

Blessing Of The Animals: In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis come join us for an Ecumenical Service for the Blessing of the Animals, Sunday afternoon October 5th at 1:00 p.m. on the Village Green, sponsored by the Clinton Area Ministerium. The purpose is to bring awareness to the need of pet food to a food bank, often failing to recognize that many folks living on a fixed income, often alone, have companion animals that need support as well. If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Scott Leonard



The Fair Trade Shoppe: Fall days are fun days. Leaf your worries behind! Leaves are falling, autumn is calling. Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower! Calm your skin and your mind as you wrap yourself in the mild ginger and woodsy scent of our Sandalwood Soap from India. A natural anti-inflammatory and antioxidant with antibacterial properties, turmeric soothes irritated skin and helps create a more even complexion. Keep your favorite canine warm with our adorable Striped Dog Sweater! Knit by loving artisans in Ecuador. 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. 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.

The Country Pantry continues to meet the needs of our community by providing a variety of food. 505 families were provided food at August's distribution plus an additional 70 families by transport volunteers. The pantry is accepting \$10 donations to sponsor a Thanksgiving meal for one family. Checks should state "sponsor a family" and may be left at church or mailed to The Country Pantry at PO Box 76 Clinton. They also are collecting NEW BLANKETS for their December food drive. As always, all unopened food items are appreciated. Help me fill my car on the **3rd Sunday** of every month.

Hope House: Hope House continues its mission of serving three meals a day, and providing the opportunity for daytime shelter for the homeless and needy in the city of Utica. Volunteers from Stone Presbyterian serve dinner there once a month, and the average number we have served recently has been between 70 and 90. As you know, we have designated the **4th Sunday** of the month for us to bring in items for Hope House. Their special needs for this month are coffee, sugar, rice, and cereal, as well as personal items like full-size shampoo, conditioner, and bar soap. Let's keep our support of this worthy organization going! Please contact Lora Schilder (315-790-1945) if you have any questions



CALENDAR



Sunday – 10/05/25:	1:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals Fair Trade Shoppe Choir Practice Worship
Thursday – 10/09/25:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
Sunday – 10/12/25:	9:15 a.m.	
Sunday – 10/12/25:	10:30 a.m.	



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

Greeter & Host: Mary Chamberlain

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
George & Gretchen Taylor
Marsha Thayer

Special Country Pantry Announcement
Feed Northeast 2025, together with Thrivent presented the Clinton Lions with a community challenge of collecting 500 food items in the month of October. For each 500 items collected, a picture with the Thriven Action Team will be taken, giving the pantry a chance of receiving a check for \$500. The first 500 donations have been collected, and the first picture was taken this past Thursday, Oct 2. Can you help?? Leave your donations at the church for me to pick-up.

Prayer Request:

- John Stiefvater
Midge Bakos
Mary Ann Stiefvater
Larry Bakos
Helen Leonard
Skip Beardsall & Family
Bev Miller
Sue Max
Peggy Welden
Michael Britton & Julie Milograno
Tom & Ewa Lawrence
Phil Conley
Nancy & Will Eisenhower
Ruth Hughes
Erik Jones
Andrew Bering

