



Annual Reports for 2022

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

January 29, 2023



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 2022

“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. – Isaiah 40:31

The year started out on a bit of a rough note with COVID-19 and surging Omicron variant forcing us to mask up again for worship. But at least now we were all vaccinated and were getting boosters and by June things had died down enough that we could once again go maskless—and were able to stay that way. Let's pray it continues that way. As a result, we were able to resume most activities in-person throughout the year and were even able to “get the band back together” with a reconstituted choir for Advent and Christmas Eve. Almost like the old times.

But, of course, things will never be the same. The thing is, even without the pandemic, things were never going to be the same. By the nature of time, things change. They just would have changed differently, and less dramatically, if COVID-19 hadn't happened or had been handled differently. The key is to keep our eyes on the prize and adapt to doing so. As Paul says in Philippians 3:13-14, “but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

That is what we are called to do and continue to strive to do so. For example, as part of our Matthew 25 initiative we are exploring ways we might work with The Center in Utica on refugee issues as well as our other missions as you will read in this annual report, such as The Country Pantry, Hope House, and the Fair Trade Shop. 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. We continue to stream our services, which have found a small, yet much appreciated, niche, particularly for those unable to come in person.

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 social and financial strains in 2022, 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).

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 continued COVID-19 concerns and my day job travel schedule, though, I was constrained in my pastoral visits.

In 2022 I preached 36 Sundays along with services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Blessing of the Animals, Longest Night, and Christmas Eve for a total of 42 worship services in 2022 (Ash Wednesday I prepared the service, but Donna Goodfriend conducted it because I was out of town). Outside the time I spent preparing and conducting those services I averaged 5.7 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 and traveling for it limits my availability unfortunately.

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

- Pastoral Care – Still somewhat limited in 2022 with COVID-19 and my extensive travel for my day job, but I did get meet with families for memorial services of loved ones.
- Baptisms – Nora Rosa Eguren-LaFont, daughter of Sarah LaFont and Jon Eguren-Juarez, 6/26/22.
- Funerals –
 - Conducted memorial service 6/18/2022 at Stone Church for Thomas E. “Tommy” Copfer, Jr. after being asked on 6/14/2022 as the father and stepmother were searching for a church to do so.
 - Conducted memorial service 10/16/22 at the Hay Loft for Dave Harris, partner of Tricia Harris and father of Ashley Harris.
- Weddings – Officiated wedding Heather Clark and Adam Scalisi, Fri 6/17/22 at Stone Church.
- Membership – No new members in 2020 and no losses.
- Stone Storytellers – Storytellers did not meet or have the Epic Storytelling event again in 2022 due to challenges of COVID-19. Donna Goodfriend 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, though we continued in-person worship with live streaming the service on Facebook Live, we re-instituted wearing masks because of spike in COVID-19, but on Trinity Sunday 6/5/22 we made wearing masks optional after COVID-19 levels had dropped.

Otherwise, we were able to hold all of our services for 2022 in-person for the first time since the pandemic. We continued to have the Lord’s Supper by self-serving for the most part. For Advent and Christmas Eve, we were able to reconstitute a choir, which, despite me being part of it, added immeasurably to our worship! 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 with Sherry Robinson also helping out.

Guest preachers we had in 2022 were Jeff McArn, Peg Ward, Kathleen DeLacy (The Center), Celia Bogan (Hope House), Bob Umidi, Helen Tracy, Jon Rice (native son), Susan Poole Solomon, and our own Donna Goodfriend, Mary Ann Stiefvater, and Rob Kolb on more than one occasion with Donna conducting communion on a few occasions with assistance from Pat Joseph on some of them.

- Finance Committee – Continue to monitor our expenses and also continued to receive unexpected donations from various sources. Christine Menard and I met with Wells Fargo representatives 10/12/22 to review our portfolio, which was down because of the market, but not as bad as it could have been. It continues to be a significant contributor for us to continue our mission. At their suggestion we did get a line of credit in case we want to borrow from the account instead of just selling off shares.

Discussed with Property Committee and Treasurer on replacement of the roof over the sanctuary.

- They investigated grants, particularly through Sacred Sites. We will need a Capital Campaign committee and grant writer and look to do in 2023.
- Clinton Area Ministerium (CAM) – We met in-person at Stone Church most of the time, though also did some hybrid meetings by Zoom. I continue as secretary/treasurer to chair of CAM, which comprises our local clergy of the Rev. Jeff McArn (Hamilton College chaplain), the Rev. 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 (Episcopal Church) plus a return of St. Mary’s and St. James and the addition of another.

This summer St. Mary's Catholic Church finally received a priest, Father Bob Weber, who has joined our CAM and participated in our activities. St. James Episcopal Church is still in their search process for a priest, but we did have one of their Wardens, Kathy Collett, be active in our CAM. We also had Carol Jubenville, a United Methodist minister, attend our meeting in December to present the Journey-Shepherding God's People ecumenical video series her group has developed and we invited her to join our group! So once again we are at full complement and then some!

