

## THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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| Monday:      | 7:00 p.m.  | Session meeting  |
| Saturday:    | 10:00 a.m. | Book Group meeting   |
|              | 6:00 p.m.  | Wine & Cheese Cabaret  |
| Next Sunday: | 9:00 a.m.  | Choir rehearsal  |
|              | 9:45 a.m.  | Church School  |
|              |            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adults – Dining Room</li><li>• Children – Downstairs</li></ul> |
|              | 10:30 a.m. | Worship – Stone  |
|              | 11:30 a.m. | Deacons' meeting   |

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Thursday, September 17 is the deadline for submitting articles for the October issue of *The Corner Stone*.

### **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:** Lora Schilder

**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 WELCOMES STUDENTS FROM THE ABC**

**PROGRAM:** Through the ABC Program, a national program with headquarters in New York City, motivated young men and women from educationally deprived settings are chosen to attend private and public secondary schools to prepare them for selective colleges. In Clinton, during the school year, eight male students live together in a house on the Hamilton College campus, supervised by resident directors who provide parental-type support to the students.

The purpose of this program is to prepare students academically for college. Resident and drop-in tutors from Hamilton College assist the students with their assignments on school nights. Research, writing, and computer skills are provided along with regular homework help, so that the students have the opportunity to acquire disciplined study habits. Students also benefit from interaction with their two host families when they visit them on alternate Sundays.

Since its inception, the Clinton **A Better Chance Program** has graduated more than seventy young men from Clinton High School. They have continued their education at colleges such as Cornell University, Columbia, Fordham, Gettysburg, Hamilton, Ithaca, Macalester, MIT, Princeton, University of Rochester and Union.

The first resident directors of the program were Stone's very own Gil and Mickey Adams. The newest resident directors are with us today: Amy and Dale Hunt and their son Gabe.

Please welcome them all to our community!

**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](mailto:Hecklau@roadrunner.com).

**RETREAT:** A real honest-to-goodness retreat (in the spiritual sense of the term) for Stone Church members and friends is planned for Friday/Saturday, October 16-17 at Vanderkamp Center in Cleveland, New York (near Oneida Lake). This will be a time of fellowship, conversation, relaxed exploration of issues related to our faith and a guaranteed good time. The cost will be no more than \$50 per person including overnight accommodation and meals. In order to hold our reservation for the facility at Vanderkamp, we will need to know this week whether there is sufficient interest to go forward with this plan. Please let Dennis know today or early this week if you are interested!

**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 rosenstein@earthlink.net. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

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| Gil Adams Family<br>Padgett Family<br>Kaytryn Bentley and Family<br>Mary Ellen Brandis<br>Cookenham Family<br>Dortha and Bill Glaser<br>Karen Stockton's husband<br>Arthur Budich<br>Marty Miller<br>Carrigan and Katrina<br>Samantha Whittemore<br>Jean Puddington | Members/Friends of the Week:<br>Wrege Family, Gregory Wright<br>Eleanor Palmer<br>Dick and Elaine Schmidt<br>Allen Solomon<br>Brian Britcher and his family<br>Ewa and Tom Lawrence<br>Pete Forrester<br>Helen Leonard<br>Phoebe Brown<br>First Presbyterian Church,<br>Springfield |
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**September 13, 2009 ~ The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE** *The Agincourt Carol* Anon.

**INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**+HYMN** *The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord* DEO GRACIAS  
 PLEASE SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS INSERT.  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)**

**Merciful God,  
 you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
 We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
 nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
 We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
 or walked humbly with you, our God.  
 Have mercy on us in your loving-kindness.  
 In your great compassion,  
 cleanse us from our sin.  
 Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within us.  
 Do not cast us from your presence,  
 or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
 Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
 and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit;  
 through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and our strength. 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.

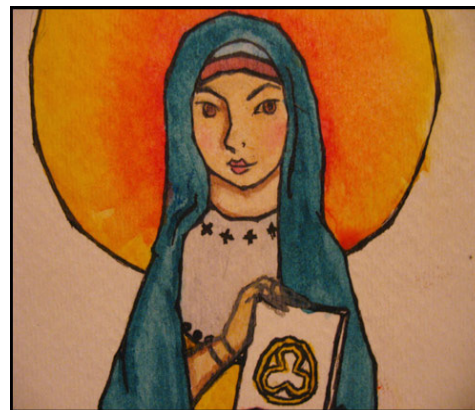
**We Listen for the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

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

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Proverbs 1:20-33\* - *Wisdom speaks.***  
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



**Psalm 19 *The law of the Lord is perfect.***

Hal Hopson

The stat - utes of the Lord are  
 just; they re - jice \_\_\_\_\_ the heart. \_\_\_\_\_

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**James 3:1-12\* - "Taming the Tongue" – told by Scott Leonard**  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**                                      *Ain't Got Time to Die*                                      Hall Johnson

**Mark 8:27-38\* - Jesus rebukes Peter.**  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**    *The Spiritual Wisdom of the Tamed Tongue*

\*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**

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *The Apostles' Creed*                                      (Traditional, p. 14)

**+HYMN #512**                                      *Living Word of God Eternal*                                      to REGENT SQUARE

**OFFERTORY**                                      *Be Thou My Vision*                                      Quentin Thomas

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**    (Traditional, p. 16)

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.**

... who forever sing praises to the glory of your name:                      REGENT SQUARE  
**(SINGING:)** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Almighty God of earth and heav'n,  
All creation tells your glory; by your Spirit life is giv'n.  
**Blessèd is the one whose coming in the Lord's name now we sing!**

... as we declare the great mystery of our faith, singing:  
**(SINGING:)** This we hold to be the gospel: God took flesh in Christ the Lord,  
Offering the fullest wisdom in his life and in his word.  
**Christ has died, and Christ is risen, Christ will come to us again!**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION, COMMUNION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**+HYMN #339**                                      *Be Thou My Vision*                                      SLANE

**+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
September 13, 2009 ~ 15<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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