

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Stone Storytellers' meeting
Tuesday:	12 noon	Memorial Committee meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Presbytery meeting – 1 st Presbyterian – Little Falls
Next Sunday:	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults – Dining Room• Children – Downstairs
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

VINTAGE & FAMILY PHOTOS BY BILL HENRY AND DORIS ACKERMAN:

Don't miss the opportunity to have photos taken of you and your family on October 14 and 15 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10. All proceeds benefit the Clock Tower Restoration. Sign up in the narthex or call 361-5275.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGIST: Pat Joseph

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!

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 back of the sanctuary following worship this morning. Please join us again for worship!

STAR IN THE STONE CHURCH VIDEO? Nikki Reynolds is looking for some willing Stone Church members and friends to interview as part of our effort to produce two videos about Stone Church. If you're willing and available today after worship, please speak with Nikki. It's not only painless, it's a real joy to share the good news about your church!

Come join us for **LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP** on Sunday, October 4. Lenora D'Apice, Executive Director of the Abraham House will be our guest speaker. The Abraham House, located on Kemble Street in Utica, is a "welcome home" for the terminally ill. The Abraham House has been meeting the needs of the terminally ill since 1998. They provide health care, social services, and pastoral counseling while maintaining the dignity and independence of their guests. They give to all according to their needs, with no financial burden to their guests or families. *Note: Sign-up sheets for Stone soup donations are available in the back of the sanctuary.*

INTERFAITH LGBT SERVICE TODAY: The area support group for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered) people is sponsoring a interfaith worship service at 4:00 p.m. today in the spacious backyard of the Pride Along the Mohawk headquarters at 412 Rutger Street, Utica. Food and fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome.

OUR ANNUAL APPLE CELEBRATION event will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be asking for donations of apple pies and other kinds of apple baked goods. Use your imagination! Everyone's help will be needed. Sign-up sheets will be available and we will be calling everyone. If you have any questions, please call Donna Goodfriend (853-8405) or Ceil Gilbert (853-8289).

Thank you, Women's Association

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.

Clinton's **A BETTER CHANCE** program is looking for Host Families. Each ABC Scholar has two host families that rotate every other Sunday, to essentially "host" the student from 1-7 p.m. Families do not have to entertain the scholars, as the boys do whatever the family is doing that day. This provides a great opportunity for the boys to get out of the house, get a break from each other, and develop a relationship with other people within the community. If you (or someone you know) are interested in learning more, please contact Sue Hecklau at 853-3840, (c) 272-8158, or Hecklau@roadrunner.com.

Boy Scout Troop 9, sponsored by the Stone Presbyterian Church, is participating in their **ANNUAL POPCORN SALE** to fund troop activities and to send popcorn to our military service members overseas. Options include plain or microwaveable popcorn, many pre-popped treats, and also the option of buying popcorn to send to our military service members. People wishing to purchase popcorn may call David Ross at 853-2519, or may call the troop popcorn sales coordinator, Michele Beach, at 853-3261.

THESE DAYS, a devotional booklet which is published quarterly, is available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you'd like one, please feel free to take a copy. There is no charge for the booklets, but contributions are always welcome!

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 srosens@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
Padgett Family
Kaytryn Bentley and Family
Mary Ellen Brandis
Cookenham Family
Dortha and Bill Glaser
Karen Stockton's husband
Arthur Budich
Marty Miller
Carrigan and Katrina
Samantha Whittemore
Lori Sherwood

Members/Friends of the Week:
Harvey & Donna Yando
Eleanor Palmer
Dick and Elaine Schmidt
Allen Solomon
Brian Britcher and his family
Ewa and Tom Lawrence
Pete Forrester
Helen Leonard
Phoebe Brown
Bethany Presbyterian Church

The Session calls a Special Congregational Meeting to take place immediately following worship on Sunday, September 27, 2009. The sole item on the agenda is to vote on the Session's recommendation to formally and legally deed the village Green to the Village of Clinton. Most likely this will be in the form of a quick-claim deed in which Stone Church, the grantor, will disclaim any interest in the village Green and pass that claim to the Village of Clinton, the grantee.
Scott Leonard, Clerk of Session

For over a year now the Session has wrestled with the question of what to do about the Green. Given to the church by Moses Foote over two centuries ago, the three acre plot was home to the church building that housed the antecedent of Stone Church (a congregational church at the time). In the first third of the 19th Century, the building was torn down and a new building was erected facing the southeast corner of Green. When that structure was lost to fire, the current Stone Church edifice was built in 1878.

