



# Annual Reports for 2019

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

### January 26, 2020



## Stone Presbyterian Church

Clinton, New York

*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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## Pastor's Report 2019

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11



When I reflect on 2019, and indeed the years before as well, I thank God for all the dedicated people we have at Stone. In my part-time capacity for which I am paid, I try to do what I can, but it is truly all those who give their time and talents that allow us to continue to be the church of Jesus Christ. I would list examples, but I don't want to inadvertently exclude anyone. Suffice to say it takes all the members, each in their own way, to make the one body of the church, as you can read in the rest of this annual report. So, we need to continue to support and encourage one another as our mission in Christ, which includes care for one another as well as to the world at large, and be joyful that we can.

At the start of the previous decade we projected our financial burdens would be too great by the start of this decade unless things changed, which they did with going to a part-time pastor, a good run of the stock market for our endowment, and some very notable donations. We are still running a deficit, but low enough that we still have many years left. More importantly, we continue to keep our focus on God and doing good works in his name. My part has been to provide meaningful worship services, moderating session meetings, providing pastoral care, and participating in presbytery and the community at large.

The arrangement the session and I continue to have is that I have one Sunday off a month from preaching plus four Sundays in the summer (this year and last was in July). This year our music director Rob Kolb once again volunteered to help out and did the first three Sundays in July and lay preacher Peter Craig preached the fourth Sunday. The Sundays in the other months were filled with pulpit supply, such as Bob Umidi, Helen Tracy, Janet Hoover, Larry Beasley, Donna Goodfriend, Mary Ann Stiefvater, and Rob Kolb,

Unless I am traveling, on my weeks off I still attend worship and sing in the choir, participating as any member. This has allowed me to spend that week off to get caught up or take care of other business, such as doing homebound visits/communion or the monthly newsletter inputs. In 2019 I preached 37 Sundays along with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Longest Night, and Christmas Eve for a total of 43 worship services in 2019. Outside the time I spent preparing and conducting those services I averaged about 8 hours per week over the year in my pastoral duties in addition to weddings and funerals that I conducted. Would that I could spend more time, but my full-time day job that requires some travel as a proposal manager for a technology company tends to get in the way!

Here is a summary of what I reported at our session meetings.

- Pastoral Care – Visited Fred Kaiser at beginning March the week before his death. Visited others in the hospital over the year including Lauralyn Kolb, Christine Tuttle, and Deb LaFont.

- Baptisms – Brooklyn and Dylan Hilaire-D’Antonio (Daughter and Son of Kristin and Lauren St. Hilaire-D’Antonio) on 3/24/19. Bradley Johnson (son of Melissa and Keith Johnson) on 3/31/19.
- Funerals – Doris Locke memorial service on 3/23/19 at Stone. Donna Robinson memorial service on 5/7/19 at Stone. Fred Kaiser memorial service 6/1/19 at Stone.
- Weddings – Caroline Matt and Tavish Gould on 9/7/19 at Hamilton College Chapel. Timothy Welchons and Kimberly Weeden on 3/16/19 at Hamilton College Chapel. (Tim Slothower and Phebe Lamont rented the sanctuary for their wedding on 8/23/19 that I did not officiate.)
- Membership – No new members in 2019 and the loss of a couple.
- Stone Storytellers – We had storytelling most every worship service and in addition did our annual Epic Storytelling this year of “Joseph and his Brothers” Palm Sunday afternoon 4/15/19. In addition, we meet monthly in general, including Kevin Bailey from the Three Voices church. We performed Christmas Stories on Saturday 12/7/19 at LutheranCare, Presbyterian Home, and Clinton Manor.
- Deacons – I continue to work with and rely heavily upon the deacons for the care our members, particularly the homebound, and for hosting our events. Though I do meet with people, the deacons provide care that I do not have the time for.
- Worship, Education, and Program (WEP) team – I continue to work with WEP for us to provide a quality and meaningful worship service and I rely upon Donna Goodfriend to get our pulpit supply, which has included her, Rob Kolb, and others, which has been a blessing.
- Finance Committee – This fall before Finance Chair David Duncan left the area for his job, got a new online donation program in place, Givelify, after the other one went defunct. I would like it to get used more, particularly for specific needs for people not able to support us otherwise.
- Clinton Area Ministerium (CAM) – I continue as secretary/treasurer to chair CAM where some of the local clergy meet monthly for breakfast at Lutheran Care to discuss things and plan joint, generally annual, ecumenical activities. (Sadly, Rev. Gary Cyr left St. James Episcopal Church before Christmas to seek a different call and St. James seeks a new rector.) In 2019 those activities included:
  - Lenten Study, a five-week video series “Final Words from the Cross” by Adam Hamilton, held in March/April 2019 at Stone Church where each of us led the discussion one week
  - Good Friday noon service on 4/9/19 that was hosted by LutheranCare, led by the Rev. Janet Griffiths and Patsy Glista with Jeff Hale, Gary Cyr, and me participated
  - Easter Sunrise Service on 4/21/19 led by Rev. Jeff Hale with Janet Griffiths, Patsy Glista, and me (giving the sermon) participated
  - Labor Day Sunday service 9/1/19 led by me and supported by Patsy Glista and Michael Terrell.
  - Fourth Annual Community Collection Day (primarily to collect food for the Country Pantry) held 4/27/19 with a high of 37°F and wind gusts and snow showers on and off. All the groups combined we collected 2214 items and \$1590 from the bake sale that Stone Church conducted plus cash donations and other contributions. We are planning to do it again Saturday 4/25/20.
  - Rise Against Hunger food packing Saturday 9/29/18 at CCS High School. Bev Miller, Courtney Gus, Pat Joseph, and Becky Willsey were in my groups who packed 1,114 bags (6,684 meals) ourselves (but who’s counting?). Overall everyone packed ~7,500 bags in

<4 hours over 2 shifts, which will provide 45,000 meals for children around the world. As part of participating, Stone raised \$2,000.

