

Old Stone Church

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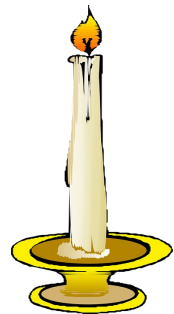
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Saturdays from 10 am—3 pm

The lighted candle in the Church Steeple will shine perpetually as a beacon of God's strength. This light reflects our prayers for peace, here and abroad. To help defray the cost of keeping the lights lit, donations are greatly appreciated.



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The Herald

April 2022

Upcoming Dates

Easter Flower orders due

April 10, 2022 .

Palm Sunday 4/10

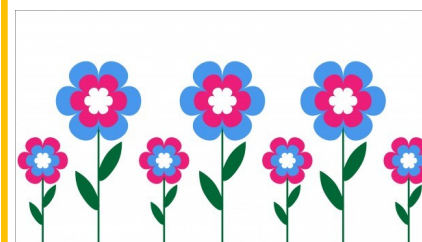
Maundy Thursday Svc. 4/14

Good Friday open for silent

reflection 12-3pm

Easter Sunday 4/17

OUR Sanctuary is open for In-Person Worship service or can be viewed on Facebook Live 10 am Sundays



Do you have an idea to share with others? How about a simple tip for everyday life? Perhaps a word of inspiration?

Should you want to see something in the next Herald, or have an idea or comment, please call the office, Mon—Thurs. 9am—3pm at 203-467-2907 or email to: oldstonechurch97@gmail.com

To sponsor a Herald mailing, please call the office.

From the desk of Rev. Mark Pilletere...

Christ is Victorious!

There is a hymn by the title of “Victory in Jesus,” and the lyrics of the chorus are:

“Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He sought me, and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ‘ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!”

I doubt any of us would ever say we like to experience defeat in our lives. At least for me, I would rather be a part of a winning team than a losing team. My friend, I pray that you remember it's because of our Savior's Resurrection over 2,000 years ago that the victory WAS, IS, and WILL BE ours!

We live in a world right now that seems to have the upper hand, as we look around and see sin and its consequences in so many areas.

While knowledge has increased exponentially over the past 100 years, the capacity for sin has also been on the rise. We are confronted daily with this fact, and for those who know Christ, we often find ourselves crying out for the return of Christ.

Remember, the Old Testament promised the first coming of Jesus as prophecies often told about one who was to come. The Father sent Jesus in the “fullness of time” to die on a cross and ultimately rise from the grave in victory!

This was more than a temporary victory but is one that will continue to reverberate throughout the endless ages of eternity! Jesus rose from the grave in victory, and because He lives, we live also!

John 14:19 (NKJV) “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.”

That scripture reminds me of another powerful song written by Bill Gaither with the title “Because He Lives,” and the lyrics are as follows:

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!”

I would encourage you today to keep your eyes on Jesus as you move through this journey of life.

He is victorious still!

Blessings in Christ,

Pr. Mark

April 2022

Sun <u>Ongoing</u> Worship 10 am	Mon	Tue <u>Ongoing</u> Girl Scouts 7pm	Wed	Thu <u>Ongoing</u> Mahjong 12:30 Choir 7 Childbirth Class Boy Scouts 7	Fri	Sat <u>Ongoing</u> Thrift Shop 10-3pm
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Confirmation Class (PS) 11:15	FBG Meeting (ZOOM) 7pm BSA Leader Meeting (FH) 7pm	Council Meeting (ZOOM) 7pm		Palm Cross making (FH) 6pm	Don't forget to bring your Easter plant order to church.	Reserved Party (FH) ?? Childbirth Class (P) 9am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Bible Study (P) 11:15 PALM SUNDAY			Last day for Pie orders	Maundy Thursday Service (S) 7pm	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
EASTER Flowering of the Cross 8:45am						Childbirth Class (P) 9am
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Bible Study (P) 11:15						Pancakes with the Pastor (FH) 9am

