The Corner Stone



Stone Church ~ The Church on the Green

The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.

APRIL 2025

WORSHIP AT STONE IN APRIL

April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Lent – The Lord's Supper

Isaiah 43:16–21 *God is about to do a new thing.*

Psalm 126 May God restore the fortunes of Zion.

Philippians 3:4b–14 Nothing is worth more than life in Christ.

John 12:1–8 Mary anoints Jesus' feet.

Sermon: "Press On" – Pastor Scott Leonard preaching



MAUNDY THURSDAY

TENEBRAE SERVICE



April 13, 2022 - Passion/Palm Sunday - The Lord's Supper

Luke 19:28–40, Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Liturgy of the Palms.

Isaiah 50:4–9a Liturgy of the Passion.

Philippians 2:5–11 *Have the mindset of Christ.*

Luke 22:14—23:56 *The Passion of the Christ.*

Sermon: "Empty Yourself" - Pastor Scott Leonard preaching

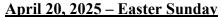
April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday Service – The Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service of light and darkness.



April 18, 2025 - Good Friday Service

12:00 p.m. Clinton Area Ministerium Ecumenical Service at St. James Episcopal church followed by a light lunch.



7:00 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service on the Green.

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday – The Lord's Supper

Acts 10:34–43 God shows no partiality.

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 *Welcome the king!*

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 Christ has been raised, and death is dead!

Luke 24:1–12 *The women find an empty tomb.*

Sermon: "Hallelujah or an Idle Tale?" - Pastor Scott Leonard





April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter – Low Sunday

Acts 5:27–32 Standing firm as witnesses.

Psalm 150 Praise Ye the Lord.

Revelation 1:4–8 Praise to the Alpha and Omega.

John 20:19–31 *Jesus appears to Thomas*.

Guest preacher G. Roberts Kolb

Easter People.

"Faith is about doing. You are how you act, not just how you believe." – Mitch Albom

As Christians, we sometimes refer to ourselves as "Easter People" because Easter is what defines us. The origins of the word "Easter" are murky, as I have discussed before, and, except for German, most other European languages use a derivative of "Pascha", the Greek transliteration of "Pesach", the Hebrew word for "Passover". So, to get to the heart of it, many Christians, including Presbyterians, refer to Easter Day as the "Resurrection of the Lord" because that is what all the fuss is about. For the secular world, though, it admittedly is a bit awkward to have kids go on a "Resurrection of the Lord egg hunt" with their "Resurrection of the Lord baskets" and girls wearing their "Resurrection of the Lord bonnets."

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But for Christians, "Resurrection of the Lord" is why we have Christianity in the first place: our belief that people crucified Jesus, he died, three days later God raised him from the dead, and he joined God in heaven on our behalf. And as a consequence, Jesus conquered death and sin so that everyone who believes in him has eternal life. How this all works exactly is part of the paschal mystery and the subject of theological debates.

The real question, though, is, what are you going to do about it or rather in response to it? Many Christians focus on the evangelistic side, the spreading of the Good News, to have others join the ranks. Often the emphasis is on an individual's salvation. The question is, though, what do you do as a result of believing? In fact, what does it even mean to believe?

When Jesus preached, he, of course, was very much alive and so up until Passion Week, there was no paschal mystery per se, only hints about it. The bulk of Jesus' teaching was on action and behavior, particularly on helping those at the margins of society like the widows, the children, the infirmed, the defiled. His remarks tended to be directed toward those who could make a difference, like the rich and the powerful, but also to the everyday person in how they treated others, such as the parable of the Good Samaritan. Just saying you believed and even religiously doing the rituals was not good enough for Jesus—he wanted to see action. He did not tolerate those who boasted how religious and faithful they were, but actually did nothing. As they say in Texas, people like that are "all hat and no cattle."

Ephesians 2:8-9 does say, of course, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast." But it is immediately followed by Ephesians 2:10, "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." We don't do good works to be saved—we do good works because we are saved. What we do should be evidence of our faith. As Jesus says in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."