- Blessing of the Animals service on the Village Green on 10/7/19 led by Rev. Gary Cyr, rector at St. James Episcopal Church and supported by the Rev. Janet Griffiths from Lutheran Care, Rev. Jean Skinner from St. Marks, and me in the service and blessing. About 40 people came out with mostly dogs. Mary Zimbler from The Country Pantry accepted the pet food donations that can be shared with people in need who have pets in need and was very appreciative.
- Service of Lessons and Carols at Hamilton College Chapel on 12/7/19 led by Jeff McArn with participation by Michael Terrell, Gary Cyr, Janet Griffiths, and me in readings.
- Longest Night Service at St. James Episcopal Church on 12/21/19 coordinated by Karen Anderson (St. James worship leader) with Michael Terrell, Patsy Glista, Jean Skinner, Janet Griffiths, and me participating.
- Clinton Chamber of Commerce – I have been active with the Chamber and attended many of their networking functions seeking to make Stone Church better known in the community and to be part of the community, including things like continuing to advertise in the Clinton Guide book. I attended their annual breakfast meeting 3/6/19 at LutheranCare and presented the first Clinton community annual volunteer award honoring Bill Rudge for his decades of community of service.
- Media – I continue to work with Ceil Gilbert in sending out worship service press releases to the Utica O-D, Clinton Record, and Waterville Times. In addition, I have tried to post regularly to our Facebook page activities we are doing and photos of events. I started to explore doing video and podcasts of at least part of our services, but have not gotten a technology solution yet, which continues to be my goal.
- Other – Some items include:
  - I attended the National Prayer Breakfast at LutheranCare 5/23/19 and did the prayer and the request for participation in Rise Against Hunger.
  - Conducted the Protestant Prayer Breakfast (worship service) at Hamilton College 5/26/19 for Jeff McArn.
  - I conducted a church retreat 10/27/19 with our church leadership in planning for 2020.
  - I participated again in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on 12/15/19 at Clinton’s Old Burying Ground by giving the invocation.
  - Supported us switching phone and Internet from Verizon to Spectrum. Worked in July and August on getting Wi-Fi extender working. Worked on getting new speakers installed in choir loft in August and then had the system tweaked a little later.

With only about 30 active congregants and limited financial resources, we could be anxious about our prospects, but we are able to continue to do so much—and joyfully—because we keep our focus on our mission as followers of Christ! As 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 reminds us: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Scott Leonard, Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) aka Commissioned Pastor aka Your Pastor

## **Clerk Of Session Annual Report For 2019**

The Session of the church is responsible for the mission and government of the church. Minutes and other Official records of the Session are the property of the Session and the Clerk is responsible for their preservation. The report is based on the minutes and other official records of Stone Presbyterian Church for the year 2019.

The Elders included David Duncan, Donna Goodfriend, Emily Hughes, Pat Joseph, Peter Massi, John Stiefvater, Mary Ann Stiefvater, Grace Whittemore, also present for the monthly meetings- Moderator Scott Leonard CLP, Treasurer Christine Menard; Clerk of Session Sherry Robinson, Deacon Mary Chamberlain.

For 2019 the session had many items of business, and continued on the strategy it set a few years ago with updates during the October 27, 2019 retreat, continuing the growth of our mission and depth of our relationships while always planning for our future.

Here are some highlights from 2019-

January-Clerk of session worked on the 2018 Annual Statistical report, the deadline was 2/15/19 and we were able to get it submitted by January 25, 2019. Thanks to the help of Midge Bakos who spent time reviewing our record books for dates of births, dates of deaths and dates of service as session and deacon for our members that passed away. David Duncan was able to get the financial data needed. All this data is reported in the statistical report.

February-during the worship service on February 3, we had an installation and ordination of Elder and Deacon. Donna Goodfriend as Ruling Elder and Barbara Green as Deacon.

March-Session reviewed and accepted the meeting minutes of the regular session meeting of January 14, 2019 and February 4, 2019. Our meetings open with prayer and then devotions-the devotions for 2019 we discussed the book "The Church has left the building" and started getting the word out to folks our ideas.

April-noted in the April meeting minutes we had 3 baptized in the month of March. Session voted and approved the COM of Utica Presbytery meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm at Stone Church, they are approximately 12 people that attend.

May-We installed Pat Joseph and Grace Whittemore as Elders, Trish Harris ordained and installed as a Deacon during worship on May 26. The Deacons and Women's Association provided a wonderful Luncheon for folks after the funeral service for Donna Robinson.

June-minutes reflect cards received with donations made to the church in memory of Donna Robinson and from Fred Kaiser's Family. June 1<sup>st</sup> was Fred's funeral Service and Luncheon it was a wonderful honor to Fred.

September-Regular business and catch up from the summer months.

October- Our 3 employees needed to complete the NYS Mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention policy. I was voted to be Larry Beasley's contact person from Stone Church as he is planning a workgroup of individuals responsible for personnel issues in our congregations.

November-Normal business-busy month with the shopper's stroll

December-normal business-reminder our annual committee reports are due. The 2019 Session Annual Statistical report for 2019 is due to be reviewed by session the dead line is December 31, 2019. The Clerks Annual Questionnaire deadline is due February 14, 2020.

