

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

Old Stone Church

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The Herald



March 2024

From the desk of...Rev. Mark D. Pilletere, M. Div.

Dear sisters and brothers of the Old Stone Church and beyond,

As you stroll through the local stores, you'll see an abundance of bunnies, baskets, and candy for sale, and those may be the only signs of Easter you'll find outside of church. Unlike its Christmas counterpart, Easter is mostly un-commercialized, which is pretty remarkable: the day that we celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection remains untainted by retailers.

However, just because we're not receiving Easter ad upon Easter ad in our newspapers and inboxes doesn't mean we should pigeonhole the holiday as a minor celebration. Easter is perhaps the most crucial holiday on the Christian calendar—even the word crucifix has its roots in Christianity, stemming from the term for crucify.

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."*—Mark 1:12-15

The season we call Lent, the forty days before Easter, represents the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, continually tempted by Satan. When He emerged from the wilderness, He knew it was time for the prophesy of His death and resurrection to be fulfilled.

As believers, we remember this. We look to this time of Lent as a way to go into our own 'wilderness' of sorts; we pray, we fast, we meditate, we worship, we focus on God. We ready ourselves for the grief of Christ's death, and we take joy in the gospel of His rising again. We are granted eternal life through Christ; the Messiah lifted up.

I invite you to join us as we take a closer look at the life of Christ these next few weeks as we recall what this season is all about.

Blessings in Christ,

Pr. Mark

Join us in our historic Sanctuary for In-Person Worship service or view us on Facebook Live and YouTube at 10 am Sundays

Join us for Fellowship after service in the hall

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2024 Bring a Friend to Church Sunday Breakfast to follow, sponsored by Troop 401 (FH)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 , Community Bible Study 12:15 (see schedule)

March 8, 2024 5:30pm Movie Night (P)

March 16, 2024 6pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner (FH)

March 31, 2024 Easter Celebration 10am

Don't forget to pick up your latest copy of "The Upper Room"



March 2024



March Birthdays

- 03/01 Linda Whittaker
- 03/02 Ethan Gelo
- 03/03 Eric Badiali
- 03/03 Jetta Powers
- 03/05 Edna Baransky
- 03/07 Harlen Ozoria, Jr.
- 03/08 Helen Wendt
- 03/10 Kerry Landers
- 03/11 Diane Lewis
- 03/12 Sean Provencal
- 03/14 Charlene Longley
- 03/15 Rupert Chinatamani
- 03/15 Chad Feola
- 03/17 Shelby Zoccano
- 03/17 Luke DelGuidice
- 03/17 Kara DelGuidice
- 03/18 Kelly Butler-Brothers
- 03/20 Luci McLay
- 03/24 Bill Messina
- 03/26 Judy Cooper
- 03/26 Julia DelGuidice-Goodwin
- 03/27 Clelia Reynolds
- 03/29 Paulette McLay
- 03/30 Leo Calonico, Jr.
- 03/30 Estelle Fanucci
- 03/31 Linda Reilly

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Henry & Judy Butler March 7, 1964

Richard & Roberta Bruno March 14, 1981

Tom & Dawn Coon March 25, 2006

In the Spotlight



Meet Mrs. Linda Hargraves. Linda currently serves as not only the Treasurer of this church, but every subsidiary under it including both The Early Learning Center and The Old Stone Village. Linda, affectionately known to most as the "money lady," has been involved in this church since the early 1970's. She happened to stumble upon this rich environment as she was looking for a new spiritual home under the recommendation of one of her lifelong friends and past church member, Esther McPhee. Linda knew immediately that she had found a home due to the outpouring of love and feeling of community that she was welcomed into. This theme of community is constantly brought to light and is truly a testament to each of you members.

Linda's academic background and previous work experience made her the perfect candidate to handle the financial obligations of such a vast community. Linda received her Masters in Education and was a teacher and testing coordinator at Deer Run school for several years as she began to start her own family. Her love of learning and children has not faded over the years as she has been one of the biggest advocates and supporters for both The Early Learning Center and Old Stone Village. Although Linda will often visit both of our schools with payroll, and other treasurer duties, she will not let the visit end without stopping by to greet the children within our rooms. Aside from her education, Linda has also owned and managed several successful businesses with her husband including The Dairy Mart Corner Stop and Eastside Travel Agency.

Having been an active member for over fifty years Linda witnessed firsthand many challenges and changes within this building. The growth of this church and success of both the Early learning Center and Old Stone Village Daycare under the guidance of such a dynamic Pastor, Mark Pilletere, has been a change in the right direction according to Linda. Although several changes have occurred, the one constant that has not altered has been the constant support and community from the church members throughout the years, both young and old.

In addition to being the treasurer, Linda has served on many committees including Global Outreach, Nominating, has been a previous Deacon(ess), and currently co-chairs the Candy Booth with her daughters at the Annual Holiday Fair every year. On Thursdays you can find her in the Parlor with her gal pals playing Mah-Jong.

When asked what her favorite memory has been within this church, Linda immediately recalled her parent's memorial services as she introduced her parents into this church once she became a member, and to her their services felt like a true welcome home. Aside from her parents, Linda has also celebrated many events including her wedding and several sacraments for herself and her family. Her two daughters also remain active within the church serving on various committees. Her son-in-law Kevin Vineyard was an integral part of the creation of Old Stone Village, gaining permits within the town and making Nicole Ferrigno's vision a reality.