While Paul and the other New Testament writers wrote about believing in the resurrected Christ, they also emphasized the need to be in fellowship with one another. As Paul writes in Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." Thus, we seek to work together as a community of faith putting others' needs over our wants.

So, as we bear witness to Christ, we also seek to live out the way of Christ—to help the poor, the disenfranchised, the oppressed and to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, take care of the sick, and visit the imprisoned. And we are not to do this just as individuals but as a community. Even further, we are to work against the systemic structural issues that deny people justice and provide no mercy.

These days that can seem like an uphill battle because we are being driven to intolerance and having no empathy to those in need. Indeed, we punish those who do try to look out for others. As Easter people we are aware of the darkness and sin in the world, but we also have hope and joy because of our faith in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit to sustain us. As Hebrews 12: 1b-2a says, "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." And as Pope John Paull II said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

Shalom.

Scott

<u>Historical Period Revisited---A Glimpse into Stone Church's Past</u>

Meet Rosalie Wadsworth and daughter Lily



Rosalie told me that she had been church shopping and stopped by Stone Church's Fair Trade Shop. She felt very comfortable talking with Mary Chamberlain and Emily Hughes. From their conversation she and her daughter Lily showed up for services the next Sunday. She and Lily immediately felt welcome. It wasn't long before Rosalie decided to join the choir. They are also enjoying other members and I have found that out with others that the feeling is mutual.

Rosalie grew up in Philadelphia, NY, north of Watertown near Fort Drum. She and her family attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church regularly. After Rosalie graduated from high school, she graduated from Utica College becoming a lab technologist in 1982. Her first job was at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y as a lab technician. She had met her future husband, David, at college and they were married in October 1982. She took a leave of absence starting in 1991 to care for the children, Lily and Rane, at home in Richfield Springs.

Rosalie returned to work in the year 2000 to a new lab at Bassett Hospital. She continued to work for Bassett Healthcare in various lab related positions that she really enjoyed, until her retirement at the end of 2024. David also worked at Bassett Healthcare until he retired in 2021. While they were still in Richfield Springs, Lily graduated from Utica College majoring in English and later she went to SUNY Albany to get her MS degree in Information Science with a Public Librarian Professional Certificate. She then became employed as a librarian for several years. Presently she is working in retail at the Village Basement in New Hartford and lives in Whitesboro with her two cats. Her brother Rane graduated from SUNY Delhi with an Automotive two-year degree and now drives fuel tankers delivering products for Buell Fuels around NY State. He is married and has 2 sons.

Rosalie likes singing in the choir. She also tells me she loves to read and maybe you'll meet her sometime at our Clinton Library where both she and her husband love to go. They have also enjoyed daily walks for many years and retirement allows them to walk 2-3 miles every day. They are currently taking pickleball classes and golf instruction is next on the agenda. Summer brings swimming, family get togethers, and fire pit evenings. Obviously, they are enjoying retirement! Rosalie looks forward to sharing her time, talent, and treasure to be with Stone Presbyterian Church, as well.



MISSION—APRIL 2025

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, learning and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays since Sundays in Lent are not counted in the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter) during which we are challenged to work to understand the new life that is beyond the power of death. According to the Presbyterian Church USA, new life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace a new way of seeing life. To be raised with Christ means one must also die with Christ. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death of the "old self."

Therefore, at the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that our possessions, our politics, our projects, our families and even our lives do not last forever. "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). The liturgies throughout Lent try to pry us loose from unexamined or worn out thoughts and plunge us into other ideas. It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that should draw us. Through the intervention of God's gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible.

By turning from the end of the "old self" in us, Lenten repentance makes it possible for us to affirm joyfully, "Death is no more!" and to aim toward the landscape of the new age. Faithfully adhering to the Lenten journey of "prayer, fasting and almsgiving" leads forward to Holy Week.

During the final week, Holy Week, we hear of the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and on to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, all of Holy Week focuses on Christ. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus.

So how does **One Great Hour of Sharing** connect with this? As we think about making changes in our values and behaviors, as we consider Christ's servanthood and sacrifice, a logical outgrowth is the thought of moving beyond ourselves to help others. Participation in **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables each of us to join with millions of others in helping others experiencing need.

