



The Corner Stone

Stone Church ~ The Church on the Green

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.

April 2012

WORSHIP AT STONE IN APRIL

April 1, 2012 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a a song of the suffering servant

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11 Have the humble of Christ among you.

Mark 14:1-9 A woman anoints Jesus for his burial.

Sermon *In Memory of Her*



The Gospel of Mark – Palm/Passion Sunday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6, 2012 – 12:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Service at Clinton United Methodist

April 8, 2012 – Easter Day – 7:00 a.m. – Ecumenical Sunrise Service on the Green

Easter Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m. – The Lord's Supper

Acts 10:34-43 Peter perceives that God shows no partiality.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 a song of victory

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul's summary of the Good News

Mark 16:1-8 The women run in fear from the empty tomb.

Sermon *Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On*



Thursday, April 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – Taizé

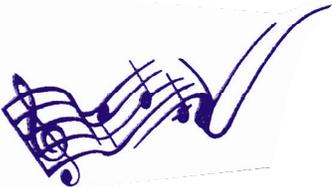
April 15, 2012 – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Hymn Sing (Hymns by Request)

Acts 4:32-35 The believers share their possessions. - Sherry Robinson

Psalms 133 the blessedness of unity

1 John 1:1-2:2 God is light and Christ is our advocate.

John 20:19-29 "Doubting Thomas" - Donna Goodfriend



April 22, 2012 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 Peter tells the Good News in the temple's portico.

Psalms 4 a confident plea for deliverance

1 John 3:1-7 We are God's children. - Dave Forbes

Luke 24:13-48 the risen Jesus with his disciples - Donna Goodfriend

Sermon *On Being God's Children*



April 29, 2012 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 Peter declares the Good News about Jesus to the officials.

Psalms 23 The Lord is my Shepherd.

1 John 3:16-24 Let us love not just in word, but in deed. - Dave Forbes

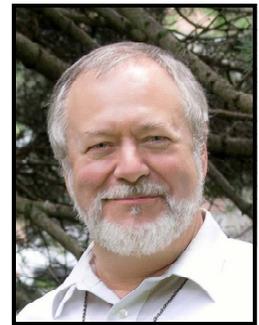
John 10:11-18 Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." - Pat Joseph

Sermon *What Is It about This Psalm?*

Why Am I a Presbyterian? (Part II)

Last month I sketched my journey from growing up in the Methodist tradition to being welcomed into the Presbyterian Church by people who would become my in-laws.

A college friend was a Presbyterian and the son of Presbyterian minister. He graduated a year ahead of me and went to work for corporate America, but soon found himself abandoning the business world for a not-for-profit serving the poor in New York City. The Viet Nam War was ramping up, and there was the draft. He applied for conscientious objector status but was denied it because the official position of the Presbyterian Church at the time would not allow him to justify that stance. And so he was drafted as a non-combatant, trained as a medic, but served a tour of duty in Saigon as a clerk typist. When discharged, he went to Princeton Seminary.



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My own growing sense of call at least to explore ministry was stimulated by conversations with my friend. I visited him in Princeton several times and at long last decided to leave behind a teaching career of six years in secondary public education to register as a full time student at Princeton Theological Seminary. I knew little of what being Presbyterian meant when I entered Princeton in the fall of 1976. But seminary immersed me in a culture that, while ecumenical, was quite steeped in the traditions of American Presbyterianism. As a newcomer, I had some catch-up to do. By the time graduation rolled around after three years of study for my Master of Divinity degree at PTS, I was beginning to know enough about being Presbyterian to achieve a score of 5 out of 5 on my Polity Ordination Exam!

In fact, it took a call to my first church for me to start to appreciate and internalize what is unique about this tradition in which I found myself now to be a minister! But what was it about being Presbyterian that I found myself drawn to? The first important concept is what the Reformed Tradition called “the sovereignty of God.” This is the starting place for our tradition’s theology: That God is God. Now, this may seem somewhat self-evident, but seldom do we appreciate the reality that it is God’s will, God’s grace, God’s purposes that we are called to be about. Most “religious” experience starts with the “me”—what I think, what I want, what I need. Doing theology (thinking and talking about God) does not start with me; it starts with God. And God is not my servant, rather I am God’s. If all creation (including me) comes from God, and God’s creating, loyal love is the stuff that keeps the universe together, my first responses are awe, humility and a desire to enjoy being created in God’s image! I have always appreciated the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism about our purpose in life, that our chief purpose is “to glorify God and to enjoy [God] forever.”