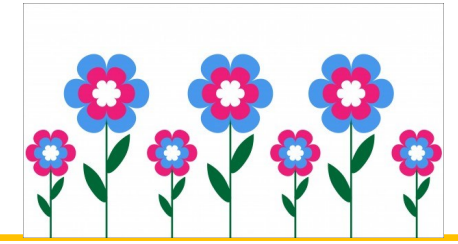
April Birthdays

- 04/01 Pat Garguilo
- 04/04 Loren Evarts
- 04/06 Cameron Moon
- 04/07 Peter Gercz
- 04/10 Mattie Gercz
- 04/10 Jordan Howard
- 04/14 Jake DelGuidice
- 04/15 Pr. Mark Pilletere
- 04/16 John Zyrilis, Jr
- 04/19 Dawn Coon
- 04/20 Brody Gercz
- 04/20 Petra McLay
- 04/20 Alec Taylor
- 04/20 Bruce Walker
- 04/21 John Steeves
- 04/22 Kathy Mallory
- 04/30 Dianne Shute



Happy Anniversary

- 4/07/1979 Robert & Kathy Mallory
- 04/18/1970 John & Elaine Carr
- 04/28/1979 Bruce & Jayne Scobie



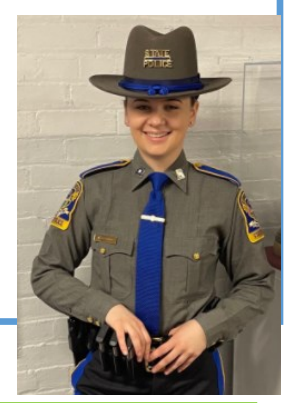
CONGRATULATIONS!

Brandon and Laura LaPia on the birth of their son Hudson Douglas on March 20th, 2022

The Steeple Restoration Fund has grown ! We are able to start the painting project and are now working toward bell repair.

Thank you one and all!!

Gabriella Alberino is a State Police Officer graduate and has been assigned to Troop F in Westbrook.



Pastoral Visits in Hospital

Pastoral Visits in the hospital are becoming possible slowly and gradually, with particular guidelines that are changing to reflect the particular hospital's guidelines. If an in-person visit is not possible, telephone visits for prayer and comfort are an alternative, although certainly less than ideal. Please contact Heidi or Pr. Mark, in the office at 203-467-2907, if you anticipate a trip to the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself hospitalized, so Pr. Mark can respond.

Prayer requests can be sent or called in to the church office at any time. Please send to the church's confidential email: oldstonechurch97@gmail.com or direct to Pastor Mark's confidential email: oldstonepastor@yahoo.com. Pastor Mark will read them aloud on Sunday during service. Should you need a call, please note that in the message.

Is there a special event that has or is happening in your life? Send a note or call the church office to share it with your church family. Prayer requests can be submitted on-line or in person. Email to oldstonechurch97@gmail.com or send to Old Stone Church 251 Main Street East Haven, CT 06512
Deacons in charge for the month of April: Kathy Mallory and Adrienne Ward

What's Cookin'?

Salmon-Cream Cheese Spread

Submitted for publication in the OSC Cookbook by Margaret Thomas

8 oz. Cream Cheese (softened) 2 Tbsp. Capers 1/2 cup Smoked Salmon (chopped)

Mix all ingredients together and form into a ball. Serve with crackers or mini bagels.

Manicotti Submitted for publication in the OSC Cookbook by Kathy Giannone

Crepes:

4 cups Milk
4 cups Flour
12 slightly beaten eggs
1 tsp. Salt
1 Tbsp Butter (melted)

Filling:

2 large containers Ricotta Cheese
1 Large ball Mozzarella (grated)
6 Tbsp Parmesan or Romano cheese
1 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Ground Pepper
1 dash of Nutmeg



Stir milk and flour until smooth. Stirring constantly, add eggs, salt and melted butter. Sift through strainer. Melt a little butter in 6" fry pan. Pour about 5 Tablespoons of batter into pan. Remove and stack when lightly golden. Stuff with filling and roll. Place in baking dish with a layer of sauce on bottom. Cover with more sauce and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Makes about 40—50.

Easy Beef Stroganoff Submitted for publishing in the OSC Cookbook by Patricia Johnson

2 Tbsp Butter 1 cup Milk 1 1/2 lbs Round Steak
1 cup Sour Cream 4 oz Mushrooms 1/2 cup Water
1 pkg Onion Soup Mix 1/8 tsp Pepper 2 Tbsp Flour
1 pkg. Wide Egg Noodles

Melt butter, cut meat into strips, about 1/8 to 1/4". Brown strips in butter. Add rest of ingredients, except sour cream. Cover and simmer gently until meat is done. Add sour cream and reheat but do not boil. Serve over wide egg noodles. Serves 4-6 people.

