



Annual Reports for 2021

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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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 2021



“We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

– 1 Thessalonians 1:3

The year started out with so much hope with vaccines for COVID-19 having been developed in record time thanks to innovation and years of groundwork being laid and by mid-year it looked as if the pandemic were subsiding and we even started worshipping without any mask or social distancing restrictions once everyone who attended was fully vaccinated.

But as fall came and winter set in, our hopes were dashed when the Omicron variant started to spread like wildfire and so we ended the year in some ways looking like the beginning.

And yet, in many ways things are different. We all embraced and got fully vaccinated and the booster shot, seeking to protect our health, but just as importantly, the health of those around us, truly loving our neighbor. And we have become more virtual savvy, so that our session meetings may only rarely go back to being in person, particularly during the dark, blustery winter months. While the number of people who watch our service online is dramatically down from the peak when no church has in-person worship and many others had no online service, those who do watch have said how much it means to them, particularly when they could not attend because of illness or being away.

More importantly, we continued to do God’s work. While still not to pre-pandemic levels, like the 7C’s café for Shoppers Stroll, we still were able to support our missions as you will read in this annual report. Our deacons and others again did a marvelous job to which they are called, one of compassion, witness, and service to those in need, illness, and homebound. And we took on the additional mantle of becoming an official PC(USA) Matthew 25 church, which I discussed in my column in the May 2021 newsletter and 6/20/21 sermon, where “we are called to live out true discipleship by acting boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.”

About that same time, we also voted in presbytery to support the nascent Center for Jubilee Practice whose mission is to encourage Christian churches in the U.S. to develop concrete practices of reparations, watershed discipleship, full LGBTQIA+ inclusion, and respectful multi-faith partnership. Of the two part-time staffers, The Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt and Rick Ufford-Chase, we had Rick give a message about the Center at our 7/11/21 worship service.

While we continue run a deficit, we have been good stewards and continue to be blessed with some unexpected extra donations now and again and this year particularly so. And despite some continuing pandemic restrictions in 2021, you still supported us financially as strong as ever. More importantly, we continued to keep our focus on God and loving our neighbor. 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 it was mid-July to mid-August). This year our music director

Rob Kolb once again volunteered to help out and did the four Sundays in July/August (plus a couple of others during the year), during which one of those weeks I had my entire clan in town of four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren! The Sundays in the other months were filled with pulpit supply, such as Helen Tracy, Stuart Wattles, Jeff McArn, Susan Solomon, Peg Ward, and Rob Kolb.

Unless I am traveling, on my weeks off I still attend worship, often as the videographer, and participate as any member. This has allowed me to spend that week off to get caught up or take care of other business, such as working on the monthly newsletter inputs. Because of pandemic restrictions I was restricted in my pastoral visits. I was able to do communion for our three homebound members in August and September, Sue and Red Raitt and Trudi Christeler.

In 2021 I preached 36 Sundays along with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, and Christmas Eve for a total of 41 worship services in 2021. Outside the time I spent preparing and conducting those services I averaged 6.5 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 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 – Still somewhat limited in 2021 with COVID-19, but I did get meet and serve communion to a couple of our homebound and to meet with families for memorial services of loved ones.
- Baptisms – Performed one, Graham Nolan Massi done 10/3/21. The first one since March 2019.
- Funerals –
 - Conducted memorial service 6/12/2021 at Stone Church for Gene Lawson, 15 months after his death and, as is becoming more common, streamed and recorded it on Facebook Live for those who could not attend.
 - Conducted a small family graveside service 4/24/21 at Sunset Cemetery in Clinton for Shirley Williams.
 - Conducted memorial service 7/17/21 at Stone Church for Beverley and her son, Michael Sullivan, who had died the previous year during the pandemic.
 - Conducted memorial service 8/7/2021 at Stone Church for Paul Dunn. Because of some incidents, we went to pandemic protocols with masks, social distancing, and discouraging travel; most eulogies pre-recorded. We streamed service on Facebook Live.
 - Performed a small graveside funeral service 8/23/21 at Sunset Hill cemetery in Clinton for Beverly McDougall. A very small service. The son-in-law, Jim Zecca, walked into Stone 8/18/21 looking for a pastor to do the funeral, since the family plot was in Clinton.
 - Conducted a memorial service 11/27/21 at Stone Church for Robert D. Willson who died after a protracted hospital stay in Florida at the age of 45.
- Weddings – We rented the sanctuary for a wedding held 9/4/21. Other weddings planned for 2020 and 2021 were cancelled or pushed off. I do plan to officiate a wedding 6/17/22 for Heather Clark and Adam Scalisi with whom I have been meeting with.
- Membership – No new members in 2020 and the loss of two.

- Stone Storytellers – Storytellers did not meet or have the Epic Storytelling event again in 2021 due to the pandemic. Donna Goodfriend and I did a storytelling workshop 10/16/21 at United Church of Phelps. Donna, Anne Dunn, and I continue to do storytelling most every Sunday in worship as well.
- 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 on a regular and consistent basis and through many thoughtful acts.
- Worship, Education, and Program (WEP) team – In the beginning of the year we continued with in-person worship wearing masks and not singing in addition to live streaming the service on Facebook Live. We were able still have a Lenten desert, communion, and Holy Week services. On Trinity Sunday, 5/30/21 I had people wave their vaccination cards for the camera and we removed our masks and resumed singing for first time since 3/7/20. The following week we resumed full-service practices and dropped all restrictions for fully vaccinated people—until 9/19/21 when we resumed wearing masks because of the resurgence of COVID-19 cases, though we continued to have congregational singing. We did have a hymn sing, though, on 7/4/21 when things were good to help make up for a lost year of congregational singing! We have continued to hold off reconstituting the choir because of the risk. We continue to have the Lord’s Supper by self-serving. I am deeply grateful to Rob Kolb, along with Lauralyn for continuing to provide music in the absence of our choir and my wife, Helen Leonard, as volunteered videographer.
- Finance Committee – Continue to monitor our expenses, but also unexpected donations from various sources. Christine Menard, Ceil Gilbert, and I met with Wells Fargo representatives 8/2/21 to review our portfolio, which is still doing well and significant contributor for us to continue our mission.
- Clinton Area Ministerium (CAM) – I continue as secretary/treasurer to chair CAM with our local clergy, which includes the Rev. Jeff McArn (Hamilton College chaplain), Pastor Michael Terrell (Clinton United Methodist Church (CUMC)), the Rev. Janet Griffiths (LutheranCare chaplain), Deacon Patsy Glista (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)), and Deacon Jean Skinner (ELCA). Unfortunately, St. Mary’s Catholic Church has been without a full-time priest and has not been able to have a representative attend our meetings, though they continue to promote our CAM events. Father John Crosswaite at St. James Episcopal is not in town during the week so has not been able to attend our meetings, but St. James has promoted our CAM events. We met by Zoom the first half of the year, but did resume our annual lunch in June outside and since September have been meeting at Stone Church.

