



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.

JUNE 2025

WORSHIP AT STONE IN JUNE

June 1, 2025 – Ascension of the Lord and Seventh Sunday of Easter –

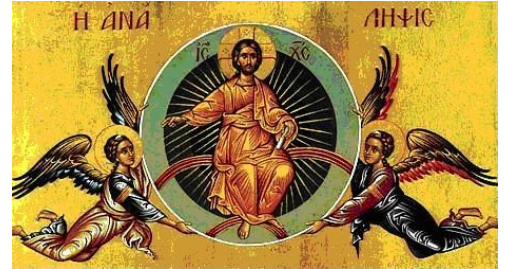
The Lord's Supper

Luke 24:44–53 *Jesus ascends into heaven.*

Psalms 97 *The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice.*

Ephesians 1:15–23 *God has enthroned Christ over all things.*

Guest preachers: Mary Ann Stiefvater and Donna Goodfriend



June 8, 2025 – Pentecost – The Lord's Supper

Acts 2:1–21 *The Spirit rushes down on the disciples.*

Psalms 104:24–34 35b *The Spirit of God renews the earth.*

Romans 8:14–17 *The Spirit prays with and through us.*

John 14:8–17, 25–27 *Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.*

Sermon: “Help! I Need Somebody!” – Pastor Scott Leonard preaching

June 15, 2025 – Trinity Sunday – The Lord's Supper

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 *The divine Wisdom was with God in the Beginning.*

Psalms 8 *How excellent thy name!*

Romans 5:1–5 *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit.*

John 16:12–15 *The Spirit guides us in truth.*

Sermon: “The Rule of Three” – Pastor Scott Leonard preaching



June 22, 2025 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1–15a *Elijah flees for his life.*

Psalms 42 and 43 *The soul longs for God.*

Galatians 3:23–29 *We are heirs through Christ.*

Luke 8:26–39 *A possessed man's demons are exorcised.*

Guest Preacher Helen Tracy

June 29, 2025 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 *Elijah transfers leadership to Elisha*

Psalms 77:1–2, 11–20 *God's mighty deeds are recalled.*

Galatians 5:1, 13–25 *Christ has set us free to produce the fruits of the Spirit.*

Luke 9:51–62 *Would-be followers of Jesus are turned away.*

Sermon: “No Excuses” – Pastor Scott Leonard preaching



A Midsummer's Night Dream

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It's funny how we perceive things sometime. Take summer, for example. Meteorologically, based on annual temperature cycle, our summer begins June 1 when things start to warm up. Astronomically, summer begins at the summer solstice when the Northern Hemisphere is tilted most toward the sun. This year it occurs at 10:41 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2025. Up until that point the length of daylight each day has been increasing for six months since the winter solstice and after that starts to regress—the days start getting shorter. Thus, in some cultures, particularly northern European, the summer solstice was called “midsummer” because it was at the midpoint between days getting longer and shorter. And because the sun seems to hang in the sky for a few days as it changes from ascending to descending, it is called a “solstice”, which comes from the Latin word *solstitium* meaning “sun stands still.” It is a time of contemplation and celebration.

Perhaps as a consequence, the midsummer night is also associated in pagan cultures with fairy folklore and festive traditions which is probably why William Shakespeare chose that setting in his comedy “A Midsummer Night's Dream.” Setting the play in a midsummer night evokes a sense of magic, transformation, and the blurring of reality and dreams and lends itself to the whimsical and fantastical nature of the play that revolves around the magical interference of fairies in the love lives of four young Athenian lovers.

Though not well-known in Reformed Protestant churches (with our de-emphasis on “Saints”), there is also near midsummer the Christian feast day of Saint John the Baptist, which was established by the undivided Christian Church in the 4th century around the time of the ecumenical councils and Christianity being adopted by the Roman Empire as the state religion. In the Gospel of Luke, certain verses imply that John the Baptist was born six months earlier than Jesus. And since it had become a tradition (starting in the year 336) that Jesus was born on December 25 (near the winter solstice), about six months before was taken to be the feast day of St. John the Baptist.