The activities were able to do this year include:

- o Lenten Study Series in person mostly in March hosted by CUMC using six-session video over five weeks of "Reckless Love DVD: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor" by pastor and author Tom Berlin. I was only able to attend and help moderate the last session. We had a pretty good turnout of people of 20 people on average.
- o Ecumenical Good Friday service 4/15/22 in-person and streamed on FB Live and hosted by Stone Church. We had about a dozen people attend. The worship leaders were Scott Leonard, Michael Terrel, Janet Griffiths, and Patsy Glista. We collected \$127 in the offering for the Country Pantry.
- o Ecumenical Easter Sunrise 4/17/22 service on the village green. It was dry (snow storm came later), but cold—literally freezing. We had about 18 people in total, including 6 Hamilton College students that Jeff McArn brought (and who afterwards, along with Jeff and Scott, took advantage of Utica Coffee being opened). Worship leaders were Scott Leonard, Michael Terrel, Janet Griffiths, Jeff McArn, and Patsy Glista and Rob Kolb led the *a capella* singing.
- o 7th Annual Community Collection Day 5/14/22. Full community participation again with Lions Club (traffic management, eyeglasses and hearing aids, but no commercial truck shedder available), CUMC (electronics recycling), Kirkland Town Library (books and jewelry), Boyton Pool (bottles and cans), Cub Scouts (trash pickup), CCS environmental club (recycle health and beauty products), Village of Clinton and Chamber of Commerce, Becky Willsey and son (music), Stone Church (bake sale), and the Country Pantry. The number of food items, including those from LutheranCare, was 469, which is half of what we have traditionally have collected, but there have been some other food drives and the school was still finishing its food drive for the Country Pantry. We did collect, however, \$1497.38 in cash and checks on the Green and \$583.00 from the bake sale for a total of \$2080.38! (And collected more after the event).
- o Labor Day Weekend 9/4/22 ecumenical worship service on the village green. We had a good turnout. Worship leaders were Scott Leonard and Michael Terrell, who also provided the music.
- o Rise Against Hunger – Was cancelled because we could not get sufficient support, which required raising \$10,000-15,000 in the spring.
- o Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 p.m. Sunday 10/2/22. With wonderful weather we had a good turnout as we continue to recover from the pandemic. The people really appreciated to have blessings for their animal companions. We collected a few bags of pet food and \$20, which Helen Leonard used to buy more pet food and then we dropped it off at the Country Pantry. Worship leaders were Michael Terrell, Janet Griffiths, Jean Skinner, and Scott Leonard.
- o Service of Lessons and Carols 12/4/22 at the Hamilton College Chapel led by Hamilton College chaplain Jeff McArn and the Hamilton College choir after a two-year absence because of COVID-19. Michael Terrell, Patsy Glista, and Scott Leonard participated in reading the "lessons."
- o Longest Night Service (aka Blue Christmas) 12/21/22 in-person, hosted at St. James. Worship leaders were Patsy Glista, Carol Jubenville, Michael Terrell, Bob Weber, Scott Leonard. An intimate crowd, but those who attended really appreciated it and had sought it out.
- 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 for first time in a year at the KAC 4/6/22. Attended networking breakfast at Kirkland Town Library 6/1/22. Attended a networking after hours at Almost Local on 8/16/22. Did some storytelling at the Clinton Arts & Music Festival

8/27/22. Attended a networking breakfast at ABC House on 10/5/22 and met the new chamber director, Molly Maris (Jackie Walters left in September for another job.). For Shoppers Stroll I once again 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. We found a webmaster replacement for Dave White who retired at the end of 2021, Gabriel Bit-Babik, a student at Hamilton College. At the end of 2022 we found Elizabeth Menard, daughter of John and Christine Menard, to replace Gabriel starting in January 2023.
- Kept our microphones and sound system maintained and had John Puleo come out 12/22/22 to optimize things for Christmas Eve service.

- Presbytery – I was able to attend couple of the presbytery meetings. They were virtual by Zoom in January and March and then resumed in-person after two years for May, September, and November. I participated in presbytery weekly worship leaders' Zoom meetings when I could where we share experiences, ideas, and concerns:

- April learned about an upcoming screening of the film, *Utica: The Last Refuge at the Stanley Theater*, May 5, 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from ticket sales were to support Ukraine and refugee communities. Got the word out to our elders and deacons for a group of us to attend, which a few did without me because I was in quarantine.
- In May got information from Mike Yeoman, Oneida church pastor, on some successful grants they have received. He attended the MVCC grant writing class and thought it was very helpful. I passed the information along to session and Christine Menard took one of the classes.
- In November heard Carol Jubenville present on a new video study series her organization, Divine Development & Leadership Group, is doing. Working for her to come and present at Stone.

- Other – Some items include:

- Conducted Congregational Annual meeting during worship on 1/30/22, including approval of bylaw changes allowing for minimum of five officers on the session and on the board of deacons, reduction from previous number of seven officers, a reflection of our declining numbers.
- On Saturday 4/30/22 I was symptomatic and tested positive for COVID-19. Donna Goodfriend graciously agreed to lead the 5/1/22 Sunday service, including reading my sermon and conducting communion, with Lauralyn Kolb as liturgist. I fully recovered a week later.
- After 6/19/22 worship guest preacher Peg Ward discussed us doing a pulpit exchange this fall with Three Voices (Vernon-Verona-Oneida Castle) and we settled on 10/23/22, which we did.
- After Kathleen DeLacy gave her message with Dan Vellone at the 7/17/22 worship service we decided to have her come back for another presentation after worship on 9/18/22 as we seek to act on our Matthew 25 vision by exploring ways we could work with The Center.
- Attended Boundary Awareness training at the Ilion Presbyterian Church on 8/27/22 as required every three years by the Presbytery of Utica.
- Sent letters of support on 9/5/22 to the Clinton Kirkland Improvement Corporation for a third attempt at the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant.
- Worked with Hamilton College students from Make a Difference Day on 9/10/22 to clean the church along with Donna Goodfriend and Tanya Hamshar.
- Supported Sam Pellman's Tower of Voices chime music being played through Stone's carillon sound system before worship on 9/11/22 and I also attended the 9/11 Remembrance commemoration at 1:00 p.m.
- Worked Maryann Vanderpool from DAR and session to support Constitution Day proclamation and ringing of church chimes – 11:15 a.m. Thu Sept 15.

- o At 1/16/22 worship service gave Midge Bakos a copy of the book, *The Forgotten Edwards* by John Banks who cited her in his forward and at 10/9/22 worship service celebrated Midge's 90th birthday.