As a Christian, I believe that the sovereign God who seeks to be known has been revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. The early formulation of the church that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine points to the mystery suggested by the Prologue to the Gospel of John, that “the Word became flesh and lived among us,” that, although no one can see God, Jesus, the one who is close to God’s heart “has made God known.”

Too often, I think, the notion of the sovereignty of God is conceived of in top-down, authoritarian terms—the God who sits on a throne and rules over creation with vindictive power, punishing and destroying. But if the sovereign God is to be known through Jesus Christ, it seems to me, a different sort of sovereignty needs to be imagined. The self-giving God who “so loved the world” as to offer the “only Son” (John 3:16) displays for us a different kind of sovereignty from that of emperors and dictators. Jesus reminded his disciples that the understanding of “greatness” held by the rulers of this world has to do with their power over others, but that his disciples would know a different kind of greatness. True greatness is not being served, but serving. God’s greatness, God’s sovereignty as the author of all things is authoritative rather than authoritarian. And that is reality that evokes in us the desire to worship, to do “worth-ship,” literally, to seek to say and sing and pray to God something of what God is worth.

Next time: sin!

Deepeace,

One Great Hour of Sharing



sharing resources
changing lives

Disasters come in all shapes and sizes—from devastating earthquakes, fires and floods, to heart-breaking incidents like mass shootings, explosions, and wars. Large or small, natural or man-made, whenever and wherever disasters occur, Presbyterians are

ready to respond with the love and compassion we learned from Christ's own example.

On Palm Sunday and Easter, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. From the beginning, this offering has been an ecumenical effort. There are currently 8 denominations participating, and while each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

In recent years, Presbyterians have given about \$10 million annually. Last year, that made it possible for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to organize 153 volunteer teams, the Presbyterian Hunger Program to deliver 3.2 tons of food, and the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People to award 62 grants.

Today, projects supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. Please give generously so that you can share in the work and the joy of these life-giving ministries.



Fair Trade

The Building Stones Mission Shoppe has become a major project for our congregation. If you haven't visited us recently, please stop by any Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., or after church on Sunday mornings to see our new spring items. Fair Trade ensures that artisans and farmers in 35 countries are lifted out of poverty by earning a decent income. These talented, hard-working people are given a voice and treated with respect; they can send their children to school, breaking the cycle of poverty. Villages begin to prosper as vital community projects like water wells and medical clinics are developed by Fair Trade organizations, working with the people.

Lauralyn Kolb

Highlights of the March 19, 2012 Session Meeting

- ◆ The Village Storytelling Festival video was viewed and discussed.
- ◆ The Art and Music Festival was discussed. The Storytellers will perform, the church will sell food in the narthex, and the Fair Trade Shoppe will be out in front of the church.
- ◆ The Treasurer's report was reviewed.
- ◆ Summer services will be shared with the Methodists again. Dennis Dewey will lead worship at Stone in July and Jeff Hale will be at CUMC in August.
- ◆ The boiler's copper pipes need to be replaced. The work will be done this summer.
- ◆ A portable heater for events in the narthex and the Norton Room has been purchased.
- ◆ The Village Green Storytellers' story swap at Preswick Glen was well attended.
- ◆ A Healing Service is scheduled for Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m.
- ◆ A Tenebrae Service is scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.
- ◆ A Good Friday Service is set for noon at CUMC.
- ◆ A Sunrise Easter Service will be on The Green at 7 a.m.
- ◆ The Annual Pie Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14.
- ◆ Bible Study, on the Book of Revelation, will be held 5 Thursdays in May from noon to 1 p.m.

Construction Begun On Parkinson's Unit

Stone Church Supporting the Effort!

The construction and renovation effort for the Parkinson's wing at the Presbyterian Home is underway.

