

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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United Church of Christ
Old Stone Church
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The Herald

November 2021

Upcoming Dates



Sanctuary services beginning Nov. 7, 2021

Also broadcast on Facebook and You Tube

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



79th Annual Christmas Fair
 11/5 and 11/6/2021

Advent Workshop
 11/28/2021



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

From the desk of Rev. Mark Pilletere...

Dear Friends,
William Bradford, Governor of the Plymouth Colony made this proclamation in 1623: "Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

During this season of Thanksgiving, I thought the above words would serve as a reminder that we are to be a people with a thankful heart for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Someone once said that true Thanksgiving, is first "thanks", then "giving". How true that is! When we really realize all that God has done for us, especially in sending His Son, Jesus Christ to this earth over 2,000 years ago, our hearts are filled with thankfulness which moves us to a life of service for Him.

If we begin to believe that somehow it is "our" strength and ability that has produced our blessings we have become deceived by our own thoughts. Just before the God's people were going into the Promised Land, Moses gave these final words to them: Deut. 8:10-11 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. [11] Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day." Moses goes on to warn the people that often the times we are tempted to forget God the most are the times of prosperity.

We as a church have been blessed greatly, however we must always recognize that without the hand of God and His precious anointing, all our labors will be in vain. During this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to express your appreciation to the Lord for His blessings upon our families and church. Truly, He has been and continues to be a good God!

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Pr. Mark


November 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Ongoing events
Worship in
Sanctuary 10 am

Ongoing events
Mahjong 12:30-4
(P)
Choir Rehearsal 7
-8pm (S)

Ongoing events
Thrift Shop
10-3pm

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Christmas Fair planning and set-up (FH/P)	Christmas Fair set-up (FH/P)	Christmas Fair set-up (FH/P)	Christmas Fair set-up (FH/P)	Christmas Fair set-up (FH/P/ ELC) EHU (FH) 7pm Boy Scouts 7-8:15 pm	Christmas Fair 5-8pm	Christmas Fair 9-3pm Boy Scout Food Bag distribution
7 Heritage Sunday	8	9	10 ESDHD vaccination clinic 10-2pm (FH)	11 Childbirth Class (P) Boy Scouts 7-8:15 pm	12	13 Reserved party (FH) Boy Scout Food Bag Pick-up
14 Reserved party (FH)	15	16	17 Breastfeeding Class on line ESDHD vaccination clinic 10-2pm (FH)	18 Childbirth Class (P) Boy Scouts 7-8:15 pm	19	20 Reserved party (FH) Breastfeeding 9:30am (P)
21 Reserved party (P)	22	23 Community Worship Service at Christ & The Epiphany 7pm	24	25 	26	27 Pancakes with Pr. Mark 8 am
28 Advent Workshop	29	30 Childbirth Class on line				

November Birthdays

11/1 Brandon LaPia
11/1 Kim Shute
11/4 Patrick Manley
11/5 Michael Buccieri
11/6 Blake Pierson
11/6 Kevin Ward
11/7 Shari Moon
11/12 Hope Ryan
11/19 Carol Landers
11/23 Bob Luther
11/24 Deborah Cosgrove
11/29 Willow Gercz



November Anniversaries



11/02/2003 Alec & Antoinette Taylor
11/05/1966 David & Helen Wendt
11/12 Ron Arena & Toni Ginnetti

Congratulations !

Larissa and Sean Manley, Jr. Married 10/16/2021
WISP Performing Arts Initiative had a great Cabaret
with a howling good time 10/29, 30

Fellowship Hall has a new
look. Light filtering shades
have been installed.



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 November: Hope Ryan and Claudia Crawford

What's Cookin'?

Spinach Balls Submitted by Audrey Pochodowicz for publication in the OSC Cookbook

2 ea. 10 oz pkg chopped Spinach (cooked and drained) 1 cup Parmesan cheese
1 1/2 cups Stuffing 3 Eggs (beaten) 3/4 cup Butter

Mix all ingredients and roll into small balls. Put on un-greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes until brown. Serve hot or cold. ENJOY!



Sweet Potato Casserole submitted by Margaret Weir-Vitale for publication in the OSC Cookbook

2 Lg cans Sweet potatoes (Mashed) 1 cup Sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla 2 Eggs (beaten)
1 sm. Can Evaporated Milk 1 stick Butter

Combine ingredients and place in to a greased 13x9" pan. Mix topping and sprinkle over potatoes. Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes. Serve and enjoy!