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! And we do so with good cheer and joy! As Romans 15:13 reminds us: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott".

Pastor Scott Leonard

Clerk Of Session Annual Report For 2022

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 2022. All regular monthly meetings were held virtually by Zoom setup by Pastor Scott Leonard.

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

For 2022 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 2022-

January – Clerk of session worked on our 2021 Statistical Report which was submitted on January 22, 2022. Thank you to Christine Menard as she was able to get the financial data needed to complete the report. We had 45 active members; we pay our per capita based on this number. All this data was reported in the statistical report.

February – We had our annual joint meeting with Session and Deacons on February 14, 2022. During this meeting we have our Officer Training provided by Scott. 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 13, 2022, we had an installation of Officers Mary Chamberlain and Emily Hughes as Deacons.

March – I shared with Session an email received from Larry Beasley, Utica Presbytery Stated Clerk, he was reading our monthly newsletter about Christine Menard researching grants. He wanted us to know that MVCC has a grant writing course and the Learning Academy is offering a scholarship for those who want to take the course. He provided all the details for anyone us who may be interested. We were so thrilled to get feedback. A couple of us talked about taking the course and Christine Menard took it.

April – Approved the March meeting minutes.

Scott was researching in session meeting minutes, newsletter, any other correspondence and checked with Larry Beasley, but he could not find a date when he was commissioned as Lay Pastor. Seems it may have been overlooked and not recorded very well. Though there is no formal certificate, minutes show he was commissioned at the Presbytery meeting held at Stone Church on 12/14/2014.

May – An email was received from Cecelia Gilbert dated 4/21/22 that she had completed the examination of the detailed data presented in the reports for the Wells Fargo account, the Presbyterian foundation, the memorial fund, the Fair Trade shop, the deacon’s fund and the women’s association fund. Session with great appreciation for Ceil and all her hard work VOTED to accept the Audit Report for 2021 by Ceil.

June – Session voted and approved May meeting minutes. June 17, 2022 Wedding of Heather Clark and Adam Scalisi. June 18, 2022 Funeral of Thomas E. Copher, Jr. June 26th, 2022 was the Baptism for Nora Rosa Eguren-LaFont, daughter of Sarah LaFont and Jon Eguren-Juarez.

September – Our worship time changed from summer hours of 9:30 to 10:30 on September 12th. Scott supported Sam Pellman’s Tower of Voices chime music played on through Stone’s Carillon on September 11, 2022. Scott

worked with Maryann Vanderpool from DAR and session to support Constitution Day proclamation and ringing of church chimes at 11:15 a.m. September 15, 2022.

October – Meeting minutes reflect Scott and Christine Menard met with Bill Eichinger to review Wells Fargo Accounts 10/12/22.

Celebrated Midge's 90th Birthday; she has been a member of Stone Church her whole life and is the church's historian.

November – We decided again not to have the Seven C's Café due to COVID and the work that has to be done prior, during and after the stroll.

Our devotion in November was to be mindful of those that are not able to be us and are alone this thanksgiving. A lot of folks are in need and they ran out of food that day at the food pantry. We need to do better and step up with bringing our items in.

December– We still continue to be virtual, normal business-reminder our annual committee reports are due. We voted to have January worship in the Sanctuary and not the Norton Room. The Utica Presbytery emailed the Annual Statistical report and Clerk's Annual Questionnaire for 2022 to be completed for January 2023. We are going into the New Year 2023 with 45 members.

Members:

In 2022 the session and congregation welcomed 0 new members.

Wedding-1

Baptisms-1

Deaths-0 members but of course we did mourn the loss of friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Robinson
Clerk of Session

Property Committee Report 2022

It was another very busy year for the Property Committee in 2022. There were some projects that had been planned that were completed and other challenges that arose that were dealt with as they came up.

A brief synopsis is as follows;

- In February the Norton Room lost its source of heat. It turned out that the small boiler had developed a hole and was no longer functional. After much discussion by the committee, it was determined that it was better to dispense with the boiler and its very old pipes and provide heat from a new forced air furnace. The furnace in the secretary's office was over 30 years old and needed replacing anyway. As a result, Bentley Mechanical replaced that furnace and placed a significant amount of new ductwork to provide heat to the Norton room as well as the secretary's office, Pastor's study and the hallway in front of the Norton room. This effort took much of the year but is now completed and seems to be working well.
- In March it was noticed that there was paint peeling and there were stains on the ceiling above the choir loft adjacent to and below the bell tower. Dwight Dibble evaluated the situation, and repaired some roof flashing, replaced a few lost shingles and sealed up some gaps. After determining that the leak was indeed repaired, Dwight returned in May and repaired the breakdown of the ceiling and peeling paint. A member of the committee went up on the roof with Dwight and evaluated the roof which is now over 30 years old. The shingles are brittle and cracking and the roofing will need to be replaced soon.
- Also, in March a new furnace was installed to replace the very old one that provides heat to the downstairs bathrooms and the Fair Trade Shop. Additional ductwork was also placed to improve the heat in the shop. This has worked out very well.
- In May Dwight placed new railings on either side of the chancel. It had previously been discussed by the Session that Church members were uneasy about the lack of something to hold onto when stepping up to the chancel. The Property Committee worked on a design with Dwight and the new railings are attractive and solid. We feel that this is a very nice improvement.
- In August a battery backup for the carillon was placed to prevent the carillon from losing electricity during brief interruptions of power. When the carillon loses power, it can disrupt the accuracy of the clock and the timing of the hymns.
- Josh Wenzel trimmed the shrubbery in August and did his usual excellent job.
- Students from Hamilton college came in August and helped clean the Church.
- In September a fire inspection was done by the new Clinton Fire Chief guided by John Stiefvater.
- The entrance to the Fair Trade Shop was painted by Lee Kelso over the summer- a nice improvement.
- Also, in September new lighting was installed in the Fair Trade Shop by electrician Pete Burns- it's much brighter!
- In November the toilet in the Narthex bathroom became nonfunctional. It was replaced by William Owens and Sons plumbing.
- There was a faulty sensor associated with the fire alarm system that went off twice in December. This has been dealt with by our security contractor. There will be a further upgrade to the system in early 2023.
- So, it was a pretty busy and costly year for the Church as we continue to keep our Church home in good order. We are hoping that next year will be a little less exciting - dull would be good!
- Much of next year will be spent in preparing to replace the roof- this is planned for 2024. The committee continues to get estimates for this. Funding the new roof will take a combination of applying for grant money, fundraisers, etc. This will be a challenging project that will take all of us to complete but we feel it is very achievable if we all work together.