The activities were able to do this year include:

- Lenten Study Series in March virtually by Zoom using five-session video “He Chose the Nails” by pastor and popular author Max Lucado. We had about 10 people on average—but included our pastor emeritus Gerry Platz and his wife Nancy!
- Ecumenical God Friday service 4/2/21 by Zoom as we did in 2020 and had about 6 people attend. Though few in numbers, it went well with everyone remote with Michael and Scott at their respective churches and Patsy Glista and Janet Griffiths participating as well. Thanks to CUMC providing the pre-recording music for the hymns.
- Ecumenical Easter Sunrise 4/4/21 service on the village green. Great turnout of about 40 people. Gorgeous weather with sun rising above the buildings illuminating Patsy as she was giving the sermon. Thanks to Janet for organizing and Michael, Jeff, and Scott for participating, including Michael providing music on his keyboard.

- 6th Annual Community Collection Day 5/22/21. The event collected \$3839.86 in financial donations and 943 food items in addition to the paper shredding (Lions Club), electronics for recycling (CUMC), bottles and cans for Boynton Pool, healthcare recyclables for Clinton High School environmental club, books for Kirkland Town Library, and trash pickup (Cub Scouts).
- Labor Day Weekend 9/5/21 ecumenical worship service on the village green. About 30 of us braved the threatening but unrealized rain showers (save for a very few sprinkles), but we had a wonderful service! CUMC provided the music; Jane Sautter, the sermon; Patsy Glista, the children's sermon (to no children); and Scott Leonard, coordinated the service.
- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing, 10/2/21 at CCS High School gymnasium, led by Bryan Roy from CUMC, but a community-wide event. After raising close to \$10,000 (of which Stone raised just over \$2000) the day brought almost 150 people from our community together over a span of 4 hours to package 30,240 meals for those in need!
- Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 p.m. Sunday 10/3/21 that Janet Griffiths, Michael Terrell, and I conducted. A light turnout, but a lovely ecumenical Blessing of the Animals on the Clinton green! Michael Terrell, Jean Skinner, Janet Griffiths, and Scott Leonard participated.
- Service of Lessons and Carols 12/5/21 at the renovated Hamilton College Chapel led by Hamilton College chaplain Jeff McArn with Rob Kolb conducting the Tapestry choir for the music and Michael Terrell, Janet Griffith, Patsy Glista, and Scott Leonard participate in reading the "lessons."
- Longest Night Service (aka Blue Christmas) 12/21/21 at CUMC that I supported developing, but was out of town and so did not participate. Michael Terrell led the service with Patsy Glista and Jean Skinner participating and with Patricia Jue from St. James streaming the service with Zoom.
- Clinton Chamber of Commerce – Got annual Clinton Community Guide & Business Directory ads for the church and shop update, submitted, and paid. Attended a networking breakfast at Boynton Pool on 7/7/21 and one at Almost Local on 10/6/21. For Shoppers Stroll at their invitation (with the death of Dick Enders last year) I performed "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in the gazebo just before the lighting of the village Christmas tree.
- Media –
 - Continued posting weekly the bulletin and sermons on the web site and streaming our services on Facebook Live. Our webmaster for many years, Dave White, after giving us much notice, retired in December and we are still looking for a replacement.
 - Got all our mics working again and have periodic tweaking of the sound system. Bought RØDE Go II mics to use for our online streaming, which greatly improved the audio for online people (actually better than those sitting in the sanctuary). Also looked into having camera and computer system for recording the service and checked out St. James's; we are getting a quote from John Puleo.
 - Continued to work with Sharon Hammer on social media for weekly Instagram posts, monthly sermon column video, and MailChimp notices, including the newsletter column. Transitioned much of that to Janice LeFrois after Sharon left in August to go to London, England for graduate studies.

- Presbytery – Was able to attend most presbytery meetings, which were virtual by Zoom. Participated in presbytery weekly worship leaders’ Zoom meetings when I could where we share experiences, ideas, and concerns.
- Other – Some items include:
 - Facilitated John Banks coming to see our records on 6/30/20 with Midge Bakos on Jonathan Edwards the Younger. He is from northern Pennsylvania and was doing research for his master’s thesis. He also visited New Hartford Presbyterian Church. He published his book, “The Forgotten Edwards” in November and included Midge Bakos in his forward!
 - Met with Stated Clerk Larry Beasley for lunch 8/19/21 to discuss exploring new worshipping patterns, such as multi-church worship services and pastoral teams.
 - Worked with Hamilton College students from Make a Difference Day on 9/11/21 to clean the church along with Hal and Linda Rance, Donna Goodfriend, and Helen Leonard.
 - This summer worked with session and the congregation on us formally becoming a Matthew 25 church in the PC(USA). Working now with Mary Ann Stiefvater and Donna Goodfriend on implementing some of it.

With only about 25 active congregants (and 45 official members) and limited financial resources and the continued troubles of the world, others might be discouraged, but we are able to continue to do so much because we keep our focus on our mission as followers of Christ! As Romans 12:12 reminds us: “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.”

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Scott Leonard

Clerk Of Session Annual Report For 2021

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 2021. All regular monthly meetings were held by Zoom setup by Scott Leonard.

The Elders included Donna Goodfriend, Pat Joseph, John Menard, John Stiefvater, Mary Ann Stiefvater, Grace Whittemore, Clerk of Session Sherry Robinson, also present for the monthly meetings, Moderator Scott Leonard CLP, Treasurer Christine Menard; Deacon Linda Rance.

For 2021 the session had many items of business, and continued on the strategy it set a few years ago. There was no annual retreat this year due to COVID, but we, continued the growth of our mission and depth of our relationships while planning day to day week to week month to month due to COVID.

Here are some highlights from 2021:

January – Clerk of session worked on our 2020 Statistical Report which was submitted on January 13, 2021. Thank you to Christine Menard as she was able to get the financial data needed to complete the report. We had 46 active members and we pay our per Capita based on this number. All this data is reported in the statistical report.

