



STONE CHIPPINGS

OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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STILL GIVING GOD THE GLORY AFTER 225 YEARS

Dexter's Message

programs. The STAIR Program always need volunteers. It is a rather labor intensive program, but most rewarding one. If you have not been a STAIR tutor, I encourage you to contact Marcia Leitch and pursue this opportunity.

Dexter



Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; | Chronicles

Yesterday, in the Charleston Gazette, Patricia Kusimo wrote an op- ed piece about improving reading skills. Basically, Ms. Kusimo suggested that the problem with the education in West Virginia is not at the secondary level, but at the elementary level. She observed that West Virginia Kids Count had cited a study indicating that children who do not read at grade level by completion of the third grade stood in greater jeopardy of not completing high school.

The Old Stone Church has long been concerned for education and literacy. While we have employed a program which provides tutoring for second graders, the concept is the same. If children do not learn to read at an early age, they are forever behind. Thus, we have incorporated the STAIR Program into the life of our church. Each year, we tutor 5 to 7

students in the second grade, that they might improve their reading ability and comprehension. Because of this program and its early intervention, many of these young people embrace the wonderful educational opportunities within our school system. Without this program, many would have been left behind.

We, also, support the Reach Out and Read program in our community. We give books, with literacy training for parents, to each child who comes to the Robert C. Byrd Clinic for well child visits. We do this for children from birth until age 5. It is an opportunity to encourage parents to develop literacy, to reward children, and to create a love of reading.

We can be very pleased with all that the Old Stone Presbyterian Church does to encourage literacy and to support education. I hope that each one of us will consider the opportunity to support these two

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Built 1796

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GREETERS

January 29 Carol & Wilson Bland
February 5 Dee & Don Brown
February 12 Nancy & Jim Coleman

FELLOWSHIP TIME HOSTS

January 29 Carol & Wilson Bland
February 5 Available
February 12 Nancy & Jim Coleman

NURSERY ASSISTANTS

January 29 Amy Ahern
February 5 Madison Sims
February 12 Anna Ahern

ACOLYTES

January 29 Madeline Beard
February 5 Suzanne Bicksler
February 14 Emily Sims

**SAVE THE DATE - Women's Retreat -
April 21, 2012 - More to follow**

GIVING ENVELOPES

Giving Envelopes for 2012 are in the chapel for pick up.

VALENTINE TREAT BOXES

We have current addresses for 2 of 10 of our college students! If you want your young person to receive a box of Valentine goodies, we need his/her address as soon as possible. PYC will be packing boxes on Sunday, Feb. 5 following worship. Please call the church office.

A basket to collect individually wrapped treats is in the Educational Building. Our students really appreciate the goodies!

PYC

PYC will meet on Sunday, January 29 from 5-6:30 p.m. for supper and a program. We are making plans for Youth Sunday - March 18. If you plan to participate in Youth Sunday, you need to come on Sunday.

PYC PARENTS

We need volunteers to prepare supper for PYC. Please call Cyndi to sign up.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

PYC will be collecting money for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Sunday, February 5 following worship. All donations will go to the Lewisburg-Fairlea Food Locker.

LOGOS

The Logos Choir will sing during the worship service on Sunday, February 5.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

This years Confirmation Class began on Sunday, January 22. It is meeting in the Women's Parlor in the basement of the church. All children who are in the seventh grade, or older, are welcome to join the Confirmation Class. If your child missed the first meeting, please see that he or she is present for the Confirmation Class on January 29th. The class meets during the Adult Sunday School hour, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Mornings.

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Ginny Jones, who celebrates the birth of a great granddaughter, Teagan Reese Jones, on December 23, 2011.

STONE SOUP

In the past, we have celebrated our Stone Soup program on the first Wednesday to each month. We are changing the schedule slightly. There will be no Stone Soup on Feb. 1. Stone Soup will be held on February 22 and March 28.

The February 22 Stone Soup coincides with Ash Wednesday. We will enjoy a catered dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Our Ash Wednesday service will take place in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

There will be other details forthcoming on the March 28th Stone Soup. Stay tuned.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 a.m. Morning Circle meet with Ruby Mareneck

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle meet with Mary Scarborough

7:30 p.m. Evening Circle meet in the Officers' Room at the church

ISRAEL TRIP

Dexter has been fortunate and privileged to receive the gift of a trip to Israel by the Knights Templar. Each year, one pastor from each state is chosen for this trip. Through the nomination of Jimmy Coleman and the sponsorship of the Greenbrier Commandery, Dexter has been chosen for this honor.

