



**The committee annual reports are due by Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**On January 11<sup>th</sup>** the Christmas decorations will be taken down and put away after service.

**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!

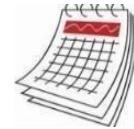
**The Fair Trade Shoppe:** Polar bear plunge into the New Year! Welcome to the best year of your life. Our purpose: Your satisfaction! Cozy winter wishes just for you. Our Maggie's Wool Snuggle Socks are made with soft organic merino wool (from sheep raised in small ranches in Argentina), with thick 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 lschilder@hamilton.edu.



## CALENDAR



Thursday – **01/08/26:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday – **01/10/26** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday – **01/11/26:** 10:30 a.m.  
 Monday – **01/12/26:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Fair Trade Shoppe**  
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**Worship – Guest Pianist-Nancy Ketz**  
**Session Meeting**



Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – [stonepres.org](http://stonepres.org) & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”

**Greeter & Host:** Helen Leonard

### Members/Friends of the Week:

Deb Lapoint  
 David & Colleen Geer  
 Julie, Andre & Alaina Gelinas



The pledge envelopes and calendars are in the Norton Room.

### 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