February – We had our annual joint meeting with Session and Deacons on February 8, 2021. During this meeting we have our Officer Training provided by Scott Leonard. Our Mission Statement “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”. During the worship service on February 7th, 2021, we had an installation of an Officer, Judy LaGasse as a Deacon.

March – Shared with Session, a letter that was received from Presbytery of Utica, they found it was a joy to find that Stone Presbyterian Church paid its per capita in full for the year. They write to offer their thanks to the Session and to the congregation. They are most grateful for our faithfulness in the on- going public health emergency and time of uncertainty.

April – An email was received regarding a General Assembly fund that would offer types of grants, but we didn’t find anything that we could qualify for but could in the future as it expires in June.

May – Session voted and approved April meeting minutes we agreed to remove masks during worship as long as we are fully vaccinated.

June – Session voted and approved May meeting minutes.

September – Our worship time changed from summer hours of 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. September 5th. Session voted to approve the 2022 communion schedule provided by the pastor. Voted to approve the bread sale on September 18 to raise money for the Westernville Presbyterian Church to help them with restorations needed as a result of the tornado damages in July. Session voted to accept Ceil Gilbert’s Auditor’s report of Stone Presbyterian Church and wanted the minutes to reflect how grateful we are for her hours of hard work reviewing the records.

October – It was noted in this month’s meeting minutes that a large donation was made. It came just in time to help us pay for our new furnace down stairs.

November – We decided again not to have the Seven C’s Café due to COVID; we will revisit in 2022. Session voted and approved Girl Scout Troop #60268 meet every other Wednesday at Stone Church.

December – Still continued to be virtual, normal business-reminder our annual committee reports are due. Awaited the Utica Presbytery to email the Annual Statistical report and Clerk’s Annual Questionnaire for 2021 as we have not received the reports to complete. We went into the New Year 2022 with 45 members.

Members:

In 2021 the session and congregation welcomed 0 new members.

Weddings – 1 rented the sanctuary

Baptisms – 1

Deaths – 1 member Paul Dunn March 31, 2021. Rob Wilson prior member back in 1994 served as youth deacon and youth elder memorial service held for him at Stone Church November 26, 2021. We were advised that our friend Carolyn Barnum passed away 12/31/2021 in Florida where she resided.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Robinson
Clerk of Session

Property Committee Report 2021

Stone Presbyterian Church is and always has been a treasure for both its congregation and the village of Clinton. For over 140 years it has stood at the corner of College and Williams Streets, a beautiful and impressive edifice that graces the Village Green. Indeed, it would be difficult to picture Clinton without this beautiful stone structure. Like all buildings, however, it takes a significant amount of thought, effort and financial resources to keep this building in good condition. The congregation continues to be conscientious stewards of this historic building and takes pride in its appearance and maintenance. To these ends, the Property Committee was very busy in 2021.

In January, the Property Committee worked to gather information regarding rooms, insurance, safety information etc. to plan with the Clinton Early Learning Center for their utilizing the church for their classes. Ultimately, the Center reached an agreement with the school district and decided not to pursue using the church. The major focus in January and February were the problems caused by the small boiler not working. The return pipes were blocked and Bentley Mechanical labored to access and clear them. Ultimately, in February, the small boiler repair was completed. Additionally, the elevator again did not work and was repaired and inspected.

In early spring, the Church insurance carrier was changed from Liberty Mutual to Brotherhood Mutual. Snow was still an issue, so an electric shovel, mainly for cleaning our handicapped access, was purchased. Also, during the early spring, the elevator again didn't function properly and was again repaired (a new battery was installed). The Rose window light bulb was replaced so its beauty was evident to all passing by. Additionally, Scott Leonard did some research and was able to upgrade our sounds system microphones so they were working before the Easter service.

In May, the decision was made to purchase a new color printer/copier for the church office. At the same time the outdated and poorly functioning computer in the secretary's office was replaced. These upgrades have been deemed big improvements by our church secretary.

In June, the property committee worked with the Verdin Company for adjusting the timing of the Carillon and for setting the correct time on clock: the clock and carillon were adjusted and programmed. Again, the elevator was not working. This time it became stuck between the floors but did not require a service call to fix it.

Over the summer, there were a number of issues with the Narthex bathroom (the facilities were open to Farmer's Market attendees). A camera was installed near the handicapped entrance so activity could be monitored and the decision was made to discontinue public use of the bathroom in the future.

It was a very wet summer and an additional dehumidifier was purchased for the basement. All the dehumidifiers ran through October. Despite the wet weather, a good number of maintenance chores and improvements were completed. The Secretary's office was painted by Matt Conley. Josh Wenzel trimmed shrubs, edged all the sidewalk borders and mulched throughout the Church property. Most of the trim of the Church, high and low, was painted by Dwight Dibble. He also did some roof repairs and power washed black stains from the brickwork.

During the fall, new ballasts were installed in the lights of the secretary's office and in the downstairs hallway outside the boiler room. Additionally, the downstairs elevator door switch was replaced. In the Fair Trade Shoppe, a new vanity and sink were installed in the workroom. In the sanctuary, the organ had its yearly tune-up.

Our church continues to be an asset to the community and the Property Committee is appreciative of the support and care lavished upon this building by many Church members in many ways-often unheralded and under the radar. Thanks to everyone!!! Each year there undoubtedly will be maintenance issues. But with the continuing care and support of members and friends of the Church, this beautiful building should remain a community treasure.

The Property Committee
John Stiefvater, John Menard

Finance Committee Report for 2021

The church continued to maintain its stable financial status during the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Wells Fargo:

We continue to use Wells Fargo Advisors to manage our endowment investments. The finance committee met with their representatives in August of 2021 to update us on the health of our investments. Our accounts are doing well.

As of 12/31/21, the total value of our two accounts is \$406,141.47. We withdrew \$30,000 in June 2021 to offset the cost of painting the church and the roof repairs during the summer.

NBT:

We finished the fiscal year 2021 with \$37,106.57 in the checkbook. This will be carried into 2022. Our total income in 2021 was \$ 136,752.75. The budgeted income was \$108,172.04. The church received additional funds from the Fair-Trade shop and other substantial donations. The pledge total was \$15613.77 over what we expected.

Our expenses followed the trend of previous years with our primary expenses being salaries and property. This year we were able to spend \$5861.86 on mission activities, including \$2320 for Rise Against Hunger.

Deacons Account:

The deacon's received some additional contributions from a regular donor and from a couple who plans to be married in the church.

Memorial Fund:

This fund as remained stable with an additional \$150.00 this year.

Presbyterian Foundation:

We have approximately \$7500 in two separate accounts, earning \$302 per year. These are restricted accounts and we do not access them.