Members:

In 2019 the session and congregation welcomed 0 new members.

Weddings-1 rented church

Baptisms-3

Deaths-2 member 1-friend

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Robinson  
Clerk of Session

## **Property Committee Report 2018**

The Property Committee was very busy this year in meeting the challenges of keeping our Church in good working condition. The projects we worked on included:

- Installing a new boiler for the sanctuary
- Changed over the phone service from Verizon to Spectrum
- Purchased a new phone
- Installed a new water softener
- Had a new water entrance to the building placed
- Repaired the door to the Fair Trade Shop
- Purchased a new dehumidifier for the kitchen
- Installed a new router and extender to get the WiFi signal to the Fair Trade Shop
- Purchased new traffic cones
- Had some new pressure relief valves place on radiators.
- Cleaned the carpet in the Narthex.
- Had the fire alarm system repaired.
- Installed new speakers for the sound system in the choir loft.
- Had repairs to the elevator done.
- Upgraded lights to LED bulbs.
- Installed new speakers in the choir loft and had the sound system adjusted

In August, as has become an annual tradition, Hamilton Students came to the Church and did a great job cleaning and working on the landscape.

Thanks to all who help with these projects and the maintenance of our building.

Thanks too to our sexton Jesse Miller for the excellent work he does on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stiefvater

John Menard, co-chairs of Property Committee



## **Stone Presbyterian Church: January 2020 Finance Committee Report for 2019**

Stone Church was fortunate to have a very stable financial picture in 2019, despite a planned budget deficit and challenges with the building. The financial activities are summarized below:

1. All credentials and signatures with NBT bank were updated and approved by the session.
2. Access to the safe deposit box at NBT bank was updated with new signatures and approved by the session.
3. Ceil Gilbert and Chris Menard audited the church checking accounts and found only minor reporting issues. These were reported to the session and resolved.
4. All checking accounts at NBT are reconciled with the bank with no discrepancies noted. Janice LeFrois does a consistently accurate job of entering transactions into the accounting software. All accounts are reconciled on a monthly basis.
5. The need to replace the church boiler and to install a new water softener made it necessary to withdraw \$20,000 from the Wells Fargo investments. This was the only withdrawal in 2019.
6. The church Income was greater than expected, thanks to the exceptional generosity of the congregation and an anonymous donor: collected income was 24,757.60 more than budgeted. This was largely due to:
  - a. We collected \$10,278.25 more in pledges than anticipated.
  - b. We received an anonymous donation of \$10,000.00.
  - c. We collected an additional \$4269.56 in miscellaneous donations throughout the year.
  - d. There was additional income for per capita, loose offering, an online donation and the Presbyterian Foundation interest, and various fundraisers.
7. The church spent \$4508.34 more than expected which includes the \$20000 expense of the new boiler and water softener.
8. We had a net gain of \$ 4896.57 for 2019.
9. The church has two endowment accounts with Wells Fargo investments.
  - e. Account #1: Current balance = \$142, 721, with a gain of \$26,895.49 this year.
  - f. Account #2: Current balance= \$ 232,658.11 with a gain of \$ 24,191.61.This gives a total gain of \$ 51,087.10 in 2019.
10. In summary, we had a net gain of \$4896.57 plus a gain of in the value of our endowment of \$51087.10 Our total gain was \$55,983.67. This is the most favorable financial result in recent memory.

2020 promises to present us with the same challenges but we will continue to work toward good stewardship of our resources. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and ongoing faithfulness to Stone Church.

	<u>Jan - Dec 2019</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATION INCOME</b>				
Deacon Activity Income	1,090.50	0.00	0.00	
Estate Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fair Trade Shoppe Rent	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
From Reserves	20,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	from Wells Fargo
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>				
Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Income - Other	14,269.56	1,500.00	1,500.00	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>14,269.56</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	
Online Donations	79.92	0.00	0.00	
Per Capita	953.24	2,057.00	2,057.00	Based on 50 members
Presbytery Foundation Income	306.67	303.73	307.00	
<b>Sunday Plate Offering</b>				
Loose Offering Cash	1,312.44	4,000.00	4,000.00	Estimate
Non-Pledged Income		0.00	0.00	
Pledges	80,548.25	70,270.00	61,128.00	
<b>Total Sunday Plate Offering</b>	<b>81,860.69</b>	<b>74,270.00</b>	<b>65,128.00</b>	
<b>Total ADMINISTRATION INCOME</b>	<b>124,560.58</b>	<b>84,130.73</b>	<b>104,992.00</b>	
<b>MINISTRIES INCOME</b>				
<b>Fundraisers</b>				
Shoppers Stroll	1,025.00	0.00	0.00	
Fundraisers - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Fundraisers</b>	<b>1,025.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Memorial Fund Income	1,385.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total MINISTRIES INCOME</b>	<b>2,410.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>MISSION INCOME</b>				
<b>CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS</b>				
Blanket Sunday	305.00	350.00	0.00	
Mission Beyond/Disaster Relief	35.00	750.00	0.00	
<b>Total CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
General Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Lenten Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION</b>				
Country Pantry Food Bank	710.00	1,000.00	0.00	
Hope House				
Chocolate Sale	553.00	0.00	0.00	

Hope House - Other	190.75	200.00	0.00	
<b>Total Hope House</b>	<b>743.75</b>	<b>200.00</b>		
Rise Against Hunger	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	Pledged this amount