Topping: 1 cup Flour 1 cup Brown Sugar 1 cup chopped Nuts 1 stick Butter
cinnamon and nutmeg to taste.



Mary's Baked Chicken submitted by Anne Hines for publication in the OSC Cookbook

1 cup Brown Rice 1/2 cup Water
2 cans Cream of Celery Soup 6 Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts
1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup 1 cup White Wine

Cover bottom of 13 x 9" baking dish with uncooked rice. Place chicken over rice. Mix soups, wine and water. Pour our chicken. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees or until internal temperature is 165 degrees and rice is tender.



(All recipes for this What's Cookin' are from the Old Stone Church 300th Anniversary Cookbook. You can purchase this cookbook for \$ 8.00 from the church office)

Pumpkin Facts

- * **Pumpkin** seeds can be roasted as a snack.
- * **Pumpkins** contain potassium and Vitamin A.
- * **Pumpkins** are used as feed for animals.
- * **Pumpkin** flowers are edible.
- * **Pumpkins** are used to make soups, pies and breads
- * **Pumpkins** are members of the vine crops family called cucurbits.
- * **Pumpkins** originated in Central America.
- * **In early** colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling.
- * **Pumpkins** were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.
- * **Pumpkins** range in size from less than 1 pound to over 1,000 pounds.
- * **Pumpkins** are 90 % water.
- * **The name** pumpkin originated from "pepon" the Greek word for "large melon".
- * **The Connecticut** field variety is the traditional American pumpkin.
- * **Native Americans** used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine

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 ladies to sign up, or leave your name with the office..

Donations welcome on Saturdays 10-3 pm



Flower Committee

The Flower Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the responsibility for reminding others about providing flowers at all church services. This fun and rewarding committee's goal, is to bring a smile to the faces and hearts of many. Please see chair-woman ; Helen Wendt to sign up.

Coffee Hour

With life slowly getting back to normal, we would like to bring back Coffee Hour. As we have done in the past, we will begin handing out pre-packaged / individually packaged snacks after Sunday service. Please let the Deacons know or sign up for a week to donate a special snack..

Stewardship Committee

To The Members and Friends of Old Stone Church,

Thank you for the pledge you have made to support the life and ministry of Old Stone Church in 2022. If you have not yet sent in or brought in your pledge promise, there is always time to do that. We all know how busy we can get and often forget about the things that need our attention. Here is your gentle reminder, that you are a blessing to the church, and we recognize you.

We are extremely grateful for you and will accept any pledge you are able to make, or if you prefer, you may make a one time monthly or annual gift.

Please remember, offering envelopes are available upon request.

Thank you for being our "Blessing".

May God continue to bless your acts of loving service,

The Old Stone Church Stewardship Committee

Tom and Linda Collopy, Adrienne Ward and Nancy Wobensmith

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

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.

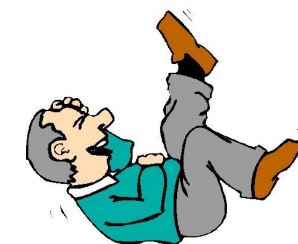


Now That's Funny! Dad Jokes

Q: Where do you learn to make a Banana Split? **A: Sundae School.**

Q: How does a Taco say grace? **A: Lettuce pray.**

Q: Where do young trees go to school? **A: Elementree school.**



Finance, Building and Grounds

Pledges are due, have you handed yours in?

Please consider giving to your church for daily activities, events, repairs and payroll. Should you want to help defray the cost of electricity for the window candles, the cost is \$55.00 per week and will be mentioned in the Bulletin.

Worship is back in the Sanctuary,

Fellowship Hall has been a beautiful space and well air conditioned for the summer months. We welcome all back in to the sanctuary for worship with us. Sunday service is at 10 am. Masks required.

Leaves are Falling, and they will need to be raked up and bagged. Raking leaves is more beneficial to the ground and soil than it appears. We are helping the grass to grow strong roots to last the winter, and letting the worms and bugs come to the surface to feed the birds. It also makes our church lawn look neat and tidy.

Faith Formation

Christian Education has been very busy with all ages. Our Sunday School is in full swing learning how much Jesus loves us all and how beautifully we are made. Each Sunday we are learning a Bible lesson, completing a complimentary craft and learning a song. Perhaps you have all heard the tambourines, kazoos and finger cymbals on Sunday mornings making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Bible trivia is a real hit! The students have also worked on assembling Christian survival kits to be presented to our Heritage members.