This has been an exceptional year for the generosity of the congregation and others who continue to support the work of the church. We are very fortunate to be able to maintain such an active and faithful church community.

Respectable submitted,

Christine Menard, Treasurer

Budget

| | Jan - Dec 21 | Budget | Budget 2022 |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION INCOME | | | |
| Deacon Activity Income | 1,711.55 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Fair Trade Shoppe Rent | 4,000.00 | 1,500.00 | 4000 |
| From Reserves | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 3,185.41 | 1,500.00 | 2000 |
| Online Donations | 970.70 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Per Capita | 859.92 | 1,975.00 | 1975 |
| Presbytery Foundation Income | 301.05 | 305.04 | 302 |
| Sunday Plate Offering | | | |
| Loose Offering Cash/Checks | 233.00 | 4,000.00 | 250 |
| Non Pledged Income | 9,223.35 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Pledges | <u>81,305.77</u> | <u>65,692.00</u> | 65240 |
| Total Sunday Plate Offering | <u>90,762.12</u> | <u>69,692.00</u> | 65490 |
| Total ADMINISTRATION INCOME | 131,790.75 | 104,972.04 | \$73,767.00 |
| MINISTRIES INCOM | | | |
| Memorial Fund Income | <u>150.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | 0 |
| Total MINISTRIES INCOM | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| MISSION INCOME | | | |
| CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS | | | |
| Mission Beyond/Disaster Relief | <u>0.00</u> | <u>1,000.00</u> | 1000 |
| Total CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1000 |
| LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION | | | |
| Country Pantry Food Bank | 620.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hope House | 289.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Rise Against Hunger | <u>2,320.00</u> | <u>2,000.00</u> | 2000 |
| Total LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION | 3,229.00 | 2,000.00 | 2000 |

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| PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS | | | |
| Christmas Joy | 164.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| One Great Hour | 855.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Peacemaking Income | <u>214.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | 0 |
| Total PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS | <u>1,233.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | 0 |
| Total MISSION INCOME | 4,462.00 | 3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY INCOME | | | |
| Building Use | <u>350.00</u> | <u>200.00</u> | 200 |
| Total STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY INCOME | <u>350.00</u> | <u>200.00</u> | \$200.00 |
| Total Income | <u>136,752.75</u> | <u>108,172.04</u> | \$78,767.00 |
| Gross Profit | 136,752.75 | 108,172.04 | |
| Expense | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES | | | |
| Deacon Activity Expense | 729.65 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 3,416.25 | 1,000.00 | 2000 |
| Office Supplies | 5,697.25 | 4,000.00 | 4000 |
| Per Capita Tax | 1,974.72 | 1,975.00 | 1975 |
| Postage | 875.00 | 1,000.00 | 1000 |
| Telephone/Internet | <u>1,101.64</u> | <u>1,200.00</u> | 1580 |
| Total ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES | 13,794.51 | 9,175.00 | \$10,555.00 |
| CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES | | | |
| Certified Lay Pastor | | | |
| CLP Benefits | | | |
| CLP Auto/Professional | 45.00 | 500.00 | 500 |
| CLP Continuing Ed | <u>0.00</u> | <u>500.00</u> | 500 |
| Total CLP Benefits | 45.00 | 1,000.00 | 1000 |
| CLP Housing Allowance | 19,434.08 | 23,043.02 | 24402.56 |
| CLP Social Security Offset | <u>1,486.76</u> | <u>1,762.00</u> | 1866.8 |
| Total Certified Lay Pastor | 20,965.84 | 25,805.02 | 27269.36 |
| Director of Music | 16,430.28 | 16,430.24 | 17393.62 |
| New York State Unemployment Ins | 53.29 | 212.00 | 700 |
| Office Manager | 16,840.25 | 16,120.00 | 17071.08 |

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| Payroll Taxes & Benefits | 2,488.66 | 3,083.00 | 3268.45 |
| Sexton | <u>2,701.25</u> | <u>7,800.00</u> | 8260.2 |
| Total CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES | 59,479.57 | 69,450.26 | \$73,962.71 |
| MINISTRIES | | | |
| Choir Singers | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 1500 |
| Minister/Music Director Subs | | | |
| Music Substitutes | 600.00 | 250.00 | 600 |
| Pulpit Supply | <u>1,475.49</u> | <u>2,800.00</u> | 2800 |
| Total Minister/Music Director Subs | 2,075.49 | 3,050.00 | 3050 |
| Music | 0.00 | 175.00 | 175 |
| Organ & Piano Maintenance | 1,582.41 | 1,100.04 | 1600 |
| Soundsystem Maintenance | 456.12 | 0.00 | 400 |
| Worship, Education & Program | <u>0.00</u> | <u>500.00</u> | 500 |
| Total MINISTRIES | 4,114.02 | 6,325.04 | \$7,225.00 |
| MISSION EXPENSES | | | |
| CHURCH WORLD SERVICE | | | |
| Mission Beyond/Disaster Relief | <u>924.00</u> | <u>1,000.00</u> | 1000 |
| Total CHURCH WORLD SERVICE | 924.00 | 1,000.00 | 1000 |
| LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION | | | |
| Country Pantry Food Bank | 1,155.86 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hope House | 289.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Rise Against Hunger | <u>2,320.00</u> | <u>2,000.00</u> | 2000 |
| Total LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION | 3,764.86 | 2,000.00 | 2000 |
| Mission & Stewardship Committee | 0.00 | 300.00 | 300 |
| PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS | | | |
| Christmas Joy | 104.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| One Great Hour | 855.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Peacemaking | <u>214.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | 0 |
| Total PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS | <u>1,173.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | 0 |
| Total MISSION EXPENSES | 5,861.86 | 3,300.00 | \$3,300.00 |
| STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY | | | |
| Insurance | 7,548.13 | 8,000.00 | 8000 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Maintenance - Church | 20,500.20 | 9,000.00 | 15000 | |
| Utilities - Church | <u>14,300.90</u> | <u>17,500.00</u> | 17500 | |
| Total STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY | <u>42,349.23</u> | <u>34,500.00</u> | \$40,500.00 | |
| Total Expense | <u>125,599.19</u> | <u>122,750.30</u> | \$124,987.71 | |
| Net Ordinary Income | <u>11,153.56</u> | <u>-14,578.26</u> | -\$46,220.71 | Deficit without Wells Fargo |
| Net Income | <u><u>11,153.56</u></u> | <u><u>-14,578.26</u></u> | | |

