

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*

October 2021

### **Upcoming Dates**



Fellowship Hall will remain open for 10 am Sunday morning services.

Tune in to Facebook or You Tube and join us from the comfort of your home.

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



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. at 203-467-2907 or email to: [oldstonechurch97@gmail.com](mailto:oldstonechurch97@gmail.com)

*From the desk of Rev. Mark Pilletere...*

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year when families are coming home from vacations, and children and youth are back in school in a grade higher than last year.

Our church is also anticipating the upcoming season as the choir prepares for Christmas (yes, I said Christmas), and ministry teams look for new ways to reach out into our community as well as involve more people from our congregation.

This letter is being sent to everyone in the congregation with the intent of sharing the message of getting involved in ministry in some way if you aren't already! We have a variety of opportunities available and recognize everyone may not have the same interest in serving, but that simply means that more needs will be met as each one of us finds and serves in that purpose God has for us.

Someone once related serving God and others to volleyball or tennis in this way... "as long as you are serving, you cannot lose"!

As we begin to make announcements and share news of available ministry opportunities, please consider seriously and prayerfully areas of interest. I don't believe God will ever place us in an area of service we are not happy or fulfilled in spite of the hard work that may be involved.

Jesus gave us such a tremendous example of the kind of spirit we all should have as we live this life; John 13:14-15 (KJV) 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

No, we don't really wash other people's feet anymore because of the culture changes that have taken place over the years. Yet, we "wash feet" when we make a meal for a shut-in, when we teach a Sunday School class, or we share our gifts and talents in the Choir, or a myriad of other ways!

If you need help discovering your place of service, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Blessings in Christ!

*Pr. Mark*

# October 2021

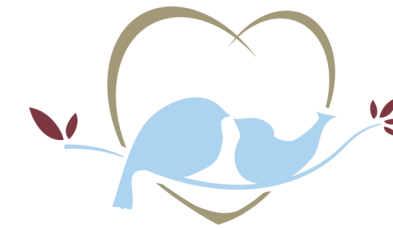
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## October Birthdays

10/02 Robert Burkard, Jr  
 10/06 Kristen Vineyard  
 10/06 Madison Coon  
 10/07 Marilyn Petrafesa  
 10/13 Bruce Scobie  
 10/15 Claudia Crawford  
 10/19 Landon Ronshagen  
 10/21 Sue Carrozza  
 10/22 Babs Roberts  
 10/25 Arthur Briggs, Jr  
 10/25 Tom Wilson  
 10/25 John Alberino  
 10/26 Fred Hargraves  
 10/28 Adrienne Ward  
 10/28 Jennifer Battista  
 10/29 Pam Standish  
 10/29 Shylia Pagan  
 10/30 Lee "Skip" Ferry



## October Anniversaries



10/3/1992 Frank & Kim Korwek  
 10/4/1980 James & Kathy LaPia  
 10/11/2003 Dan & Dale Izzo  
 10/12/1991 Bill & Joan Messina  
 10/12/1963 Ned and Bonnie Taylor  
 10/12/1962 Don & Peggy Thomas  
 10/15/2005 Robert & Keng Burkard, Jr.  
 10/18/1981 Myles & Pam Standish  
 10/21/2016 Chris & Rebecca Cesario  
 10/28/1979 Richard & Sue Carrozza

## Congratulations !

New Members!! Judy Cooper, Linda Reilly and Wendy Salmoiraghi  
 WISP Theater Group. Thank you for bringing your wonderful talents to Old Stone. The Sept 25 and 26 shows were amazing!  
 Art Longley played an important role in an excerpt from "Les Miserable"



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](mailto:oldstonechurch97@gmail.com) or direct to Pastor Mark's confidential email: [oldstonepastor@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:oldstonechurch97@gmail.com) or send to Old Stone Church 251 Main Street East Haven, CT 06512  
**Deacons in charge for the month of October: Andrea Kosowsky and Kathy Mallory**

# What's Cookin'?

**Crabbies** Submitted by Judy Butler for publication in the OSC 300th Anniversary Cookbook

- 2—12 oz. pkg. English Muffins
- 1/2 tsp Garlic Salt
- 1—16 oz jar Cheese Wiz
- 1 large jar Baco Bits or Crab Meat
- 1 stick Butter
- 1/2 cup Mayonnaise



Melt butter. Mix cheese and butter together. Add all the ingredients to the cheese and butter. Spread on halved English muffins. Cut into quarters. Broil until light brown. Great Appetizer!