We are looking forward to the season of Advent and will be holding an Advent workshop to make Advent wreaths and chain calendars on Sunday **November 28, 2021** after church. All materials will be provided and there will be a lite brunch. All families, children young and old are invited.

The Christmas pageant will be during Sunday morning service on **December 19th** with a Wassail bowl and cookies to follow in Fellowship Hall. That should get us all in the Christmas spirit.

Our Bible study group on Wednesday evenings has grown and we are enjoying the prayer time and thoughtful discussion that the **War Room** has inspired. We will continue through the winter months in person or by Zoom. The next Bible study topic to be announced soon.

With great thanks for the support of our Sunday school activities,

Louise Ward



Fellowship Hall Committee

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.



Autumn's Here Today—Mark Hart

The mountain maples now are sporting scarlet in their hair, and they're drawing me like lodestars. How I wish that I were there! How I'd love to touch the gold refined in quaking aspen tresses and gaze into the shadowed brooks which autumn now caresses.

But I'm not in the mountains, I am near an apple tree, and the children's swing is standing between the sun and me. And insects stand suspended as though threading autumn air, and the morning glory chalices are wide and blue and fair.

And rosy, glowing snow apples hang guilded from the trees, and anchored to the swing posts like streamers in the breeze are single strands of spiders' silk. Oh, how they glean in flashes, shooting forth pulsating waves of silver dots and dashes.

And everything spells harmony in a tranquil atmosphere' and every sound reverberates a muffled kind of cheer. And every message is a song, a song that seems to say, there is nothing quite like autumn, and autumn's here today!



Save The Date!!!

November 5 and 6, 2021 OSC Christmas Fair

November 7, 2021 Heritage Sunday and Veterans Service

November 23, 2021 Community Worship Service at Christ & the Epiphany 7pm

November 27, 2021 Pancakes with Pastor Mark 8am

November 28, 2021 Advent Workshop

December 19, 2021 Christmas Pageant and Wassail Bowl

December 24, 2021 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

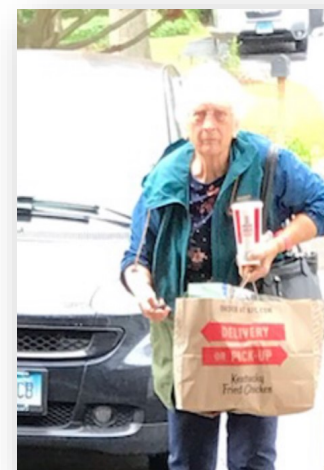
***Should anyone like updates to the Old Stone Church Website, please email Stephanie Kilburn stephani.kilburn@yahoo.com**

In the rush to return back to what is normal, use this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back too!

The Down and Dirty (Clean) at OSC

There are so many things that need to be done throughout the week and on Sunday mornings. We caught a few of our members in the act. There is no job too big or too small. Delivering food and cleaning the sanctuary. Thank you all for your time and dedication.

Helen Wendt



Todd Barry



Tom Collopy, Nancy Wobensmith, Wendy Salmoiraghi, Estelle Fanucci, Sean Barry



Just a thought! Written by: Thomas O'Donovan, Rockland, Maine

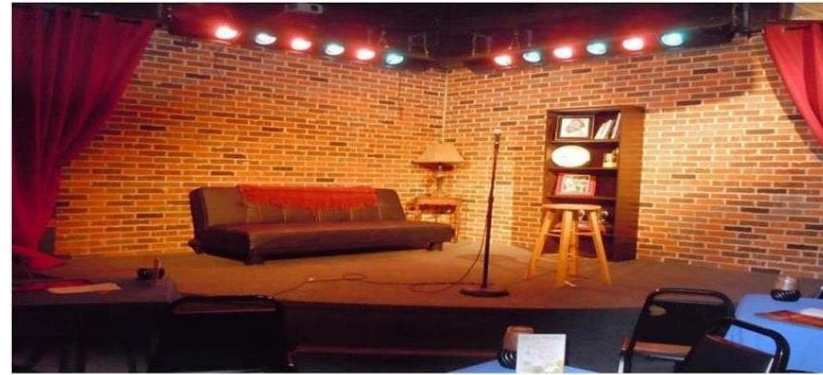
"Surely that the world was ever made is miracle enough. That it be made so well suffused with unnecessary beauty is gift beyond compare. It is said love is blind. Not so, I say, Love sees."