As a result, Dexter will be out of the country from February 6 to February 16. During his absence, Jeff Kanode will be filling our pulpit on February 12. If you have need for pastoral services, please contact the church office or Cyndi Taylor at the manse. There are a number of retired ministers in our congregation and throughout the Greenbrier Valley that will be happy to assist us in any pastoral matters.

Dear Members of Old Stone,

We sincerely want to thank you for all the support you have shown our family during the death of my mother, Daisy Lynch. I especially want to thank Dexter, the Women of Old Stone & the Outreach Committee for all of the visits, flowers, gifts, and time spent with Mom at Greenbrier Manor that so enriched her life. We feel so blessed to be a part of Old Stone. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Bobbi Hoffman & Family

WEB SITES

Web Sites that may be of interest to members of the church are the

Old Stone Church:

www.oldstonechurchwv.com

Presbytery of West Virginia:

www.wvpresbytery.org

Presbyterian Church USA:

www.pcusa.org

You are encouraged to visit these web sites to learn more of your church, your presbytery and our denomination. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to be a better informed Presbyterian.

Morning Worship at Eleven O'clock
 (Broadcast every Sunday over WRON - 1400 AM or
 103.1FM)
**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF
 GOD**
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2012

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Lori Evans, Organist
 Welcome and Announcements
 Minute for Mission
 Striking of the Chimes

Introit..... "We Worship Thee, Almighty Lord"

Call to Worship.....Psalm 96:1,2

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
 People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;
 People: tell the glad news of salvation from
 day to day.

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

Living God, in Christ you make all things
 new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the
 riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our
 Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise..... "How Firm a Foundation" -
No. 361

*Call to Confession.....Psalm 103:8,10

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
 against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we
 have done, and by what we have left undone. We
 have not loved you with our whole heart and mind
 and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as
 ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall
 be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in
 your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*Kyrie Eleison

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy! Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon.....Psalm 103:11-12

Leader: Hear and believe the gospel.
 People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri.....No. 579

**Musical Interlude
Ritual of Friendship

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading.....Psalm 111, Page 529

Time with the Young Church
Dismiss for Sunday School

*Hymn of Proclamation..... "We Walk by Faith and Not
by Sight"- No. 399

Second Scripture Reading.....Mark 1:21-45, Page 867

Anthem

Sermon..... "The Healing Power of Faith"

Moment for Reflection

*The Apostles' Creed.....The Presbyterian
Hymnal Page 14

Call to Prayer..... "Seek Ye First"

Prayers of the People
Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory

Doxology.....No. 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Dedication..... "My Faith Looks Up
to Thee"- No. 383

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: And also with you.

*Benediction Response..... "God Be with You Till We
Meet Again"- No. 540

Choir and Congregation

*Postlude

Stated Session Meeting

December 21, 2011

The Stated Meeting of the Session of Old Stone Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator Dexter Taylor, December 21, 2011, at 7:30 p. m.

Present: Moderator Dexter Taylor; Session Elders: : Renee Fife-Ahern, Norman Ahern, Jackie Bennett, Carol Bland, Carroll Crane, Bill Cunningham, Sandy Desbrow, Jerri Gillespie, Tim Hofmann, Tate Hudson, Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe, Miriam Knight, Chuck Lewis, Philip McLaughlin, Michael Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Chuck Plumley, Jim Rowe, Anne Staunton, and Fred Taylor.

Educator: Cyndi Taylor.

Excused: Walter Coffindaffer, Trip Hamilton, Ben Lewis, and Lynne Tuckwiller.

Guests: Keith Bashen, Scott Beard, Ron Kirk, Jason Long, Arlen Myers, and Nancy Smallenberger.

Cares and Concerns: Jackie Bennett, chair: We extend our prayers to the family of Joe Lemon as they mourn his death. We, also remember John Hamilton, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Pam Lewis had a carpal tunnel operation today.

Devotion: Carol Bland.

Devotion for January 18, 2012: Tim Hofmann.

Approval of Agenda: Approved.

Finance Report: Chuck Lewis for Ben Lewis: We usually become caught up in December.

Session Minutes: The Minutes of November 16, 2011, Stated Meeting was approved. The Minutes of the December 7, 2011, Called Session Meeting were approved, also.

