

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.



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The Herald

September 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"



We welcome the theater group WISP Productions to our Fellowship Hall for performances on Sat and Sun 9/25 & 26.

For tickets and show times, go to www.tututix.com

From the desk of Rev. Mark Pilletere...

Peace and Grace to All;

For some, Labor Day weekend is the last chance to get away before Summer "closes down shop" for the year. We are grateful that YOU have chosen to be in the Lord's house with us on this weekend!

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Perhaps that doesn't seem all that spiritual; but I think it's good for us as God's people to be thankful for the jobs and employment the Lord has provided for us. It enables us to take care of the needs we have both as individuals and as families.

If you are in a job you enjoy, then not only are your financial needs provided for, but also, many of your spiritual needs are taken care of as well! You are happiest when you can recognize God as the source of your blessings!

Philippians 4:19 says; "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

In another scripture, the Lord reminds us that we must keep God first in all we do and as a result of doing so, our needs are taken care of as well; "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Part of seeking God first is being here today both in Thanksgiving for what He has supplied, as well as a heart of Praise for all the things He WILL provide in the future!

Let's worship the Lord together today and every day!

Many Blessings

Pr. Mark

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WISP Players Rehearsal 6-9 (FH)	2 Coping Strategies (P) Troop 401 (BSR) 6:30-8	3	4 Reserved party (FH) 12-6pm Thrift Shop 10-3pm
5 Communion Service 10 am (FH) Christian Ed meeting 11am	6 FBG Zoom meeting 7 pm LABOR DAY Office Closed	7 Council Zoom meeting 7pm	8 Parenting (P) 6:30 WISP Players Rehearsal 6-9 (FH)	9 EHU (FH) 7pm Childbirth (P) 6:30pm Troop 401 (BSR) 6:30-8	10 Fall Festival	11 Fall Festival Thrift Shop 10-3pm Parenting (P) 9:30am
12 Worship 10am Fall Festival Grandparent's Day	13	14	15 Breastfeeding (P) 6:30pm WISP Players Rehearsal 6-9 (FH)	16 Troop 401 (BSR) 6:30-8 Childbirth (P) 6:30pm	17	18 Thrift Shop 10-3pm Breastfeeding (P) 9:30am
19 Worship 10am RALLY DAY!	20 WISP Players Rehearsal (FH)	21 WISP Players Rehearsal (FH)	22 WISP Players Rehearsal (FH) Bible Study (FH) 6pm 1/5	23 Flu Clinic (FH) 3-5 pm Troop 401 (BSR) 6:30-8 Childbirth (P) 6:30pm	24	25 WISP Players (FH) 2-10pm Thrift Shop 10-3pm Youth Car Wash 10-1 (PL) Safety (P) 9am
26 Worship 10am WISP Players (FH) 2-10pm	27	28 Childbirth (P) 6:30pm	29 Bible Study (FH) 6pm 2/5	30 Troop 401 (BSR) 6:30-8 Childbirth (P) 6:30pm		

September Birthdays

9/01 —Braydon Coon
 9/05 —Liz Luther
 9/06 —Emma Oyanedel
 9/10 —Bonnie Cacace
 9/11 —Roberta Bruno
 9/15 —Linda Collopy
 9/16 —Helen Pertesis
 9/18 —Tanner Izzo
 9/19 —Lisa LaPia
 9/20 —Marion Burkard
 9/21 —Susan Anderson
 9/23 —Michael Provencal
 9/24 —Amy Provencal
 9/25 —Gen Stevens
 9/25 —Jessie Kilburn
 9/25 —Lynn Bouffard
 9/26 —Lance Kilburn
 9/27 —Chris Cole
 9/29 —Rebecca Suitor Cesario



BECAUSE—The Inner Human Needs It—“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”
 1 John 1:3

September Anniversaries



9/05/1998 —Anthony & Amy Trufan
 9/11/1954 —Robert & Gen Stevens
 9/11/1982 —Jennifer & Leo Calonico
 9/24/1978 —Andrea & Barry Kosowski
 9/29/2017 —Brandon & Laura LaPia

Congratulations !

Kelley Butler and Christopher Brothers Married on August 21st, 2021

As of **January 1st, 2022** Silver Lake Conference Center will officially become “Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center”



Rally Day

BECAUSE—God Expects It- “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.” *Hebrews 10:25*

BECAUSE—Faith Requires It—“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” *Romans 10:17*



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 September: Sue Clark and Adrienne Ward

What's Cookin'?

Triple Fruit Coleslaw Submitted by Virginia Liebler for publication in the OSC Cook Book

1 (16oz) Bag Cabbage, shredded	1/2 cup Raisins
1 (8oz) can Pineapple bits, cut into cubes, reserve juice	1 cup Mayonnaise
1 Med. Apple, cut into cubes	2 Tbsp. Apple Cider Vinegar
1 cup Chopped Celery	3 Tbsp. Reserved Pineapple Juice

Combine coleslaw mix, pineapple, apple, celery and raisins. In small bowl, blend mayonnaise, vinegar and pineapple juice. Add mayonnaise mixture to cabbage mixture, toss gently until well mixed. Chill for several hours or overnight. ENJOY!



