

Welcome Johnny Calabrese: He is a dynamic songwriter, performer, and multi-instrumentalist with a strong background in composing, arranging, and live performance. He is experienced in academic and professional settings with a portfolio that spans original musical theater, ensemble leadership, and music production and has worked with Sharon in the past. He is passionate about creating meaningful, collaborative, and emotionally impactful musical experiences. He will accompany the choir downstairs on the piano in September and November.



Welcome Back Luncheon After Worship: It is hard to believe that Summer is over and kids are going back to school and people are closing up their camps etc. We hope you all had a nice Summer and made lots of memories. Today we’re back to our regular services being at 10:30 instead of 9:30. We can all go back to getting an extra hour sleep! It is time to reconnect with everyone and share stories about our Summer activities.

The Fair Trade Shoppe: A woman and her daughter were discussing going shopping. The daughter asked, “Where should we go?” The mother replied, “I know where the best gift shop in the area is.” The daughter said, “Where is that?”. The mother answered, “The Fair Trade Shop at the Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton.” The daughter exclaimed, “I’m ready, let’s go.” Our regular hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday, SECOND SATURDAYS, AT THE FARMER’S MARKET ON THE VILLAGE GREEN EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST., 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.

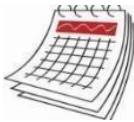
Country Pantry is gearing up for the fall season. They would like applesauce, cranberry sauce, gravy packets (no glass), peanut butter and jelly. Other donations are always welcome. Please help me fill my car on the **3rd Sunday of every month**. Blessed are those who give!! Thank you!

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 have also designated **the 4th Sunday of the month** 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. We're always looking for more people willing to spend a couple of hours (3-5 p.m.) with us on the **4th Monday of the month** serving dinner at Hope House.

Lunch-and-Learn returns after worship on September 20 with Sharon Rankins-Burd presenting on Upstate Caring Partners!



CALENDAR



Sunday – 09/13/26:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Sunday – 09/13/26:	After Worship	Welcome Back Luncheon
Monday – 09/14/26:	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Thursday – 09/17/26:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday – 09/20/26:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday – 09/20/26:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Sunday – 09/20/26:	After Worship	Lunch-and-Learn on UCP



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

Greeter & Host: Judy LaGasse

Members/Friends of the Week:

Bev Miller
Dennis & Sue Dewey
David & Heather Duncan

Prayer Request:

Phil Conley
Mike Britton
Lee Kelso
Ryan
Midge Bakos
Grace & Frank Whittemore
Mary Ann Stiefvater
Tom & Ewa Lawrence
Ruth Hughes
Andrew Bering
First Presbyterian Church, Rome

Music At Stone Church

We welcome all voice parts from bass to soprano, and in September we'll be singing beside the piano, not in the choir loft, so don't let those stairs deter you! I'm also curious to know if there are any potential handbell ringers interested in exploring a handbell choir. No experience? No problem! I can teach you what you need to know! Thoughts and questions are always welcomed and appreciated. You can reach me at: sharonrankinsburd@gmail.com, evenings at 315-822-3342, or by text at 315-765-1716