Clerk's Report: Tate Hudson shared the correspondence of the Session. Hospice thanks Old Stone Presbyterian Church and Witness and Service for the \$ 50 gift. Davis & Elkins College sends thanks for \$125 for the D & E Fund. Stillman College thanks Old Stone Presbyterian for our support of the Christmas Joy Offering. Children's Home Society of West Virginia thanks Witness and Service Committee for their continued support. Funds help many struggling families. Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity invited Old Stone Presbyterian Church to two House Blessings in Painters Point, Franklin, December 3, but we received it too late. General Assembly

Mission Council reminds that our 1% a year gift to TEF, which is the only denomination-wide support seminaries receive, makes a difference to Master of Divinity borrower graduates, which graduate with an estimated \$20,000 of debt. CASA, of the eleventh judicial circuit, WV, Inc., thanks Witness and Service for their support to lift up the voice and life of an abused or neglected child. Davis-Stuart, Inc. thanks Witness and Service Committee for the \$ 125 gift. The Presbyterian Outlook offers 27 issues for \$ 29.95. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary sent the winter issue of Windows. Also, the Session received the Presbyterian Women's Financial Report for November 2011.

Moderator's Report: Dexter's Pastor's Month was presented to the Session.

Dexter introduced Resolutions of Thanksgiving for the lives of Raymond L. Dempsey and James Gail Morgan, Sr. They were passed and are included with these minutes. Dexter offered a Prayer of Thanksgiving for the lives of these two elders.

Examination of Candidates for Ordination – The candidates for ordination to the Session were introduced: Keith Bashen, Scott Beard, Ron Kirk, Jason Long, Arlen Myers, and Nancy Smallenberger. Each shared their personal faith journey and answered the Vows of Ordination in the affirmative. Alex Gillespie was excused until January 1, 2012.

Old Business: None.

Committees

Care Ministry: Jackie Bennett, chairman: There was no additional information to share.

Christian Education: Renee Fife-Ahern, chairman: The committee has not met.

Church Growth: Anne Staunton, chairman: The committee has not met.

Communications: Norman Ahern, chairman: The committee has not met. WRON has been sold. It will be located at 103.1 and will have 25,000 watts. 97.7 had been 600 watts.

Day Care: Joan Montgomery, chairman: The committee has not met.

Fellowship: Trip Hamilton, chairman: Trip Hamilton's committee had provided three meals: Thanksgiving dinner; Stone Soup, Dec. 7, 2011; and the Santa Brunch.

Finance and Stewardship: Ben Lewis and Chuck Lewis: Chuck Lewis reported that we are well on our way to the completion of the Stewardship Campaign, however, some pledges are still out. Chuck Lewis also introduced the 2012 budget. It passed.

History: Tate Hudson, chairman: The committee has not met.

Personnel: Bill Cunningham: As we passed the 2012 Budget, we need to provide for a Congregational Meeting to change the terms of call for the Pastor. Therefore, I move that the Session call a

congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship on January 15, 2012, to act upon the proposed changes in the Pastor's call. Jim Rowe seconded the motion. So ordered.

Plans: Jim Rowe, chairman: We met this evening. Pursuant to our responsibilities as outlined in The Manual of Operations, I nominate Sandra Desbrow as Clerk, Tate Hudson as Assistant Clerk, and Jim Rowe as Moderator pro tempore. So ordered.

Property: Carroll Crane, chairman: The committee has not met.

Witness and Service: Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe, chairman: We had a meeting with adults of children who may want to travel to Romania for a mission trip in 2013. In the meantime we hope to bring Arpie and Zsofi here next year in late spring or September 2012. Young children will raise money to bring them here.

Worship and Music: Miriam Knight, chairman: The committee has not met.

Memorial Garden: Sandra Desbrow introduced the proposed Memorial Columbarium Policies and Regulations. Sandy, also, moved that the cost of niches be \$1000 each prior to the completion of construction and \$1250 upon completion of construction.

Sandy moved that the cost of memorial plaques for those interred or inurned elsewhere to be \$ 250. A motion was made by Jim Rowe and seconded by Miriam Knight to table the Memorial Columbarium Policies and Regulations. The motion was defeated. Bill Cunningham moved/Tim Hofmann seconded a motion to delete the Memorial Plaque from the Policies and Regulations. It passed. It was agreed that a Business Plan for the Columbarium will be presented at the January 1, 2012, Called Meeting.

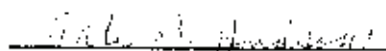
The Memorial Columbarium Policies and Regulations were adopted by the Session.

Construction Committee: Chuck Lewis, Chairman: Chuck reported that the committee met on December 15, 2012, to review the work of Mark McConnell, an architect with McConnell and Ewing. Mark has created a far more efficient and less expensive proposal for the Renovation of the Educational Building. The committee proposes that we engage Mark as the Architect of the Project and pay him \$33,700 for Preliminary Drawings and a Room by Room Scope or Work and Cost Estimate. Chuck proposed. Passed.

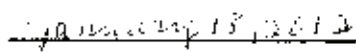
Nominating Committee: Dexter Taylor presented the nominees for Session Committees. They were approved.

There being no further business, the Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Tate B. Hudson, Clerk



Approved