year. There are some tags left on the tree with their wants and needs. All unwrapped gifts with the tags attached need to be in the church by Sunday, 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.

Tapestry Concert: On Saturday evening, December 21, Tapestry, the All-Centuries Singers, under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb, will present "A German Christmas," a program of Advent and Christmas from German/Austrian composers from the 16th to the 20th century. Composers both well-known (Praetorius, Brahms, Distler) and lesser-known (Aichinger, Herzogenberg, Rheinberger) are represented. The concert, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Stone Presbyterian Church on the village green in Clinton, NY. will also provide opportunity for audience singing of several familiar Germanic carols. Tapestry, established by Ronald and Margaret Bornick in 1985, has been directed by G. Roberts Kolb since 2011.

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.



CALENDAR



Monday – 12/09/24: 7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday – 12/12/24: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday – 12/14/24: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12/15/24: 10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting
Fair Trade Shoppe
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Guest Preacher-Michelle Dolan



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

Greeter & Host: Barb Greene

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:

Anne Dunn
Carol Steele
Wendy Suskiewich

Longest Night Ecumenical Service: On Thursday,



12/20/24 at 6:00 p.m. for 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 with online streaming service.

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