**Potato Casserole** Submitted by Linda Hargraves for publication in the OSC 300th Anniversary Cookbook



- 2 cups Italian Breadcrumbs
- 1-6 oz can Black Olives
- 2- 14 oz cans Artichoke Hearts
- 2—4 oz cans Mushrooms
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 2/3 cup Olive Oil
- 1—16 oz jar Roasted Peppers
- 1 tsp chopped Garlic
- 2—16 oz cans Sliced White potatoes

Mix all ingredients together. Bake in a 9" x 13" glass baking pan at 350 degrees for 35—45 minutes. YUMM!

**Honey Cookies** Submitted by Ginny McLay for publication in the OSC 300th Anniversary Cookbook

- 2/3 cup Shortening, softened
- 1 tsp Lemon Extract
- 2/3 cup Sugar
- 5 1/2 cups Flour
- 2 Eggs
- 2 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 cup Honey
- 1 tsp Salt



Cream shortening and sugar, beat in eggs, honey and lemon extract. Stir in flour, baking soda, and salt. Shape into ball and chill for 2 hours. Roll and cut. Place on un-greased cookie sheet. Bake 375 degrees for about 10 minutes. FROSTING: 1 cup Confectionary sugar and 1 Tbsp. Water. Stir to combine. Dip cooled cookies or drizzle on top. ENJOY this sweet confection.

*(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)*

## Faith Formation



The **Board of Christian Education** is having a joy-filled start to the school year. Our Rally Day celebration on Sept 19 was well attended and lots of fun. Ring toss, corn hole and the famous cotton ball game had winners Ashlee Divilio, Sean Provencal and the Pastor's granddaughter, Zoe taking home prizes. The scavenger hunt was fun for all ages and grilled hot dogs made everyone happy.

The **Sunday School** children learned about Heifer International and what it means to be a loving Christian. We made crafts to reminds us of Psalm 139 that teaches us we are wondrously and fearfully made by God. We learned two fun songs this month and will be learning new ones each week. We held a car wash on September 25 to benefit Heifer International. We saw a profit of \$355.00 to be 4x matched by Heifer's program up to \$1200.00. What a blessing to help others learn to provide for themselves.

The Wednesday evening **Bible Study** group started the 6-week **War Room** movie and discussion series. It's a deeply important study of the power of prayer in our daily lives. It is a timely study and open to all. Bring a lite meal. We meet in fellowship Hall at 6pm.

We are all God's children!  
Louise Ward

## 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..

**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.



## Did you know?

The church newsletter, known as the "Herald", was originally called "The Churchman" and was edited by Elwood Cook, with associate editor, Carl Hansen. It was about 6" x 12" and had eleven pages. The Church

Press of West Haven printed this publication professionally.

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## HELP WANTED

Seeking persons willing to feed others. 4 hours/day, 2 days/month. Pay is satisfaction, guaranteed.

See Pastor Mark for details

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## Board of Deacons

To Members and Friends of Old Stone Church,

Due to continued Covid occurrences, the Leadership Council has decided to continue with the current requirements for In-Person Worship Service.

Everyone attending Sunday morning worship service in Fellowship Hall and eventually the Sanctuary, MUST WEAR A MASK.

We will continue to do live broadcasts of Sunday services on Facebook Live, so if you feel you are at risk by coming into church, we encourage you to stay home and follow the live broadcast.

The Board of Deacons / Leadership Council will continue to evaluate Covid statistics to determine if changes in requirements need to be made.

The potential return to sanctuary service is scheduled for November 7, 2021

Thank you for understanding. History has a way of repeating itself, and here we have been displaced once again. Years past, we had to worship in town hall while our sanctuary was under repair. That lasted 3 years. We are blessed to have a hall right here at Old Stone to worship in.