Hornet's Nest Cake Submitted for publishing in the OSC Cookbook by Barbara Gelo

1 pkg. Vanilla Instant Pudding 1 pkg. (11 oz) Butterscotch Chips
2 cups Milk 1 cup Pecans (chopped)
1 pkg Yellow Cake Mix

Place pudding mix and milk in large bowl and blend according to package directions. Fold in dry cake mix, stir with wooden spoon until batter is combined although a little lumpy. Pour batter into greased 13" x 9" pan and spread. Scatter on butterscotch chips. Sprinkle pecans over all. Bake 35—40 minutes at 350 degrees.



A NOTE OF THANKS

To Old Stone Church, Just a note to compliment and thank the group that prepared and presented the St. Patrick's dinner. It was delicious and very generous. Sincerely Linda Esposito

Faith Check

Like the ant, no matter how high we climb, we cannot reach heaven on our own strength. The only way to heaven is through Jesus, the Way through which each believer must pass into eternal glory.

Are you tired of reaching for the stars? Then use your hands to knock instead. "So, I say to you, ask, and it will be given unto you; seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you. (Luke 11:9) Sweet Tea For The Soul

Thrift Shop

Do you have 3 hours once a month on a Saturday that you can share?? Come volunteer at the Thrift Shop.

The shop is open 10 am—3 pm every Saturday. So many things to see and do. See anyone of the Thrift Shop volunteers to sign up, or leave your name with the office..

Donations welcome on Saturdays 10-3 pm



Here are some words from the Deacons...

For the past few months the Deacons have met and discussed ways to continue our transition back to what we believe was our "normal" way of worshiping on Sunday morning. We are encouraging our members and friends to attend our services in person in the Sanctuary and the wearing of masks is no longer required. Of course if you still feel safer wearing a mask, you are free to do so. We will continue to do live broadcasts of Sunday services on Facebook Live so if you feel at risk coming into church, we encourage you to stay home and follow the live broadcast at 10:00am. If you do not use Facebook, the video recording of the Sunday service will be posted to YouTube the Monday after each service.

Beginning in April we will return to our traditional format of serving bread and wine (juice) in cups for Communion. For those people that are uncomfortable receiving communion this way, we will still have the prefilled cups of juice and wafer available. Please join us in the Sanctuary for our Holy Week services:

April 10 at 10:00am - Palm Sunday

April 14 at 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 8:45am - Pre-church breakfast and flowering of the cross (outside North High St entrance to the church)

April 17 at 10:00am - Easter Sunday

Tom Collopy, Chairman

Sunday Morning Fellowship has returned to

Old Stone Church

Please join us after Sunday morning services for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in hosting a Sunday morning fellowship, please sign up at church or contact the office via email at oldstonchurch97@gmail.com or call 203-467-2907

Childcare for our youth during worship is available with volunteers. To sign up for this awesome position, please see Louise Ward or let the Deacon of the month know that you are interested.

Isn't That Funny!!

Persevere!

A young pastor was sitting in a restaurant eating lunch. He opened a letter he just received from his mom. As he opened it, a twenty-dollar bill fell out. He thought to himself, Thanks, Mom, I sure needed that right now. As he finished his meal, he noticed a beggar outside on the sidewalk leaning against the light post. Thinking that the poor man could probably use the twenty dollars more than he, he crossed out the names on the envelope and wrote across the top in large letters, PERSEVERE! So as not to make a scene, he put the envelope under his arm and dropped it as he walked past the man. The man picked it up and read the message and smiled.

The next day, as the pastor enjoyed his meal, the same man tapped him on the shoulder and handed him a big wad of bills. Surprised, the young pastor asked him what that was for. The man replied, "This is your half of the winnings. Persevere came in first in the fourth race at the track yesterday and paid thirty to one."

(From The Book of Church



THANK YOU!!

The 2021-2022 Annual Meeting was a great success. Thank you to all that attended in person and on line. We were able to review the reports and make the needed changes and corrections. All Boards and Committees will remain the same. See you in church!



