

## THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday:	3:00 p.m.	Hope House
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m.	Presbytery meeting – Presbyterian Home
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch with Carole Grove

**THIS MORNING'S USHERS** – Larry and Owen Reynolds

**THIS MORNING'S HOST** – Ceil Gilbert

**THIS MORNING'S LITURGIST** – John Menard

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** of the Stone Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, January 24 in the church sanctuary immediately following Lord's Day worship for the purposes of receiving reports, electing officers, calling the Rev. Dennis Dewey as Pastor and adopting the terms of call.

Scott Leonard  
Clerk of Session

**HAVE LUNCH WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS ON JANUARY 31:** Your Neighbors is a local volunteer organization that is dedicated to providing quality service and support to people who are frail, elderly or have a disability in their home setting. Your Neighbor's volunteers have offered friendly visits, medical transportation, supplemental frozen meals and shopping trips since 1981.

Check out their website at [www.yourneighborsinc.com](http://www.yourneighborsinc.com). The Greater Utica Area is in dire need of these services since the majority of the city's citizens are now seniors.

Please join us for lunch following worship on Sunday, January 31 and learn more about this organization and the opportunities to volunteer one or two times a month. Donations are also most welcome. Carole Grove, President of Your Neighbors, will be our speaker.

Questions? Contact Judy LaGasse, 725-2217.

**WELCOME** to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica. Please make use of the pew cards to indicate any prayer concerns, pastoral needs or suggestions for improvement.

**VISITORS** are always welcome! Please let us know who you are by filling out the Visitor's Card in the pew and dropping it in the offering plate. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Norton Room following worship this morning. Please join us again for worship!

**THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pantry food bank is requesting donations of shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish detergent. Other items are most welcome too! Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.

**WWW.STONEPRES.ORG:** If you have pictures or features you'd like to include in the Stone Church website, contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or at [ceilgilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:ceilgilbert@yahoo.com).

**HOPE HOUSE MESSAGE:** Anyone want to do some extra cooking at home or at church? Hope House has an abundance of turkeys and squash and is looking for people willing to do some cooking at home or as a group at church, and then bring back the cooked food for freezing. They are also looking for recipes that use lots of peanut butter. If you can help, please let them know. Contact info: Hope House, P.O. Box 161, Utica, 13503; [Hope4Food@aol.com](mailto:Hope4Food@aol.com); [hopehouseutica.com](http://hopehouseutica.com); 793-3723.

**EARLY PLEDGES WANTED:** Cash flow seems to be a problem for the Church more in the winter months (January through April) than summer months. Session is asking folks to consider giving more of their pledge upfront, if possible. We will, of course, keep good track of what you have paid towards your pledge.

**WANTED: YOUR PER CAPITA!** Per capita payments for 2009 are now being readily accepted! Our per capita charge went up this year to \$33 per member. The church has to pay this fee per member whether or not you chose to pay. The per capita is sent to Presbytery to support its work. What they do has a very direct impact on our church so it is money well spent. Please consider sending your per capita either directly to the church office or enclosing it in your pledge envelope. Thank you in advance for your help.



**NAME TAGS:** If yours is missing or your name is wrong, please let an usher know, and we will supply you with a temporary tag until a replacement is made. If you're visiting, an usher will be glad to make you a name tag.

**A REST ROOM** (wheelchair accessible) is located off the narthex to your left as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

**THE QUIET ROOM** is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. If you need to leave worship for any reason, you are welcome to use the Quiet Room where you may go to be apart but still take part in worship.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** for children is held from 9:45 to 10:25 every Sunday morning. Please meet downstairs in the video room. All young people in grades 1-10 are welcome to join us!

