

STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 CHESTNUT STREET  
WATERTOWN, NY 13601  
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM

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# **Stone Presbyterian Church**

## **May 2024 Newsletter**



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### *Pastor's Pondering...*

Many individuals have ceased attending church for various reasons. Some find solace in televised worship, while others engage in personal devotions to God at home. Once, a regular churchgoer penned a letter to a newspaper editor, questioning the significance of attending church every Sunday. Despite three decades of listening to sermons, they confessed to an inability to recall any specific ones, sparking widespread discussion.

In response, someone offered an insightful analogy, likening the situation to not remembering what one ate for 30,000 meals over 30 years but still maintaining health and vigor. This comparison underscores that although specific sermons may fade from memory, the act of attending church nurtures our souls, akin to how meals nourish our bodies. Just as neglecting meals can lead to physical weakness, neglecting church attendance can result in spiritual frailty. It was an interesting article.

Attending church on Sundays encompasses more than listening to sermons with scripture readings, even though the Word and Sacrament are the center of gravity. It should have communal prayer and singing, offering, and wholehearted worship. Furthermore, fellowship with others and connection to the broader community are integral components. Thus, attending church imbues us with strength and vitality to foster connections with God and fellow believers so that we can serve God and our neighbor.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is the head of the church, and we are all part of its body. Without Jesus, our existence would lack purpose. While unforeseen circumstances may occasionally prevent us from attending church, our primary aim remains to honor and enjoy God forever.

Sincere and authentic worship is what God desires from us. Therefore, observing Sundays as sacred and set apart is crucial—it is one of God's commandments. Faith enables us to believe in the unseen and to receive blessings once deemed impossible. Let us, therefore, offer praise and gratitude to God in our worship and in the conduct of our daily lives. Amen.

*Rev. Sarah Lee*

# MAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

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**Bible Study Group meets Wednesdays at Noon on  
May 8, 15, 22, 29 —**



**On May 1, you will study at home while  
Pastor Lee is away, reading Genesis 1-50 and  
Exodus 1-19, and The Bethel Series Chapter 4.**

**Pastor Sarah Lee invites all to join the Bible Study.**



**Stone Presbyterian Church Choir Rehearsals**

Under the direction of Jeannie Greenwood,  
the Choir will rehearse at 10:00 am on

**May 12, 19, and 26.**

**There will be NO rehearsal on May 5.**



**Stone Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir  
Rehearsal Schedule**

**There will be only one meeting in May, on  
May 1st, Wednesday from 5-6 pm. NO other  
meetings will be held during the month of  
May. Handbells will resume on June 5th,  
2024.** Under the direction of Nancy Boynton.



We will have a **Session Meeting on  
Tuesday, May 14th, at 3:00 pm.**



**Fellowship Hour**

**Sunday, May 19th, after worship join  
us for refreshment and conversation.**



# Special May Events



Quest Preacher for  
May 5th worship is  
Rev. Gail Parsons



**Ascension  
of the Lord  
Thursday,  
May 9th**

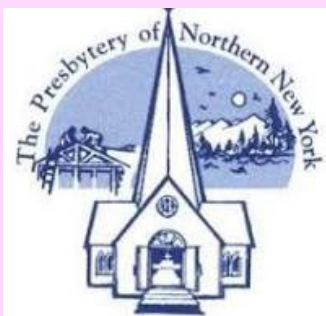
Ascension



Sunday, May 12th  
Communion  
during worship



*Sunday, May 12th  
Happy Mother's Day*



**Meeting of the Presbytery  
10:00 am, Saturday, May 18th  
at Stone Presbyterian Church**



**Sunday, May 19th**

*Day of Pentecost*

**Pentecost  
Offering  
(May 12 & 19)  
for Mission and  
Ministry**



Trinity  
Sunday

**Sunday  
May 26th**



*Memorial Day  
Monday, May 27th*

**41st Anniversary of the  
New Church Building and**



**Fellowship Hour  
after Worship Service  
on May 19th**

# May Birthdays



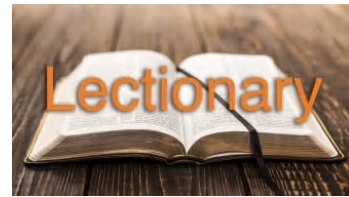
Phillip Compeau	May 5
Doris Miller	May 6
John Greenwood	May 7
Jordan Siver	May 11
Joan Lehrack	May 16
Nancy Boynton	May 18

# May Anniversary



**Sang & Rev. Sarah Lee**  
**May 29**

# May Lectionary



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## May 5

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:40-48 and Psalm 98  
or Genesis 35:9-15 and  
Psalm 101; 1 John 5:1-6;  
John 15:9-17