Besides the Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist is the only other saint who has two feast days: one celebrating his birth, June 24, and one remembering his death, August 2. The fact that the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is celebrated only days after the summer solstice is no coincidence. From his birthday on June 24, three days after what is the longest day of the year, the sun gradually begins its annual descent in the sky and the days become shorter. About three days after the winter solstice is Christmas Day, when days start to become longer and when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The timing of these days is significant because John the Baptist is considered as the lamp, but Christ is the true Light of the World. As John the Baptist himself says in the Gospel of John (the Evangelist) 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.” Large bonfires are a central feature of St. John's Day, often lit on hills or in public spaces as they symbolize the light of St. John, who pointed to Jesus, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

At the beginning of this month, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, followed then by Pentecost, the “birthday of the church” when the Holy Spirit descended upon the people in Jerusalem and is the end of Eastertide. We then celebrate Trinity Sunday, the first of 24 Sundays in Ordinary Time (for 2025), where the concept of One God in Three Persons was solidified in the 4th century.

So, we are reminded as we come upon midsummer and St. John's Day that the Good News began in ordinary times with “the voice of one crying out in the wilderness”, who pointed, even at his own expense, to the One whose sandals he said he was not worthy to untie. Thus, even as we sometimes feel in today's world as a voice crying out in the wilderness, we are called to point and live our lives to the one who is the Light of the World for both those around us today and those who are to come. Jesus calls us in Matthew 5:16 to “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

When that midsummer night comes, we “who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:2) shall dream of the last days, as Peter describes in Acts 2, when God will pour out his spirit upon all flesh and “then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved!”

Shalom,

Scott

Historical Period Revisited---A Glimpse into Stone Church's Past

THE LATEST ON THE OLD BURYING GROUND

Saturday April 26th was set up for the annual cleaning day at the Old Burying Ground with a turnout of 50 volunteers of all ages, ready to work on a mostly rainy day, including 24 Girl Scouts, 4 Boy Scouts, and 6 Clinton school honor students who were working on community service projects. Community leaders and parents also helped.

The Town of Kirkland furnished 14 rakes and the debris was raked to the Norton Ave. end and put on a plastic tarp making it easier for the town to scoop them up in their trucks to remove to the town dumping ground. Refreshments were provided by volunteer workers. One of our special volunteers, an elderly gentleman, lives directly across from the cemetery. He loves to provide all kinds of baked goods to the workers. He gets such joy out of doing it for the past three years.

Larry Thompson, our decorated Vietnam Veteran, has planted flowers for many years and continues to do so. He starts many from seeds in his basement for that purpose. He plants them near the flagpole and also at the corner of Norton and Kirkland Ave. He also cares for them throughout the summer. He's still in the process now and you may even see him watering them at times in the summer especially if there is a drought.

I understand that couple of teachers took their school children on a walking tour through the cemetery on May 12th and 13th, educating them on our founding fathers and Revolutionary soldiers. It was great that they volunteered to educate them in our history.

Another important fact to report is that the Historical Society has to date raised \$22,231 and another \$13,000 is needed to reach our goal to provide headstones for those soldiers of former Clinton residents. Larry Thompson wanted me to be sure that I reported that we definitely will have one for our village's founder, Moses Foote.

One of our faithful members, Joanne Giles, has worked tirelessly researching graves that need headstones and who have contributed much to this community. Joanne and Larry presented a slide show about interesting findings at the Kirkland Town Library.

We thank our readers for supporting these projects in whatever way you can, whether it is working at the cemetery or donating money toward worthy projects. The "Old Burying Ground" looks so much better than in recent years through the help of those mentioned above and those who donate their time, work, or money. It shows the respect our community has for those who before us worked tirelessly in this community!

Midge Bakos



WOMEN IN WORSHIP LUNCHEON

Founded in 2008, the Women of Worship group annually has invited members of our community to nominate amazing women for a **Women of Worship** award. These awards are a way of highlighting the work and labor by women who serve tirelessly in their places of worship. In the Mohawk Valley, this is a way to annually publicize the selfless acts of love and kindness by locally nominated honorees so that others might see their good works that “glorify our Father in heaven.” This truly is a good news event and allows the multi-faceted worship community to come together to celebrate these honorable servants of God and his people.