Your Neighbors	375.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>Total LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION</b>	<b>1,828.75</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
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Pass Through/Presbytery/Hope House	0.00	0.00	0.00
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**PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS**

Christmas Joy	177.00	125.00	0.00
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One Great Hour	969.00	0.00	0.00
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Peacemaking Income	178.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>Total PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS</b>	<b>1,324.00</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>Total MISSION INCOME</b>	<b>3,492.75</b>	<b>2,425.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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**STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY INCOME**

Building Use	50.00	200.00	200.00
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<b>Total STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY INCOME</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>130,513.33</b>	<b>86,755.73</b>	<b>107,192.00</b>
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<b>Gross Profit</b>	130,513.33	86,755.73	
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**Expense**

**ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

Deacon Activity Expense	1,655.42	1,200.00	0.00
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Deacons	103.00	0.00	0.00
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Membership/Fellowship	17.00	0.00	0.00
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Miscellaneous Expenses	888.26	1,380.03	1,380.00
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Office Supplies	5,699.29	3,500.00	3,500.00
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Per Capita Tax	2,262.72	2,168.10	2,057.00
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Postage	646.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Telephone/Internet	1,513.42	1,650.00	1,650.00
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ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>Total ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,785.11</b>	<b>10,898.13</b>	<b>9,587.00</b>
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**CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES**

**Certified Lay Pastor**

**CLP Benefits**

CLP Auto/Professional	71.88	500.00	500.00
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CLP Continuing Ed	0.00	500.00	500.00
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<b>Total CLP Benefits</b>	<b>71.88</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
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CLP Housing Allowance	18,983.00	22,148.12	22,591.20
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CLP Social Security Offset	1,452.22	1,700.00	1,728.00
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<b>Total Certified Lay Pastor</b>	<b>20,507.10</b>	<b>24,848.12</b>	<b>25,319.20</b>
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Director of Music	16,166.10	15,792.24	16,108.08
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New York State Unemployment Ins	521.75	334.67	525.00
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Office Manager	15,567.48	15,011.85	16,120.00
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Payroll Taxes & Benefits	160.38	3,104.28	4,638.00
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Sexton	6,190.14	6,229.15	6,353.76
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CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES - Other	500.00	500.00	0.00	
<b>Total CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES</b>	<b>59,612.95</b>	<b>65,820.31</b>	<b>69,064.04</b>	
<b>MINISTRIES</b>				
Choir Singers	1,485.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	w/ 1 addt'l Choir singer
Fund Raisers				
Shoppers Stroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Fund Raisers</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Memorial Fund Expense	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	
Minister/Music Director Subs				
Music Substitutes	575.00	500.00	500.00	
Pulpit Supply	875.00	1,200.00	2,800.00	
<b>Total Minister/Music Director Subs</b>	<b>1,450.00</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	
Music	27.13	350.00	350.00	
Organ & Piano Maintenance	866.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Worship Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Worship, Education & Program	367.35	500.00	500.00	
<b>Total MINISTRIES</b>	<b>4,195.48</b>	<b>8,050.00</b>	<b>8,150.00</b>	
<b>MISSION EXPENSES</b>				
<b>CHURCH WORLD SERVICE</b>				
Blanket Sunday	305.00	400.00	0.00	
Mission Beyond/Disaster Relief	124.00	916.30	0.00	
Tools of Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total CHURCH WORLD SERVICE</b>	<b>429.00</b>	<b>1,316.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION</b>				
Country Pantry Food Bank	1,704.00	900.00	0.00	
Hope House	743.75	900.00	0.00	
Rise Against Hunger			2,000.00	Pledged this amount
Your Neighbors	90.00	200.00	0.00	
<b>Total LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION</b>	<b>2,537.75</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	
Mission & Stewardship Committee	0.00	300.00	300.00	
<b>Mission Projects</b>				
Lenten Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Theological Ed Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Mission Projects</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	
Pass Through from Presbytery/HH	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS</b>				
Christmas Joy	266.00	150.00	0.00	
One Great Hour	969.00	975.00	0.00	
Peacemaking	0.00	200.00	0.00	
<b>Total PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS</b>	<b>1,235.00</b>	<b>1,325.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total MISSION EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,201.75</b>	<b>4,941.30</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	
<b>STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	7,177.00	7,121.68	7,121.68	
Maintenance - Church				
Maintenance - Church - Other	22,192.40	6,775.00	6,775.00	

Total Maintenance - Church	22,192.40	6,775.00	<b>6,775.00</b>
Utilities - Church	15,450.07	17,500.00	17,500.00
<b>Total STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>44,819.47</b>	<b>31,396.68</b>	<b>31,396.68</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>125,614.76</b>	<b>121,106.42</b>	<b>120,497.72</b>
Net Ordinary Income	4,898.57	-34,350.69	<b>Deficit of 13,306.</b>
Other Income/Expense			Deficit of 41,406 w/o
Other Expense			endowment
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS ENDOWMENT	-204.16	0.00	0.00
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS WELLS FARGO	-16,660.87	0.00	0.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss WellsFarg007	4,510.10	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	-12,354.93	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	12,354.93	0.00	0.00
Net Income	<b>17,253.50</b>	<b>-34,350.69</b>	

### WELLS FARGO ACCOUNT

Account #1	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Amount Gain</u>
	\$115,895.98	\$142,721.47	\$26,825.49
Account #2	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	
	\$208,466.50	\$232,658.11	\$24,191.61
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$324,362.48</u></b>	<b><u>\$375,379.58</u></b>	<b><u>\$51,017.10</u></b>

## **WEP Annual Report 2019**

We continue to be an active and caring congregation. In 2019, we enjoyed thoughtful, meaningful and inspirational worship services led by our Pastor, Scott Leonard. The Stone Storytellers continue to tell the scriptures during worship.