As of February 1st every church in the Presbytery has been contacted, most have been visited and the remaining churches will be visited before summer. To date \$46,125 in three-year pledges have been made. An additional \$ 12,021 has been received in non-pledged cash.



To date the home has raised almost \$ 2,000,000 towards the \$2,200,000 cost. Stone Church's Fair Trade Shoppe, Deacons and Women's Association have made significant contributions to this important effort. A Benefit Concert held in February by the music students of Lauralyn Kolb and Ewa Lawrence raised an additional \$800. If all the churches of the Presbytery can meet the challenge as Stone has done, the expansion will be free of debt!

Some churches that have not made pledges are nonetheless committing to raising funds for the effort. These churches are encouraging individual donors to send funds for which they and the church will get credit. Some have hosted fellowship events such as a Chili Cook-Off and a "Taste of Greece" dinner. One small church, having accepted the requested pledge amount over three years, has divided that one year amount by 52 weeks, asking members to make weekly contributions to the fund.

If you have questions about the project or would like a tour of Parkinson's Unit please contact either Ed Ratazzi 315-336-4181 or Lenora D'Apice, Director of Development for the home, at 315-272-2292. The Home's web site www.presbyterianhome.com has information about all the Homes services including the Parkinson's Wing.

Our Annual Pie Sale is here!

Our Annual Pie Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need EVERYONE to help make this sale a great success! If you are unable to bake, please consider making a donation. ALL kinds of pies will be accepted. We'd appreciate it if you could have your pies at church by 9 a.m., if possible. Sign-up sheets will be available. PLEASE HELP!

Thank you, Women's Association

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If you have pictures or features you would like to include in the Stone Church website, please contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or at ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

Don't forget the Deacons!

Please keep the Deacons in mind on the first Sunday of each month. All of the loose money collected on those Sundays goes to support the ministry of the Deacons.



Thank you notes

We are grateful for all who minister in ways great and small. This month we extend our thanks to . . .

- . . . Florence Morgan for her generous donation towards the devotional booklets "These Days."
- . . . all who are soliciting ads for the Village Storytelling Festival ad book.
- . . . Donna Goodfriend and her crew for the delicious pancake supper on Ash Wednesday and for her organization of Stone's providing dinner for the Ecumenical Lenten series.
- . . . Midge Bakos for helping out in the church office while the Office Manager was on vacation and for her continuing help with the Lenten Desert/Easter Garden.
- . . . Chris Menard for programming the carillon.

Note: If you'd like to express thanks for a service ministry someone has done, please let us know and we'll include it in a future newsletter.

Hope House's Wish List

Coffee, tea, shampoo, conditioner, body/face wash, deodorant, and sanitary napkins. Please leave items in the Norton Room, but if you have perishable food, please call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

No Cooking Necessary!



Many thanks to all of the Stone Church members and friends who faithfully serve dinner each month at Hope House. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

As always, volunteers are needed on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Please add this rewarding opportunity to your schedule!

Questions? Call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

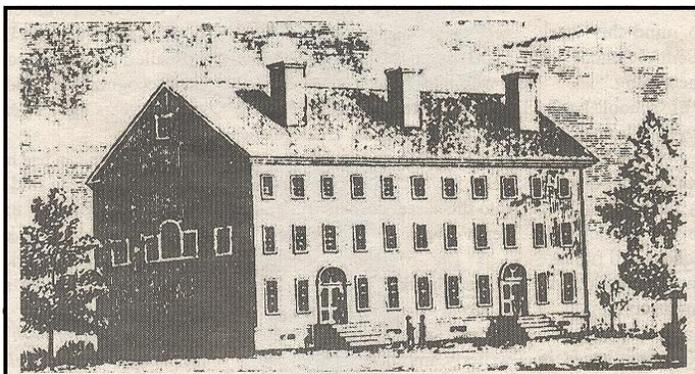
From the Scouts

Thanks to everyone for making our Ham Dinner fundraiser on March 10 a real success! And thank you to Clinton United Methodist Church for being our new host for the event! It all worked out very well!