Supported by Christians around the world, **One Great Hour of Sharing** is an amalgam of three programs: for us, as we send our contribution to Presbyterian Church USA's One Great Hour of Sharing collection, our donations support efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, it promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and it assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. From initial disaster response to refugee assistance and resettlement to ongoing community development, these pieces fit together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Helping these efforts seems as fitting way to demonstrate our acceptance of the lessons of Lent ending with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Stone Church will collect **One Great Hour of Sharing** offerings on both Palm and Easter Sundays. For those of you who participate in our services virtually, contributions can be clearly marked and be sent to the church office any time in March. Please welcome the opportunity to change and follow more closely in Christ's footsteps as we all join with others worldwide in using Lenten lessons and values to support **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS –MARCH 10, 2025

• Sherry Robinson requested a copy of the dates of Communion for 2025. Session voted and accepted the dates.

- Sherry Robinson received a letter from Lynne Foreman, Ministry Engagement Advisor Office and she wanted to make sure as the Lenten season starts that we have all the One Great Hour of Sharing materials and thank Stone Church for support.
- Chris Menard presented the treasurer's report showed all accounts are balanced. Now that the Memorial Fund Committee has multiple members again, the session wanted to remind the Memorial Fund Committee members that the committee as a whole needs to approve expenditures. As a member of the committee, Sherry Robinson agreed to let me know. John Menard and Lee Kelso almost have the circuit breaker panels labeled, except the ones in the boiler room which they are still working on.
- Christine Menard set up a delivery account for Janice LeFrois to have her office supplies delivered at the Church. She also provided this information to Lauralyn Kolb so she could setup a delivery acct. for the Fair Trade Shop.
- Donna Goodfriend reported that there is pulpit supply for the next two months and that Rob Kolb will be present for the Summer Services and she has been working on Lenten Garden each week.
- One Great Hour of Sharing will be held both Palm Sunday and Easter. On April 6, 2025 there will be a Lunch and Learn for Hope House after church service.
- The session voted and approved that the 4th Sunday of the month will be recognized as Hope House Sunday for folks to bring their goods for the people at Hope House. Lora Schilder, who is in charge will have to put information in the weekly announcements prior to the 4th Sunday.
- The Fair Trade Shop reports that sales to date are \$3,016.72 compared to last year's January earnings of \$1.853. Also, Shelly Coe is working on the sales tax report.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For Sunday, April 6th. Our spring <u>Lunch and Learn</u> will occur after Church in the Norton Room. In addition to lunch and dessert, we will have a presentation regarding Hope House. While we have supported Hope House for many years, it has been a while since we have had an update regarding its services and the clients it so carefully serves. We will look forward to good food, valuable information and the opportunity to have answers to any questions we might have.

HOPE HOUSE WISH: Special needs for Hope House this month are gloves, cereal, hot chocolate, shampoo, conditioner, and bar soap. Please bring in donations anytime, but especially on the 4th Sunday of the month that we've dedicated to Hope House donations. Any questions - call Lora Schilder at 315-790-1945.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY: The Country Pantry served over 623 families from Clinton, Clark Mills and Westmoreland school district as of March 20th. They have enough kids-Pacs for April's distribution. What they really need now is monetary donation of \$10, which is enough to feed one family. How do they feed a family for \$10? By purchasing thru the Central NY foodbank in Syracuse.

Distribution is April 14th so, if possible, please mail your donation to Country Pantry PO Box 76 Clinton, NY prior to the date. 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: Easter traditions vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services or late-night vigils, exclamations and exchanges of Paschal greetings, flowering the cross, the wearing of Easter bonnets, and the decoration and the communal breaking of Easter eggs (a symbol of the empty tomb). Additional customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians include Easter parades, communal dancing (Eastern Europe), the Easter Bunny and egg hunting.