A small group started a Bible study in the Spring and continued until June when they took a break for summer. Elizabeth Smith, Pastor of Forest Church in Lyon's Falls and a member of our church, led the group in their discussions. They have studied Hebrews and Ruth. They suspended their meetings in December and plan to resume them after the New Year.

A pancake dinner and Ash Wednesday service of prayer, silence and ashes began the season of Lent on March 6th. Stone Church hosted the Clinton Ministerium Lenten series from March 14 through April 11. The five sessions, held on Thursday evenings, began with a light supper of soup, bread and cookies. During the sessions, we explored the seven "final words" that Christ spoke on the cross. Each session began with Adam Hamilton's video "Final Words from the Cross" and continued with a discussion moderated by one of Clinton's clergy. The series was well attended and all enjoyed the food, video and lively discussions as well as the sharing that took place with others in our faith community.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18th, we held a Tenebrae service of light and darkness. It was a very moving service with candles, music and readings. Some members of The Lord's Church with their Pastor Frank Abbe joined us for the service and found it very meaningful. Good Friday service was held at Lutheran Care at noon followed by a light lunch. An ecumenical sunrise service was held at 7am on the Green. Our regular service was held at 10:30 when we celebrated the Risen Lord with music, message and telling of the scriptures.

On April 14, the Stone Storytellers, with the addition of Kevin Bailey (from The Three Voices Presbyterian Church), Dennis Dewey (our former minister and founder of the troupe), and Tim Coombs (president of the Network of Biblical Storytellers) told the story of Joseph and his Brothers from the book of Genesis. This was our 13th Epic Telling.

For the second year, we did not combine our summer services with the Methodists. The summer schedule began on June 23 with Scott Leonard preaching. On June 30, Carol Grove, our guest speaker, spoke about the "Your Neighbors" program which she founded and has coordinated for many years. This service was followed by a brunch where people could ask her questions about the program. Rob Kolb volunteered again (thank you!!) to preach July 7th, 14th, and the 21st. Also, on July 28, Peter Craig was our pastor supply. In August, MaryAnn Stiefvater, assisted by Donna Goodfriend, were the guest speakers. Scott Leonard preached the remaining Sundays in August.

The services were well attended. After an ecumenical service on the Green, September 1, our regular services resumed September 8 with a welcome back brunch following worship.

Our church retreat, led by Pastor Scott Leonard, was held after church on October 27th. Our discussions were interesting and specific goals were set.

On November 3 we celebrated All Saints/All Souls Day with a candle lighting ceremony during worship to honor those who have gone before us. Many members lit candles for deceased relatives who have had a positive influence on their faith journeys.

A small group of members started a Game Night in October that met weekly at 6:30, Thursdays, in the Norton Room. it's a time to enjoy each other's company and have a good time! All are welcome!

For 35 years, we, as a congregation, have adopted families for Christmas through the Neighborhood Center in Utica. This tradition has been embraced enthusiastically over the years. Our generosity and enthusiasm have provided a huge Christmas to one or two families each year who have never experienced such an abundance of food, gifts and clothes! What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas!

As part of our lunch and learning program, Pat Joseph talked about the Mobil Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT) after worship on December 8. Pat has been part of this program for several years. MCAT, a service provided by the Neighborhood Center in Utica, was started to help people who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Anyone can call for help and everything is confidential. This vital program has helped many people over the years.

Our Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols was well attended. Members read the stories and the choir sang special anthems. That, along with Rob and Lauralyn's beautiful rendering of "Oh Holy Night" and everyone singing "Silent Night" in our circle of light, made it a wonderful and meaningful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Goodfriend

## **Mission, Stewardship and Support 2019**

2019 saw a variety of Mission and Support activities within our congregation. As ever, our congregation is hard-working and charitable in its support of various agencies, sharing our riches and mindful of the grace bestowed upon each of us by a loving and generous God. Our relatively small size has made us more mindful of our priorities and focused in our giving, but no less active and generous. We have learned that by joining with others, we do in partnership what none of us could have hoped to do as well alone.

To this end, we undertook:

To support **Disaster Relief efforts** coordinated by the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Church World Service. 2019 was a year fraught with natural disasters, both in the United States and in the world at large. Our congregation has provided generous financial assistance to the various affected regions through generous contributions to both organizations.

**Support for the Your Neighbors service**, part of the Lutheran ministries designed to provide nourishing, easily heated meals for the homebound. In June 2019, we prepared and packaged over 225 meals and an almost equal number of sweets for Your Neighbors clients and in October we prepared and packed over 205 meals & 210 packages of dessert treats!! Additionally, we have money left over to use towards our next meal effort in the spring of 2020.

**Ongoing contributions to The Country Pantry**, our Clinton area food bank. Judy LaGasse continues as our liaison to the Country Pantry. We have responded to both special requests and normal monthly stocking with loving generosity. Not only have we provided quantities of food and supplies, but Stone Church has also donated funds with which the Pantry can purchase bulk goods to distribute to the increasing number of people utilizing their services. The third Sunday of each month, our loose offering is earmarked for the Country Pantry. Additionally, our LOVE Advent offering was designated for The Country Pantry.