## May 12

### 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and Psalm 1  
Or Jeremiah 10:1-10a and  
Psalm 108; 1 John 5:9-13;  
John 17:6-19

## May 19

### Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
And Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21;  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## May 26

### Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29;  
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

## Other days of note in May:

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1. Mental Health awareness Month and Foster Care Month begin **May 1st**
2. National Day of Prayer—**May 2nd**
3. May Friendship Day—**May 3rd**
4. Older Adult Week begins, National Day of Awareness & Action for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two-Spirit People, and Legacy Giving Sunday—**May 5th**
5. Holocaust Remembrance Day—**May 6th**
6. Fair Trade Day—**May 11th**
7. Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day—**May 15th**
8. Intercultural Church Sunday—**May 16th**
9. 1001 New Worshiping Communities—**May 18**
10. Intercultural Church Sunday, Mission Worker Sunday, Presbyterian Heritage—**May 19th**
11. Africa Day—**May 25th**



## Outside Church Groups Meetings

**Northern Blend Chorus**  
will meet at Stone Church on



**Mondays,**  
**May 6, 12, 19, and 26,**  
**from 6:45—9:45 pm**



**The  
Garden  
Club**

will meet at Stone  
Presbyterian Church on  
**Wednesday,**

**May 1st**  
from 6:30—9:00 pm.

### **QUILTING MEETINGS**

#### **Quilters Group**

**Saturday, May 4th**  
**8:30 am—4:30 pm**



#### **North Country Quilting Guild**

**Tuesday, May 21st from 6:30—9:00 pm**

**Quilting Class** **Wednesday, May 22nd**  
**9:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Quilt Show** **Friday May 31st,**  
**Saturday, June 1st & Sunday, June 2nd**  
**(set up days May 28th, 29th, & 30th)**

#### **The Bird Club**

will meet at Stone  
Church  
on **Wednesday,**  
**May 8th**  
from 7:00—9:00 pm.



**Worship Ministers**

**Pastor**

The Reverend Sarah Lee  
(Text/ Call/ Message:  
315-788-8286)

**Organists**

Chris Hyde-Hall and  
Ghilyana Dordzhieva

**Choir Director**

Jeannie Greenwood

**Handbell Choir  
Director**

Nancy Boynton

**Church Staff**

Secretary Linda White



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**REMINDER:**

Our monthly Newsletter  
deadline of the 15th  
needs to be adhered to  
for newsletter accuracy.  
Submit all meeting  
dates and information to  
the secretary by then.  
Thank you.

**Ruling Elders  
on the Session**

**Class of 2025**

Kathie Strader  
Jeannie  
Greenwood  
Stuart Price

**Class of 2027**

Robert Siver Jr.  
Roxanne Young

**Clerk of Session**

Chris Dear

**Caring for the  
Congregation**

The Pastor and the spiritual  
leaders place a priority on  
visiting hospitalized  
members of the  
congregation.

Please notify the church  
office if someone you know  
should be visited in the  
hospital or while recovering  
at home or at a care center.  
Also, if you or someone you  
know would enjoy a visit  
from Pastor Sarah Lee or a  
Ruling Elder, or would  
appreciate receiving  
communion at home,  
please phone the church  
office (788-5630),  
e-mail the church office  
(Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com),  
or place a note in the  
collection plate on Sunday.

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**Sunday Worship  
10:45 am**

**Email  
Stonep@centralny.twcbc.com**

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StonePresbyterianChurch**

**Website  
www.stonepreschurch.com**

**Office Hours  
9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.  
Tuesday - Friday  
315-788-5630**

# May 2024 Prayer Calendar

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Robert & Debra Siver	2 Rev. Bruce & Elizabeth Smith	3 Rev. Adele Spencer	4 James & Kathie Strader
5 Jane Tabolt	6 Bruce & Patricia Tyrrell	7 Andrew Varga	8 Christine Visscher	9 Robert Wallace	10 Linda White	11 Richard & Barbara Williams
12 Daniel & Joanne Woodward	13 Jean Woolsey	14 Roger & Roxanne Young	15 Elsie Zehr	16 Susan Bell & family	17 Nancy Boynton	18 June Calhoun
19 Glenn Chapman	20 Rehba Clarke & family	21 Kathie & Phillip Compeau	22 Francis Conti	23 Pat Conti	24 John & Cindy Cook & daughters	25 Debbie Cornish
26 Joshua, Alicia, Harrison & Kennedy Dalton	27 Christine & Donald Dear	28 Dawley DeMar	29 Ghilyana Dordzhieva	30 Brian & Alice Draper	31 Bob Fay	