- Our Spring Radiance Quilled Eggs from Vietnam, in bright spring colors, delight when placed in an Easter Gift basket or displayed on a tabletop. Remarkable in detail and craftsmanship, these eggs are covered with dozens of individually coiled paper strips for beautifully detailed color and pattern.
- Our Quilled Pastel Lamb Trio (also from Vietnam), in intricate coiled detail bring smiles wherever they're placed. These cute little egg-shaped lambs get their wooly texture from an exquisitely hand-quilled paper surface, adhered to a wooden form beneath.



These and many, many 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. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope for marginalized people. Let us be your go-to gift shop! Visit us at: https://buildingstonesshoppe.square.site or www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe.

DON'T FORGET THE DEACONS on the

first Sunday of each month. All of the loose money collected on those Sundays will go to support the ministry of the Deacons.



CLINTON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERIES

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Stone Church

This year we have been exploring a different spiritual practice each week. Spiritual practices are specific activities you do to deepen your relationships with the sacred and the world around you. Practices help you connect to God. They enable you to become actively engaged with your inner or "true" self—the depth of your being. And they expand the breadth of your experiences, encouraging you to relate in a particular way to other people and the whole creation, including animate and inanimate beings.



This year's ecumenical Lenten Series is being hosted at the Stone Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday evenings** beginning with a **light soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m.** Then there is a session with moderated by one of Clinton's clergy. The program ends before 7:30 p.m. We've had a good turnout and a lot of fun. Each session stands alone so it's never too late to jump in!



Mar 11 Session 1 "Breath Prayer" Mtr. Joanna Benskin

Mar 18 Session 2 "Labyrinth" Pastor Scott Leonard

Mar 25 Session 3 "Art Prayers" The Rev. Abel Roy

Apr 1 – Session 4 "Ignatian Contemplation" – The Rev. Janet Griffiths

Apr 8 – Session 5 "Holy Week Rituals" – Fr. Dan Caruso





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:30 am - 11:30 am	31	April 1 April Fool's Day	2	3 10 am - 4 pm	4	5
Worship Service		6 pm - 7:30 pm Lenten Study with Rev. Janet Griffiths		<u>Fair Trade Shoppe</u>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 am - 11:30 am		12:15 pm - 1:15 pm		<u>10 am - 4 pm</u>		Passover
Worship Service		CAM Meeting		Fair Trade Shoppe		10 am - 4 pm Fair Trade Shoppe
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Lunch & Learn		Lenten Study with Fr. Dan Caruso				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday	<u>7 pm - 9 pm</u>				Good Friday	Holy Saturday Last Day of Passover
10:30 am - 11:30 am Worship Service	Session Meeting			<u>10 am - 4 pm</u> <u>Fair Trade Shoppe</u>	12 pm - 1 pm CAM Ecumenical Service @ St.	Last Day of Passover
					James Episcopal	
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting				7 pm - 8 pm Maundy Thursday Service		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter	Easter Monday	Earth Day		10 am - 4 pm		
7 am - 8 am Ecumenical Service on the Green				<u>Fair Trade Shoppe</u>		
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Sue Raitt

Phil Conley

Nancy & Will Eisenhower

Grace & Frank Whittemore

Carol Sherman

Ruth Hughes

Mike Brittan & Family

Erik Jones

The LaFont Family

Patsy Glista & Family

Andrew Bering

Daniel Kolb and Family



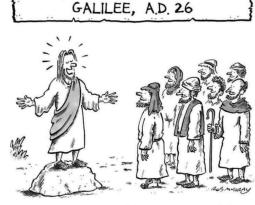
Stone Church has an online giving tool called Givelify that is also available as an app on your smart mobile device. Check it out on our web page.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

4-10-2010 Jason & Tanya Hamshar

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Patty KloidtRyan Harrington
- 2 Amber Goodfriend
 - Anne Dunn
- 6 Gina Padgett
- 7 Carrie Goodfriend
 - Jacob Dahlin
- 13 Mo LalondeHunter Padgett
- 19 Jonathan Buckley
- 20 Loring Watkins Alexander Russo
- 22 Mary Kate Monohan
- 24 Helen LeonardDrew Altdoerffer
- 26 Patricia Joseph
- 27 Morgan Pavlot
- 28 Benjamin Joseph



"Now that you're all following me, it would be great if you could like and share my messages"

EARLY PLEDGES WANTED & APPRECIATED: Because of heating bills, cash flow is more of a problem for our church in the winter months (January through April) than summer months, even during a relatively warm winter. Session is asking folks to consider giving more of their pledge upfront, if possible. And don't worry—we will keep good track of what you have paid towards your pledge!

