

**Our Offerings** on December 24 and December 29 will be for **The Center**, the Utica-based agency serving refugees and immigrants. Stone Church has supported The Center and our group of volunteers who have worked nearly endlessly to serve a Rwandan family who has legally entered the United States with assistance from The Center. The Center offers a variety of services to assist refugees, immigrants, and those with limited English language proficiency become integrated and independent as citizens of the greater Utica area. To this end, The Center's mission overall is to help people who have known little peace, joy, love, and hope in their lives to have an opportunity to have peaceful homes and fulfilling lives.

**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:** The country pantry had a never-ending line again this week of recipients. Your donations are very much appreciated and needed. Soup is always good for the winter, as well as any canned goods and cereal. Thank you for being so generous. 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:** Frosty days, cozy nights! We have the wonderfully warm items you need to stay toasty all winter long. We will be holding a **25% OFF SALE DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY** (some restrictions apply). Our Wool Snuggle Penguin socks have the perfect name for them, they feel like a comfortable hug. Maggie's Organics (a US company) is committed to total transparency, total sustainability, and true ethical practices from form to finish. Their Merino wool is grown in the Chubut region of southern Argentina and the sheep are raised to the same standard as sheep raised for organic dairy and meat. Knitting is done by three generations-old family knitters in No. Carolina. These soft organic wool socks have a thick cushion throughout, with a stretchy comfort top. Our Collingwood Texting Mittens are 100% New Zealand Wool on the exterior and the inside is lined with polyester fleece. These mittens are definitely made with love. They successfully prevent your hands from getting too cold while you dash off a text. These and MANY, MANY MORE uniquely handcrafted gift items from 38 different countries can be found at our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. Our regular hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday and second Saturdays.



**CALENDAR**



Wednesday – **01/01/25:**  
 Thursday – **01/02/25:**  
 Sunday – **01/05/25:**

Office Closed  
 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 10:30 a.m.

**Happy New Year!!!**  
**Fair Trade Shoppe**  
**Worship-Guest Pianist-Nancy Ketz**



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

**Greeter & Host:** Helen Leonard

**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](http://www.stonepres.org) and click on "Prayer Request"

**Members/Friends of the Week:**

Ceil Gilbert  
 Dianne & Alan Tuttle  
 Ada Vaughn



**Prayer Request:**

Dick Camarata & Family  
 Linda Rance & Family  
 Nancy & Will Eisenhower  
 Carol Sherman  
 Ewa Lawrence  
 Cindy Chamberlain  
 Ruth Hughes  
 Erik Jones  
 Andrew Bering  
 Daniel Kolb and Family

