



The Nursery Class learning about how Jesus Rescues during VBS  
(see more pictures in the insert!) Photo Credit: Brittany Smith

# *The Living Stones Newsletter*

1 PETER 2:4-8; EPHESIANS 2:19-22

St. Jacob's (Stone) United Church of Christ  
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IT IS THE VISION OF THE PEOPLE OF ST. JACOB'S (STONE) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST to provide a place of worship that uplifts the heart and draws all to a closer relationship with JESUS CHRIST through prayer, praise, study, and outreach.

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When Rita, my wife, was having her hip replaced this past March , she had a certain amount of anxiety about the process. She was delighted that her surgeon Dr. Gracia Étienne had such an excellent reputation. Still, the idea of having the top of her hip bone removed and the socket replaced seemed like a great deal of carpentry happening to one's own body.



After the worship service had ended the Sunday before her surgery, about 30 church friends gathered around Rita and said a beautiful prayer for her. She felt so lifted up and supported. It reminded her that she had both the Lord and wonderful friends at Stone Church, who would be with her.

In this twenty-first century, many congregations are facing challenges of their own. In most American churches, attendance has dropped off. There are fewer people, who are able to support the church and do God's work. There is a prediction that four out of five churches will not be here in the next 15-20 years. But what if congregations worked together, prayed for each other, and engaged in mission projects and activities that would help everyone?

St. Jacob's Stone Church under the leadership of our Consistory president, Fred Marsh, has been encouraging such an effort. You will remember that our congregation gave our support to this important work at a special congregational meeting. On Monday evening, June 11, 2018, we had a very interesting and helpful meeting with the leaders of churches, who are interested in cooperating together. This included the pastors and a number of leaders from the following UCC congregations: Bethel, Smith's Station; Christ Church, Codorus (Jefferson); New Hope Fissel's; Trinity, Glenrock; and St. Jacob's (Stone). The Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, the Penn Central Conference minister, also joined us. We had a wonderful conversation where we found a lot of common ground in both the challenges that we shared and strengths and resources that we could bring to the table.

We decided to form two committees. One will explore ways that we can cooperate together. It has the task of putting together a joint worship service. This will take place at St. Jacob's (Stone) Church in our picnic grove on Sunday, August 5, 2018. Bring your lawn chairs as we often do for outdoor worship services. As of this writing, the plans are not complete, but we are talking about some sort of covered dish and perhaps some special music. The pastors of each congregation will also have their own meeting to put together the worship service. We are hoping that all the members of our congregations will be part of this worship experience and also part of future conversations about working together. The more that we work together, the more we can come to trust one another. The more that we learn that we are brothers and sisters in Christ the more effective our work might be for the Lord. We trust that God's Holy Spirit will guide us.

*-Pastor Bruce*

## JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us as we come together with Bethel, Smith's Station; Christ Church, Codorus (Jefferson); New Hope Fissel's; Trinity, Glenrock; for a joint outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, with fellowship and coffee starting at 10:00am. A

community picnic will follow with lots of delicious food, fun games and fellowship with wonderful people!

(more information to come about how you can help.)



**Did you know we have a facebook page? Go to [www.facebook.com/stonechurchucc](http://www.facebook.com/stonechurchucc) and**



**be sure to like our page so you are the first to know about new announcements, pictures from events and so much more! Feel free to share your pictures with us and our followers!**

## *Lay Life & Work*

There will be no Lay Life meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

Please join us for Lay Life & Work at 7:00 on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>! Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun!



## *Sunday School Picnic*

The committee in charge of the Sunday School Picnic requests that you mark your calendars for July 21<sup>st</sup>. The traditional roast beef supper will be served and music will entertain. Bring your children and/or grandchildren for games. Your help and/or support is needed for a successful picnic. Please contact a member of the Sunday School Picnic committee (Betty Trump, Gayle Sterner, Paul Bortner, Neal Rohrbaugh and Cindy Forbes) for more info or to volunteer, or sign up via the sheet in the Sunday School room. **Come on back on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and we'll celebrate a successful supper with a Hymn Sing in the church basement during the Sunday School hour. Join us for great fellowship, joyful singing, and tasty treats!**

# Appreciative Inquiry on Outreach

At St. Jacob's Church, we do not just talk about living the faith, we reach out in so many ways to touch the hearts of others. We translate our Christian love into action that makes the lives of others happier, helps with their needs, and lifts up their faith. It is truly amazing to watch as someone has thought of a way for us to serve the Lord and everyone seems to encourage and empower their efforts.