In Local News...

Wood In Transition presents first annual holiday craft fair at the Bradford Manor Firehouse



Poetry Lounge and Open Mic Night-at Hagan Memorial Library! **November 3, 2021**



*Don't sit at home writing pieces of Poetry from a cot
Come out and join us while the mic is Hot!!!*

Christmas at Old Stone Church

Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 5-8 pm Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021 9am to 3pm

Dinner served on Friday evening—dine in or take out

Handcrafted Gifts for Christmas, Novelties, Seasonal Items, Baked Goods, Country Kitchen, Salads, Candies, Jewelry, White Elephant, Thrift Shop Specials, Gift Baskets Raffle, Christmas Décor, Vendors with Unique Wares,

Children's Area with Santa and a Toy Store, Snack Bar And More! Admission Free!

Kindness Rocks Painting Workshop for Kids

November 13, 2021 Hagan Memorial Library



EAST HAVEN, CT

Residents are invited to purchase a paving brick engraved with a family name or in honor of a loved one that will be part of a Town Green pathway, all part of the East Haven Town Green Beautification project.



****Order forms are available in the office****

Never Stop Praying!

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my job. Not just the work I do in my job, but at home as well. The days have been so busy and I am trying not to feel overwhelmed. Please help me to stay focused and especially prioritize so my family does not suffer in Jesus name

AMEN!

UnveiledWife.com

PRAYER FOR FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Lord,

I come to you today for financial prosperity
Please bless me according to your riches
I pray against any financial hindrances in my life
I break every curse of poverty and financial bondage over my life
I set ablaze any evil forces caging my financial blessings in Jesus' name
Please grant me divine opportunities to improve my finances
My finances are in your hands Lord, grant me a financial breakthrough
Make me prosperous in everything I do
And teach me to handle the money you bless me with wisely In Jesus name I pray,

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

Do not exclusively say your prayers in the form of asking God for something.

The prayer of thanksgiving is much more powerful.

NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

Did you know??

Why are we collecting donations to the Steeple fund?

In 1934, Donald V. Chidsey compiled a chronological sketch for the Old Stone Church. He included significant building events (with their dates and costs) in the Meetinghouse sanctuary and the major changes which had occurred during the 160 years from 1774 to 1934. This sketch was in the program of the sanctuary after nine months of extensive repairs to the church.

First Steeple—1796 “The church was built in 1774 and first used in September of that year. The war prevented completion at that time. There was very little interior decoration. The church was finally completed and a spire erected in 1796 at a cost of \$ 2,500.

On Oct. 8, 1797, a tornado blew down the steeple and a portion of the roof to the church. In 1798, a bell was placed in the steeple and a clock was installed in the belfry at the expense of a few public-spirited citizens.

In 1798, the Ecclesiastical Society voted to procure a bell to place in the new steeple. The necessary funds were appropriated and a committee was appointed to carry out the vote. Dr. Bela Farnham, a beloved physician in town, was present at the melting of the metal for the bell. He threw in to the molten mass, nineteen Spanish milled coins to give the bell a sharp silvery tone.

In 1859, the original steeple, erected in 1797, was so dilapidated that it needed to be replaced. It was replaced with a new stone belfry and a tall wooden spire. The cost was \$2,000. “The lofty and spacious belfry, and the neat graceful spire, corresponding with the stern simplicity of the building and towering height of 196 feet from the ground, make it a conspicuous object, and an ornament to the village, in the center of which it stands.”(quote from The Rev. Mr. Havens”)

Mr. Chidsey writes “In 1916, a terrific wind blew down much decorative work on the steeple making necessary extensive repairs to the entire wooden spire.” The cost was \$580.

For the rest of the story of our Old Stone Church Steeple, please refer to

“My Ninety Years in Church and Town” by Helen S. Hasse. (for sale in the church office for \$8.00)

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Fall provides a multitude of projects for the students; leaf banners, Life Cycle of the Pumpkin, weather, leaves changing colors, squirrels, and just fun Halloween projects.

October was fire prevention month. Our local fire department visited the Early Learning Center with their firetrucks. The children got to walk around the firetrucks while learning about some of the special equipment firefighters need to do their job. The children were so excited! Back in the classroom the teachers taught the children about fire safety. They learned how to stop, drop, and roll and how to dial 911 in case of an emergency. This was followed up the next day with a fire drill.