Interestingly, these awards are based on attributes of five biblical women and two modern era women and for 2025 are as follows:

The Rahab Award	Granted to someone who exhibits great courage and faith and unselfishly takes care of the needs of others
The Deborah Award	Granted to a woman who exhibits great leadership and wisdom; is a tremendous role model
The Hannah Award	Granted to someone who exhibits the heart to pray and hear from God who will make a vow and keep it
The Ruth Award	Granted for an endless supply of humility, loyalty and faithfulness
The Esther Award	Granted to someone who exhibits grace and beauty of Spirit that comes from being in God’s presence

The Dorothy Fields Jackson Award

Granted to a woman who exhibits encouragement, wisdom and support for women, children, or anyone trying to accomplish anything they deem to have value

The Lucille E. Fields Award

Granted to a woman who exhibits joy, strength, dignity and the heart of a servant in perseverance through tremendous obstacles during 25 or more years of service to the Lord at one Church.

The 18th Anniversary luncheon of Women of Worship will be held on June 7, 2025 at 12 noon at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro. This luncheon will honor: Pastor Sharon Baugh from Hope Chapel AME Zion; Doreen DeJean from St. Matthew’s Temple; Lindermay Gonzalez from Marantha Church, Rome; Geniene Harvey from St. Matthews Temple; **Pat Joseph from Stone Presbyterian Church**; Pamela Maddox Williams from St. Paul Baptist; and Pearl Patrick from Utica City Church. Because we strongly believe in honoring exemplary outreach as highlighted by this special event, Stone Church will pay the \$35 for each Stone Church attendee’s lunch. However, we gladly will accept donations towards repayment of the event expense. Checks can be made payable to Stone Church and be put in Sunday’s collection. Please make sure it is clearly indicated that the check is to repay the amount for the luncheon.

We request reservations be made by May 30. Your reservation may be made by signing up on the **Women in Worship Luncheon** reservation form which is in the Norton Room or by seeing /contacting Mary Chamberlain or Mary Ann Stiefvater (315-794-5122). Our treasurer, Chris Menard, will be sending the Women in Worship committee a tally of reservation numbers and names plus the money before the **June 3 deadline**.

PLEASE do not delay in committing to participate in this event at Harts Hill Inn. We all can look forward to a delightful afternoon and a great opportunity to support and honor Pat and the other women from area churches and parishes.

Mary Ann Stiefvater

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 19, 2025

- Scott Leonard will fill the ending term for Mike Yeoman on Synod and met with him on 5/8/25. Will have to attend the Synod meeting 5/27/25 in Amsterdam, NY where they will vote to adopt of the new vision.
- Scott mentioned an inquiry about possibility on having music in the Norton room once a week. We'll discuss further as we learn more.
- Summer services start July 6, 2025 at 9:30 am through August 31, 2025, which will be the annual ecumenical service on the village green.
- For Property Committee, the last item for the roof was completed last week by Mosher Roofing. Hoping to get the painting done in the sanctuary soon. Looking into others who may be able to fix the ceiling in the choir loft. 10 more labels are left that need to be done for circuit breakers.
- For Worship & Education, pulpit supply and liturgists are all up-to-date.
- For Mission & Stewardship Mary Ann is working on end-of-year items. During summer, she will work on Fall items and stewardship.
- Memorial Committee comprises Emily Hughes, Linda Rance, Ceil Gilbert, Sherry Robinson and Midge Bakos at large. Emily Hughes has been gathering information on all kinds of folding chairs that are available with prices. They didn't realize on how many different brands, structure, along with quality. They feel 50 chairs are needed along with heavy duty chairs with arms for taller folks approximately 3 of those which also cost more and do not fold up. Linda Rance is working with Janice LeFrois.
- May 27th there is a Presbytery meeting at Three Steeples Church at 4:00 pm. Donna Goodfriend and Pat Joseph will attend with Donna as our official commissioner.
- For Fair Trade Shop Pat Joseph reported net sales 24% higher than last year. Shop is well stocked. The Fair Trade Shoppe will donate to One Great Hour of Sharing and/or the Palestinian people. Over all the shop is doing well. For the farmers market, they will work around the construction. A big "thank you" to Mary Chamberlain for cleaning all these years the Fair Trade Shop that will now be picked up by our church sexton, Lee Kelso.

SWEET, SWEET SUCCESS ON THE PIE SALE! A HUGE thank you to **EVERYONE** who helped out in **ANY WAY** with our Drive-Thru Pie Sale on a cool, breezy, almost dry Saturday, May 24, 2025. We collected over \$2,206.00—the most ever on any of our bake sales! A special thanks to Donna Goodfriend and Ceil Gilbert for all their labor and leadership as well as the volunteers who included Mary Chamberlain, Helen Leonard, Trish Harris, Barb Greene, Nancy Smith, Midge Bakos, Deb LaPoint, Emily Hughes, Lora Schilder, Janice and Zeke LeFrois, and Lee Kelso. We would also like to thank Hannaford's for donating some of the ingredients.