Much thanks to our Sexton, Lee Kelso for his hard work in taking care of the building. Also, Midge Bakos for her unsung dedication to working on the gardens and shrubs.

Respectfully submitted,

The Property Committee

Mary Ann Stiefvater

John Stiefvater

John Menard

Finance Committee Report for 2022

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the congregation, the church had a stable financial year. We continue to manage a deficit budget which is offset by our endowment funds held by Wells Fargo Advisors.

Wells Fargo: We continue to have two fund accounts with Wells Fargo and both sustained significant losses in 2022. The year began with \$406,141.47 At the end of 2022, we have \$309,890.21. Thirty thousand was withdrawn in two increments this year to pay for the cost of a new furnace. Stock market losses accounted for the remainder of the decrease in funds.

Scott Leonard and Chris Menard met with our account advisors in November 2022 to review our holdings. At that time, we decided to open a credit line account with them in case it is needed in the future. This is a free service offered by the company. The necessary documents have been completed and are on file in the church office.

NBT: Our income and expenses this year were as expected, including maintenance costs. These totaled over \$31,000. We needed to pay for two new furnaces, associated ductwork, materials, repair of the ceiling in the choir loft, patching of the roof, and new railings for the chancel area of the sanctuary. Additional routine costs included landscaping needs and cleaning materials. In 2023, we look forward to a year with minimal maintenance needs so that we can save money for a new roof in 2024.

Deacons Account: The work of the deacons is supported by the loose change offering on the first Sunday of the month. We also receive funds from an individual donor which are deposited in the Deacon's account. Occasionally we receive donations, specifically for the Deacons.

Presbyterian Foundation: This year we earned \$302 in interest on two funds with the Presbyterian Foundation. The use of this money is restricted but we appreciate the interest that we receive.

Mission Activities:

Although we do not budget for mission activities, this year we did contribute \$5,640 to a variety of mission causes. Any money that is collected is sent to either the Presbytery or to local organizations, such as Hope House or the Country Pantry.

We are very fortunate to have a strong culture of generosity at Stone Presbyterian Church. The congregation is faithful and timely with their pledges, and we receive additional monies from other donors. We anticipate a good year in 2023 with continuation of the important work of the church.

Respectable submitted,

Christine Menard, Treasurer

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

ADMINISTRATION INCOME

Deacon Activity Income	1,357.76	0.00	0	
Fair Trade Shoppe Rent	6,000.00	4,000.00	6000	
Miscellaneous Income	3,396.09	2,000.00	2000	
Per Capita	1,030.10	1,975.00	2025	45/memberX45 members
Presbytery Foundation Income	301.84	302.00	322	
Sunday Plate Offering				
Loose Offering Cash/Checks	615.00	250.00	250	
Non Pledged Income	4,200.68	0.00	0	
Pledges	<u>63,141.39</u>	<u>70,875.74</u>	67212	
Total Sunday Plate Offering	67,957.07	71,125.74		
Wells Fargo Supplement	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	30000	

Total ADMINISTRATION INCOME 110,042.86 79,402.74 **107809**

MINISTRIES INCOM

Memorial Fund Income	<u>325.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0	
Total MINISTRIES INCOM	325.00	0.00	0	

MISSION INCOME

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS

Mission Beyond/Disaster Relief	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	1000	
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Total CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS 0.00 1,000.00 **1000**

LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION

Country Pantry Food Bank	1,177.80	0.00	0	
Hope House	449.00	0.00	0	
Rise Against Hunger	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	0	
Total LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION	1,626.80	2,000.00	0	

PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS

Christmas Joy	183.00	0.00	0	
One Great Hour	2,360.00	0.00	0	
Peacemaking Income	<u>262.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0	

Total PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS	<u>2,805.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0	
Total MISSION INCOME	4,431.80	3,000.00	1000	
STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY INCOME				
Building Use	<u>250.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	200	
Total STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY INCOME	<u>250.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	200	
Total Income	<u>115,049.66</u>	<u>82,602.74</u>	109009	
Gross Profit	115,049.66	82,602.74		
Expense				
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
Deacon Activity Expense	1,627.65	0.00	0	
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,522.99	2,000.00	2500	Increased
Office Supplies				
Website Management	622.28	1,000.00	1000	
Office Supplies - Other	<u>4,334.73</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	4500	Increased
Total Office Supplies	4,957.01	4,000.00	5500	
Per Capita Tax	1,851.26	1,975.00	1980	
Postage	926.80	1,000.00	1000	
Telephone/Internet	<u>1,517.67</u>	<u>1,580.00</u>	1580	
Total ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	14,403.38	10,555.00	12560	
Balance correction	-173.20	0.00		
CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES				
Certified Lay Pastor				
CLP Benefits				
CLP Auto/Professional	0.00	500.00	500	
CLP Continuing Ed	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	500	
Total CLP Benefits	0.00	1,000.00	1000	
CLP Housing Allowance	19,289.49	24,402.56	25378.66	4% increase
CLP Social Security Offset	<u>1,475.64</u>	<u>1,866.80</u>	1978.77	X 0.076
Total Certified Lay Pastor	20,765.13	27,269.36	29357.43	
Director of Music	14,499.70	17,393.62	18089.36	4% increase
New York State Unemployment Ins	923.37	700.00	888.64	2% rate
Office Manager	15,770.01	17,071.08	17753.92	4% increase