Tom Collopy, Chair of Board of Deacons

## A Note from: Finance, Building and Grounds

**It has been brought to our attention that rooms in the "tunnel" are beginning to collect items that do not belong in them. We need your help to identify whose items they are and get them back to their own area. If these items are not removed by Oct.15,2021 then we will dispose of them.**

**Our plan is to clean the rooms up and assign them to users and install locks. So please help us out and claim and clean your storage areas.**

Thanks in advance, FB&G

## Save the Date!

**Friday and Saturday Nov. 5 and 6** –Christmas Fair

**Sunday Nov. 7, 2021**—Sanctuary Service with Veteran appreciation , Christmas After Fair

**Saturday Nov 27, 2021**—Pancakes with the Pastor

**Global Outreach**

For the month of October and the first two weeks of November, the East Haven Food Pantry will be collecting food items for their Thanksgiving bags. The bags will be given out to the client families until Friday, November 19.

Suggested donations are canned vegetables, including corn, green beans and sweet potatoes, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, muffin mix, jell-o and pudding.

The Food Pantry is always thankful for any food item or monetary donations. They will purchase fresh vegetables and fruit from the Connecticut Food Bank and provide bagels, bread and pies in the Thanksgiving bags.

Our donations are a blessing for our neighbors. Thank-you!

**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.

**Never Stop Praying!**

Pray, don't find fault with the man who limps or stumbles along the road, unless you have worn the shoes he wears or struggled beneath his load. There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt, though hidden away from view, or the burden he bears, placed on your back, might cause you to stumble too. Don't sneer at the man who is down today, unless you have felt the blow, that caused his fall, or felt the shame that only the fallen know. You may be strong, but still the blows that were his, if dealt to you in the self same way at the self same time, might cause you to stagger too. Don't be too harsh with the man who sins, or pelt him with words or stones, unless you are sure, yea, doubly sure, that you have not sins of your own. For you know, perhaps, if the tempter's voice should whisper as soft to you, as it did to him when he went astray 'twould cause you to falter too.—Unknown



**Christmas Fair Times**

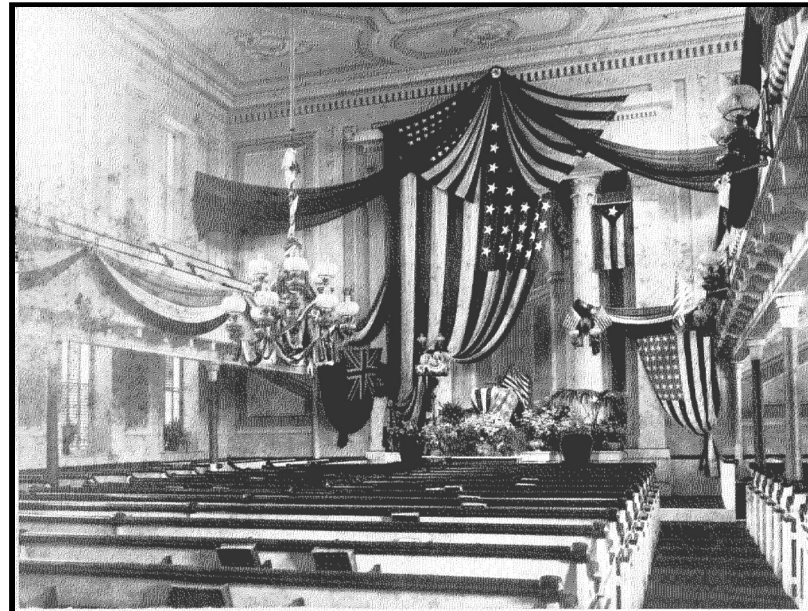
You all might not be thinking about Christmas right now, but now is the perfect time to begin all the projects that you have put off for a whole year.

The Old Stone Church Christmas Fair will be here before we know it. November 5 (5-8pm) and 6 (9am-3pm) We will need everyone to help with set up, working at booths and in rooms at time of break down/clean up as well. It is a fun and exciting day in the life of the church and community.