Carrying over 36,000 from 2021
Leaves 10,220.71 to make up

Wells Fargo Summary 2021

| Account #1 | 12/31/2018 | 12/31/2019 | 12/31/2020 | 12/31/2021 |
|------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------------|
| | \$115,895.98 | \$142,721.47 | \$156,259.11 | \$174,506.47 |
| Account #2 | 12/31/2018 | 12/31/2019 | 12/31/2020 | 12/31/2021 |
| | \$208,466.50 | \$232,658.11 | \$222,597.85 | \$231,635.00 |
| Totals | \$324,362.48 | \$375,379.58 | \$378,856.96 | \$406,141.47 |
| | | | Gain in spite of \$30,000 withdrawal from acct #2 | \$27,284.51 |

Worship, Education, and Program (WEP) Annual Report 2021

2021 continued to be a challenge due to the Pandemic. The installation of Wi-Fi throughout the church in December 2020 enabled us to more successfully stream our services on Facebook Live and allowed more people to view them. The people attending worship in person were all vaccinated by May/June and we were without masks for a couple of months. With the onset of the Delta variant in late August, we returned to wearing masks and continue to do so because of the Omicron variant.

We had our Pancake Supper virtually on February 16, Shrove Tuesday. Everyone who participated made their own pancakes, sausages, etc. and met on Zoom to share the supper. It was fun to see the variety of foods that people made and share stories about some of our traditions. The Ash Wednesday service on February 17th was also on Zoom. We had a Tenebrae service of readings, extinguishing candles and music. Scott Leonard, Rob Kolb, Donna Goodfriend and Helen Leonard were at church providing music, guidance, and the physical extinguishing of candles. The readers, Lauralyn Kolb and Pat Joseph, were virtual and although it was different, it was still a very moving service.

The Clinton Area Ministerium Lenten Series was held on Zoom starting Wednesday 2/24/21 and continued every Wednesday at 6:30 until 3/24/21. The series was based on the bestselling book “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado. A short video was shown with discussion following and each session was moderated by a different clergy member. As written in the March 2021 newsletter, this series was to “help us prepare to receive good gifts from God; take comfort that Jesus understands everything you face in this life; to receive the grace of Christ’s work for us, and cooperate with God’s work in us to make us more like him; stand firm in the promise that you are forgiven, and you are welcome in God’s presence, no matter what you’ve done.”

Palm Sunday, March 28th, began Holy Week. We held our Maundy Thursday service in person as well as streaming it on Facebook Live. The Good Friday Ecumenical service was held virtually but the annual Easter Sunrise service at 7am, April 4th was held in person on the Green as well as steamed on Facebook Live. Our Easter service was held in person as well as streamed. We enjoyed the Lenten garden again this year during the Lent and Easter season.

May brought our Pentecost celebration as well as a resumption of Hospitality time because we were all vaccinated.

We participated in the ‘Rise Against Hunger’ campaign again and made a \$2,000 commitment which we focused our efforts on in May/June. We exceeded our goal of

\$2,000 by \$100! On October 2, some of our members participated in packaging food for the campaign.

On June 6, we had a lunch and learning program after church where we learned more about the Matthew 25 initiative. Session voted to commit to this initiative in the June session meeting. Scott Leonard explained the initiative and why we committed to it. We decided to concentrate on the topic “Building congregational vitality” and will work on ways to do our part throughout the coming months.

During July and August, Scott Leonard took his 5 weeks of vacation. Rob Kolb graciously offered to preach four of those Sundays and Susan Poole Solomon preached one Sunday in August. Services began a 9:30 a.m. on July 4 and continued until September 12 when we returned to our regular time of 10:30 a.m.

On July 11, Rick Ufford-Chase came to speak to us about The Center for Jubilee Practice which was founded in partnership with the Presbytery of Utica and the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. As written in an article in the July/August 2021 newsletter, “The mission of the Center for Jubilee Practice is to encourage Christian churches in the United States to develop concrete practices of reparations, watershed discipleship, full LGBTQIA+ inclusion and respectful multi-faith partnership. Such practices of reparations have the potential to address and make amends for historic harm the church has caused or supported—intentionally or unintentionally—with Native Americans, African-Americans, among those who identify as LGBTQIA+, and in protection of the land itself in this unprecedented time of climate crisis.” Rick Ufford-Chase and the Reverend Ashley DeTar Birt will provide support to the efforts of the churches who participate

Special services were planned for All Saints Day and Christ the King Sundays.

During Advent we collected special offerings for Hope (Hope House), Peace (Presbyterian peace initiative), Joy (support for retired ministers and education opportunities for minorities), and Love (Country Pantry). We also continued our tradition of Advent candle lighting with several members of the congregation participating.

The Christmas Eve service was in person and online with 37 people attending in person. This year we included the candle light Christmas story which is always beautiful. Rob and Lauralyn Kolb sang “Oh Holy Night” as part of that story which was magical! Several of the people who attended in person remarked on how lovely and meaningful the service was.

As we look forward to another year, we pray for peace, good health and love for all!

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Goodfriend

Mission, Stewardship and Support 2021

2021 saw a variety of Mission and Support activities within our congregation. Despite the many challenges of COVID, our congregation has been creative and remained hard-working and charitable in its support of various agencies and needs. We have worked hard to remember that our responsibility is to maintain our commitment and focus just as God provides us with unswerving, continuous love and grace. We have maintained communication and concern for each other and have adjusted to varied worship experiences, and the loss of cherished parts of our Church activities with resilience. Our relatively small size has made us more mindful of our priorities and focused in our giving, but we have actively joined with others to do in partnership what none of us could have hoped to do as well alone. Below is a semi-chronology of our 2021 activities.

In January 2021, the possibilities before us opened up a bit as effective vaccines for COVID became more available. Therefore, we continued **assistance to Hope House** as it adjusted its services to continue feeding and assisting those without either homes or adequate meals. Ceil Gilbert continues to organize our participation at **Hope House**. Although our in-person involvement has been limited by COVID-19 restrictions, volunteers have provided services as we can. Additionally, our congregation donated quantities of toiletries and other supplies for Hope House clients. As is our custom, our HOPE Advent offering was designated for Hope House.

We also made **ongoing contributions to The Country Pantry**, our Clinton area food bank. Judy LaGasse continues as our liaison to the Country Pantry, which has had a consistently large number of individuals and families requiring food assistance. The major change was that monthly distribution was conducted outside. 2021 saw the Country Pantry purchasing the majority of its food in pre-packaged boxes. The Pantry indicated that in addition to help on distribution day, their greatest need was monetary donations (used for milk, and a few additional items.) Our congregation has responded to both special requests and normal monthly stocking with generosity. Additionally, our LOVE Advent offering was designated for The Country Pantry.