Payroll Taxes & Benefits	2,775.15	3,268.45	3377	Payroll x .076
Sexton	<u>3,140.27</u>	<u>8,260.20</u>	8590.6	4% increase
Total CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES	57,873.63	73,962.71	78056.95	
MINISTRIES				
Choir Singers	0.00	1,500.00	0	
Minister/Music Director Subs				
Music Substitutes	950.00	600.00	600	
Pulpit Supply	<u>1,225.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>	2800	16 Sundaysx175/Sunday
Total Minister/Music Director Subs	2,175.00	3,400.00	3400	
Music	0.00	175.00	175	
Organ & Piano Maintenance	465.00	1,600.00	1600	
Soundssystem Maintenance	0.00	400.00	0	
Worship Supplies	64.78	0.00	100	
Worship, Education & Program	<u>172.90</u>	<u>500.00</u>	200	
Total MINISTRIES	2,877.68	7,575.00	5475	
MISSION EXPENSES				
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE				
Mission Beyond/Disaster Relief	<u>1,008.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	1000	
Total CHURCH WORLD SERVICE	1,008.00	1,000.00		
LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION				
Country Pantry Food Bank	1,026.00	0.00	0	
Hope House	449.00	0.00	0	
Rise Against Hunger	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	0	
Total LOCAL OFFERINGS/MISSION	1,475.00	2,000.00		
Mission & Stewardship Committee	0.00	300.00	500	
PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS				
One Great Hour	2,360.00	0.00	0	
Peacemaking	<u>212.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0	
Total PRESBYTERIAN OFFERINGS	<u>2,572.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0	
Total MISSION EXPENSES	5,055.00	3,300.00	1500	
STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY				
Contingency Repairs Expense	16,250.00	0.00	0	

Insurance	8,049.11	8,000.00	8000
Maintenance - Church	15,442.26	15,000.00	15000
Utilities - Church	16,204.09	17,500.00	17500
Total STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY	<u>55,945.46</u>	<u>40,500.00</u>	40500
Total Expense	<u>135,981.95</u>	<u>135,892.71</u>	136591.95
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-20,932.29</u>	<u>-53,289.97</u>	-27627.95 Shortage
Net Income	<u>-20,932.29</u>	<u>-53,289.97</u>	

Wells Fargo Summary 2022

12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
\$115,895.98	\$142,721.47	\$156,259.11	\$174,506.47	<i>\$143,338.75</i>
12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	
\$208,466.50	\$232,658.11	\$222,597.85	\$231,635.00	<i>\$166,551.46</i>
324362.48	375379.58	378856.96	\$406,141.47	<i>\$309,890.21</i>

Worship, Education, and Program (WEP) Annual Report 2022

As 2022 progressed and more booster shots became available, we eased mask requirements. If you felt comfortable without a mask, you could go without one but anyone was welcome to wear one if they wanted to. By the Fall, most people in the congregation had had their fifth booster for the Omicron variant and were not wearing masks anymore. This may change if more variants come out, though.

In February, the Worship committee helped the Mission Outreach and Stewardship committee with the Lunch and Learn program after church. We watched the film *A Most Beautiful Thing* about an African-American high school rowing team. It was a powerful film and gave us insight into the poverty, racism and prejudice that Blacks in this country face.

On March 2nd, we held an in-person Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday service. It was wonderful to be together again to observe Ash Wednesday.

Beginning on March 10th and ending on April 7th, we held the Lenten series in-person at the Methodist Church. The 5 sessions held on Thursdays at 6 p.m. were well attended with anywhere from 20 to 40 participants. The sessions were based on the book *Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor* by Pastor Tom Berlin. A light luncheon of soup, bread and cookies was followed by a short film and a discussion based on the film and questions from the book. We were charged with considering our lives and learning how loving people around us would renew our faith and give us a new experience of loving God. It was a very meaningful experience.

We again enjoyed the Lenten desert and garden; observing the different objects in the desert and participating in any activity connected with the objects. With Palm Sunday, we saw the desert transform into a beautiful garden with Palms and, on Easter, flowers bought by people in the congregation.

Palm Sunday included the liturgy of the Palms and a procession with Palms. The Maundy Thursday service was a Tenebrae service of shadow and light. Being in-person again, allowed us to fully experience this very moving service. We hosted the Good Friday service followed by a light luncheon provided by the Deacons.

An Ecumenical Sunrise service on Easter Sunday was held on the Green at 7am with a crew of hardy people who braved the bitter temperatures. The Easter service was a celebration of the risen Lord with special music by Rob and Lauralyn Kolb. Without a choir, we have all appreciated and enjoyed the special music that Rob and Lauralyn have provided since the beginning of the Pandemic.

Pentecost was celebrated on June 5th with the church decked out in red.

On June 26th, we celebrated the baptism of Nora Rose Eguren- LaFont, the daughter of Sara LaFont and Jon Eguren-Juarez and granddaughter of Tim and Debra LaFont. It was wonderful ceremony and a time to reconnect with Sara who grew up in our church.