As we think about our outreach efforts at the church, we might even want to make them better. We can do that most effectively by finding out what we are doing right and tweaking and expanding those good works. This sounds like an Appreciative Inquiry focused on outreach.

Sue and Kevin Barnhart have graciously offered to host a picnic at their home at [3921 Shaffers Church Rd. Glen Rock PA 17362](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3921+Shaffers+Church+Rd,+Glen+Rock,+PA+17362/@40.01144,-76.81144,15z) for a special Appreciative Inquiry. The event will take place on Sunday, July 1, 2018, following the worship service. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue at 717-887-8581. You can coordinate with her the food that you would like to contribute to meal.

As you will remember, we are in the fourth stage tasks of our Appreciative Inquiry process as a congregation. Since we discovered that outreach was such a significant part of our church life, we thought that it might be good to do a shortened version of our Appreciative Inquiry on ways that we might tweak our outreach work, For example, are their ways that we can recruit better and coordinate our efforts within the church and with other congregations more effectively? Of course as in any Appreciative Inquiry, whether those questions are raised or how we will be tweaking our outreach will be up to the participants. I suspect that the session will take about two hours, plus time to eat.

The questions for the interview would be far more focused for such a session than for our Appreciative Inquiry for the whole church. Here are the questions that will probably come up in the Discovery, interview phase.

- Can you share a story of working in outreach at the church that has been very meaningful for you?
- Without fear of bragging, in what ways have you been able to contribute to the outreach of our church?
- What is your vision for a particular outreach effort at the church?
- In what ways and by what means would you like to see us cooperating between outreach efforts at our church or with other congregations?



## THANKS!

Special thanks is extended from the Sunday School and VBS Directors to all who contributed time to teach or help, personal resources or finances to support this outreach, or items/monies to the missions. Your gifts have touched the lives of the children of our community and have allowed them the opportunity to experience the love of God and see that **Jesus Rescues!**

# YOUTH NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### REACH Workcamp

All fundraising activities benefit our Stone Church REACH Workcamp group. It costs \$450.00 for each Workcamper to go on a mission trip. Each Workcamper pays \$50.00, and the \$400.00 is raised through car washes, bake sales, sub sales, and parking cars at Hanover Dutch Days. Every Wednesday during Lent, the Youth prepared & served 7 suppers. We thank you for your generous support in all Youth endeavors, including REACH Workcamp.

**Join us at 6:30am on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at Trinity UCC Hanover to send off our REACH workers and wish them well.**



**Reach**  
MISSION TRIPS

“We are not here to be successful.  
We are here to be faithful.”  
—Mother Teresa

Look for more info on these events as their dates approach and as always, thanks for your support of our Youth!



## Member News



On Sunday, June, 10, 2018 we welcomed into the family of God and into our St. Jacob's (Stone) United Church of Christ family **Raelynn Jean Bange**, daughter of

Ben & Heather Bange and sister of Addison, through the sacrament of baptism.

*We share in the excitement of this growing family  
and welcome this sister to our church family!*

*We mourn  
with you*



## In Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of one of our own.



On Monday, June 11, 2018, **Cornelia K. Warner** was called to be with the Lord. She was the wife of the late **Earl E. Warner**. She is survived by her daughter Melody A. Schaefer and husband, Charles, of York. Cornelia taught the Beginners Sunday School classes, was a former choir member and helped with vacation Bible School.

Services were held February 14<sup>th</sup> at Geiple Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Bruce P. Bouchard officiating.

*As a church family  
we share our sympathy with the family  
and pray that God's promise of eternal life  
will provide comfort for their loss.*

### *Have news to share?*

Births, special anniversaries, awards, etc. We want to communicate and celebrate this with your church family. Please submit stories to the Church Secretary for inclusion in *Member News*.

**Cancelled stamps are still being collected. They are given to the Brethren Home at Cross Keys and are used to purchase wheelchairs, walkers, canes and other equipment that is needed for the home. Please leave room on your cancelled stamps so the people can hold them to trim them as they are needed a certain size. Place the stamps in the drawer in the white container on the stand in the back Sunday School room or give them to Betty Trump**

### **Online Bible Study**

If you would like to be part of a Bible Study, but do not have much time in your monthly schedule, we may have an answer to your problem. We have an online Bible Study that uses the Zoom Conferencing software to connect all of us together. In this way, we can be together, but also stay at home. If you have a smart cell phone with a WiFi connection or unlimited data, a computer connected to the Internet, or a telephone with unlimited long distance, you will have no extra costs to join our conversation. We are studying the parables of Jesus at our monthly meetings. Contact Pastor Bruce about the simple steps to be part of the group. Our next gatherings will be on **Tuesday, July 10, 2018, and Tuesday, August 21, 2018**. Both classes will take place at **8:30 PM**.