Picture Day was at the end of October. The children had individual portraits taken. The Photographer was able to use the individual portraits to create a class picture! Smiles all around!!

Our traditional Halloween Parade took place on October 29th. All of the local merchants in the center of town, were excited to participate once again. The Old Stone Village joined us for our parade. We had about 75 children participating between both schools. Parents, merchants, and the teachers were happy to see the Halloween Parade back this year. After the parade the children enjoyed a party in their room.

The Early Learning Center has received the go ahead from our state inspector to welcome parents back into the building as of November 1st. There are a few rules everyone must follow:

- Everyone entering the building must wear a mask at all times.
- Temperatures and Covid questionnaire will be taken at entry table.
- Social distance while waiting in the hallway.

The Thanksgiving holiday was the focus of many lessons and projects with an emphasis on family, friends, cooperation and good will. But the most exciting activity of the month was our traditional dinner..... chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn bread, corn, and stuffing, YUM!

We have very limited space available but if you know of anyone who would be interested in the Early Learning Center for their child, please have them call the office at 203-467-0661.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jennifer Calonico, Director and Kim Oca, Assistant Director

October in our Village, flew by so quickly with all the fun we had packed into it!

We began with Fire Safety week exploring all the various aspects of fire safety and highlighted by a visit from the East Haven Fire Department and a couple of their trucks we got to explore! The following week we continued exploring Community Helpers within our own Village Community. We had a Village father who is a dentist send in professional Dentist tools and gift us all brand new shiny toothbrushes to take home. We also had our own center Nurse consultant along with a former OSV employee who is currently an EMT speak to us about the medical field and how they keep us healthy. We closed out our week learning about how police officers, crossing guards and lifeguards keep us safe with a special visit from another village parent and the East Haven Police Department. We loved getting to see what some of our Village parents do to help the community everyday!

Our favorite part of October is celebrating Halloween with all of our friends. Watching everyone in their costumes is the best, especially when some of them spend the day in full character of their chosen costume. It was a breath of fresh air to get back to our annual Halloween parade with the Early Learning Center as we walked down Main Street and visited the local businesses collecting candy and showing off our fun costumes.

As the fall air begins to get more crisp we will find ourselves kicking off the holiday season exploring Families of all shapes and sizes. We will discuss how every family is different and special EXACTLY how they are, and give thanks for the family we are surrounded by. We will discuss who makes up our family, where we all originate from, and even make a special family tree to honor our own families.

The second week of November will expand on being thankful as we discuss what else we are thankful for this time of year. We will discuss our homes and what makes our house a home. We will explore food and how it is grown and farmed. The last few days we will explore our school and how thankful we are for what we learn and the friends we've made here at Old Stone Village. Thanksgiving is such a great time to reflect on how blessed we are every day and we are ensuring that our Villagers know how lucky they are every single day.

We will conclude the month of November with our annual Thanksgiving feast where we gather all our friends around the table as we give thanks and share our meal. We will explore all the "signs of the season" with our Villagers and create many works of art to bring home to their parents and explore all the different symbols we have surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. Turkeys, cornucopias, Pilgrims and Native Americans, and Indian Corn will make their way into our weeks in a multitude of activities and projects.

Old Stone Village has once again begun our annual Butter Braids Fundraiser. This is our main fundraiser for the year and in the past years we have raised over \$1000 annually for supplies and equipment to keep our center up and running daily. We added an option this year for online donations to purchase a product which will be donated to East Haven Food Pantry to assist them with their holiday supply. This year we are taking orders from October 15th through November 10th. We would like to thank everyone who has helped with this fundraiser in the past and all those who helped us again this year!

We also learned this month that we were awarded Third Place for Childcare Centers in the Best of the Shoreline "Your Choice Awards" for 2021. Ranking up in the top 3 for all of our Shoreline Community is an incredible achievement. We would like to personally thank our Village and Village Community for all of your continued support throughout the past two years. It's so hard to believe that in the spring of 2019 the initial plan of a childcare center at Old Stone Church was presented. In summer of 2019 we received our official license from the CT Office of Early Childhood, and in the fall of 2019 we opened our doors with our original infant and toddler room. Since then we've graduated fifteen toddlers, welcomed countless new families, opened a third room, and have been blessed with numerous extended family members. Despite these unprecedented times, Old Stone Village has continued to grow and blossom into what we are today, and we couldn't be more excited to see what's in store for our future. We may be small compared to some childcare centers but there's no place with a bigger heart than here at OSV.