Board of Christian Education March 2022

Sunday school has been busy learning about the life of Jesus Christ. We reviewed the story of Jesus being tempted by Satan in the desert after He was baptized by John the Baptist. We know we have choices when we are tempted to do something we shouldn't. The temptation target game taught us that we should aim for WWJD and what the Bible teaches to help us make good decisions.

This Spring season brought to mind planting, so we planted seeds. Seeds of basil, marigolds, faith, respect, love, hope and forgiveness. Some seed blossom quickly, and some take a long time. As Christians, we always want to plant seeds of love and forgiveness even though those efforts may not bloom for a long time. Please take a moment to look at our windowsill garden at the education wing entrance. We continue to look at parables with some role playing of the prodigal son.



Our Lenten calendars are almost done and soon it will be Easter. The Sunday school will be singing a song on Easter Sunday that Dr. Budd is helping us learn.

Silver Lake Conference Center is accepting registrations. Go to www.silverlakect.org to sign up. Old Stone Church does provide funds for each student to defray the cost of tuition.

Please contact Linda Hargraves or Louise Ward for more information.

Lenten Bible Study is meeting in person after church and via Zoom on Sunday evenings. We are using Max Lucado's "**He Chose the Nails**": **What God did to win your love**. Please contact Pastor Mark if you need a book.

Confirmation classes continue with a faithful group of students and mentors. We are thankful for their service to church and their desire to learn more about what it means to be a Christian

Louise Ward

Writing With a Piece of History

Our very own Pastor Mark of Old Stone Church, has created a work of art using wood from the Steeple. To purchase pens, please see Pastor Mark or call the office at 203-467-2907.

This unique pen sells for \$25.00 each



Steeple and Bell Fundraiser

Old Stone Church is a local, state and nationally recognized treasure and is in need of our community support. We are currently working to raise funding to repair and paint the steeple and the decaying mortar between the brown stone. As well as repair the bell.

Please consider donating.

THANK YOU!!

One World Roasters for helping to raise money for the Steeple Fund through coffee sales. Your community blend coffee was well received and appreciated.

In Local News

Connecticut Ideas and Events

CT Springs to Life !

- The 48th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival this April 24th in Wooster Square New Haven, CT
- The Daffodil Festival April 30—May 1st in Meriden's Hubbard Park
- Tops in Tulips. Visit Colorblends House and Garden in Bridgeport April 1st—May 10
- It's not just flowers that are springing to life in Connecticut right now. Don't forget a visit to one of the amazing nature centers and arboreums throughout the state, such as [Connecticut College Arboretum](#) in New London, the [Roaring Brook Nature Center](#), or [New Canaan Nature Center](#). Or discover more beautiful blooms at these [gardens](#) for budding photographers!

Get Out & Go—Outdoor Adventure in CT

- Sleeping Giant State Park: Named for the shape of its two-mile ridge line that resembles a mighty giant stretched out for a snooze, this 1,500-acre park in Hamden is a destination for hikers of all abilities.
- CTBikeTours.com provides everything but the leg power when you book their guided Connecticut Shoreline Bike & Boat Tour, which combines a coastal ride with an enchanting voyage among the Thimble Islands.
- Looking for something a bit more out of the box? Try zip lining at High Flyer Zipline, ropes courses at Empower Adventure Park at Nomads, UTV-ing at Backyard Adventure UTV Tours, or even skydiving at Skydive Danielson.



Have you been wanting to become more involved at OSC? **Do you** want to learn about the inner workings of OSC? **Are you** creative and want to give back to OSC?

We are looking for motivated, inspiring and creative people to join OSC boards and committees.

Contact Stephanie Kilburn for more info.