Shrimp Scampi Submitted by Anne P. Hines for publication in the OSC Cook Book

14-16 Jumbo Shrimp	1 stick Butter or Margarine
1/3 cup Cooking Sherry	1/2 to 2/3 cup Half & Half
1 tsp. Minced Garlic	Italian Bread Crumbs

Melt butter, add garlic and sherry. Simmer for a few seconds. Add shrimp and cook a few minutes until done. Shut off heat. Add cream and bread crumbs. Stir to mix. ENJOY!

Orange Souffle' Submitted by Dorothy Feld for publication in the OSC Cook Book

2 Tbsp. Flour	1 cup Water
1 tsp. Butter	4 Eggs, separated
1 cup Sugar	4 Oranges

Mix flour, butter, sugar and water. Add 4 egg yolks, beaten. Let boil slightly, cool. Fold in 4 egg white, beaten to a stiff peak. Pour over 4 oranges (cut in bite sized pieces). Serves 4 generously.



Baked Carmel Corn Submitted by Kathy Mallory for publication in the OSC Cook Book



6 quarts Popped Corn	1 tsp. Salt
1 cup Butter	1/2 tsp. Baking Soda
2 cups Brown Sugar	1 tsp. Extract (vanilla, coconut, almond, or rum)
1/4 cup Light Corn Syrup	

In medium pan cook butter, brown sugar and corn syrup. Boil 5 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat, add baking soda and your favorite extract. On a greased cookie sheet with sides, pour sugar/caramel mixture over popcorn. With two wooden spoons, mix to coat. Bake

250 degrees for approx. 1 hour. You can add a favorite nut for extra taste prior to baking. Cool and enjoy.

Something to think about...

The Church Goes On -Author Unknown

He really planned to go to church.

He knew it was important, and would help him in his life, because of all the turmoil that he faced, and all the strife. But somehow days just slipped away, and then the months and years, while he kept struggling with his guilt, his problems and his fears. And so, the church went on without him.

He said he soon would go to church.

He oft recalled the childhood times he went to Sunday school, and how he learned John 3:16, and said the Golden Rule. And he remembered pictures taken with his blushing bride, while at the altar vows were said, as they stood side by side. But now, the church went on without him.

He truly meant to go to church.

He worked so many hours each week, and when the weekend came, he needed time just to relax, or practice his golf game. And there were dozens of small tasks that he alone could do, before he even finished them, his weekend time was through. And so, the church went on without him.

He promised he would go to church.

When friends and family begged him, he had lots of reasons why, the time was not convenient, but it would be by and by. Soon things would settle down, and he would have more time to do the countless tasks that he'd put off, and some that were brand new. But still, the church went on without him.

He finally went to church.

His friends all came to see him, and to say a last farewell, and many eyes were teary as they heard his funeral knell. They thought of all the wasted years, and blessings cast aside, because he thought he'd find the time for church before he died. And still, the church goes on without him.



Grandparents' Day Poem -Author Unknown

Grandmas and Grandpas are everything nice.
Like presents and candy and raspberry ice.

And chocolate fudge sundaes, with cherries on top.
And popcorn and peanuts and grape soda pop.

In winter or summer, in rain or in sun,
Grandmas and Grandpas are wonderful fun!

Why is it? , the rich man asked his minister, "that people call me stingy when everyone knows I'm leaving everything to the church when I die?" The minister responded with the story of the pig and the cow. The pig was unpopular and the cow beloved. "People speak warmly of your gentle nature and your soulful eyes," the pig said to the cow. "They think you're generous because each day you give them milk for cream. But what about me? I give bacon and ham and bristles for brushes. They even pickle my feet. Yet no one likes me. Why is that?" "Perhaps," the cow answered, "It's because I give while I'm still living." -Source Unknown

The Fire That Burns Within- Sweet Tea for the Soul

While tending flocks near Mt. Horeb, Moses was drawn to what appeared to be a burning bush. Now, in the heat of the desert, it would not be uncommon to see a dry bramble bush spontaneously ignite, but this bush was different. The fire burned in the midst of the bush yet did not consume it. When Moses removed his sandals and drew near, God revealed Himself to Moses on that mountain. "I AM THAT I AM," He declared (Exodus 3:14)

Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had a very different experience with fire. They were thrown into the midst of a blazing furnace for refusing to bow down and worship a pagan image. The blazing hot fire burned all around them but did not consume them or singe so much as a hair on their heads. Even King Nebuchadnezzar saw and recognized that the Son of God walked in the midst of the furnace with those three young men (Daniel 3).