February 2021 was a busy month as we moved into the Lenten season with a Zoom Pancake Supper (Shrove Tuesday, February 16th). COVID made an in-person meal too risky. Sunday, February 28 was designated “**Special Collection Sunday**” with members and friends having an opportunity to make a donation to a charity of participants choice: Hope House, the Country Pantry, the Fair Trade Shoppe, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Disaster Relief or Church World Service contributions could be made through the Church office. Others were chosen and sent by individuals making the donation. The point of doing so on this day, regardless of destination, allowed all donors—both online or in the church—to join others of the Stone Church family and friends with a renewal of light and hope.

March 2021: March Lenten Services were held in church, but were masked and distanced events. There was no singing. **One Great Hour of Sharing** special collections were offered on Palm and Easter Sundays. One Great Hour is an amalgam of three programs: it supports efforts to relieve hunger thru the Presbyterian Hunger Program, it promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and it assists in areas of disaster through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

program. We contributed \$855 towards One Great Hour of Sharing. Through what we choose to do and how we choose to conduct our lives, we are showing we understand the tumult, sacrifice and pain associated with the crucifixion and that we truly appreciate the gift of the resurrection and the joy associated with Easter.

In April 2021, as more and more of our regular attendees, members and friends became vaccinated, after church hospitality – refreshments and conversation- was resumed. Hallelujah!! Consequently, we started to plan more and talk more concretely about Mission activities.

May 2021 saw a continued lightening of restrictions. The Clinton Ministerium's **Community Collection day** was held in the middle of the month. Beneficiaries were The Country Pantry, Lions club (recycled eyeglasses & electronics), Kirkland Town Library (gently used books), the Boynton Pool. Additionally, the Stone Church Women's Association sponsored a **Drive Thru pie sale**, netting \$1636 to be used for various activities and projects. Best of all, at the end of May, on Trinity Sunday, all the congregation was vaccinated so most restrictions were lifted and we returned to singing. We certainly made a joyful noise.

June 2021 was a busy month. On June 6 we had our first **Lunch and Learning** of 2021. It was hard to believe that COVID issues had allowed 6 months of the year to disappear without a Lunch and Learning event. Our topic was the Matthew 25 initiative and focused on the goal of building congregational vitality. There was great participation and thoughtful discussion. As we work towards understanding the responsibilities and changes necessary to be a true Matthew 25 congregation, we realize we have a lot to do. During June, we also continued accepting donations to support the community **Rise Against Hunger** event. On June 21 we officially recognized our \$2,100 contribution.

July and August 2021 we worshipped at 9:30 AM with a widely varying numbers of participants. However, we did have Rick Ufford -Chase as a guest in early July. He spoke about The **Center for Jubilee Practice** which the Utica Presbytery has chosen to generously support.

September 2021: After a Labor Day ecumenical service on the village green, we marked our return to "regular" church with new **Matthew 25 banners**, which served to signal our congregation's intent to actively participate in the reality of becoming a Matthew 25 congregation. Appropriately, we had a "Welcome Back" luncheon immediately after church on September 12. On September 18 we had our first ever **Drive thru Bread Sale** benefitting Westernville Presbyterian Church as it works to repair extensive tornado damage. Happily, we were able to send \$1,018 to this congregation. Towards the end of the month, COVID variants necessitated our returning to wearing masks when in our church building.

October 2021: While we did continue our mask mandate, it did not stop us from having a nicely busy October. On Oct 2nd, we joined the community in the Rise Against Hunger packaging. On October 9, the **Woman's Association** held their **annual pie sale** and raised \$1,600 for various mission activities. On October 17th we had our first ever "**Souper Sunday**" to support Your **Neighbors** as it returns to providing meals for elderly and disabled individuals. We packed 220 cartons of soup and did a great job of filling Your Neighbors' freezers.

October 24th was the first Sunday of our **2021 Stewardship campaign**. Based on John 1: 17 “Every Good and Perfect Gift is from Above, coming down from the Father...,” the campaign continued until November 7, Consecration Sunday, when our commitments were received.

November 2021: November 7, our **Consecration Sunday** was the culmination of our Stewardship campaign and included a celebratory luncheon in the dining room. This well-attended affair was a delightful recognition that members and friends feel blessed to support Stone Church and its mission. November ended with the **first Sunday of Advent**, November 28, being Hope Sunday and our special collection was designated to benefit **Hope House**.

December 2021: By December, our Stewardship commitments included 22 pledging units.

Our additional Advent offerings were as follows: December 5 – Peace -Presbyterian Peacemaking;

December 12 – Joy- Christmas Joy offering; December 19 –Love – Country Pantry. Our December 24 Christmas Eve Service offering was designated for the Neighborhood Center. Beyond support for local mission, these Advent offerings supported **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. 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).

Exact figures for all of the Mission activities undertaken by Stone Church can be found in the Treasurer’s Report in this 2021 Annual Report. The information included in this financial statement underlines the strong sense of responsibility shown by friends and members of Stone Church.

Thank you, one and all, for your generosity and support. It was often challenging to focus on Mission as we each simply tried to adjust to the sometimes-tumultuous events of 2021. We did well and shall always try to remain faithful to fulfilling our mission of working for peace, justice and basic necessities for all God’s people. As we continue to walk heretofore untrodden paths together, God’s grace, our togetherness, and our willingness to listen and learn will help us move towards our goal of becoming a Matthew 25 congregation and help us share those “good and perfect gifts” coming down from the Father.

Mary Ann Stiefvater

Membership, Communication And Outreach (MCO) Report 2021

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 the following:

We promote a sense of community through personal relationships within the congregation and try to plan and participate in events. This was very difficult due to COVID, however in April we had all been vaccinated and wanted to try to resume our normal hospitality time in the Norton Room. We were however very lucky to have Scott Leonard continue Zoom-meetings as well as live Facebook streaming for our Sunday worship services.

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

In April we were notified the carillon was not playing, there had been a power outage previously which caused it to stop. Emily Massi was able to get it programmed and running again. In November the Chamber of Commerce requested it play during the shoppers and include Christmas carols. It was heard that while strolling you could hear folks singing along with it.

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 each have name tags located in the back of the church, we have not been wearing them as there has been so few of us there. There may come a day again where we will have to remind ourselves to put them on as we have been told how important it is to wear them.