Summer worship (at 9:30 a.m.), brought a variety of speakers. Pastor Scott preached July 3rd and 10th, then took vacation time from July 17th - August 14th. He returned August 21st and preached the last 2 Sundays in August and led the Labor Day service on the Green on September 4th. Our guest speakers included: Kathleen DeLacey from the Center (for refugees and immigrants) on July 17th; Celia Bogan from Hope House on July 24th; Rev. Robert Umidi on July 31st; Donna Goodfriend (Elder) on August 7th; and MaryAnn Stiefvater (Elder) on August 14th.

Worship resumed at Stone on September 11th with a welcome back luncheon afterwards. We returned to our normal 10:30 a.m. worship time.

On September 18th we again coordinated with the Mission, Outreach and Stewardship committee to host Kathleen DeLacey from The Center at a Lunch and Learn program. Her insight and understanding with regard to the Utica area immigrants and refugees was illuminating. We all enjoyed an informal conversation with her after her presentation. We are exploring ways to interact with some of the immigrants and refugees as they start a new life here in Central New York. This will be a process and we look forward to talking with Kathleen again in the New Year to see how we can implement some of the ideas we have for involvement.

On October 2nd, we celebrated World Communion Sunday. We honored the Saints of the church on October 30th which was all Saints Sunday as well as Reformation Sunday. We were very happy to welcome back a former member, Jon Rice, who was our guest preacher on October 16th. He brought his mother (101 years old!), son, Eli and friend, Elisha with him. Jon's parents, Jan and Judd were active members of our church in the late 1970s and early 1980s. It was great to see them!

November 13th concluded our Stewardship campaign and Advent began on the 27th. Special offerings were collected each Sunday in Advent for: Hope House, The Center, Presbyterian Church USA's Christmas Joy Offering and The Country Pantry. The Christmas Eve collection also went to The Country Pantry as the need continues to be great. We also enjoyed our Advent Candle lighting tradition with several members participating.

Our Christmas Eve service was special this year because, for the first time since 2019, the choir sang during the service. What a joy it was to hear them singing again! There were several comments on the wonderful the service and the inspirational music. It was truly a lovely service.

As we look forward to 2023, we wish you all peace, joy and a healthy year.

Donna Goodfriend

Mission, Stewardship and Support 2022

2022 saw a variety of Mission and Support activities within our congregation. Despite a few challenges, our congregation has been creative and remained hard-working and charitable in its support of various agencies and needs.

Stone Church members and friends have been incredibly faithful and genuinely generous. We have responded to the growing local challenges as well as working on a larger scale, never forgetting that human suffering and need is a world-wide issue. We have maintained communication and concern for each other and have enjoyed varied worship experiences.

Our relatively small size has made us more mindful of our priorities and focused in our giving, so we actively joined with others to do in partnership what none of us could have hoped to do as effectively alone.

To this end, we undertook:

To renew our focus on being an active Matthew 25 congregation by working with **The Center** to investigate how we can support the refugee and immigrant population of the greater Utica area. Two Lunch and Learn events plus an organized after worship discussion have been focused on **The Center**. Additionally, our PEACE Advent offering was earmarked for **The Center**. In 2023 we plan to continue and to expand our relationship with **The Center**.

To actively support the Utica Presbytery's involvement in the R.I.P. Medical Debt assistance program. The **RIP Medical Debt** program purchases past due medical debt and then raises funds to forgive the debtors. The relief from crippling debt offered through this program is designed to have a positive impact for underserved people of our state and our country, particularly those who have been denied equitable opportunities. The Utica Presbytery recommended that, by August 31, 2022, the Presbytery and her member congregations raise a total of \$31,000 to partner with **RIP Medical Debt** to relieve and forgive medical debt for heretofore underserved individuals and families. Our congregation contributed \$1,101.80 to this effort.

Ongoing contributions to The Country Pantry, our Clinton area food bank. Judy LaGasse continues as our liaison to the Pantry which has had a consistently large number of individuals and families requiring food assistance. In addition to responding to monthly and seasonal requests for foods, members of our congregation volunteer to work during the monthly food distribution events. Our congregation responds generously to both special requests and normal monthly stocking in addition to the Clinton community **County Pantry** events. Traditionally, the third Sunday of each month, our loose offering is earmarked for the **Country Pantry**. Additionally, The Country Pantry was the recipient of our 2022 LOVE Advent offering and Christmas Eve offering.

Continued assistance to Hope House as it has adjusted its services to continue feeding and assisting those without either homes or adequate meals. Ceil Gilbert has continued to organize our participation at **Hope House** and once a month Stone Church volunteers work at Hope House in meal preparation and serving. Additionally, our congregation donated quantities of toiletries and other supplies for Hope House clients. As we have done in the past, our HOPE Advent offering was designated for Hope House.

Support for the activities of the Presbyterian Church USA including aid to the Ukraine and the Presbyterian Church USA special offerings. Our third Advent JOY offering was dedicated to the PC USA Christmas Joy offering which is an assistance program of the Board of Pensions, that distributes financial assistance to eligible

church workers and their families, and funding for racial ethnic schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church 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** that 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.

Additionally, we worked to encourage members and friends of Stone Church to participate in our stewardship campaign, based on Psalm 107:1 and 1 Chronicles 16:34, "**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.**" This series of Sunday services considered the ways each of us can show appreciation for God's endless and all-encompassing love while we use our talents to work to improve our world. The culmination of our campaign was special service on November 13, 2022. As ever, the support for our Church and its mission was evident by the care and generosity exhibited during all stewardship activities. As of the end of December 2022, we had received \$67,212 in pledges for 2023.

Exact figures for all of the Mission activities undertaken by Stone Church can be found in the Treasurer's Report in this 2022 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 individually responded to personal challenges. Despite these challenges, we showed ourselves to be an active and caring congregation. We 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 make all things possible and all things bearable.

Mary Ann Stiefvater

Membership, Communication And Outreach (MCO) Report 2022

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 church events. Due to Covid still going around through the year, we again were very lucky to have Scott 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.

