

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: Valentine's Day is celebrated in honor of one of two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, and through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. Give a gift of love this Valentine's Day! Our Heart Necklace is made from upcycled bull horn, a byproduct of the food industry in Vietnam. "You inspire me every day!" says the card that comes with this sweet red heart pendant on a gold-colored chain. Gift this necklace to a friend, a love, a child, a parent-someone you care about to let them know how you feel. If you can't find the words, the note that comes with it says it all. Bring a little nature with you everywhere you go with our one-of-a-kind resin and dried flower White Rain Flower Earrings from Peru. For that person in your life who can't get enough flowers, walking in the woods, or being outdoors. Traditional designs from Taxco, Guerrero, Mexico, our Pure Copper Adjustable Bracelet is created entirely by hand. Multiple beautiful designs will vary from product image. The mission of Costello's jewelry is to instill struggling artisans of Mexico with the economic security, confidence, pride and inspiration they seek as protectors of their cultural heritage. These and MANY, MANY MORE uniquely handcrafted gift items from 38 different countries can be found at our FAIR TRADE SHOP.

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 – **01/25/26:** During Worship
Monday – **01/26/26:** 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday – **01/29/26:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – **02/01/26:** 9:30 a.m.
Sunday – **02/01/26:** 10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting
Hope House
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: Emily Hughes

Members/Friends of the Week:

John & Chris Menard
Janet Griffiths
Carrie Gryglik

Worship: We will have worship back in the sanctuary starting February 1st with the choir back!



I would like to update the Prayer Request, so please let me know who to take off or someone you want added by email or call me.

Thank you, Janice

Prayer Request:

2026 Micah Grant Recipients
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