Perhaps you have been to the fair in the past and have a new idea for the event. We would love to hear from you. Please see Louise Ward or Heidi Manley for sign ups.

Many hands make lite work.

Thank you!!!



ceiling, the entire interior was redecorated and the old heating system was replaced. In 1958 the sanctuary was redecorated. The Restoration Committee chose deep red carpeting and red velvet pew cushions. The walls were painted antique ivory, the woodwork white.

Pictures shown are from 1900 as decorated for a Congregational Clubs Meeting, (as noted on the reverse of the photograph).

**Did you know?** In 1868 the inner walls and ceiling were painted in fresco and a new pulpit replaced the old one. The lower floor was re-carpeted, the pews were provided with new cushions and new kerosene oil lamps were installed in place of the previous whale oil lamps. In December 1933 just a day before Christmas Service was to be held, the plaster fell. It appeared the snow had seriously weakened the old lath and plaster in the ceiling. Following a thorough inspection, it was decided that among all the rebuilding of the roof and



**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. Having fun is a job too! Thank you all for your time and dedication.



Grace Trufan serving at Rally Day

Cheyenne Clark and Sean Provencal advertising



Ashley Divilio playing Rally games



Have you caught someone in the act of kindness? Send your captured moments by email to:oldstonechurch97@gmail.com for publication in the next Herald.

Remember, God loves you, and so do we!

**“BE A BLESSING AND PRAY EVERY DAY”**

**“BE A BLESSING” for yourself and Old Stone Church**

In appreciation for God's love and in thanksgiving for all the gifts He has given, I/We pledge the following in support of the ministries of Old Stone Church for 2022:

I/We will make the following pledge (most effective for church budget purposes)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  Per week  Per month  Per year

8% will automatically be directed to the missions of the church

Would you like offering envelopes?  Yes  No

Cannot commit to a specific amount, but will contribute as money becomes available.

I/We will volunteer time and talents and/or pray for the Old Stone Church.

*“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)*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Your Records: 2022**

Pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the general budget and benevolence

Will contribute as money becomes available.

Will volunteer time and talents and/or pray for the Old Stone Church.

## In Local News...

### Local Farmer's Markets Open up...

**East Haven Farmer's Market:** 8:30am to noon, Sundays. Runs from July 18 through mid October. 250 Main St. East Haven

**The Dudley Farm Farmer's Market:** 9 am to 12:30 pm Saturdays. Runs now through early November. 2351 Durham Road, Guilford

**Madison Farmer's Market:** 3—6 pm Fridays. Runs from May 7 through Thanksgiving. On the Madison Green \*\*\*\*\*



**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\*\***

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**The Connecticut Hospice in Branford** is accepting applications for new volunteers !! The patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in Reception or Patient Companionship, please call Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203-315-7510

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## **STEWARDSHIP "SOUP SUNDAY"!**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**



I am your church Financial Secretary. My job is to keep track of your individual pledges and provide you with a quarterly statement. I hope you read all of the good things going on at your church. Please watch for your Old Stone Church stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail. Fill out the pledge card completely with your name and address if you would like a statement. I love the address labels, they help when I'm filling out your statement. Please remember to check YES or NO if you would like envelopes or not. I will keep your pledge card as completely confidential. If you have any questions about your statement or filling out your pledge card, please do not hesitate to ask me.

October 31st is our annual "Soup Sunday" immediately after church when you can hand in your pledge card or you can place it in the collection plate anytime. The soup, bread and refreshments are FREE for your enjoyment. Come join us!

P. S. If anyone would like to contribute a soup for that day, it would be most welcome. Just see Tom and Linda Collopy.

*Share your Blessings! Helen E. Wendt, Financial Secretary*

## NEWS FROM OUR VILLAGE OCTOBER EDITION



**"Autumn leaves shower like gold, like rainbows, as the winds of change begin to blow."  
— Dan Millman**



Change seems to be an ongoing theme in our village. However, our change has always been connected to growth. Throughout the month of September, we welcomed seventeen new villagers into our building. Over the month of October, we will welcome an additional six villagers into our family. Throughout September we placed a heavy emphasis on number names and one to one correspondence. We've noticed significant growth across our center in this area. We've also seen our curious children light up as they've explored characteristics of different plants and animals, such as sunflowers, apples, and farm animals through their senses. Their curiosity and eagerness across all content areas is inspirational. The acclimation of our new children was also aglow in September. We've witnessed our new younger toddlers begin to understand classroom culture and routines, our older toddlers fully adjust to their new classroom setting and our infants significantly increase their mobility and communication by signing.