**Assistance to Hope House** in feeding and sheltering those without either homes or adequate meals. Ceil Gilbert organizes our participation at **Hope House**. On the fourth Monday of each month, a team from Stone Church helps prepare and serve an evening meal. Additionally, our congregation donated toiletries and other supplies for Hope House clients. Our ongoing financial support of Hope House includes monies raised by our annual **Chocolate Lover's Sale**, held this year on February 9<sup>th</sup> (for Valentine's Day). This year's sale, organized by Ceil Gilbert with support from the Fair Trade Shoppe, the Women's Association and the entire congregation, netted over \$550. As is our custom, our HOPE Advent offering was designated for Hope House.

**Participation in Church World Service's Blanket and Tool campaign.** June 16, Father's Day, was designated "Blanket and Tool" Sunday. The money donated by our congregation was used to provide: tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields; wells to provide clean, safe drinking water and water to irrigate crops and gardens for families living in drought prone areas; literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential; and blankets, tents, food and emergency supplies for US hurricane and natural disaster relief.



**Support for the activities of the Presbyterian Church USA** (World Mission, US Mission, Mission through Education) Our second, PEACE Advent collection was donated to the Presbyterian Church USA, for peacemaking efforts throughout the world's violence-ridden regions. Additionally, portions of this offering will be used to fund the Presbyterian Peace camp for children, an experience designed to help children have an appreciation for diversity and a belief in the power of peacemaking. Our third Advent JOY offering was dedicated to the PC USA Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which distributes financial assistance to eligible church workers and their families, and funding for racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC(USA).

**Contributions during special offerings** such as the **One Great Hour of Sharing** event held on Palm and Easter Sundays. Our gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enabled our church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by assisting this agency which provides food and resources to empower the poor and oppressed. Our congregation's donation was added to the donations of churches throughout the world in support of this endeavor.

**Participation** in the Clinton Ministerium's **Community Collection Day** and the **Rise against Hunger** project and packaging event. Reflecting our desire for spring, the April 27 Community Collection day offered opportunities for the community at large (and our smaller Stone Church community) to: contribute non-perishable food, paper products and pet food and supplies to The Country Pantry; donate goodies for the bake sale to support The Country Pantry; recycle electronics; and participate in cleaning up the community after a long, gritty winter. Five months later, the Clinton community again came together to help those in need. Spearheaded by the Clinton Methodist Church, our congregation enthusiastically participated in this community-wide event by fulfilling a \$2000 pledge of financial support and providing people to work preparing and packaging meals on event day, September 28. 47,500 meals were packaged in one day.

Additionally, the Mission committee worked to encourage members and friends of Stone Church to participate in our stewardship campaign, "...**Fan into flame the gifts of God** (2 Timothy 1:6), which culminated in a special Consecration Sunday service on October 6, 2019. This service was followed by a celebratory luncheon attended by a congenial group of members and friends. As ever, the support for our Church and its mission was evident by the care and generosity exhibited during all stewardship activities.

Exact figures for all of the Mission activities undertaken by Stone Church can be found in the Treasurer's Report in this 2019 Annual Report. The information included in this financial statement underlines the strong sense of responsibility shown by friends and members of Stone.

## **Membership, Communication And Outreach (MCO) Report 2019**

Our team consists of Ceil Gilbert, Emily Hughes, Linda Rance and Sherry Robinson. Our goal is to “encourage the integration of visitors and new members into the life of the church” and our tasks throughout the year include:

We promote a sense of community through personal relationships within the congregation and try to plan and participate in events.

We oversee the communications of the church including productions of the cornerstone monthly newsletter, the Stone Church website, bulletin board, publicity of Church events.

Oversee the work of Office Manager and try to be the primary personnel contact.

We seek to look at the ministry of the church through the eyes of the outsider to help make our church a visitor friendly time with the first-time visitors.

We do have name tags for all located in the back of the church, we have not reminded each other as we should to wear them, so as to assist our visitors and that we have been told how important it is to wear them.

We follow up with either personal note card or emails to new visitors when applicable. We have found when folks sign our guest book they just write their names with no street address just a state. We do have pew cards and every Sunday it’s noted during the service if you are visiting to please fill out a card. This year Linda mailed out 4 welcome notes and one welcome e-mail.

In November 2019, during the shoppers stroll our team volunteered time at the Fair Trade Shoppe, helped contribute cash to buy the ingredients for the selling of chili and chowder, assisted in the kitchen working the Seven C’s Café, others made Christmas cookies for selling, and there was a lot of advertising done by Ceil to get the word out.

Our committee was responsible for gathering the gifts for the Church Staff, a special thank you to the women’s association for providing the funds.

Throughout the year we continue to keep our prayer list updated. The prayer chain is alive and active, we send emails to a list of folks when prayers are requested and needed immediately. We receive prayer requests through emails, our church website, by word of mouth and prayer cards in the pews. If the requester would like, we will print the name in our Sunday bulletin prayer list and our monthly newsletter prayer list.

We would like to thank the congregation for all your love and support throughout the year as we know you are all involved with everything we have listed here and more.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Robinson  
Committee Member

## Nominating Committee Report 2019

A group effort was made to recruit members for open positions in our governing boards...Elders & Deacons.

Christine Menard has graciously agreed to be treasurer. Mary Ann Stiefveter will work with Chris to update the accounts. They have already reviewed ad more clearly developed a statement format.

John Menard and Sherry Robinson will return to the Elders.

