

## THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Orientation/training session
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Arts After School meeting
Thursday:	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Photo session
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		• Adults – Dining Room
		• Children – Downstairs
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone
	11:30 a.m.	Pledge Campaign Luncheon

### VINTAGE & FAMILY PHOTOS BY BILL HENRY AND DORIS ACKERMAN:

Don't miss the opportunity to have photos taken of you and your family on Thursday, October 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:** Dave Forbes

**THIS MORNING'S STORYTELLERS:** Dave Forbes and David Kolb

**THIS MORNING'S USHERS:** Elaine and Randy Mushtare

**THIS MORNING'S HOST:** Ann Smallen

**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!

Stone Church will be hosting a **PILOT MUSICAL PROGRAM** in conjunction with the Oneida-Lewis County chapter of The Arc, which provides advocacy and services for people with developmental disabilities. The idea is to hold a couple of rehearsals — singing and perhaps a bit of handbell ringing — just for the experience of making music together. Depending on how things go, we might look for an opportunity to share our music-making, but at the moment that's secondary: the emphasis is on process, not final product. Our plan is to match each participant from the Arc program with one or two experienced singers, so that everyone can have immediate and personal help, explanation, reassurance, validation —whatever is needed!

We've scheduled these for two consecutive Thursday evenings (Oct. 29 and Nov. 5) at 7:00 p.m., and we won't go longer than an hour either time. If you'd like to participate, please let Rob Kolb know.

**ARTS AFTER SCHOOL AT STONE CHURCH:** Stone Church is in the process of creating an after school program for children. We will start with grades 3-5. The activities will include choral singing, enjoyment and participation in dramatic storytelling, snacks, games. There will be an interest meeting for parents and children on Wednesday evening, October 14, 2009 from 7-8:00 pm. The program itself, run by Lorraine Fay and Dennis Dewey, will take place every Wednesday from 3:15-5:00 beginning October 21, 2009.

Anyone wishing to give **CLOCK TOWER MERCHANDISE AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS** contact Dave Forbes, 853-6655, to place an order before October 31. We have t-shirts, baggus, a few hats and a couple of sweatshirts in stock but everything else must be ordered.

**LOVER NEVER ENDS:** All are invited to attend a pot luck luncheon to view the Stone Church's DVD "Love Never Ends." This is the kick off for our annual stewardship campaign. All interested people, especially the members and friends of the church, are encouraged to bring a dish to pass and join us right after church on either Sunday, October 18 or Sunday, November 1. If you are unable to attend either viewing, please contact a Session member to arrange for a private showing. Pledge cards will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, November 8.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 24. The group is currently reading *The Language of God* by Francis S. Collins.

**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!

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS** are offered by the Bereavement Center, 2310 Genesee Street, Utica. Offerings include Parental Loss Support Groups, Pet Loss Support Groups, and Suicide Survivors Support Groups. Call 765-0456 for more information.

## **AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY October 11, 2009 ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE**     *Le Petit-Rien*     François Couperin

**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 #464**     *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
(+Those who are able may stand.)

HYMN TO JOY



**WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Merciful God, look kindly upon your people.  
By your overflowing grace, mend the brokenness that results from our sin.  
When we are quietly willful or openly rebellious,  
turn us toward you.  
When we are infected by the cheap values and selfish goals of our culture,  
turn us toward you.  
When we allow the endless chatter of critics to erode our faith and sap our  
love, turn us toward you.  
When we are caught up in trivial pursuits and neglect holy wonder,  
spiritual growth and simple justice, turn us toward you.  
When we participate in wrongdoing to the extent that we no longer feel  
any regret or desire for repentance, turn us toward you.  
Forgive our sin,  
and give us grace to make amends where we have harmed others.  
Call us back to the disciplines that flow from faith,  
that in loving you and one another, we may find that peace and joy  
that is your purpose for all your people;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY

*Glory Be to the Father*

OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+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.)



“JOB” by JAN LEIVENS, 1631

## LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

*Job 23:1-9, 16-17\** - *Job complains about his life.*  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

told by Dave Forbes

*Psalms 22* *My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?* DENNIS DEWEY

*Hebrews 4:12-16* – *The word of God is active; we have a great high priest.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

***How Firm a Foundation***

John Karl Hirten

***Mark 10:17-31\* - Jesus and the rich man***

told by David Kolb

**SERMON**

***When God Is Silent***

\*You are invited to “listen with your eyes” to the telling of the story instead of reading along.

***We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving***

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – Adapted from the “Confession of 1967”

**New life in Christ takes shape in the community of faith,  
in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are.  
Therefore we can accept ourselves and love others,  
knowing that we have no other ground  
on which to stand than the grace of God.  
This new life does not release us from conflict  
with unbelief, pride, lust and fear.  
We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.  
Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ,  
we live in freedom and good cheer,  
bearing witness on good days and evil days,  
confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

**+HYMN #373** (red hymnal) ***Come, Ye Disconsolate***

CONSOLATOR

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

***Come, Ye Disconsolate***

arr. Alice Parker

**+A DOXOLOGY**

***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 #403

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

## STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 11, 2009 ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ 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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