Scott Leonard, Charter Representative Troop 9

Historical Period Revisited—A Glimpse into Stone Church's Past

Rev. Samuel Kirkland—His Role in Founding Hamilton College (Part II)



Rev. Kirkland's vision germinated into a definitive plan as early as our church's founding in August of 1791. He was certain that in order for the Indians to learn the English language, they needed to hear it spoken by attending a school with white children. What better way than to locate the school on the borderline between the settlers' lands and Indian lands. In addition to learning basic math, reading and writing, English students were to be taught the principles of Christianity. He sent the plan to prominent men in public affairs. One was Timothy Pickering who approved it with the suggestion to keep the curriculum "plain and simple." Shortly thereafter, he traveled to Philadelphia to confer with

Secretary of War Knox about various Indian affairs including estimated costs of the plan.

By 1792, Rev. Kirkland felt optimistic. His two Indian schools near Oneida were doing well. He not only had received Indian approval for his education plans but received support from both public officials and the community. However, on October 7 while riding to church a branch struck him in the eye that seemed a small problem at first but it remained inflamed -- he never fully recovered the use of that eye. Unwavering, five days later he enlisted the support of seven other local men to draw up a petition for incorporation of the Academy. On January 3, 1793, he rode off to New York City to confer with the NY Board of Regents. Gov. George Clinton promised to call a meeting in two weeks. Not one to waste time, Kirkland rode to Philadelphia January 8th in the dead of winter to meet with George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. Both approved of his plan. Hamilton agreed to be a trustee, and gave permission to use his name for the school. He returned to New York and on January 31, 1793 the NY Board of Regents granted a charter for the Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

A subscription was circulated through this young community and 78 men pledged what they could -- construction materials, labor, services but very little money. This list included Moses Foote and quite a few members of this church. Topping that list was Kirkland's pledge of 10 pounds, 300 acres of land and 15 days work. At the time the community was only six years old, and those who were to eventually cut and square the timbers, split shingles and raise the frame were themselves living in crude log cabins and struggling to eke out a living.

By the end of 1793, Kirkland and two other men built a temporary small schoolhouse "at the foot of the mountain." Settlers along the Oriskany were eager to enroll their children.. Kirkland hired his friend Ebenezer Caulkins from the Indian school in Oneida to teach. Four Indians, who boarded at trustees' homes, attended along with approximately 24 white settlement children. In late March of the next year the school burned. The school was quickly rebuilt in three weeks. Only one bright 8 year old Indian boy returned. Adding to Kirkland's woes, Scotland's Missionary Society withdrew its funding saying that not enough Indians were benefiting and in September Ebenezer Caulkins returned to the successful Indian school in Oneida. The temporary school closed!

The trustees were unwilling to surrender. They were ready with their plans for an academy and on July 1, 1794 the cornerstone for the new Academy was laid by Baron von Steuben a half a mile up the hill on a 300 acre clearing amidst the forest located off what is now Campus Road. The ceremony was attended by members of the community, Kirkland family members and Oneida Indians led by Skenandoah. The wooden structure was to be 86 feet long, forty-six feet wide and contain three stories. Due to the lack of funds, the frame took 1 1/2 years to build and though not complete it was finally covered by 1797. Over six years from the charter date, the academy opened December 1798 for 20 students under the direction of John Niles.

(to be continued)

Midge Bakos

The Gospel of Mark

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012
7:00 p.m. at Stone Church
8 South Park Row
Clinton, New York



A Performance by Dennis Dewey
and the Stone Storytellers

www.StonePres.org

An offering will be received for the Country Pantry.

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The Baptist White Lie Cake

Have you ever told a white lie?

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp. When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!" So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.



Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home. When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold.

Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified-she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south, and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "what a beautiful cake!" Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

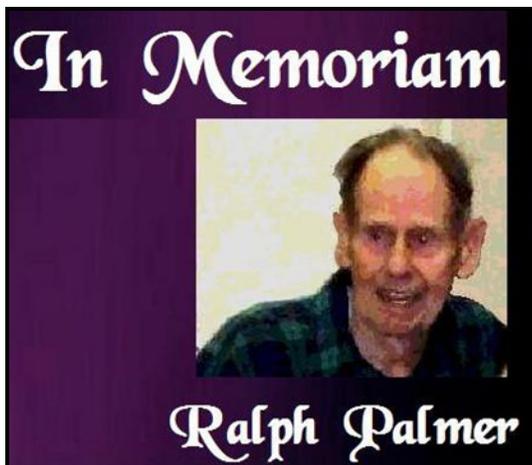
Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."

submitted by Bev Miller

Remember in Prayer

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 at 853-2933 or go to our website stonepres.org and click "Prayer Request."

