

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today:	2:00 p.m.	Soup at School benefit concert
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Tuesday:	7:15 p.m.	Mission Committee meeting
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Taizé service
Saturday:	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night
Next Sunday:	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.	Deacons' meeting

THE FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Miller from his family.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGIST: Pat Joseph

THIS MORNING'S USHERS: Sue and Dave Forbes

THIS MORNING'S HOST: Sarah Rosenstein

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!

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.

TODAY at 2:00 p.m. we will host a concert, "Soup for the Soul," to benefit **SOUP AT SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA**. The concert will feature voice students from the studio of Lauralyn Kolb and piano students from the studio of Ewa Lawrence. Soup at School in South Africa is a volunteer humanitarian project that provides impoverished school children in South Africa with hot soup in order to improve their nutrition and aid their education. The project, begun in 2003 by Norma Sengupta of Utica, is sponsored by the United Nations Association of the Upper Mohawk Valley. The project now supports over one thousand orphaned and sick children at eleven different schools. Suggested donations at the door: adults \$10; students \$5; families \$25, advanced sales: adults \$9; students \$4; families \$22. For more information contact Lauralyn at 853-8738.



The 31st Annual Community **THANKSGIVING DINNER**, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in Utica, is drawing near! Volunteers, monetary donations, and food donations are needed to help feed approximately 1,000 people. Please send checks to First Presbyterian Church, 1605 Genesee Street, Utica 13501, or call the church office at 732-5112 to offer your gifts of food or time.

HOPE HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP! Hope House is currently experiencing financial problems with regular expense items. They would appreciate any help that we can provide. Wish List:

Winter hats; mittens/gloves; scarves; hygiene items - especially shampoo, conditioner, lotion; new or lightly used children's books; toys for parent's choice giveaway; small gifts e.g. lip balm, perfume, handwarmers, sewing kits, etc. that will fit in a small gift bag; winter coats and jackets; work parties to help with yard work; seasonal decorations - especially for the autumn; chicken and beef broths for soups - especially low sodium types; cocoa packets; tea bags; large juices; soups of any type.

Please leave items on the table in the Norton Room. Questions? Call Ceil, 853-8289.

Over 40 Scouts, Cubs, and Adult Leaders and Parents from Packs 44 and 9 and Troops 9 and 44 and Venture Crew 9 will be **SCOUTING FOR FOOD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**. They hope to obtain over 4000 bags of food (canned or boxed, no glass) from Kirkland area residents. All the food collected goes to the Country Pantry at the Church of Annunciation in Clark Mills. This food bank provides food to over 50 families in the Kirkland area.

Bags of food should be put out before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 14th.

They should be hung on door knobs or placed on door steps or street side entrances in clear sight from the street.

If we fail to pick up your donation by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, you have the following options for donating:

1. Take your bags to the Clinton United Methodist Church parking lot before 5:00 p.m.
2. Leave the bags at the Clinton United Methodist Church front entrance or the Ridges' front porch at 35 Mulberry Street.
3. Contact Bill Rudge at Rudge44@aol.com or 853-6300 and be sure to give your name, phone number, and address for pickup.
4. Take bags directly to the Country Pantry at a time they are open!

FREE WORKSHOPS AT LUTHERAN CARE:

- *Coping with Grief through the Holidays*
Thursday, November 12; 2:00-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Call the Bereavement Center, 765-0456, to register.
- *Alzheimer's and Other Dementias*
Wednesday, November 11; 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Call Judy or Tanya, 235-7181, to register.

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
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
Doris Locke
Wilma Lawson
Ken Coe

Members/Friends of the Week:
Midge Bakos, Carolyn Barnum
Eleanor Palmer
Dick and Elaine Schmidt
Allen Solomon
Brian Britcher and his family
Ewa and Tom Lawrence
Pete Forrester
Phoebe Brown
Myra Kazanjian
The Committee on Preparation for
Ministry, of Presbytery of Utica
Our Armed Forces
Joan Kelly

Hospice & Palliative Care will hold an annual **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** on Tuesday, November 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Hope Alliance Church, 4297 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford. At the beginning of the holiday season, before the list making, shopping, wrapping, and baking, let us take time to remember and celebrate the legacy of our loved ones now past. Many families have incorporated these Celebrations of Life into their annual holiday traditions. These uplifting non-denominational ceremonies are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information, call Hospice & Palliative Care at 735-6484.

“HUMOR AND SPIRITUALITY – COPING WITH STRESS:” St. Mary's Church will host an evening talk on Wednesday, November 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This talk will focus on two strategies that one can use to effectively reduce stress overload: humor and spirituality. Speakers will be Dr. Joanne M. Joseph and Sister Maureen Denn. Dr. Joanne M. Joseph is an Associate Professor of Psychology at SUNYIT and a practicing psychologist. Sr. Maureen Denn is a Sister of St. Joseph. She is the long-standing chaplain at Faxton-St. Lukes where she ministers to hospitalized patients and their families. For more information call St. Mary's Church Parish Associate at 315-853-6196. Everyone in the greater community area is invited to attend.

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – November 8, 2009

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Quentin Thomas

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

+HYMN #343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION OF SIN (together)

God of the Ages, we gather at this time of harvest to rededicate ourselves to your service in the year to come with our time, talents, and treasures. We confess that too often we give you the gleanings of our harvest, rather than the first fruits; that we reap what we sow, but do not share what we reap; that we withhold out of the fear of the unknown future rather than give out of our trust in you. Forgive us for our lack of faith and our hardness of heart. Fill us with your peace, so that we feel in hearts that where we go, you will go, that where we lodge, you will lodge; that we shall be your people, and you shall be our God, knowing that you are able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work. Through Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel—
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!



+A DOXOLOGY #578 *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.

RESPONSE *Try a Little Kindness* BOBBY AUSTIN and CURT SAPAUGH
Sung by Ken Coe

We Listen for the Word of the Lord

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING
(You are invited to assent to every prayer by saying the concluding “amen” aloud.)

LESSON FROM THE SCRIPTURES
The Book of Ruth - God chooses the unexpected as his servant.
*Told by Larry Reynolds, Donna Goodfriend, Sherry Robinson,
Joyce Wilbur, and Dave Forbes*
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed
(traditional, *The Hymnal*, p. 14)

+HYMN #391 *Take My Life* HENDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Traditional, *The Hymnal*, p. 16)



DEDICATION OF PLEDGES &
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel Schutte
arr. Larson

+A DOXOLOGY #591 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN *O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising*
sung to LONDONDERRY AIR

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,
In every city for Your love and care;
Inspire our lives, and grant the glad surprising
That Your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.
Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
Strong in Your strength to venture and to dare;
To lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,
Seek out the lonely, and God's mercy share.

Show us Your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
As You once wept above Jerusalem,
Seeking to gather all in love and pity,
And healing those who touch Your garment's hem.
Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
Strong in Your strength to venture and to dare;
To lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,
Seek out the lonely, and God's mercy share.

+CHARGE, BLESSING AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

*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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STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 8, 2009 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ 10:30 a.m.