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 welcome notes and I mailed out one.

November 2022 our shoppers stroll was cancelled a third year in a row due to COVID and amount of time needed to prepare, setup, work the day of and cleanup. 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 Member

Nominating Committee Report 2022

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 thank Mary Ann and John Stiefvater for their six years of service as they now come off of session. In lieu of trying to replace them and in line with the bylaw passed at the Annual Meeting 1/30/22 that reduced the minimum size of the session and deacons from 7 to 5, we propose doing just that for session in 2023.

We also thank Helen Leonard and Jim Gavett for their six years of service as they now come off of the board of deacons. Also, we thank Hal Rance for his five years of service.

The following is the current list of members of each body with the class of 2026 to be elected at the Congregational Meeting on 1/29/2023

Respectfully,

Pat Joseph and Linda Rance

Elders

Class of 2024:

Grace Whittemore

Donna Goodfriend

Patricia Joseph

Installation

elected 2/03/2021

2/03/2021

elected 2/03/2021

Class of 2025:

John Menard

2//2019

Sherry Robinson

2//2019

Class of 2026:

Will remain vacant for now

Sherry Robinson will serve as Clerk of Session.

Pat Joseph will chair the Nominating Committee.

Deacons

Class of 2024

Linda Rance (chair)

Installation

2/11/2020

Class of 2025

Mary Chamberlain

2/2022

Emily Hughes

2/2022

Class of 2026

Trisha Harris**

2/12/2023

Barbara Greene**

2/12/2023

Judy LaGasse*

2/2021

Beverly Miller*

2/2021

* Renewing for a three-year term

** To be installed for a three-year term

Linda Rance will represent deacons at session

Board Of Deacons 2022

Serving this year: Mary Chamberlain, Jim Gavett, Emily Hughes, Judy LaGasse, Helen Leonard, Bev Miller, Hal Rance and Linda Rance

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. We were able to pay for the artificial palms that Donna bought this year. We also gave \$100 towards the purchase of the defibrillator. We helped cover the cost of the staff gifts. We buy the coffee from the Fair Trade Shop.

Our main focus is on our Homebound and those in need of meals, transportation and prayers. This year beautiful plants were taken to our homebound for Easter and a beautiful decorated cake was taken to them for Christmas...plus visits. We provided many meals for several of our members and transportation was done when needed.

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

We celebrated two special birthdays this year. Sherry turned 60 and we celebrated at the church picnic at the home of John & Chris Menard. Midge turned 90 and we celebrated after the service with cake and a special gift.

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

Easter and Christmas flowers were ordered and placed beautifully in the church. Some were given to our members and others. A rose was placed on the alter for the baptism of Nora Rose Eguren-LaFonte.

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. The Deacons also sent \$100 to the Pantry.

It seems that when you mention Deacons...the word FOOD comes to mind! Besides supplying the goodies for coffee hour every Sunday, we prepared food for several events. We supplied the meal for one of the Ecumenical Lenten series programs. We prepared the lunch after the Good Friday service. We had a Welcome Back luncheon after Church on September 11th and we hosted the luncheon the Sunday of The Hanging of the Greens!! We also helped MaryAnn with the Consecration Luncheon. Cookies and soup were provided for the funeral of David Harris.

We have such a great group of dedicated Deacons who are always willing to do whatever is needed. I can't thank them enough for all they do and the love and concern they show for all our members and Church family. We are definitely blessed!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rance, Chair

Board Of Deacons

Financial Report – 01/01/22-12/31/22

Beginning Balance - \$87.21

INCOME:

First Sunday Loose Change	\$	1,225.12
Individual Donations	\$	206.00
Flower Sales	\$	<u>403.50</u>

TOTAL \$ **1,834.62**

EXPENSE:

Bev Miller	\$	22.00
Alteri's	\$	100.00
Olde Country Market	\$	50.00
Linda Rance	\$	29.49
Donna Goodfriend	\$	200.00
Chester's Flowers	\$	319.43
Donna Goodfriend	\$	25.00
Stone Presbyterian Church	\$	100.00
Country Pantry	\$	100.00
Stone Presbyterian	\$	64.00
Linda Rance	\$	39.74
Judy LaGasse	\$	14.00
Helen Leonard	\$	66.70
Chester's Flowers	\$	47.95
Linda Rance	\$	16.69
Linda Rance	\$	50.00
Country Pantry	\$	50.00
Linda Rance	\$	51.99
Mary Chamberlain	\$	79.71
Mary Chamberlain	\$	27.45

TOTAL \$ **1,627.65**

BALANCE as of 12/31/22: \$ **294.18**

2022 Memorial Committee Annual Report

We did not complete our goal of relocating the History Office from the basement to office space adjacent to our church office.

The plan has been updated. A study setting with a library atmosphere, will support the story of Stone Presbyterian Church. The intent is to renew and enhance the experience of church history in the Clinton community.

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

<u>For:</u>	<u>From:</u>	
Peter Jensen	Midge Bakos	\$100.00
Thomas Copfer, Jr.	Julie Milograno	\$ 25.00
Carolyn Barnum	Marcia Wentworth	\$100.00
Carolyn Barnum	Midge Bakos	\$100.00

TOTAL: \$325.00

Expenses:

None

Finances:

Balance as of 01/01/20:	\$2,896.10
Income \$325.00	
Expense 0.00	
Balance as of 12/31/21	<u>\$3,221.10</u>

Respectfully,

Emily Hughes, Chair
Midge Bakos At Large

Annual Report 2022 - Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe

Once again, our shop has had an incredible year with sales since January 1, 2022, totaling \$36,486.97. This is our best year yet, topping last year's record of \$35,315.72.

