Hanging of the Greens: Yes, it's almost that time of year again ... Christmas!! It is time to start thinking about "The Hanging Of The Greens". As you all know we decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The Shopper's Stroll is the day after Thanksgiving, and we need to have our church look beautiful and festive. Many people come to our church that day to go to The Fair Trade Shoppe and the musical events we hold in our sanctuary. So, mark your calendar for November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Deacons will provide lunch for everyone after worship and then we will get to work. And, we will have a brand-new Christmas tree this year. It is going to be beautiful. I can't wait!! Remember, many hands make light work!! I hope you all come and participate!! See you there!!!

**The Fair Trade Shoppe:** Life is good! Pumpkin spice and everything nice. Find your fall favorites here! Spice up your life. May your home be filled with laughter, your table with favorites, and your hearts with gratitude. Create perfect salsas and rubs every time with our Smoky Tomato Spice Blend from the Women's Bean Project in Denver, Colorado. It features tomato, onion, chipotle and paprika. All WBP spice blends come in a reusable aluminum tin that includes a card with our recipes.

Smoky, spicy, and so delicious! Our Smoked Hot Rocks Spice from South Africa featuring smoked chili and paprika lends a complex and unique flavor to this spicy chili salt. It is great on meats, pizza, and pasta. It comes in a recycled glass bottle. Use our extraordinary savory Seaweed Salt Blend, also from South Africa, in place of standard salt as a table condiment to flavor fish, salads, vegetables, rice, pasta, couscous, sauces, dressings, soups, stews, casseroles and eggs. It comes in a recycled glass bottle topped with a built-in grinder to unlock the freshest flavor.

**The Country Pantry** met the challenge of The Feed Northeast 2025 project, along with Thrivant and the Clinton Lions. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. The pantry is in need of stuffing and gravy packets. New throw blankets for the Christmas distribution are their next project. Please bring them to church by **November 30**<sup>th</sup>. A large amount of pasta has been donated but now they need sauce. Can you help? As always, much appreciated.

<u>Hope House</u> 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 **4**<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** of the month for us to bring in items for Hope House.



## **CALENDAR**



Monday - 11/10/25: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thursday - 11/13/25: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 11/16/25: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday – **11/16/25:** 10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting
Fair Trade Shoppe
Choir Practice
Worship



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

Greeter & Host: Linda Rance

<u>Prayer Chain:</u> 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:

Barb Greene Gregory Wright Carol Yates

## **Shoppers Stroll Events At Stone Church:**

Friday – 11/28/25: 4:00 p.m.

**Carol Singing with Rob Kolb** 

Friday – **11/28/25:** 5:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Choir

Friday - 11/28/25: 6:00 p.m.

"A Visit from St. Nicholas" at the Gazebo (recited by Scott Leonard)

## **Prayer Request:**

Grace & Frank Whittemore Bev Miller John Stiefvater Mary Ann Stiefvater Larry Bakos Helen Leonard

Sue Max

Peggy Weldon

Michael Britton & Julie Milograno

Tom & Ewa Lawrence

Phil Conley

Nancy & Will Eisenhower

Ruth Hughes Erik Jones

Andrew Bering