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 every month that we've dedicated to Hope House donations. Any questions - call Lora Schilder at 315-790-1945.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY: The Country Pantry continues to strive to reduce the hunger in our community. All donations are appreciated. If you have a vegetable garden this year with an abundance of produce, the pantry will take it. Please contact Mary Zimmler for drop off arrangements. Also, the children will be home for the summer so their favorite food items will be needed. Help me fill my car by bringing food to the church on the **3rd Sunday** of every month. Of course, we welcome bringing items in anytime.

THE FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: It's time to think about gifts for graduations, bridal showers, weddings, Father's Day, etc. We have a large selection of unique one-of-a-kind gifts for all of these occasions. Come in and check us out!

Our Suspended Galaxies Necklace from India has beads suspended life tiny galaxies in this unique necklace from India. Creating these necklaces empowers women and provides opportunities for fair wages to the artisans.



Shadowy blues, purples and blacks swirl around our handsome little Ancient Beauty Bud Vase from the West Bank. Recycled bottles are smashed into pieces and melted in high temperature ovens. Phoenician glass blowing artisans add substances to the molten glass, creating a range of colors within each piece.



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, **SECOND SATURDAYS**, and by appointment by calling 315-853-1070. We will also be present at the **FARMER'S MARKET ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, EVERY THURSDAY, STARTING JUNE 5TH, 2025.** 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.

ATTENTION!!

Don't forget that starting on June 5th the Fair Trade Shoppe is at the Farmers Market on the Village Green every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



CHURCH ROOF PROJECT

The Church roof project has finally reached total completion. There was some minor caulking that was completed by Mosher roofing in early May and that was the last item that needed to be dealt with. The Church Property Committee and Nelson Associates, our engineering consultants, are very satisfied with the results and want to thank our contractors, Mosher Roofing and Dibble construction for their excellent work. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to bring this effort to completion.

There is some money left over in the roofing account and it will be used to repair the ceiling in the sanctuary and touch up some peeling paint that needs to be dealt with.

CHEERS FOR PAT JOSEPH



As you probably know, Patricia Joseph, a long-time member of Stone Church has won the annual Women of Worship DEBORAH award. A short description of the attributes a recipient should display includes great leadership and wisdom and being tremendous role model. If any short description could accurately encompass Pat's strengths, those words are excellent. To be clear, Pat was already a busy woman who made sure her life included, belonging to a church family and skillfully serving others.

Pat's commitment and sheer determination to have necessary skills are clear indications of her devotion to people and to the value of understanding a broad range of religious activities. As a mentor for confirmands, Pat had to have a wide and clear knowledge of most aspects of the Presbyterian variety of faith. She gained and used that knowledge well. Not only did confirmands have a range of experiences with her, but they remember Mrs. Joseph and what she taught them, how much they liked her and what she did that they would like to do.

That's a high compliment for someone working with teenagers.

Her flexibility and willingness to learn has also meant that in our Pastor's absence, she has earned the credentials to create and conduct a Sunday service including leading the congregation in communion. This meant taking classes, practicing and practicing and finally becoming adept. Learning for the purpose of serving additionally involves time and work.

Any reference to time is a reminder that listing Pat's activities at Stone Church is not a quick task. Pat is sure to be involved in Stone Church's traditional Mission projects of Hope House, the Country Pantry, community ecumenical activities, Stone Church "special projects" such as the Neighborhood Center Christmas families, and the after Thanksgiving Clinton-wide Shopper's Stroll. Pat, and her family, have always worked especially hard at the Shopper's Stroll and it was for the Stroll that Pat, her husband, Buzz, some of her family, and other church members, developed what became the 7-C's café, a dining experience which was a community favorite until COVID changed the face of interior contact.

Two years ago, Stone church contracted with The Refugee Center to sponsor an unusual refugee family and Pat was one of our group's enthusiastic core members and has continued as one who has accepted continued participation as the family has slowly adjusted to living in the US. Pat truly has been a sensible cornerstone of our involvement in their effort. Without a doubt, Stone Church has become the warm and welcoming church it is because of this example of deep and true hospitality and interest in others that Pat always has.