We follow up with either personal note cards or emails to new visitors when applicable. 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 5 welcome notes. We added a local church “Little Falls” to our prayer list and also mailed them a note.

November 2021 our participation in Clinton's Shoppers Stroll was cancelled a second year in a row due to COVID. There was still advertising that was done by Ceil for the Fair Trade Shoppe and church services.

Our committee was responsible for gathering gifts for the Church Staff, a special thank you to the women's association and the deacons for providing the funds. Five gift baskets were given to the church staff and our church Treasurer.

The prayer chain is alive and very active. We send emails to a list of folks when prayers are requested and needed immediately. We receive prayer requests through emails, texting, 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

Nominating Committee Report 2021

Our dwindling congregation poses some challenges in finding leadership in the Session, as well as the Deacons. The session has discussed the issue and how to manage to provide the personnel needed to continue the mission of the church with our limitations.

We discussed reducing the minimum size of the session and deacons and did. Session voted propose an amendment to the bylaws to decrease the minimums from 7 to 5. The following is the current list of members of each body with the class of 2025 to be elected at the Congregational Meeting on 1/30/2022.

Respectfully,

Pat Joseph and Linda Rance

Elders

Class of 2022:

John Menard

Installation

2/09/2020

Sherry Robinson

2/09/2020

Class of 2023:

John Stiefvater

2/11/2018 – not present-later date

Mary Ann Stiefvater

2/11/2018 – not present-late date

Class of 2024:

Grace Whittemore

elected 2/03/2019- not present for installation

Donna Goodfriend

2/03/2019

Patricia Joseph

elected 2/03/2019-not present for installation

Sherry Robinson will serve as Clerk of Session.

Pat Joseph will chair the Nominating Committee.

DEACONS

Class of 2022

Barbara Greene

Installation

2/13/2019

Trisha Harris

elected 2/03/19-not present 2/12/19

Class of 2023

Helen Leonard

2/12/2017

Judy LaGasse

2/07/2021

Jim Gavett

elected deacon-not present for install 2/12/17

Bev Miller

2/09/2020

Class of 2024

Hal Rance

2/11/2018

Linda Rance

2/11/2018

Class of 2025

Mary Chamberlain

2/2022

Emily Hughes

2/2022

Linda Rance will represent Deacons at Session

Board Of Deacons 2021

Serving this year: Jim Gavett, Barbara Greene, Trisha Harris, Judy LaGasse, Helen Leonard, Bev Miller, Hal Rance & Linda Rance.

The year started out like 2020 ended. We weren't able to meet in person so we stated connecting through technology. We were all so glad when we were able to finally start meeting again and resuming many of the regular Church functions.

Jim Gavett served as treasurer. The Deacons receive the loose offering the first Sunday of each month. We also received several individual contributions. We want to thank you all for your generosity.

Our main focus is on our Homebound and those in need of meals, transportation, prayers etc. We lost 2 members this year: Bev Sullivan and Paul Dunn. Due to Covid we were limited to having a small memorial reception for Bev and had to completely cancel the one for Paul. We also hosted a small reception for Gene Lawson who passed away in 2020.

The Deacons are glad to be hosting coffee hour again. When a person is hosting, they are also greeting, taking collection and serving communion. We are busy each Sunday!!

Christmas and Easter cards were sent to the Homebound and others signed by Church members. Sympathy, get well, thank you and thinking of you cards were also sent.

Easter flowers were ordered and any designated for the Homebound were delivered. Christmas poinsettias were also ordered. Instead of taking a poinsettia to the homebound this year we took a fruit basket to each before Christmas. A rose was placed on the altar for the baptism of Graham Massi. Seasonal flowers were also placed on the steps of the Church.

Judy is the liaison for the Country Pantry. She puts announcements in the bulletins and newsletter requesting food and other items needed. Loose change on the 3rd Sunday of each month goes to the Pantry.

Due to the generosity of our members, we were able to hire Josh Wenzel to do some outside trimming, weeding and mulching. He did a nice job.

Our plant stands needed to be replaced. We were going to buy them but Trish and David Harris volunteered to make them and donate them!!! What craftsmen they are! They are beautiful. Thank you.

The Deacons put on 2 luncheons this year. One was a welcome back to our 10:30 a.m. services in September and the other was the Sunday we stayed and decorated the Sanctuary. The Deacons also prepared a lunch for the workers at the VFW blood drive in May.

We have such a great group of Deacons who are always willing to do whatever is necessary. I can't thank them enough for all they do. This year we have 3 of them going off the Board after serving 6 years: Trish, Helen and Barb. Thank you all for your service!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rance, Chair

Board Of Deacons

Financial Report – 01/01/21-12/31/21

Beginning Balance - \$397.62

INCOME:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| First Sunday Loose Change | \$ 599.60 |
| Individual Donations | \$ 686.45 |
| Flower Sales | <u>\$ 425.50</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,711.55 |

EXPENSE:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stone Presbyterian Church | \$ 228.00 |
| Mary Chamberlain | \$ 48.94 |
| Chester's | \$ 9.98 |
| Chester's | \$ 283.50 |
| Linda Rance | \$ 14.13 |
| Mary Chamberlain | \$ 27.00 |
| Josh Wenzel (Landscaping) | \$ 450.00 |
| Stone Presbyterian Church | \$ 44.40 |
| Linda Rance | \$ 21.99 |
| Mary Chamberlain | \$ 29.00 |
| Linda Rance | \$ 14.71 |
| Bev Miller | \$ 22.00 |
| Judy LaGasse | \$ 8.00 |
| Linda Rance | \$ 10.86 |
| Mary Chamberlain | \$ 82.33 |
| River Road Farms | \$ 175.50 |
| Northstar | \$ 54.00 |
| Alteri's | <u>\$ 100.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 1,624.34</u> |

BALANCE as of 12/31/21: \$ 87.21

2021 Memorial Committee Annual Report

A gift to Stone Presbyterian Church of 2 Cherrywood plant stand risers handmade by David and Trish Harris. David had sourced the cherrywood from property they own on a lakefront camp. How fortunate we are to add this gift to our sanctuary. Fred Kaiser must be happy we are blessed with another carpenter. A plaque has been placed on each stand with their names on it.