### Elders

<u>Class of 2020:</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Term</u>
John Stiefvater	3/07/2019	
Mary Ann Stiefvater	3/07/2019	
Emily Hughes	2/14/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 3yr
<u>Class of 2021:</u>		
Grace Whittemore	5/26/2019	
Donna Goodfriend	11/12/2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3yr
Patricia Joseph	3/07/2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. – 3yr
<u>Class of 2022:</u>		
John Menard	3/07/2010	
Sherry Robinson	2/24/2013	

Sherry Robinson will serve as Clerk of Session.

Pat Joseph will chair the Nominating Committee.

## DEACONS

<u>Class of 2020:</u>		<u>Installation</u>
Jim Gavett	853-3027	2/22/2009
Beverly Miller	853-2548	2/27/2013
<u>Class of 2021:</u>		
Mary Chamberlain	853-5077	1/20/2015
Hal Rance	797-0737	3/06/2011
Linda Rance	797-0737	3/06/2011
<u>Class of 2022:</u>		
Helen Leonard	723-9093	2/12/2017
Barbara Greene	853-2230	2/03/2019
Trish Harris	(215) 932-2813	5/26/2019

Respectfully,

Emily Hughes, Chair

Mary Chamberlain will represent the Deacons at the Session

## **Board Of Deacons 2019**

Serving this year: Mary Chamberlain, Jim Gavett, Barb Greene, Trish Harris, Judy LaGasse, Helen Leonard, Hal and Linda Rance

Jim Gavett is Treasurer

The Deacons visited homebound members and others during the year.

The Deacons provided rides for the family of church members after surgery and rehab.

Meals were delivered to members needing help after surgery, sickness or flood damage.

Barb Greene wrote an article for the Deacons each month in the *Corner Stone*.

Hal and Linda Rance provide seasonal flowers/plants on the front steps of the church, making it look even more inviting.

Easter and Christmas cards were sent to homebound members signed by church members. Sympathy, get well, thank you and thinking of you cards were sent.

Judy is the liaison for the Country Pantry. She puts announcements in the bulletin and newsletter requesting food and other items needed by the Pantry. Loose change on the third Sunday of the month is donated to the Pantry.

Easter flowers were ordered and any designated for our homebound were delivered. Christmas poinsettias were ordered. A rose for each of the baptisms of Brooklyn and Dylan St. Hilaire-D'Antonio and Bradley Johnson was placed on the altar.

Hal and Linda Rance organize the Hanging of the Greens, preparing the church for the Shoppers' Stroll and the Christmas season.

Besides ushering, greeting, hosting coffee hour and assisting with communion, the Deacons coordinate/help with other special activities during the year:

1. Birthday cake for Phil Conley
2. Birthday cake for Gene Lawson
3. Stone Church hosted the Lenten Ecumenical Study March 14 – April 11
4. Memorial service for Doris Locke
5. Baptism of Brooklyn and Dylan St. Hilaire-D'Antonio
6. Baptism of Bradley Johnson
7. Helped during Community Collection Day on the Village Green
8. Refreshments for Epic Storytelling program
9. Memorial service for Donna Robinson
10. Supplied refreshments for the Labor Day service on the Village Green
11. Guided Hamilton College students as they helped us clean the church inside and out
12. Farewell party for David Duncan

We have a great group of Deacons who are always ready and willing to help any member of the church or community event in any way at any time. It is a pleasure to work with them.

Thank you, Deacons, for all you do  
Respectfully submitted, Mary Chamberlain, Chair

## Board Of Deacons

### Financial Report – 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

**Beginning Balance - \$719.65**

#### **INCOME:**

First Sunday Loose Change	\$ 408.83
Individual Donations	\$ 50.00
Flower Sales	<u>\$ 534.50</u>

**TOTAL \$ 993.23**

#### **EXPENSE:**

Flowers	\$ 795.50
Stone Presbyterian Church	\$ 97.69
John Menard	\$ 200.00
Mary Chamberlain	\$ 290.39
Donna Goodfriend	\$ 65.93
Linda Rance	<u>\$ 161.99</u>

**TOTAL \$ 1611.50**

**BALANCE as of 12/31/19 \$ 101.38**

## **2019 Memorial Committee Annual Report**

This year we have received bequests from member and friends for the following:

<u>FOR:</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	
Fred Kaiser		\$625.00
	Debra Kaiser Christine Butler Hal & Linda Rance Pat & Jacque Gentile Paul & Helen O'Hara	
Donna Robinson		\$615.00
	Brian Gaffney Francis Mannino John & Chris Menard Hal & Linda Rance Christopher Tolhurst Julie Milograno Frances Hunter	
Doris Locke		\$50.00
	Midge Bakos	
Claire Burns		\$75.00
	Midge Bakos Jim & Bonnie Hyde	
		<b><u>TOTAL: \$1,365.00</u></b>

Finances:

Balance as of 12/31/18	\$1,686.91
Income	<u>+ \$1,365.00</u>
Balance as of 12/31/19	\$3,051.91

\*A correction was made effective 1/8/20 due to an error of \$20 deposited in the general NBT account instead of The Memorial Fund.

**New balance:    \$3071.91**

Respectfully,

Emily Hughes, Chair

Midge Bakos at large



## **Annual Report 2019**

### **Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe**

Our shop has had another incredible year with sales since January 1, 2019, totaling \$30,636.87. This compares with total sales of \$28,268.49 in 2018, \$29,658.54 in 2017; \$27,651.15 in 2016; and \$30,929.76 in 2015. The continued success of the shop is a blessing to us and to our artisans around the world.