Faith Check: Our God is an all-consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29), refining us into pure, precious metal, burning away the dross of sin from our lives without destroying us. And the fire of His love ignites within our hearts—to testify, purify, and sanctify us to Him.

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

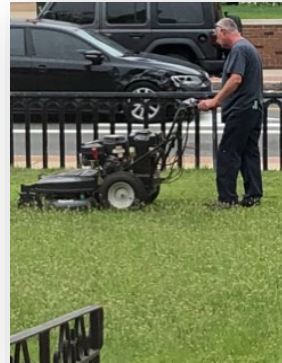
Please send tip or recipe and info to
oldstonechurch97@gmail.com

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. Thank you all for your time and dedication.



Tom Collopy



Ed Bast

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!

Thrift Shop

Do you have 3 hours once a month on a Saturday that you can spare??

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 Saturday 10-3 pm



Global Outreach

Please consider a donation to the East Haven Food Pantry of macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, pasta and sauce or cereal to help families feed children. Schools reopened on August 31. At that time, free breakfast and lunch resumed. The Food Pantry continues to provide bread, muffins, bagels, canned vegetables and fresh produce when available, in every curbside pickup. Thank you for your support of this local mission activity.



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.

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.



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..

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.

Fellowship Hall is currently being rented out for use. This can be the location for your next special occasion too. Newly air conditioned, 85" television, tables and chairs, stage and so much more. Please email: oscfellowshiphall@gmail.com, call the church office or see Paul Pochodowicz / Heidi Manley / Stephanie Kilburn for more information, pricing and availability.

Did you know? Church services in East Haven were first held in 1679 in both the old school house and private homes. On October 8, 1711 the East Haven Church Congregational, was founded. The present "Meeting House" is believed to be the second oldest stone sanctuary in New England. Redevelopment in East Haven today focuses around the old church with its tall spire visible for a mile in many directions. Lighted at night, it is an inspiring symbol of faith in America.

Bible Study

Bible study for adults will resume on Wed. Sept 22 for a 5 week study . We will watch "The War Room" followed by discussion and Bible study. We look forward to a year of growth and fun as we study and live God's word.

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.



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 at 203-467-2907 or email to oldstonechurch97@gmail.com

COMMUNICATION:



Do you have a new address, e-mail or phone number? Have you gotten married, had a baby or need support? Please let us know so we can update our data.

Board of Deacons

Subject: Changes in requirements for In-Person Worship Service

To Members and Friends of Old Stone Church, Due to recent increases in Covid occurrences, the Leadership Council has decided to make changes in the requirements for In-Person Worship Service. Everyone attending Sunday morning worship service in Fellowship Hall **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.

Tom Collopy, Chair of Board of Deacons

Crafters Corner

Handwork Aficionadas Alert

When this pandemic began over a year ago, I became lazy. During April and May, 2020, I read five books and saw what seemed to be 500 movies. Then I started cleaning out items to be given away or thrown out. After all, I'm getting old and can't leave all this "stuff" for our sons to do. Now, I'm knitting, maybe I should say manufacturing, for the Christmas Fair. It occurred to me that some of you may be as bored as I am, and I thought we might organize to see what we can create. If you find you have any time and are willing, please email or call me (contact is in the church directory—I don't want it on the web). You can also talk to me on Sundays. I think if I know what kind of handwork you like to do, we might get together, on the phone, zoom or by email and come up with some things to make. I'd be willing to meet sometime at the church too.

Knitting, needlepoint, crocheting, sewing—anything you think may be of interest for sale.

Hints:

1. We shouldn't make too many of one item. Variety is best. I have already made too many baby sweaters. We want to move items, not collect them.
2. We always charge less than items are worth, so don't invest too much money.
3. I have a lot of yarn and some materials. Maybe we can collect yours and mine and do something to clean out our closets!

Let me know what you think. Peggy Thomas



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!!!



From "The World's Greatest Collection of Church Jokes"

FIREWORKS



The annual Fourth of July picnic and fireworks sponsored by First Baptist is one of the highlights of the church year. Last year's pyrotechnic show will not be forgotten by all those standing around Donnie Walker on his father's shoulders. When the last ball of fire streaked across the sky and the audience was cheering, little Donnie kept looking up into the sky and saying, "Thank you, God."

Early Learning Center

Our summer was full of adventures and learning. Our students visited the Hagaman Memorial Library where we learned about animals and the places they live. They had hands on experiences learning about The Cycle Of The Sun, The Phases Of The Moon, Summer Fun, The Wild West, The Forth of July, and The Summer Olympics, science experiments on our nature walks and Sink and Float in the playground.

Our teachers always have many new creative ideas and outside play will be a must especially in the sandbox looking for letters, making sand castles, playing with the new waters tables and "grilling" food in the new play patio, all while they explore the world around them.