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please contact the church office, 853-2933, or Sarah Rosenstein at 859-1037 or sprosens@hamilton.edu. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Gil Adams Family  
Kaytryn Bentley and Family  
Dortha and Bill Glaser  
Carrigan and Katrina  
Lori Sherwood  
Doris Locke  
Marge Chamberlain and Family  
Ann and Dave Smallen  
Dennis' colleague, Rev. Tim Eberhardt  
Norma Sengupta  
Fay Brandis and Family  
Peter Forrester

Members/Friends of the Week:  
Helen Franz, Jim Gavett  
Eleanor Palmer  
Elaine Schmidt and family  
Allen Solomon  
Colleen Britcher and family  
Myra Kazanjian  
The United Church of Camden  
All who are unemployed and/or  
overworked in this economy  
Flo and Keith Dewey  
The people of Haiti

**SCOUT SUNDAY:** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official chartering of the Boy Scouts of America is February 8 and for the last half of that time Stone Church has been a sponsor of a Boy Scout troop. Duty to God and being reverent are critical parts of Boy Scouts' "Timeless Values." Every year at this time the troop participates in a worship service in the community for Scout Sunday. This year in honor of the Boy Scout Centennial and troop's Semi-centennial with its charter organization, the Stone Church, Troop 9 will be conducting the church service on February 7.

**OUR ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVERS' SALE** will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day! We will be looking for donations of anything made with chocolate. Pies are especially popular. We are hoping to have everyone's help. Please sign up to bake, work or donate money. Sign-up sheets will be available. Call Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or Judy LaGasse (725-2217) with questions.

#### I Love to Tell the Story

A. Catherine Hankey 1834-1911 & Dennis Dewey, 1993

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story. 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
2. I love to tell the story; the story changes things;  
It challenges the powers; it whispers, thunders, sings!  
It births the holy presence in moments of surprise;  
It heals, empow'rs and strengthens, and opens ears and eyes.  
I love to tell the story of Jesus and his glory,  
Because it is God's story of justice, peace and love.
4. I love to tell the story of God's amazing grace.  
The Gospel gives us courage for all the tasks we face:  
To bind the broken hearted, to give hope to the poor,  
To free all those held captive, to help the weak endure.  
I love to tell the story; it is our crowning glory  
To live and tell the story---the Word of God alive!

**AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**January 24, 2010 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**We Gather as the Storied People of Christ**

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.  
**Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #454 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*  
(+Those who are able may stand.) LIEBSTER JESU



**WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)**

We confess to one another and to you that we have been lax about learning your story. We have not devoted ourselves to the study of scripture as we ought, and we often feel ourselves inadequate to the task of sharing our faith as a result. We confess that we have allowed our lives to be shaped more by the stories of consumerism, nationalism and pop culture than by the riches of your Word. We ask for the grace to renew our quest for your truth, to be people who live a storied faith that seeks understanding. We ask as well to be made more attentive to the stories of others. Help us to listen with interest and compassion to those who need to tell their stories. Let holy listening be a blessing—for teller and listener alike. As we ask your forgiveness for all our sins this day, we pray that you will give us grace to be forgiving people, incorporating the story of your great mercy into our own life stories, that our faith may not be just about what happened “back then” and “over there” but “right here” and “right now.” In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

+A DOXOLOGY #579 *Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

**+THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE**

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 – Ezra reads the scriptures in public.*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM ANTHEM**      *The Heavens Are Telling*      Ludwig van Beethoven

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a – The church is the body of Christ.*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Luke 4:14-30 – Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth.*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *I Love to Tell the Story*

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+POSTLUDE

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*The Good News*

(I Corinthians 15:3-8, Revelation 21:6; John 20:8)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

+HYMN

***Every Time We Tell the Story***

RUSTINGTON

(Please see announcements insert.)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER & CHORAL REPOSE**

“debts/debtors” (Traditional, Hymnal, p. 16)

**OFFERTORY *Silent Devotion and Response***

Ernest Bloch

+A DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



**We Go Out to Tell the Story in Word and in Deed**

+HYMN

***I Love to Tell the Story***

HANKEY

(Please see announcements insert.)

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

**January 24, 2010 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany ~ 10:30 a.m.**



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

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