Much of our profit has again gone right back into purchasing more items, but our increased sales have made it possible for us to increase our donations to other organizations. We are happy to report that we again sent \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and to the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees. We continued with our monthly contributions of \$500 to the church to help with the cost of utilities. We raised \$1000 to help with the tuition of two Life School students in Guatemala by selling items Anne and Paul Dunn brought home with them. Anne and Paul volunteer at Life School when they are there. In addition, we donated \$1000 in honor of Pat Joseph's retirement to the Neighborhood Center's MCAT program for Crises Intervention, and we will be donating \$1000 to the Upper Mohawk Valley United Nations Assoc. in honor of David and Carol White for all the work they do in the shop.

The shop continues to be a major mission of our congregation, and this could not happen without the dedication of a core group of individuals, with additional help from others as they are able. Mary Chamberlain does the scheduling of workers, and keeps the place clean. Ceil Gilbert handles the publicity and audits the books. David and Carol White pack up the shop and take items to various places for off-site sales. Mary, David, and Pat Joseph help me keep the computer inventory up to date and items scanned into the computer. Emily Hughes brings her years of experience working in retail to help us better display our merchandise. Patricia Harris has made us gorgeous signs. Sarah Miller does graphic design for our business cards and print ads. Pat Joseph, David and Carol White, Ceil Gilbert, Mary Chamberlain, Emily Hughes, Barb Greene, Donna Goodfriend, and Peggy Weldon are the core group who volunteer countless hours working when the shop is open, and who also schlep items across the street to the Village Green for the Farmer's Market. Scott Leonard helps with all the iPad and internet issues, and Shelley Coe has handled the taxes. Gerry Gogel, Helen Leonard, Scott Leonard, Bev Miller, Grace Whittemore, Ann Dunn, Paul Dunn, Lora Schilder, Julie Rand, Laura Hughes, and Patricia Harris also volunteer. Thank you, one and all.

If you would like to join us in this endeavor, please let me know. We can always use more helpers.

Thank you all for an exciting year.

In Christ's service,

Lauralyn Kolb

Shop Manager

Listed below is a summary of the year's activity

<b>Category</b>	<b>Items sold</b>	<b>Gross sales</b>
Uncategorized	4	\$58.85
B4L	176	\$1,594.00
EE	334	\$1,515.65
MAGGIES	218	\$2,903.00
MHANDS	188	\$2,781.00
PJT	179	\$1,407.00
PalCraftaid	155	\$1,277.00
SERRV	558	\$8,521.14
TTV	562	\$7,429.67
UPAVIM	313	\$3,020.50
WBP	59	\$242.65
LIFE SCHOOL	283	\$945.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>\$31,695.76</b>
Discounts		(\$634.89)
Refunds		(\$424.00)
<b>Net sales</b>		<b>\$30,636.87</b>

Inventory on hand in the shop at the end of 2019 is:

B4F	\$3,004.80
EE	\$962.32
Maggies	\$10,243.30
MH	\$1,525.50
PalCrft	\$1,971.73
PJT	\$1,249.00

SERRV	\$6,301.38
UPAVIM	\$2,094.13
TTV	\$7,389.10
WBP	\$351.86

## **Women's Assocation-2019**

The Women's Association usually conducts its business through e-mail messaging or personal contact. All women of the church are automatically members and are welcomed and encouraged to participate in our activities. Please contact Donna Goodfriend or Ceil Gilbert if you have any questions.

In March we purchased 150 candles and bobeches for our Christmas Eve service.

In April we purchased a new can opener for our kitchen downstairs.

In June we held our Annual Spring Pie Sale. With the generous donations from folks in our congregation and the generous donation of time and supplies by Donna Goodfriend, we were able to generate total sales of \$1378.00. Our "drive-thru" pies concept continues to be a huge success. We donated \$50 to Stone Church for utilities used for our pie sale.

In September we held our Harvest Pie Sale. We were blessed to have many donations of all kinds of pies and other delicious goodies from our congregation, which allowed us to raise a total of \$1059. Again, huge thanks go to Donna Goodfriend, who tirelessly baked pies all day the Friday before and also again on Saturday morning. People loved buying a warm pie just out of the oven. And our "drive-thru" pies concept was again a success.

In October we purchased two new traffic safety cones for in front of church on Sundays and bake sales.

In December we donated \$210 to church for staff year-end gifts. Also, in December we were able to donate \$200 each to Abraham House, Rescue Mission of Utica, Thea Bowman House, \$300 to the Neighborhood Center and \$500 toward gifts for our Christmas families.

As always, we continue to support the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery with our pledge of \$200 for the year.

We are very grateful for all the help we received from everyone during our two annual fundraisers and hope that we will be as successful in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Gilbert  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Women's Association**  
**Treasurer's Report-2019**

Balance as of 1/1/2019 \$1,079.00

**RECEIPTS**

Spring Pie Sale	\$1,378.00
Fall Pie Sale	\$1,059.00
Donation-Christmas Families	\$20.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$2,457.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Candles & Bobeches	\$115.34
Pres. Women of the Presbytery	\$210.00
Kitchen Can Opener	\$19.56
Donation to church for utilities used for Pie Sale	\$50.00
Traffic Safety Cones	\$159.75
Staff Year-End Gifts	\$210.00
Christmas Families	\$500.00
Neighborhood Center	\$300.00
Abraham House	\$200.00
Rescue Mission of Utica	\$200.00
Thea Bowman House	\$200.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **(\$2,164.65)**

Balance as of 12/31/19 \$1,371.35

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Gilbert  
Secretary/Treasurer