The Graduation Programs were held on June 9th.. We had smaller than usual Graduation Programs which were held outside because of COVID but our parents were grateful that we were able to have a program. Some of the parents and grandparents, came up to me after each program commenting on how understanding our teachers are and how much time they had given to their child. Our Teachers are awesome, very creative and dedicated to the Old Stone Church Early Learning Center.

All of the classrooms have been updated with new carpeting and tile floors and the coat cubbies have fresh paint. The play yard has some new equipment and a new sandbox for extra outdoor fun. Thank you to all our volunteers for helping to set up and paint.

September marks 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.

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.

Cheers to a fun filled learning year!

Jennifer Calonico, Director and Kim Oca, Assistant Director



Old Stone Christian Education Sept 2021

Rally day will be September 19, 2021. Board of Christian Education and Deacons will provide a picnic lunch after morning church service. And yes, Pastor Mark, we will have hotdogs!! Games for young and old will be set up including a church historical scavenger hunt for kids of all ages. Student registration forms are being mailed out and will also be available on Rally day.

We are using the ALL-IN-ONE BIBLE FUN teaching resources to enhance our Bible based curriculum. It is designed to meet the ages of 4-12. Activities can be planned for all ages together or broken into small group. We will have inside and outside activities, music and crafts to guide our children's growth and love for Bible stories and relationship with God. Nursery care will be available in Old Stone Village community room as littles are present. It is helpful, but not necessary, to call or email Louise Ward, 203-469-6729 or thewardsfam@comcast.net when infants to pre-K are attending so sufficient staff can be available.

If you are interested in being a Sunday school substitute, please contact Louise or church office at 203-467-2907

Sunday school will be holding a CAR WASH on Saturday September 25 as a fund raiser for Heifer International.

We look forward to a year of growth and fun as we study and live God's word.

See you all there,

Louise Ward

**NEWS FROM OUR VILLAGE
SEPTEMBER**



Our village family spent August creating lasting memories with our Villagers. We dedicated the last two weeks of August to celebrate nine of our toddler Villagers who officially “graduated” from our center on August 30th. Each day we celebrated an individual graduate with a specific theme that we selected especially for them. We explored Airplanes, Monster Trucks, Bubble Guppies, Superheroes and Villains, The Little Mermaid, BMX Bike Racing, Zoo Animals, and Cars. We have shared some highlights from these special days below.

We concluded the month of August with our first official Old Stone Village graduation ceremony. Our villagers were excited to perform for their families with a special outdoor ceremony. Our villagers sang, danced, and proudly received their diplomas and awards. As a special treat our villagers got to enjoy Curious Critters after their ceremony. Through this outreach program our children were able to observe different species of animals and even got the opportunity to hold some.



September has us welcoming nineteen new families to our village community. Our infant room officially opened on August 30th, and we now also have a younger toddler and older toddler room bringing our total daily enrollment to 24 children. We cannot wait to begin to build relationships with these families and get to know our newest Villagers.

We begin this month with an “We can’t wait to grow with you!” theme centered around flowers and bumblebees during our first week. This unit will explore all things that grow, and we will spend a good amount of time in our center garden with our new friends. The next two weeks will be “Oink, Baa, Moo OSV is turning TWO!” where we will celebrate our centers second birthday with a farm animal theme. The month will conclude “Welcoming Fall” and exploring all the signs and symbols the new season will bring.

We were truly blessed with all the amazing people we grew with over our first two years and cannot wait to continue to grow with our remaining families and all our new families. Change is never easy, but when you work with young children the growth and change that comes along with it is inevitable. We are so lucky to be a part of these children’s lives, even if only for a season.

Thank you,
Nicole Ferrigno, Director and Kristen Sartor, Assistant Director

**Never Stop
Praying!**

Morning Prayer

Pick me up Lord, and hold me in Your loving arms.

Protect me from the pressures of the day, and remove the heaviness from my heart. Inspire me with the knowledge that You and I together can handle anything.

Amen



Strength For Today

Give me strength for today, Lord, Wherever I go.

Let no danger daunt me, Whatever the foe.

Let no task o’ercome me, No trial my heart fret. I would walk with Thee, Lord, in the path Thou hast set.

Let no burden o’come me, Give me strength to bear. Then I shall have courage, Whatever my care.

Let go grief o’erwhelm me, Wherever I am. Give me strength for today Lord, Strength from Thy hand.

Dear Lord,

I give You praise today for who you are and all you do. Thank you for Your faithfulness.

Life may not always be good, but You are good all the time. Please help me to put You first in all things.

Help me to embrace your joy.

Help me to live my life with an attitude of gratitude. Please help me focus more on what I have, instead of what I lack and all that is right, instead of all that is wrong.

I commit this day to You and all that’s in it. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen

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****

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