Theater at Old Stone Church

"Mister and Miscast" a Gender Bent Cabaret where traditional songs take a quirky turn as males sing female songs and vice versa. A fantastically fun evening full of twists. Cabaret style seating BYOB, Charcuterie trays, desserts, popcorn and soft drinks available for purchase. Fun for all ages, handicap accessible. May 21, 2022 Tickets \$15. To purchase tickets visit buy.tututix.com/wisp or call 203-494-1633. General seating. For show info. visit the website at www.wisperformances.org



Music and Memories

ZZ Boogie and George John live on stage

Saturday June 4, 2022—
7pm in Fellowship Hall
251 Main Street East
Haven, CT 06512

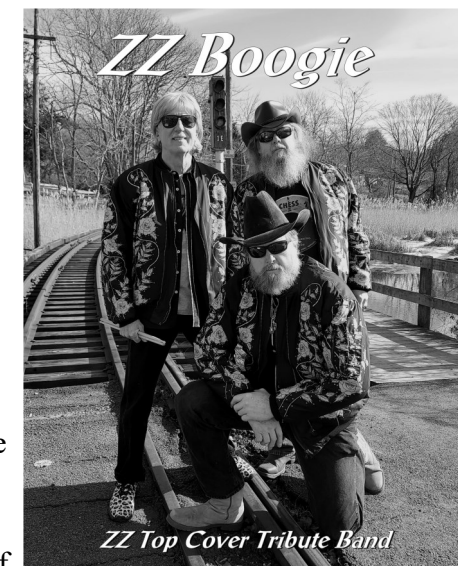
General Admission \$
15.00 pp

Proceeds go to Old Stone
Church Steeple Fund

ZZ Boogie is Connecticut's ZZ Top cover/tribute band, performing all your favorite ZZ Top songs with the look and sound of the iconic band.

Opening soloist, George John, will be performing a mixture of acoustic pop and rock classics.

For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/zzboogie



Humanitarian Aid for the victims of war in Ukraine

Some of our parishioners have been asking what we are doing beside praying for the people of the Ukraine. Amy Provençal works with a person who is a member of the Ukrainian Church and she sent us information about monetary donations. A special offering will be taken on Sunday during the church service or you can donate on line.

For all on-line orders or donations, please see your Old Stone Church e-mail.

Should you want to make an offering or need to complete any of the forms for upcoming events or celebrations in person, please stop by the church office Monday thru Thursday 9am—3pm or call 203-467-2907.

Attitudes of Gratitude

The Simple Joy of Living From a Grateful Heart—Lao Tzu

If you look to others for fulfillment, you will never truly be fulfilled.

If your happiness depends on money, you will never be happy with yourself.

Be content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are.

When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.



Fellowship Hall

Do you have a Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Shower, Meeting, Reunion or Special event happening?

Do you know that our Fellowship Hall or Parlor are the perfect venue?

Both rooms have ample space and a kitchen for your use at a reasonable and affordable price too.

Large parties will enjoy the spacious accommodations of Fellowship Hall. This room can hold parties up to 150 seated with room to spare. Having a meeting or show? Seating can be arranged for 180—200

Smaller parties will enjoy the quaint surroundings of the Parlor. This room offers a more intimate setting for parties up to 75.

We have been able to design a new agreement and contract that is more user friendly as well as protecting the church.

Should you have an interest in renting the hall or the parlor for a future event, please contact the church office at 203-467-2907 or you can email us at oldstonechurch97@gmail.com, or oscfellowshiphall@gmail.com.



Old Stone Church Early Learning Center

April News 2022

Ahhh... spring is in the air! We hope to get outside a lot this month and explore the changes that are happening all around us. We will learn about all aspects of spring from the crazy weather to the budding of leaves and flowers. Through play and exploration, we will dig into learning about spring! For Earth Day the teachers will discuss the role we have in protecting our environment. The teachers have a special Earth Day project and some fun games to teach the students about recycling.

Themes: Spring/Easter

Concepts: What is Spring?

How do plants and flowers grow?

Talk about different types of weather (rain, thunder, lighting,

And rainbows).

Skills we are learning: Alphabet, recognizing numbers & counting, writing name, and recognizing and naming new shapes (crescent, hexagon, pentagon).

April 13th we will have a visit from the Easter Bunny along with an Easter egg hunt and classroom party. Our school will be closed April 15th for Good Friday and then we break for vacation from April 18th-22nd.

Each year the National Association of the Education of Young Children sponsors “The week of the Young Child” which will be celebrated this year April 2-8.

As of March 7th, the ELC has changed its mask policy to optional for our students, teachers, and parents. The ELC has the option to reinstate mask wearing if there is an uptick in covid cases in the school or community. It is nice to see everyone’s smiling faces!