We begin October by learning about fire safety and the job of these heroes. We are fortunate to have a community focused fire department and chief who values community outreach and education. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to tour our East Haven fire trucks as we've done in the past, but Fire Marshall Miller is planning a special activity for our villagers in lieu of the traditional visit. We will continue learning about other significant community helpers during the second week of October. These helpers include both those who keep us healthy and those who keep us safe. Some key figures we will learn about will be our police officers, paramedics, doctors, nurses, and dentists.

The final two weeks of October are dedicated to our center's favorite holiday, Halloween. We will begin Halloween preparations by creating our very own pumpkin patch where our villagers will have the opportunity to pick their own pumpkin. Our villagers already began investigating pumpkins during our signs of fall theme, however, they will take their knowledge a step further by creating jack-o-lanterns. This unit provides the perfect opportunity to teach emotions through facial expressions. Throughout the month of October, we will also focus on shapes. Spookley the Square Pumpkin is a great book which begins to teach our children about acceptance through differences with an emphasis on shapes. October will come to a close with a week on Halloween Symbols. We enjoy focusing on symbols and signs in order to build our villagers schema about the outside world. Some Halloween symbols we will cover will be spiders, bats, ghosts, haunted houses, and holiday candy. Our villagers will also get the opportunity to dress in their costumes and parade around Main Street with children from The Early Learning Center. We were unable to carry on this tradition last year but we are excited to reinstate this tradition with enhanced Covid precautions such as wearing masks while outdoors and socially distancing classes.

October also marks the beginning of our annual fundraiser selling our Butter Braids. This is our key fundraiser and has helped us with curriculum supplies and outdoor toys for the past two years. If you are interested in purchasing any butter braids, please e-mail the school at [oldstonevillage@gmail.com](mailto:oldstonevillage@gmail.com) or reach out to Heidi in the main office.

We are always available for tours outside of school hours and have open enrollment throughout the year. We no longer have any full-time spots available but do have a couple part time spots remaining. We are also currently looking for some part time teachers to work afternoon hours. If you know anyone who would be an amazing addition to our village family, please send them our way. If you'd like to be part of the daily happenings at our center be sure to follow us @oldstonevillage on Instagram and Old Stone Village Childcare. We post daily to our stories so the community can continue to feel connected to us despite Covid guidelines.

Nicole Ferrigno Director  
Kristen Sartor Assistant Director

## NEWS FROM THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER OCTOBER EDITION



September marked the beginning of a new school year for our 3 and 4 year old students. Our teachers are just as excited to see all the students and very eager to teach. The good weather allowed the students to enjoy some outside play in the sandbox looking for letters, making sand castles, playing with the water table and “grilling” food in the new play patio. The Early Learning Center and The Village shared a table at the East Haven Fall Festival thanks to Nicole, the Director of The Village. It was a beautiful day and it was a great way to get our names out to the community.

Our teachers always have many new and creative ideas for every season. We began our year with apples. The students learned how to make homemade apple sauce and made a tasting chart. The many apple tastes are so very different. The halls were filled with the sweet yummy smells of the delicious applesauce cooking.

COVID-19 continues to present many new challenges with extra cleaning, taking temperatures, wearing masks, social distancing, and student drop off & pick up. Almost every day the ELC receives a notice from the Office of Early Childhood or the CDC with new guidelines and procedures to follow. We continue to work diligently with PPE for the student and teachers.