Much of all these aforementioned activities have occurred while Pat has simultaneously put hundreds of hours into Stone Church's highly successful Fair Trade Shop. From the very beginning, Pat has insisted that selling Fair Trade items at the church was an important mission for us. Whenever we were faced with the option of expanding our hours or adding a new vendor, she was always there, encouraging us to take the next step, offering to put in whatever extra hours were necessary. Hot outside, rainy, windy? Pat noticed but during the summer she worked on the Clinton green for the Fair Trade shop despite the weather.

Pat also manages the shop's Face Book page and has enjoyed being interviewed by the media. She has been featured on WKTV and has highlighted the growth of the shop and the wonderful items available there. Her enthusiasm for this Mission has resulted in her becoming the public face of Stone Church's Fair Trade Shop.

Beyond all this activity within our church in Clinton, it must be pointed out that Pat has also been a tireless worker the Utica Presbytery, the governing body supporting Presbyterian Churches in a large designated geographic area. Many newcomers to this church have gained insight into how Stone Church fits into a larger picture because of Pat and our Pastor talking about the Presbytery and its activities and importance. It is said that over the years she has brought ideas, people and initiatives from Presbytery to Stone Church and vice versa.

All the preceding has been offered to show Pat Joseph is a most deserving candidate for the Deborah award: her commitment to her God and to the congregation of Stone Church is truly remarkable. The current head of the Utica Presbytery who works with Pat, offered praise regarding Pat which serve as a fitting conclusion to this:

"She has served with distinction, wisdom and a spirit of unwavering devotion.

Her leadership has guided us, her service has strengthened us and her presence

has blessed us. ..." [Email from Larry Beasley, Executive Presbyter Utica Presbytery, April 24, 2025]

Cheers Pat. We look forward to many more years together at Stone Church.

PRAYER REQUEST

Michael Britton & Julie Milograno

Richard Raitt & Family

Pat Joseph

Ewa & Tom Lawrence

Phil Conley

Nancy & Will Eisenhower

Grace & Frank Whittemore

Carol Sherman

Ruth Hughes

Erik Jones

The LaFont Family

Patsy Glista & Family

Andrew Bering



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 - Krystal Pavlot

5 - Nola Monohan

14 - Amanda Lalonde

Simon Bishop

15 - Bill Henry

16 - Christine Menard

17 - Adam Blanks

19 - David Kolb

23 - Kevin Bering

29 - Paul Joseph

30 - Caleb Fletcher



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

6-25-60 Frank & Grace Whittemore

6-06-70 Pete & Donna Goodfriend



To all the father's, dad's, daddy's Poppi's, Pop's, Poppa's... We want to wish you a very special day!



The office will be closed on Tuesdays, starting July 12th through the month of August. We will resume regular hours on September 6th.



COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY: For the first time in our 10 years we had a low-level but steady rain all morning, which dampened the response but not our spirits! It is wonderful to have members of a community come together to help members of a community! As Mary wanted me to convey, “The Pantry is serving many more families than last year. And everything the community does to support the mission of addressing hunger makes a difference.”



BAKE SALE: Many thanks to all for the contributions which includes the bakers at St. James', St. Mary's, Clinton United Methodist Church and Stone Church for the wonderful baked goods donated to the Community Collection Bake Sale on May 3. You helped to make the sale a huge success.

Mary Zimble said she is very appreciative. She is counting the number of food items donated, but I can tell you we received monetary donations of \$1602.15, which included \$503.00 from the bake sale at the church. In 2024 we collected \$2,826.50. For the first time in our 10 years we had a low-level but steady rain all morning, which dampened the response but not our spirits! It is wonderful to have members of a community come together to help members of a community! As Mary wanted me to convey, “The Pantry is serving many more families than last year. And everything the community does to support the mission of addressing hunger makes a difference.”

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The group is responsible for managing memorial gifts, recommending uses for undesignated funds and ensuring contributions are used in accordance with the wishes of the contributors or family often within a church or organization.

Managing Memorial Gifts: Memorial Committee oversees the administration of memorial gifts, keeping records of contributions and ensuring they are used appropriately.

Recommending Uses for Undesignated fund: Committee makes recommendations for how undesignated memorial funds should be used, often in consultation with the Pastor or leadership.

Recognizing & Distributing Gifts: The Committee will play a role in recognizing & distributing gifts in memory of members & friends. Ensuring compliance with donor wishes. The Committee works to ensure contributions are used in accordance with the wishes of the contributors or family of the deceased.