The fund received monies from the following in “memory of”

| <u>For:</u> | <u>From:</u> | |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Beverly Sullivan | Midge Bakos | \$100.00 |
| Shirley Williams | Midge Bakos | \$100.00 |
| Honor of Midge Bakos | Bonnie Hyde | \$ 25.00 |
| Paul Dunn | Midge Bakos | \$100.00 |
| Paul Dunn | Pam Denison | \$ 25.00 |
| | <u>TOTAL:</u> | <u>\$350.00</u> |

Expenses:

| | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Speedy Awards | -\$ 20.00 | |
| Proforma (new letters for outside sign) | -\$185.42 | |
| | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>-\$205.42</u> |

Finances:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as of 01/01/20: | \$2,751.58 |
| Income | \$350.00 |
| Expense | <u>(\$205.42)</u> |
| Balance as of 12/31/21 | \$2,896.16 |

Respectfully,

Emily Hughes, Chair
Midge Bakos At Large

Annual Report 2021

Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe

Our shop has had another incredible year with sales since January 1, 2020, totaling \$35,315.72. This is more than double our sales in 2020 (\$14,752.04) and well exceeds any of our previous years: \$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 we also made some significant improvements to the shop itself. We had a problem with humidity in the summer and needed to pull out our storage shelving. We had Dwight Dibble do some work for us, and we purchased some new shelving, and a new sink.

We were able to resume our monthly checks of \$500 to the church to help cover the utility costs. In addition, we made the following donations:

\$1000 to PCUSA for Haiti

\$2000 to The Center (formerly the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees)

\$1000 to No One Left Behind

\$1500 to LIFE School Foundation in Guatemala

Total merchandise purchases during 2021 were **\$19,142.12**.

The dedication of our volunteers has continued. Ceil Gilbert has continued to handle the publicity and audit the books; Emily Hughes, Donna Goodfriend, Mary Chamberlain, and Patricia Harris help us better display our merchandise. Sarah Miller again did an ad for us early in the year. Shelley Coe again handled the taxes. David White makes certain we are set up and taken down each week, including all summer during the Farmer's Market. Pat Joseph makes certain we keep up to date on our Facebook page. Mary Chamberlain keeps the shop clean and does all the scheduling of volunteers. The volunteers who have worked in the shop this year, include:

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Dave and Carol White | Gerry Gogel | Gabriel Bit-Babik | Lora Schilder |
| Pat Joseph | Helen Leonard | Ceil Gilbert | Mary Chamberlain |
| Donna Goodfriend | Sue Montrose | Grace Whittemore | Lauralyn Kolb |
| Emily Hughes | Peggy Weldon | | |

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 for 2021:

| Category | Items sold | Gross sales |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| Uncategorized | 11 | \$178.20 |
| B4L | 157 | \$1,534.00 |
| EE | 318 | \$1,419.40 |
| LS (benefit for Life School in Guatemala) | 157 | \$1,415.06 |
| MAGGIES | 239 | \$2,911.50 |
| MHANDS | 298 | \$3,617.50 |
| PJT | 228 | \$1,500.50 |
| Pal Craftaid | 79 | \$634.00 |
| SERRV | 502 | \$9,226.95 |
| TTV | 694 | \$10,738.63 |
| UPAVIM | 367 | \$3,323.15 |
| WBP | 20 | \$93.50 |
| Total | 3,070 | \$36,592.39 |
| Discounts | | (\$827.22) |
| Refunds | | (\$449.45) |
| Net sales | | \$35,315.72 |

Purchases made in 2021

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| TTV purchases | \$5,627.37 |
| SERRV Purchases | \$5,058.67 |
| EE purchases | \$1,437.81 |
| UPA purchases | \$2,786.01 |
| Maggies purchases | \$1,725.49 |
| MH purchases | \$2,506.77 |

2021 TOTAL

purchases \$19,142.12

Inventory on hand in the shop at the end of

2020 is:

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| B4L | \$3,411.00 |
| EE | \$834.23 |
| Maggies | \$8,708.19 |
| MH | \$2,013.23 |
| Pal Craftaid | \$1,301.83 |
| PJT | \$1,353.00 |
| SERRV | \$7,441.43 |
| TTV | \$7,769.64 |
| UPAVIM | \$2,997.65 |
| WBP | \$136.55 |

Total \$35,966.75

LifeSchool \$1,872.44

Grand Total \$37,839.19

Women's Association-2021

The Women's Association usually conducts its business through email 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 May we donated \$300 to "Rise Against Hunger." We held our Spring Drive-Thru Pie Sale on May 24th and were able to raise \$1,600 thanks to our very generous participation by our congregation. In May we also donated \$100 to the Country Pantry.

In September we held our first Drive-Thru Bread Sale and sent the \$1,003 that we raised to the Westernville Presbyterian Church, to help them with their restorations, which they needed due to a tornado that severely damaged their church earlier this summer. Again, many thanks to our generous and talented congregation who came up with some very unique and delicious varieties of breads. We even had local TV coverage of the event.

We supported the work of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery by donating \$112.50 for the year. Their group has subsequently dissolved, therefore we can re-direct those contributions to another worthy cause in the coming year.

In October we held our Annual Harvest Drive-Thru Pie Sale and we able to raise \$1,600. Again, we would like to express our deepest thanks to our most generous congregation for their donations of delicious pies and for all their help in selling them. Thank you to Donna Goodfriend for donating ingredients for our pie sales.

In December we donated \$225 to church for staff year-end gifts. Also in December, we were able to donate \$300 each to the Neighborhood Center, Abraham House, Rescue Mission of Utica, Thea Bowman House, Hope House and \$100 toward items for two Christmas families that we adopted through the Neighborhood Center. We would like to thank everyone who donated food, clothing and gifts for our Christmas families this year. The generosity of our congregation is always amazing.

We are very grateful for everyone's help during 2021 and we hope we can continue to raise money in 2022 to help our surrounding communities by donating funds to our local support groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Gilbert
Secretary/Treasurer

Women's Association
Treasurer's Report-2021

Balance as of 1/1/2021 351.35

RECEIPTS

Spring Drive-Thru Pie Sale 1,600

Sept. Drive-Thru Bread Sale 1,003.

Fall Drive-Thru Pie Sale 1,600.

TOTAL RECEIPTS 4,203.

DISBURSEMENTS

Rise Against Hunger 300.

Country Pantry 100.

Pres. Women of the Presbytery 112.50

Westernville Presbyterian Church 1,003.

Neighborhood Center 300.

Abraham House 300.

Rescue Mission of Utica 300.

Thea Bowman House 300.

Hope House 300.

Christmas Families 100.

Year-end staff gifts 225.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (3,340.50)

Balance as of 12/31/2021 1,213.85

Respectfully submitted,
Ceil Gilbert
Secretary/Treasurer