We begin October with the Village, by learning about fire safety and the job of these heroes. We are fortunate to have a community focused Fire Department and Chief who values community outreach and education. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to tour our East Haven fire trucks as we’ve done in the past, but Fire Marshall Miller is planning a special activity for our students in lieu of the traditional visit. We will continue learning about other significant community helpers during the second week of October. These helpers include both those who keep us healthy and those who keep us safe. Some key figures we will learn about will be our Police Officers, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, and Dentists.

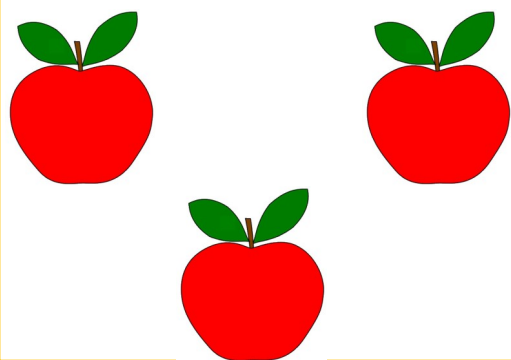
We are looking forward to our Halloween and Costume party. The annual Halloween parade is a possibility this year as well. This is an activity that brings the children on a walk down Main Street. The business owners are so happy to see all the creative costumes on our little ones and the kids enjoy the walk and the treats.

We will be playing with pumpkins and learning about the different types of gourds, their shapes and sizes. The children will be able to make their own paper “jack-o-lantern” to bring home and share with their families.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in the Early Learning Center for their child, please have them call the Playschool Office at 203-467-0661. We are getting limited in the number of spots available.

Until Next Month,

**Jennifer Calonico, Director and Kim Oca, Assistant Director**



## Something to think about...

**All The Rage**—from Sweet Tea for the Soul

Do not let your adorning be external...but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. 1 Peter 3:3-4

*Faith Check*

Instead of chasing after the latest “fa-fa, chic-chic” Fashions, all of which will one day succumb to time and a whole lot of moths, we should adorn our hearts with the richness of a godly character. Besides, you already have a Designer and His name is written on your heart.

***My room was immaculate until I decided to match my shoes to my outfit.***

**The Art of Peace**—from Sunset with God

***“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast.” (Isaiah 26:3)***

In the midst of violence, terror, or war, is it possible to find an island of peace? Where does one go to experience tranquility? The one place no one would expect to find peace is in the court of the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal, convened in The Hague. Certainly the president of that court needed some way to escape from the horrible stories that were crossing his desk regarding Bosnia.

How did Antonio Cassese supplant the gruesome images of man’s humanity? By paying a visit to the Mauritshuis Museum in the center of town and filling his head with the beautiful images of paintings by Johannes Vermeer. Vermeer tapped into a peace he harbored inside himself and shared it with others through his paintings. Cassese was receiving that same peace from the paintings many years later.

The peace inside of you has a powerful name—Jesus. Keep your mind on Him tonight, and watch the storms of your life fade to the background.



## Stewardship of the Church

To the Members and Friends of Old Stone Church,

As we look back at the last year or more, we can take a lot of pride in the accomplishments at Old Stone Church. In spite of the challenges created by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic that forced the closing of many churches, we found a way to stay open for regular weekly worship services so that we could continue to deliver the message from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For those people that could not attend in person, we expanded the access to services through multiple technology platforms like Facebook, Zoom, YouTube and EH Public Television. We began our transition to indoor services by moving into our renovated and air-conditioned Fellowship Hall and we are looking forward to returning to the Sanctuary in the near term. Because of the hard work of so many of us, we have much to be thankful for. As a congregation, we have been truly blessed.

As we look ahead to the future, our stewardship theme is “BE A BLESSING”. There are so many ways that we can all “BE A BLESSING” to Old Stone Church. In addition to making a financial commitment of support, we ask that each of you search for ways to contribute your time and talents to the mission of our church. The more of us that help, in even small ways, will make us stronger as a church family.

We are enclosing the familiar Pledge Card which you may return by mail, place in the collection plate any Sunday, or hand it in on October 31 at our annual “Soup Sunday” immediately following our worship service.

May God Bless Your Acts of Loving Service,

Old Stone Church Stewardship Committee

Tom and Linda Collopy, Adrienne Ward, and Nancy Wobensmith

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