Prior to last year, our best year had been in 2015, when total net sales were \$30,929.76. The continued success of the shop is a blessing to us, to our artisans around the world, and to those who receive the money we donate.

We are excited to offer items from several new vendors:

Costello's International (Mexico)

Matr Boomie (India)

Buena Onda (Guatemala)

Minga (International)

Beautifully Made Fair Trade (Haiti)

Revy (Equador)

Much of our profit has again gone right back into purchasing more items and making improvements to the room itself. This year, thanks to Emily Hughes's diligence, we got the entryway floor repainted and had new lighting installed. We are awaiting reimbursement from the state for the cost of switching to energy-saving lights. In November, we became aware that we needed to purchase a new \$800 Square cash register. Fortunately, we all agree that it works beautifully.

We were able to write our monthly checks of \$500 to the church to help cover our utility costs.

When Russia invaded Ukraine last March, we sent \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to be used for Ukrainian refugees. Also, in March we finally honored Carol and David White by a donation in their name to The Center. We had planned to honor them three years ago with a donation of \$1000 to the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the United Nations Association, but COVID took a toll on that organization. When we finally told the Whites what we had planned, they were very moved, and suggested the donation be made to The Center instead of UNAUSA.

In addition, we have made the following end-of-year donations:

\$1,000 to World Vision for Ukraine

\$1,000 to The Center

\$2,000 to LIFE School Foundation in Guatemala (\$1376.68 of this was the amount raised from the sale of items that Anne Dunn donated to the shop.)

\$500 to Country Pantry

\$500 to Hope House

\$500 to Seeds of Hope Food Pantry

Total donations made in 2022: \$7,500.

Total merchandise purchased during 2022 is \$21,677.62.

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 designed an ad for us. 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. Ben Joseph, Ryan Copfer, Ryan Dawes, and Gabriel Bit-Babik all helped with the cart. 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. Those volunteers who have worked in the shop this year, include:

Dave and Carol White

Pat Joseph

Donna Goodfriend

Emily Hughes

Gerry Gogel

Helen Leonard

Sue Montrose

Peggy Weldon

Gabriel Bit-Babik

Ceil Gilbert

Grace Whittemore

Lora Schilder

Mary Chamberlain

Lauralyn Kolb

Clearly, this is a team effort! Many thanks to all those who have participated to make this a successful mission of Stone Church. 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 the Fair Trade Shoppe:

Purchases made in 2022

TTV	\$5,166.73
SERRV	\$4,273.59
EE	\$1,397.80
UPA	\$1,362.62
Maggies	\$2,695.47
MH	\$3,168.32
WBP	\$426.35
Costello's	\$436.97
Minga	\$985.60
Matr Boomie	\$430.84
Beautifully Made	\$300.00
Buena Onde	\$856.46
Revy	\$176.87
Total purchases	\$21,677.62

Category	Items sold	Gross sales
Uncategorized	10	\$148.08
B4L	106	\$1,047.00
Beautifully Made Fair Trade	12	\$158.00
Buena Onda Games	17	\$414.00
Costello International	6	\$95.00
EE	295	\$1,406.50
LS (benefit for Life School in Guatemala)	107	\$1,376.68
MAGGIES	199	\$2,954.00
MHANDS	400	\$5,690.00
Matr Boomie	10	\$258.00
Minga Fair Trade Imports	27	\$407.00
PJT	87	\$860.00
Pal Craftaid	46	\$382.00

Revy	1	\$22.50
SERRV	450	\$7,792.26
TTV	715	\$10,559.29
UPAVIM	342	\$3,526.40
WBP	41	\$243.00
Gross Sales Total	2,871	\$37,339.71
Discounts		(\$665.24)
Refunds		(\$187.50)
Net sales		\$36,486.97

Estimated Value of inventory on hand in the shop at the end of 2022 is:

B4L	\$2,583.50
Beautifully Made	\$206.00
Buena Onde	\$653.50
Costello Int'l	\$519.00
EE	\$730.62
Maggies	\$10,000.00
Matr Boomie	\$263.00
Mayan Hands	\$2,207.23
Minga	\$911.50
Pal Craftaid	\$1,082.73
PJT	\$909.50
Revy	\$152.25
SERRV	\$7,729.50
TTV	\$7,407.18
UPAVIM	\$2,529.20
WBP	\$72.60
Total	\$37,957.31
LifeSchool	\$969.04
Grand Total	\$38,926.35

Women's Association-2022

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 April we donated \$500 to One Great Hour-Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

In May we held our Spring Drive-Thru Pie Sale on May 21, 2022 and were able to raise \$1,560 thanks to our very generous participation by our congregation.

In September we held our Annual Harvest Pie Sale on September 24th 2022 and we were able to raise \$1,607. 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 \$400 each to the Country Pantry, the Neighborhood Center, Abraham House, the Rescue Mission of Utica, Thea Bowman House, Hope House, The Center and \$436 toward items for two Christmas families that we adopted through the Neighborhood Center. We also donated \$199.95 toward church staff year-end gifts. 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 2022 and we hope we can continue to raise money in 2023 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 1/1/2022 **1,213.85**

RECEIPTS

Spring Drive-Thru Pie Sale	1560.00
Fall Drive-Thru Pie Sale	1607.00
Anonymous Donation	20.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 3,187.00

DISBURSEMENTS

One Great Hour-Pres. Disaster Relief	500.00
Country Pantry	400.00
Neighborhood Center	400.00
Abraham House	400.00
Rescue Mission of Utica	400.00
Thea Bowman House	400.00
Hope House	400.00
The Center	400.00
Year-end Staff Gifts	199.95
Christmas Families	436.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (3,935.95)

Balance as of 12/31/2022 **464.90**

Respectfully submitted,
Ceil Gilbert
Secretary/Treasurer