

Our Fourth Advent Offering today of **Love** has been designated to go to **The Country Pantry**. As the local food bank providing foods and fresh produce to families and individuals in Clinton, Clark Mills and Westmoreland, The Country Pantry has become essential to the well-being of many. The need for basic food items the Pantry tries to meet seem endless, Plus The Country Pantry also provides “the extras” of food for holiday meals and special assistance to children through summertime Kids-Paks, fall school supplies and Christmas gift card programs, plus providing pet food and supplies as possible. As a Church, our offering of love is part of the caring financial support we offer to The Country Pantry. This special **LOVE** Advent offering provides The Country Pantry with much needed additional support for providing food and necessities to individuals and families.

The Fair Trade Shoppe: Polar bear plunge into the New Year! Welcome to the best year of your life. Our purpose: Your satisfaction! Cozy winter wishes just for you. Our Maggie’s Wool Snuggle Socks are made with soft organic merino wool (from sheep raised in small ranches in Argentina), with thick cushion throughout. They have a relaxed, stretchy top, and are washable, thanks to a special patented chlorine-free and anti-felt treatment certified to international organic standards (GOTS). Lunar Eclipse Shawl from India features color blocks of solids and stripes in shades of blue and blue-green on a black background-like moonlight, coming and going. It has 2 inches of twisted fringe details on both ends. The ultimate in sustainable comfort, our remarkable red cotton Rethread Throw from India is made from recycled clothing, which is separated and spun by hand into new threads. The threads are then over-dyed and re-woven to create a cozy, lightweight throw.

Country Pantry Thanks to your generous donations, the Country Pantry continues to serve local families in need. Due to long hours waiting in line, we started serving "treats" from our food truck named Grace. This past distribution, workers from the Salvation Army came from Syracuse to assist us with making hot breakfast sandwiches. Donations of warm comfy foods such as soup, oatmeal, mac & cheese, chili, hash etc. would be appreciated for the cold winter months. The families all received a warm blanket for a Christmas gift. Thank you from the Pantry and wishing you a healthy New Year. Help me fill my car on the **3rd Sunday** of every month.

Hope House continues to serve the unhoused and needy of Utica with three meals a day and as a place for daytime shelter. We at Stone Church join their mission once a month by sending three volunteers to serve dinner there. As you know, we also have a Sunday (the 4th of the month) designated as an opportunity to bring in items for Hope House and their guests. Their needs for this month continue to be sugar and coffee, as well as full-sized personal items like shampoo, conditioner, and bar soap. Also, in these winter months they could use mittens/gloves and hand warmers. We're always looking for more people willing to spend a couple of hours (3-5 pm) with us on the **4th Monday of the month** serving dinner at Hope House. If you'd like to join us, you can use the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact Lora Schilder at 315-790-1945 or lschilde@hamilton.edu.



CALENDAR



Today – **12/21/25:** 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday – **12/24/25:** 7:00 p.m.
Thursday – **12/25/25:** Merry Christmas!!
Sunday – **12/28/25:** 9:30 a.m.
Sunday – **12/28/25:** 10:30 a.m.

**Worship-Welcome Peg Ward
Christmas Eve Service**

**Choir
Worship**



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

Greeter & Host: Emily Hughes

Members/Friends of the Week:

Rob & Lauralyn Kolb
Jane Doti
David & Heather Duncan

Prayer Request:

Tom Mannino & Family
Matt Schementi
Grace & Frank Whittemore
Bev Miller
John Stiefvater
Mary Ann Stiefvater
Larry Bakos
Helen Leonard
Tom & Ewa Lawrence
Phil Conley
Ruth Hughes
Andrew Bering