## Opportunities for Service & Sharing

The Widow's Bowl (in the rear of the sanctuary) will support:

### **Good Samaritan Fund**

*A little change from our pocket can make a big change in another's life!*

Throughout July and August, we are collecting  
**School Supplies**

### **Hanover Area Council of Churches Needs:**

PROVIDE-A-LUNCH SERVICE (PALS): Mayonnaise, Hot Chocolate, Bar-B-Que Sauce, Sugar

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: Shampoo, Disposable razors, Men's flip-flops (L,XL)

CLOTHING BANK: Baby Wipes, Family Size Toiletries

RUTH'S HARVEST (*single serve items, please*): Single Servings of everything, expiration date after 9/2018)

*Items may be placed in the receptacles in the rear of the sanctuary.*

*Want a hands-on opportunity to be the "hands and feet of Jesus?"*

Consider helping to prepare/serve a meal at PALS during our next service: **July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Don Miller for more info.

## **NEWSLETTER QUICK DELIVERY**

Would you like to receive fast delivery of the church newsletter?

We have multiple options available to you so that you can receive newsletters as soon as they are available, which now includes email, picking it up at church.

Contact Brittany Smith at  
stonechurchsecretary@gmail.com, or call her at 717-212-9122 to get your newsletter as soon as it is completed!

# BLESSING TOOLS & BACKPACKS



Join us August 26<sup>th</sup>, as we prayerfully prepare to send our students back to school by blessing the backpacks. Bring your student to church wearing their backpack and Pastor Bruce will bless them both before they start another year!

We'll commemorate the upcoming Labor Day holiday by "wearing what you wear to work/school" on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bring a tool you may use in your occupation and we'll have our tools for service blessed.



This "laborious" day will also serve as our kickoff Sunday for Labor for Your Neighbor Projects. If you have a small household need or softer skill need (tutoring, meals, tech support, etc.) that our handy members could help (or if you know someone in need of help), please pass these requests along.

## DONATIONS TO THE LIVING STONES

To help support *The Living Stones*, send your donation to the St. Jacob's (Stone) UCC

Betty Trump, Financial Secretary  
273 Bankert Rd., Hanover, PA 17331



Mr and Mrs. Donald Ambrosius

Finding Freedom

The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness.

—Vincent Nichols



## Monthly Giving Report

Date/Service	Giving
5/6/18	\$2,985.50
5/13/18	\$2,279.25
5/20/18	\$2,023.55
5/27/18	\$3,207.50
<b>Total for Month</b>	<b>\$10,495.80</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$13,126.45</b>

Date/Service	Giving
6/3/18	\$3,554.35
6/10/18	\$1,964.50
6/17/18	\$1,548.52
<b>Total for Month</b>	<b>\$7,067.37</b>

## SUMMER FAITH PRACTICES



Be a gardener.

Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,  
and turn the earth upside down  
and seek the deepness  
and water the plants in time.

Continue this labor  
and make sweet floods to run  
and noble and abundant fruits to  
spring.

Take this food and drink  
and carry it to God as your true worship.

—Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic (ca. 1342-1416)

# July/August Scripture Lessons

## July 1

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; Ps 130 or  
Wis of Sol 1:13-15, 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7-15  
Mk 5:21-43

## July 8

2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; Ps 48 or  
Exek 2:1-5; Ps 123  
2 Cor 12:2-10  
Mk 6:1-13

## July 15

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps 24 or  
Amos 7:7-15; Ps 85:8-13  
Eph 1:3-14  
Mk 6:14-29

## July 22

2 Sam 7:1-14a; Ps 89:20-37 or  
Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23  
Eph 2:11-22  
Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

## July 29

2 Sam 11:1-15; Ps 14 or  
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-18  
Eph 3:14-21  
Jn 6:1-21

## August 5

2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Ps 51:1-12 or  
Ex 16:2-4, 9-15; Ps 78:23-29  
Eph 4:1-16  
Jn 6:24-35

## August 12

2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps 130 or  
1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps 34:1-8  
Eph 4:25-5:2  
Jn 6:35, 41-51

## August 19

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps 111 or  
Prov 9:1-6; Ps 34:9-14  
Eph 5:15-20  
Jn 6:51-58

## August 26

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Ps 84 or  
Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ps 34:15-22  
Eph 6:10-20  
Jn 6:56-69



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# OUTDOOR WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC

We'll be taking worship to the Picnic Grove on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Join us (& bring a lawn chair) as we praise God in his creation.