Lori Sherwood
 Eleanor Palmer
 Rosalie Lauber
 Family of Nancy Shaw
 Kathleen Putney
 Jennifer, Zach and Emma
 Liz Adams and Family
 Buzz and Carol Sterling Barrows
 Donna Marie and Toby Todd
 Family of Barbara Stockbridge
 Steve Zuchowski, Sr. and Family
 The Kaiser Family
 Lisa Hyatt
 Sarah Ziegler
 Doris Locke
 Jim Royce
 Joseph Pavlot
 Gidget Royce-Pavlot
 Susan Rambo and Family
 Dina Ferguson
 The Mushtare Family
 Dane Britcher
 Donna Goodfriend and Family
 Family of Ralph Newell
 Lauralyn Kolb's mother and family
 Nancy Zelles (Grace Whittemore's sister)
 Naomi Kelly and Family
 Dave Wilbur and Family



Donna Goodfriend's father

April Birthdays

1 - Ryan Harrington
 2 - Amber Goodfriend
 3 - Lori Chamberlain
 7 - Carrie Goodfriend Gryglik
 Jacob Dahlin

13 - Mo Lalonde
 16 - Natalie Fiore
 17 - William Porter
 19 - Jonathan Buckley
 20 - Loring Watkins
 21 - Alexander Russo
 22 - Mary Kate Monohan
 23 - Sangin Park

24 - Helen Leonard
 Drew Altdoerffer
 25 - Mary Wrege
 26 - Patricia Joseph
 Lorraine Fay
 27 - Morgan Pavlot
 28 - Benjamin Joseph



Please remember our troops:

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Please consider sending Dane a note and be sure to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Wanted: Your *Per Capita*!

Please note that *per capita* payments for 2012 are now being readily accepted!!! Our *per capita* charge this year is \$34 per member. The church is assessed this amount for each member on the membership roll. The *per capita* is the cost of our representative democracy as a church and supports the meetings and operations of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. 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.

Many Thanks

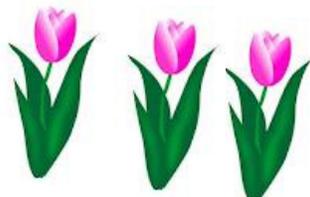
Thanks to everyone who sent me cards when my father passed away. It is a great comfort to me to know that my church family has me in their thoughts and prayers. Thanks again.

Donna Goodfriend

April 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a Choir 10:30a Worship 2:30p Storytellers -Lutheran Care 7p Gospel of Mark	2	3 Deadline for ordering Easter flowers 7p Boy Scouts	4	5 Maundy Thursday 10a-6:30p Fair Trade Shoppe 7p Tenebrae Service	6 Good Friday Noon-Good Friday Service-CUMC	7
8 Easter 7a Sunrise Service 9a Choir 10:30a Worship	9	10 7p Boy Scouts	11	12 10a-6:30p Fair Trade Shoppe 7p Taizé	13	14 10a-2p Annual Pie Sale
15 9a Choir 10:30a Worship	16 7p Session	17 Communion with homebound 7p Boy Scouts	18	19 10a-6:30p Fair Trade Shoppe 5:45p Daisy Scouts 7p VSF meeting	20 Newsletter deadline	21 9a Lay Academy
22 9a Choir 10:30a Worship	23 3p Hope House 7p Storytellers	24 7p Boy Scouts	25	26 10a-6:30p Fair Trade Shoppe	27	28 Audrey Kaiser's memorial service
29 9a Choir 10:30a Worship	30	7p Boy Scouts				





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Please note...

The deadline for the May issue of the newsletter is Friday, April 20. Contact Midge Bakos, editor, 853-2951, with questions or comments.