For most of its history, the local municipality has maintained and improved the property. Today it stands as a landmark, the centerpiece of community life in the village and in the surrounding towns. As "leftover" from the days before the "separation of church and state" had become fixed in law, the issue of possession and maintenance of the property has vexed conversations between the church and community officials off and on.

As often happens when putting off an action that many consider to be "the right thing," something comes along that prompts the decision to act. In our case, that something is the Village's willingness to remove, replace and maintain the community's clock if the issue of the Green can be settled once for all. The clock face is broken to the point of representing a safety hazard. As part of our total clock tower restoration effort, we would like to see this remedied, and we are pleased that the Village will underwrite the cost and continue to maintain the community's clock as it has done for the last century-and-a-quarter. With four members absent from our September Session meeting, the nine members present all voted in favor of recommending this action to the congregation, which has authority over all matters relating to the disposition of property.

In seeking the congregation's approval for providing a quit claim deed to the Village, we sincerely feel that this is the right thing to do at this time and represents good stewardship in promoting good relations with the community. Please speak with any elder or with the pastor if you have any questions about this requested action.

Scott Leonard, Clerk of Session

Rev. Dennis Dewey, Moderator of Session

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2009 ~ The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE *Partita on Tallis' Canon* Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor,
So that by his poverty, we might become rich.
Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.



+HYMN #420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

O Lord our God, how often have we rejected you because you did not fit with our desire and expectation? How often have we selectively listened to your Word, finding that which can soothe us and growing deaf to that which challenges? Our sins are easy sins because we call them mistakes and accidents, when truly we have chosen our own way and not yours. We quarrel with you in our nightly prayers that you do not help us and disobey you in the light of day. In your judgment reveal our sin but in your mercy forgive, for without your grace there can be no salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Let us affirm the good news of our faith together:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+A DOXOLOGY *From All That Dwell below the Skies* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise—Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
And praise the Spirit every tongue,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

*Deuteronomy 8:1-3** – **We do not live by bread alone.**
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalms 1 - **Happy are those who delight in the Lord's law.**

HAL H. HOPSON



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

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*James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a** – **exhortations to wisdom and morality** Scott Leonard
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Mark 9:30-37** – **Jesus tells his disciples about true greatness.** Nikki Reynolds
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

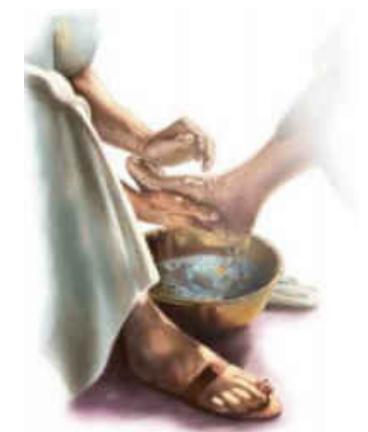
SERMON

Waiting for the Solid Food

The Rev. Stuart Wattles

*You are invited not to read along but to "listen with your eyes" as the scripture lesson is told.

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 20, 2009 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 10:30 a.m.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From the "Confession of 1967," section 9.07

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.
Jesus Christ is God with us.**

**He is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

**He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.**

+HYMN #335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors" (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Frederick Swann

+A DOXOLOGY #591 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

We welcome the Rev. Stuart C. Wattles to our worship today as we participate in a pulpit exchange. Stuart was recently installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Oneida. His ministry has included working as an organizing pastor/evangelist of a new church development, and being an interim pastor.



*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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