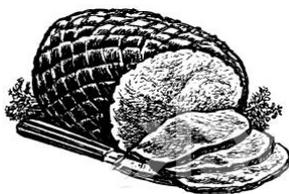
Stone Church's Praise Team will also be sharing their musical talents (interested in joining praise team? Contact Jonas Sterner).

ALSO, after worship that Sunday, join us for the **Consistory Picnic**

Last Names A-M: a side dish to share and

Last Names N-Z: a dessert item to share.

Or bring your signature dish!



Stone Church Sunday School

## Fall Ham Supper

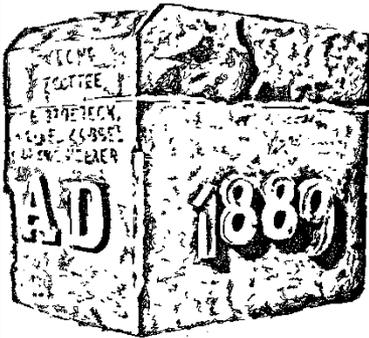
The committee in charge of the Sunday School Fall Supper asks that you please mark your calendar for the **Fall Ham Supper on September 15, 2018**. Service will begin at 3:00PM. Help is needed in the kitchen and dining room. Please see a committee member (Gerald & Donna Shue, Cindy Forbes, Neal & Kathi Rohrbaugh, Gayle Sterner and Paul Bortner) to sign up and keep an eye out for a sign-up form at the church.

**Cost is \$11 for adults \$5 for children 6-12 and \$13 if you choose to carry out your dinner.**

# BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

"LOOK TO THE  
**ROCK** FROM WHICH YOU  
WERE CUT & TO THE  
**QUARRY** FROM WHICH YOU  
WERE HEWN" -ISAIAH 51:1

~ CALLING ALL "STONES" ~



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR  
UPDATES AND MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THIS  
EVENT!

COME HOME TO **STONE CHURCH**

**JOIN LAY LIFE AND WORK AS THEY WELCOME REV. CURT WEBER AS HE PRESENTS “THE CHAPLAIN’S ROLE DURING THE CIVIL WAR” ON AUGUST 1.**

REV. CURT WEBER HAS BEEN FASCINATED BY THE CIVIL WAR SINCE HE WAS A BOY. IN THE SUMMER OF 2006, AS PART OF HIS SABBATICAL AT ST. JOHN’S BLYMIRE’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HE BEGAN HIS RESEARCH ON THE CHAPLAIN/MINISTER’S ROLE DURING THE TIME OF THE CIVIL WAR. HIS RESEARCH HAS TAKEN HIM FROM MAINE TO NORTH CAROLINA. HE HAS ALSO INVESTED IN “PERIOD CLOTHING” OF WHAT A MINISTER WOULD HAVE WORN DURING THE 1860’S AS WELL AS WHAT A UNION CHAPLAIN WOULD HAVE WORN DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

PASTOR CURT HAS GIVEN PRESENTATIONS TO VARIOUS SCHOOL GROUPS, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, CHURCH GROUPS AND CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLES. HIS PRESENTATION WILL DISCUSS HOW ONE BECAME A UNION CHAPLAIN, HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, HIS CONNECTION TO THE LOCAL CHURCH AND DENOMINATION, AS WELL AS THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AN UNION AND CONFEDERATE CHAPLAIN. HE WILL ALSO DISPLAY AND DISCUSS ITEMS THAT A CHAPLAIN WOULD HAVE CARRIED IN HIS CARPETBAG. THE NATIONAL FLAGS OF THE UNION AND CONFEDERACY AND REGIMENTAL FLAGS WILL BE EXPLAINED.

PASTOR CURT RETIRED IN JULY 2014 FROM ST. JOHN’S BLYMIRE’S UCC IN DALLASTOWN, PA AND IS NOW PASTOR EMERITUS OF THAT CHURCH. IN JANUARY 2016 HE CELEBRATED HIS 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF ORDINATION. HE AND HIS WIFE, GINNY, HAVE TWO GROWN DAUGHTERS AND TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS.