



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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Upcoming Dates



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

Previous Sunday services can be seen on local cable station 18 "ETV"

Sweets for your Sweetie cookie box pick-up Feb 13, 2022 11:30am



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 ...

Valentine's Greetings!

This is the month so many people do their best to share their love with one another in so many ways as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Yet, let me just take a moment to remind you of the amazing love of our Lord Jesus Christ whose example of perfect love should be held up for all to see.

John 15:12-13 (NRSV) 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Jesus was clearly saying here that our love towards one another as the family of God should not be dictated by "feelings" because you cannot give a commandment to feel a certain way. Yet, this love He wants us to have is a choice that we make in our hearts to love one another even as He loved us!

I want to encourage you during this time of year and special celebration of love, to take a little extra time to appreciate and love the family of God.

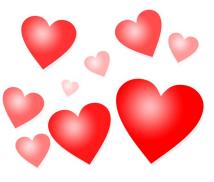
We live in a world in which actions are only determined by the feelings of the moment. If a person feels in love, they do all they can to bless that person who loves them. Yet, so often when the emotions are not what they once were, their level of commitment to that person takes a direct hit.

We cannot go through this life without being offended, and often our offense arises out of unmet expectations, yet these are the times our love is tested! I encourage you today to pass the test, and love one another not only in the times of harmony and agreement, but also in those challenging moments when it is difficult to do so!

1 John 3:16 (NRSV) We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mark



February 2022

Sun

Ongoing

Worship 10 am

Mon

Ongoing

Tue

Wed

Thu

Sat

Girl Scouts 7pm

Ongoing

Ongoing

Mahjong (P) 12:30 Choir (S) 7pm **Childbirth Class** (P) 6pm **Boy Scouts 7pm**

Ongoing

Fri

Ongoing

Ongoing Thrift Shop 10-3pm **Childbirth Class** (P) 9am

		1	2	3	4	5
		Council Meeting (ZOOM)		Griffin Health COVID vacc. Clinic 4pm- 7pm		Reserved Party (FH) One World Roasters Coffee tasting 10:30am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion 10am (S)	FBG Meeting (ZOOM)		ESHD Flu Clinic 10— 1pm (FH)	Griffin Health COVID vacc. Clinic 4pm- 7pm	Reserved Party (FH)	Reserved Party (FH)
13 Cookie pick-up (FH) 11:15	14	15	16	17 Griffin Health COVID vacc. Clinic 4pm- 7pm	18	19
20 Confirmation Class 11:15 (PS)	21 Presidents' Day	22	23	24 Griffin Health COVID vacc. Clinic 4pm- 7pm	25	26 Reserved Party (FH)
27	28					

February Birthdays

- 02/02 Joseph Taylor
- 02/03 Ned Taylor
- 02/04 Scott Thomas
- 02/05 Cassidy Warner
- 02/06 Benjamin Gelo
- 02/07 Dale Izzo
- 02/09 River Lynn Gercz
- **02/11 Tom Coon**
- 02/18 Jayne Scobie
- 02/21 Alan Suitor, Sr.
- 02/21 Peggy Thomas
- 02/28 Patty Andrews



Happy Anniversary



2/14/1986 Chuck and Shari Moon 2/15/1986 Loren and Rosemary Evarts

Congratulations!

Thank you to all that have donated to the Steeple Fund and Sanctuary Video and Sound Equipment. We have successfully raised enough money to purchase the equipment for the sanctuary and to begin the bidding process for the steeple. This is just the beginning, so keep those donations coming in. We have come a long way and are sure to reach our goal for these projects as well as many other restoration projects.

Our goal is to keep this Old Stone Church standing for generations to come.



GOAL

\$100,000

Global Outreach

"The shelf at the East Haven Food Pantry that usually holds jam and jelly is empty. Please consider contributing a jar or two to help in this time of need. Thank you."





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. Emil to oldstonechurch 97@gmail.com or send to Old Stone Church 251 Main Street East Haven, CT 06512

Deacons in charge for the month of February: Nancy Wobensmith and Andrea Kosowsky

What's Cookin'



Fruit Swizzle submitted for publishing in the OSC Cookbook by Marion Burkard

1—6 oz. can frozen concentrate Lemonade 1–6 oz. Can frozen concentrate orange Juice 8 Lime wedges Water 16 Fresh Strawberries (rinsed)

Ice

Butternut Squash Soup submitted for publishing in the OSC Cookbook by Stephanie Kilburn

3 whole Butternut Squash, peeled and diced 2 Tbsp. grated Ginger (or 3 Tbsp. dry) 1 medium Spanish Onion, diced Chicken Stock for taste and consistency 1 Cup Brown Sugar

2 Tbsp. Olive Oil



Polynesian Chicken submitted for publishing in the OSC Cookbook by Dale Izzo

2 lbs Chicken Breast 1 1/2 cups White Wine 1 tsp. Ginger

Salt and Pepper to taste

4 cloves Crushed Garlic 1 Red Pepper, diced

1 1/2 cups Light Soy Sauce

1 Yellow Pepper, diced 1 can chunk Pineapple 1 Orange Pepper, diced

1 stick Margarine

1 cup Flour 1 stick Butter

1/2 cup Slivered Almonds



Cut chicken into desired pieces, put into a storage container with light soy sauce, white wine and crushed garlic over the chicken. Marinate over night. In a skillet, melt 1/4 cup margarine and 1/4 cup butter. Strain chicken, dip in flour and cook in skillet. Arrange in a serving dish. In another skillet, cook pepper in the butter and margarine mixture until soft. Pour on top of chicken. In same pan, pour the can of pineapple with the juice and cook until hot. Pour over the peppers and chicken. Sauté' almonds with butter and margarine and add to the chicken dish. Enjoy!

Grand Marnier Souffle' submitted for publishing in the OSC Cookbook by Peggy Thomas

1/4 cup flour 1/4 cup Sugar 4 Tbsp Butter 1 cup Milk
5 Egg Yolks 2 Tbsp Grand Marnier 5 Egg Whites
1/4 cup Sugar Sifted Powdered Sugar for top

1 1/2 quart souffle' dish buttered and dusted with granulated sugar. Foil collar buttered and dusted too. In mixing bowl, stir together flour sugar, butter to smooth paste. In saucepan, heat milk to boiling. Immediately remove from heat and add butter mixture. Return to heat and cook. Stir 2 minutes. Transfer to mixing bowl and add egg yolks, on at a time, beating well after each. Stir in liqueur. Beat egg whites until foamy and add sugar continuing the beating. Fold yolk mixture into whites and turn into souffle' dish. Dust top heavily with powdered sugar (use strainer that you hit on side or sifter). Cook at 400 degrees for 30-35 minutes. YUM!

Did you know?

Presidents' Day is celebrated in February to honor two of our greatest presidents:
Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.
The holiday is celebrated in the United
States on the third Monday in February.
George Washington was born Feb 22, 1732
and was our 1st president.

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb 12, 1809 and was our 16th president.

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.





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



The increase in Covid-19 numbers brought in-person Sunday School to a halt for January. However, Sunday children's bulletins, class outlines with suggested reading, crafts and music were emailed to each Sunday school family so that they could continue to learn about the life and love of Jesus. Weekly mailing to coincide with the Sunday sermon have also been sent out. There is a Bible trivia contest in progress where each student will receive a *Jennifer's Ice Cream* gift card just for participating. We will resume in person class in February where we will study the Parables, Ten Commandments and Beatitudes. We are looking forward to expanding our prayer garden in the Spring and having some kitchen creativity one Sunday.

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 will start up again on Sunday February 27. We will use Max Lucado's **He Chose the Nail: What God did to win your love.** Please contact Pastor Mark for a study book and further information.

Confirmations classes will start in February. Any youth interested can contact Louise Ward or Pastor Mark.

Thank you to all who continue to support and participate in our Christian education programs.

Many Blessings,

Louise Ward

Board of Deacons

OSC Sunday Morning Virtual and In-Person Worship Service

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

The OSC Deacons have decided to open all Sunday morning worship services to inperson attendance in the sanctuary. Everyone attending Sunday morning service in the sanctuary MUST wear a mask. Hand sanitizing stations will be at all main entrances. We will continue to do live broadcasts of Sunday services on Facebook. Should you feel that you are at risk by coming in to church, we encourage you to stay home and follow the live broadcast at 10am.

Tom Collopy, Chairman

Did you know?

The large bulletin board in the educational wing and front entrances are created by Louise Ward and Heidi Manley.

Should you have a design idea or would like to help create something wonderful,

please reach out to these eager volunteers.







Sweets for your Sweetie!!!

Old Stone Church Cookies and Truffles for Valentine's Day An assortment of OSC favorite cookies and truffles. Presented in a bakery box with Valentine's Day ribbon and a Valentine's Day card for you to fill out. \$ 12. 00 each

Please visit our website at www.oldstonechurchucceasthaven.org

to place your order. All orders must be submitted by Tuesday Feb. 8, 2022

Pick-up is Sunday Feb. 13, 2022 in the Old Stone Church's

Fellowship Hall from 11:15-12:30pm.

Mask and receipt required

OSC of East Haven Corned Beef Dinner –3/12/2022

Old Stone Church is once again preparing it's infamous Corned Beef dinner with all the fixin's All dinners come with the following: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red Bliss Potatoes, Carrots,

Irish Soda and Rye Bread and Dessert. \$ 17.00 each Please visit our website at www.oldstonechurchucceasthaven.org

to place your order. All orders must be submitted by Tuesday March. 8, 2022

Pick-up is Saturday March. 12, 2022 in the Old Stone Church's rear parking lot from 5 to 6 pm. Drive Thru service

Mask and receipt required





Together with One World Roaster in East Haven, Old Stone Church will be selling their custom made blend of coffee. This wonderfully roasted blend, called "Old Stone Coffee Blend" is available in 12 oz, bags for \$14.00 each. 30% of the profits will go directly in to the Steeple Fund. This special community blend is available beginning January 10, 2022 through March 2022. To purchase your coffee, please visit One World Roasters at: 967 North High Street East Haven, CT 06512

Join us for a tasting of this special blend at One World Roasters on Saturday February 5, 2022 at 10:30am

Annual Report Time

Are you the head of a board or committee here at Old Stone Church? Your year end 2021 reports are due. Please submit to the office ASAP for compilation and sorting so this document can be distributed to the congregation for review. Your assistance is always appreciated.



Have a recipe, tip or tidbit that you would like to share in the Herald??

> Please send recipe/tidbit and info to oldstonechurch97@gmail.com



Father's Love Letter -Barry Adams

You may not know me, but I know everything about you... Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up...Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways...Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbers...Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image...Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being...Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring...Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived...Jeremiah 1:4,5 I chose you when I planned creation... Ephesians 1:11,12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book...Psalm 139:15,16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live...Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made...Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb...Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born...Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me...John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love...1 John 4:16 It is my desire to lavish my love on you, for you are my child and I am your father...1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could... Matthew 7:11 For I an the perfect father ... Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand...James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs...Matthew **6:31-33** My plan for your future has always been filled with hope...Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love ...Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward of you are countless as the sand on the seashore...Psalm 139:17-19 And I rejoice over you with singing...Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you...Jeremiah 31:40 For you are my treasured possession... **Exodus 19:5** I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul...Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me...Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart...Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires...Phillipians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possible imagine... **Ephesians 3:20** For I am your greatest encourager... **2 Thessalonians 2:16,17** I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles... 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you...Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart...Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe every tear from your eyes and will take away all the pain you have suffered on the earth...Revelation 21:3,4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus...John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed...John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being...**Hebrews 1:3** He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you...Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins... 2 Corinthians 5:18,19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you... 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love...Romans 8:31,32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me...1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again...Romans 8:38,39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen...Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father... Ephesians 3:14,15 My question is...Will you be my child?...John 1:12,13 I am waiting for you...Luke 15:11-32

In Local News.....

East Haven Energy Assistance Applications

The Town of East Haven Department of Senior and Social Services is now accepting applications for the State of CT's Energy Assistance Program. This program helps income-eligible households pay for primary heating bills. For more information or to schedule an appointment, East Haven residents whose primary heating source is oil, propane, wood or wood pellets can call 203-468-3277.

ESDHD FLU VACCINATION CLINIC



Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 10 AM - 1 PM

Old Stone Church 251 Main St, East Haven, CT

Open to Old Stone Church congregation and staff

Flu vaccines are available to those 4+ High dose and egg free available while supplies last

ID recommended, not required!



No cost to you!



For questions please call East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD) 203-481-4233

<u>Clinic Information</u> East Haven's **Old Stone Church** has partnered with the



East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD) and

Griffin Health to offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics in February!

Location: Old Stone Church No Insurance Required

251 Main Street, East Haven

Dates:

Vaccine Age Requirements:

- 2/03 (Ages 12+) 5-11 Pfizer: Ages 5-11 need parent/guardian present.

- 2/10 (Ages 12+) 12+ Pfizer: Ages 12-16 need a parent/guardian present, age 17

- 2/17 (Ages 5-11) needs parent/ guardian signature.

- 2/25 (Ages 12+) Moderna / Johnson & Johnson available to anyone age 18+

Time: All Clinics 4 PM – 7 PM **Must be 16+ for booster!**

Clinics labeled '12+' will offer: 1st/2nd doses of Pfizer to all ages 12+, ages 16 & 17 can get a Pfizer Booster if needed, ages 18+ can receive any approved dose by CDC of any of the three vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Booster Doses)

Clinics labeled '5-11' will offer: 1st/2nd doses of pediatric Pfizer only to ages 5-11.

No appointment needed, walk-in's welcome!

Call East Shore District Health Department with any questions! (203) 481-4233



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During the month February the school will take on many various themes. We will explore the country of China and celebrate Chinese New Year (the year of the tiger), dental awareness, arctic animals, Ground Hog's Day, President's Day, and of course Valentine celebrations.

School will be closed February 21st & 22nd for President's Day/February vacation.

Our teachers are always beautifying the ELC hallway with the children's "Art Work". Currently we have winter hats, mittens, ice skates, and penguins made using different shapes decorating our hallways. Soon we will have beautiful life size arctic animal posters (painted by former teacher Sarah Parlato) decorating the hallways for arctic animal week.

Registration for Fall 2022 will begin in late February. Registration will be opened to our current students and The Village first, then we will offer registration to the public. We will be registering for our Summer Programs starting in March.

To our teachers Kim Oca, Judy Butler, Joan Dougherty, Samantha Parlato, Danielle Stevens, Dawn Licata, Kara Ludington, Ashley Stevens, Noreen Piscitelli, Allison Griffin A BIG THANK YOU for their many efforts and quality care that they continue to give our students and their families, especially during covid. They are truly appreciated besides being special people and teachers!

We are currently looking for substitute teachers. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our wonderful program please contact Jennifer Calonico.

Thank you for your support!!!

Jennifer Calonico, Director and Kim Oca, Assistant Director



Old Stone Village February Herald 2022

January Recap

Throughout the month of January our villagers used their senses to explore winter weather, Arctic animals, igloos and icebergs. During this unit of study, we spent one week investigating animals that live on the land such as the Snowy owl, Arctic fox, Arctic hare, Polar bear and caribou, and one week exploring Arctic Sea animals including the penguin, narwhal, seals, Beluga whales, and the walrus. This was by far the highlight of our month. Throughout these weeks our villagers engaged in specific activities which enabled them to discover how these animals stay warm and live in this climate. Thanks to mother nature we were able to utilize real snow during our weekly plans to provide a more realistic sensory experience for our villagers.







Upcoming Curriculum

We welcome the month of February by taking our animal investigations a step further and learning about animal hibernation and migration. We will spend the first week of February celebrating Groundhog's Day with a plethora of shadow activities. During this week our villagers will also use dramatic play to understand how and why animals hibernate or migrate. Some key animals that we will focus on will be the Brown Bear, groundhog, birds, butterflies, and we'll visit some other species of whales that we didn't touch upon during our Arctic unit of study.

Our Socio-Emotional learning takes a front seat this month as we spend a lot of time exploring the concept of friendship. During the second week of the month our villagers will learn about some key community helpers including our postal service. During this second week we will have daily Valentine delivery so all our friends regardless of what days they attend, will be able to deliver and receive their Valentines from friends.

During the last two weeks of February our villagers will take on the role of paleontologists as they learn about Dinosaurs and Dinosaur Fossils. During these two weeks, villagers will spend time comparing dinosaurs based on different attributes such as color and size. We will begin to investigate opposites such as big and small and use our early scientific inquiry skills to conduct simple experiments.

Center Updates

All three of our village classrooms are open and running at full capacity. We currently have thirty four families registered. This month two of our village siblings will start their learning journey under the guidance of Ms. Kristen and Ms. Alissa in our infant room. At the end of January, we "graduated" two of our infants into our younger toddler room. The transition has been a success.

On Martin Luther King Day, our teachers spent their morning conducting virtual parent-teacher conferences. Parents were elated to echo the progress that we have been observing with their children. During our afternoon Professional Development session, teachers were able to take specific strengthening areas and create actionable plans for their students. It was a great day of reflection and learning!



One of our newer families shared this on her social media page after conferences and with her permission we thought it would be great to share as well as it defines our mission statement.

"Our first parent teacher conferences with the Finn Twins went swimmingly! Camden is a puzzle wizard and Michael's dance moves are wonderful. Both boys are speech magnets, classroom helpers and their fine and gross motor skills continue to develop every day. Camden needs to work on taking turns and safety with following directions and we're working on fostering independence with Michael through routines around nap time and a daily schedule. Both are super normal, developing babes who are doing so good and growing so much. Nothing shocked us with their comments and everything they're seeing develop and areas of need we also have noticed. So thankful for our school community that we've become a part of this year! Thankful for a safe, fun place for our babes to grow, learn and be awesome!!!" (Elizabeth Finn).

With Grateful Hearts,

Nicole Ferrigno Director Kristen Sartor Assistant Director