Maintaining Records: They keep records of gifts and memorials to the church.

Consulting with families: They may consult with families about appropriate memorial.

Planning Memorial Services/Events: The committee may also be involved in planning memorial services or other memorial or events to honor the deceased.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT ON WIRING: Last fall the Property Committee needed to replace the timer that controls the outside lights and floodlight on the rose window. Since the circuit breakers that control our lights and outlets are poorly labelled, it took some doing to locate the proper breaker but we eventually did and completed our job. It was decided then that it was time to make sense of our electric panels, circuit breakers and wiring as best we could. After many hours (a total of about 15 give or take) by the Committee, our sexton Lee Kelso, Christine Menard, and Sarah Menard, we are near completion of what has been an intriguing puzzle.

A quick summary of what we determined is as follow:

There are 6 electric panels in the Church that control the circuits and where the electricity flows. They have each been assigned a letter and are located as follows:

Panel A: This is the main electric panel and it receives power from the William Street pole. It is located in the closet off the William Street- Fair Trade Shoppe entrance. It delivers power to the other 5 panels as well as other places in the Church.

Panel B: Located in the Furnace Room off the Fair Trade Shoppe hallway that goes toward the dining room.

Panels C and D: Both Located in the boiler room.

Panel E: Located in the downstairs kitchen across from the stove.

Panel F: Located in the small room at the top of the William Street stairs.

Each panel has a chart placed next to it showing what each breaker controls. There is also another form explaining the location of the other 5 panels.

At first we thought that this was enough and that our job was done. After discussing it further, however , we thought it might be easier for people locate a breaker if each switch and outlet had a label on it showing which panel and which breaker in that panel controlled it. So we bought a label maker and placed a label on every switch, outlet and device we could find.



In the photo, for example, is the switch that turns the lights on in the Norton Room. The label says PNL F #21. This means that if you go to Panel F at the top of the William Street stairs and look at the panel, you will find a breaker switch with # 21 that controls those lights. The other photo shows outlets that are in the downstairs kitchen and the label PNL C #15. This means the breaker controlling those outlets is on panel C in the boiler room and is breaker #15.

That's it in brief. We would be happy to discuss this with anyone who is interested in knowing more. We hope you have fun looking at the labels and trying to figure out where the panel and breaker are that control it. If that doesn't sound like that much fun, just know that the property committee is feeling good about having a much better sense of the electricity in Stone Church!!

John Menard, Property Committee Chair

THE DEACON'S CORNER

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

When a flashlight grows dim or
quits working, do you throw it away?
Of course not! You change the batteries.
When a person messes up or finds
themselves in a dark place,
do you cast them aside?
Of course not!
You help them find their batteries.
Some need AA...attention and affection.
Some need AAA...attention, affection and acceptance.
Some need C...compassion.
Some need D...direction.
And if they still don't seem to shine...
Simply sit with them quietly and share your light!!

Like a battery, people need to be recharged. Some need a quick boost, while others need a long, slow charge. I feel we are all so blessed to be a part of Stone Church where we have all felt the love, care and concern of so many trying to recharge our batteries when we have needed that. Thank you all for sharing your light!!!

Hugs, Your Deacons

LUNCH-AND-LEARN ON THE USE OF SACRED MUSIC: On May 4 2025 we enjoyed a Lunch-and-Learn. The food provided by the Deacons was delicious and the talk, offered by Kirk Petrie, a senior at Hamilton College summarized his findings regarding the use of sacred music and liturgical worship excellent. This research was part of his honors thesis in which he explored how three Utica area churches utilize sacred music and/or Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) to influence liturgical worship. The churches were Stone Presbyterian Church, St Matthew Temple Church of God In Christ Study, a Utica black, gospel church; and Redeemer Church in Utica, a church using exclusively CCM. Kirk's research was based on attending services at the different churches and interviewing people about their personal experiences with sacred music. He also spoke with the pastor and music director about decision-making processes for selecting music and what factors are considered each week. Those people attending the Lunch and Learn really seemed to enjoy his presentation and learning a little bit about music and worship in these three churches. This talk was followed by a lively discussion about our personal experiences and preferences regarding music in church. Suffice to say, music, in all its different forms, is an essential component of worship for all who attended this particular Lunch and Learn.



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.

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