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Community Collection Day this year will be Saturday morning 5/03/25. Sponsored by Clinton Area Ministerium but including community organizations, the primary purpose is to collect food for The Country Pantry. Look for details in upcoming newsletters.

The Country Pantry

OPTIMIST YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST AT STONE CHURCH





The Clinton Optimist Club, which Jim Gavett and Scott Leonard are members, held their oratorical contest in the Norton Room on 3/11/25. Jim is the president of the club and Scott helped obtain judges. Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International whose mission is "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves." The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public

speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholar-ships with a pre-assigned topic. This year the topic was "How Optimism Has Guided Me in Trying Times." The two contestants were Sam Bono (first place) and Zach Hirst (second place) and received checks for \$100 and \$50, respectively. Both are eligible to move on to the next of three levels. The World Championship will be held June 26 -July 6 at Portotoz, Slovenia. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships!



LADANA CLARK GUEST PREACHER



We welcomed once again the Rev. LaDana Clark aka LADYJAM as guest preacher on 3/16/25 with her passionate message "Returning To The Power Within."



WANTED: YOUR PER CAPITA! Please note that per capita payments for the New Year are now being readily accepted!!! The 2025 per capita charge this year is \$46.04 per member, the same as last year. The church is assessed this amount for each member on the membership roll. The per capita is the cost of our representative democracy as a church and supports the meetings and operations of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Please consider sending your per capita either directly to the church office (P.O. Box 33, Clinton, NY 13323) or enclosing it in with your pledge envelope. It is helpful if you pay the per capita explicitly even if it comes from your overall financial commitment to the church for the year. Thank you in advance for your help.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY BAKE SALE ON MAY 3rd

Workers and bakers are needed for the Community Collection Day bake sale on Saturday, May 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All proceeds go to the Country Pantry. Any questions, please contact Mary Chamberlain at (315) 853-5077.



WHY AN EASTER BUNNY AND NOT AN EASTER CHICKEN?

While to Christians, Easter primarily is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ, many established Easter traditions are not Bible-based. The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday. Nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of one of Christianity's most important holidays.

The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who had transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" to their new homes. Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled egg-laying rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Perhaps as a gesture towards Christian charity, children were encouraged to provide carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

EASTER EGGS

Easter is a Christian holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, and then eat them on Easter as a celebration. In the U.S., these colorful eggs are also used in Easter egg hunts and egg rolling contests.

During Covid in the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard be across the White House lawn, had been an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The event had no religious significance, although egg rolling could be stretched to be symbolic of the stone blocking Jesus' tomb being rolled away.

THE DEACON'S CORNER

SIX BRIEF STORIES FULL OF MEANING

- 1.Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is FAITH.
- 2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is Trust.
- 3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set alarms to wake up. That is Hope.
- 4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is CONFIDENCE.
- 5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is LOVE.
- 6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old. I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day and live your life like these 6 stories.

Hugs, Your Deacons

PANKCAKE SUPPER AND ASH WEDNESDAY



On Wednesday March 5th we had our "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Supper followed by our Ash Wednesday service. Thanks to Donna Goodfriend and many others assisting with the flapjack flipping and sausage grilling and to Donna and Lauralyn Kolb assisting Pastor Scott Leonard in the worship service with Rob Kolb supplying the music.



LENTEN WALK

Part of our worship for Lent is to have a Lenten Walk to symbolically commemorate our 40-day journey. Though we finish this month, we thank Donna Goodfriend for making our "desert" and providing the symbols each week and look forward to it turning into a "garden" on Easter Sunday.



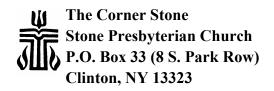






Pictures from Lenten III desert (a fig tree)

Here is an "action shot" of Lenten II study



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Please note...

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