Don’t forget to visit our Facebook page for updates and pictures of all the wonderful things that are happening at the ELC.!

The ELC is full for the upcoming school year with a waiting list of 12 children! Our Summer Enrichment program for children ages 3-7 is almost full with just a few part-time spots available. As always, we thank you for passing on the word and endorsement. We are very proud of our program.

Happy Easter!

Jennifer Calonico, Director & Kim Oca, Asst. Director

OSV April Herald

March Recap

“We shouldn’t teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.” B.F. Skinner



The month of March kicked off with Read Across America Day and our children began our annual book challenge. As a center we read well over 1,000 books which crushed our goal from last year. During this month we focused on various early childhood authors while incorporating certain themes these authors portray. We watched our children engage with books more carefully than we’ve ever seen before. We believe through this month of early literacy we have created a class of lifelong readers. We’ve caught so many of our children eagerly picking up books at school when given an option to read or engage with various toys. During this month we also asked families to send in photos when they caught their child reading at home. Some of these images are pictured below. To continue to foster a love of reading we created a lending library in our hallway with books highlighted from previous week’s instruction. Seeing our children light up as they are finally able to take home books is something that we’ve greatly missed. As you can see, a strong reading foundation is being built at Old Stone Village for our future leaders.



Looking Forward

April is a time of sun and fun in our village. We begin the month by celebrating the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s Week of the Young Child. This is “a fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.” (NAEYC) The themes for this week will include Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. On Music Monday we are looking forward to one of our villager’s dad, Mr. Philip Boulanger who is a teacher at Music Haven coming to share his music talent with us. Mr. Boulanger has played for us on several occasions and it is always a delight to welcome him to our center. Tasty Tuesday is sure to be a treat as a soon to be villagers family provides mini pizza kits for our villagers to create and enjoy. This will be provided by Mike Abate from Rocco’s Off Wooster.

We are excited to collaborate with our friends at the Early Learning Center on Work Together Wednesday to bring our two schools together to partake in fun learning experiences and build community within our building. Artsy Thursday is a time when our villagers will test out different artistic mediums and are hopeful that the weather will cooperate so the majority of Artsy Thursday can happen outside. We will end this week with our family Friday where some of our parents and grandparents will be welcomed in to read in person or via zoom to our villagers.

During the second week of April, we will focus on Easter Symbols. We will explore the life cycle of chicks and bunnies. We are excited to bring both living chicks and bunnies in this week for our villagers to observe. This week will conclude with our annual Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from Doodles the Bunny. Doodles the Bunny first originated during Covid in 2019 as Doodles and our staff traveled to our villagers’ homes to spread Easter cheer amidst the pandemic. Doodles made his second appearance during our Egg Hunt last year and will be back to visit both our friends at The Early Learning Center and Old Stone Village during this week.

As we move further into April, we will continue learning through nature as we celebrate Earth Day! During this week our villagers will be learning about our planet and why it’s so special. We will work on various projects to beautify our outdoor playground and garden, and explicitly teach the concept of recycling.

The month of April will conclude with one of our favorite units of the year. During this last week of April, we will receive our caterpillars. We will watch our caterpillars grow throughout the week and eventually begin their metamorphosis to a butterfly. Once we’ve had ample time to study our butterflies our villagers will release them into our garden with hopes that they will stick around during the summer months.

In March we welcomed two new students to our center and are almost fully enrolled for Fall of 2022 across all three rooms. We appreciate your support as we continue to provide memorable early learning experiences for all our villagers.

Best,

Nicole Ferrigno Director

Kristen Sartor Assistant Director

April events at the church...

[Easter Flowers 2022](#)

Flowers to decorate our Sanctuary at Easter may be purchased by completing the form in the Sunday bulletin or on-line. Please make checks payable to Old Stone Church. Deadline for ordering is April 10, 2022.

[Homemade Pies for Easter](#)

Order your individual Easter Pies today. Each pie is 6 inches of deliciousness. Orders taken until April 13, 2022. Pick-up is Saturday April 16 at 12 noon or April 17 at 11 in Fellowship Hall. All profits will support the church’s Steeple Fund.

[Have you ever](#) wondered how the palm crosses are made? Would you like to learn? Join a team of palm benders on Thursday April 7, 2022 in Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served.