Aside from all her duties and responsibilities, Linda always finds time to explore the world. She is a wealth of knowledge across all domains within this community. She may hold the title of treasurer, but she's truly Old Stone Church's hidden treasure!

Nicole Ferrigno,
Old Stone Village Director



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				ONGOING Mah-Jong (P) 12 Choir (S) 7pm Cub/Boy Scouts (BSR) 6pm	1 ELC (P) 9:30- 11am	2 Thrift Shop Open 10-3
3 Worship 10am "Bring a Friend to Church" Psalm 19 BSA Breakfast (FH) 11am	4 Lenten Bible Study (P) 12pm Our Lady of Pompeii Church	5 Leadership Council Meeting 7pm (ZOOM)	6	7	8 Sunday School Movie Night (P) 6:30pm	9 Thrift Shop Open 10-3 Reserved Party (FH) 2pm
10 Worship 10am "No Matter What" Psalm 107:1-3,17-22	11 Lenten Bible Study (P) 12pm Christ & the Epiphany Church	12	13	14	15 ELC St. Patrick's Day Parade (FH)	16 Thrift Shop Open 10-3 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6pm
17 Worship 10am "Deep in our Hearts" Jer. 31:31-34 Deacon's Meeting 7pm (ZOOM)	18 Lenten Bible Study (P) 12pm St. Vincent DePaul Church	19	20	21 Reserved Party (FH) 9am Evening of Passover w/ Eden Stein (P) 6:30pm Cub Scout Blue & Gold (FH) 6pm	22	23 Thrift Shop Open 10-3 Reserved Party (FH) 3pm
24 Worship 10am "Palm Sunday" Mark 14:1-15:47	25 Lenten Bible Study (P) 12pm Old Stone Church	26	27	28 Tenebrae Service with Music 7pm	29 	30 Thrift Shop Open 10-3 HOLY SATURDAY
31 Worship 10am Easter Celebration Mark 16:1-8						



Month of March Deacons in

Charge: Sue Carrozza and
Claudia Crawford

Prayer requests can be sent or called
in to the church office at any time.
Please send to the church's confidential
email: [oldstone-
church97@gmail.com](mailto:oldstone-church97@gmail.com) or direct to
Pastor Mark at: [oldstonepas-
tor@yahoo.com](mailto:oldstonepas-
tor@yahoo.com). Pastor Mark will
read them aloud on Sunday during
service.

Should you need a call, please note
that in the message.





WHAT'S COOKIN'?

With St. Patrick's Day and Spring at the forecast this month, I have a few recipe's that you may enjoy.

All recipe's are from www.irishamericanmom.com.

BLUEBERRY SCONES*****

4 cups Cake Flour	3 tsp. Baking Powder	1/2 tsp. Salt	4 oz. Butter
1/2 cup Sugar	1 1/2 cups Blueberries	2 large Eggs	3/4 cup Whole Milk
2 Tbsp. Sugar to sprinkle on top of unbaked scones			



Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Sift flour and baking powder into a large mixing bowl. Cut the butter into one inch pieces, then rub into the flour using a pastry blender, or rub the butter and flour using your fingers, until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar and mix. Add the blueberries and mix gently to disperse them throughout the flour mixture. In a separate bowl or pitcher, whisk the eggs and milk together. Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients and pour in most of the liquid. Reserve 1/4 cup of the liquid mixture to brush on top of the unbaked scones. Mix the wet and dry ingredients together using a large spoon or your hands. Form a soft, but not too sticky, dough. Add some extra flour if the dough is sticking to the sides of the bowl. If the dough is too dry and not sticking together, add a little more of the egg and milk mixture. Handle the dough gently to avoid bursting the blueberries. Turn the dough out on to a lightly floured surface. Sprinkle with a little more flour. Knead dough lightly. Flatten the dough into a large round shape, about an inch and a half high. This can be done with your hands or by lightly rolling the dough with a rolling pin. Use a biscuit cutter to cut out round shapes. Place the scones on a greased baking tray. Brush the tops with the reserved egg and milk mixture. Then sprinkle with a little sugar. Bake in oven for 10 minutes. Then reduce the heat to 400 and bake for another 15—20 minutes, Remove from the oven when the topes are turning a lovely golden color. Cool of a wire rack for 10 minutes. To serve, cut in two and spread each side with butter, jam or jelly.

EASY CAULIFLOWER LEEK IRISH SOUP*****

1 Tbsp. Olive Oil	1 Tbsp. Butter	2 large Leeks sliced	1 small Cauliflower (cut into florets)
2 minced Garlic cloves	2 cups Vegetable Stock	1/4 tsp. Salt to taste	1/4 tsp. White Pepper to taste
3/4 cup Heavy Whipping Cream	2 Tbsp. Parsley chopped		

Heat the oil and butter in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the leeks, cauliflower and garlic. Cover the pot to sweat the vegetables. Cook for about 10 minutes. Shake the pot every 2 minutes to prevent sticking. Add the stock and increase the heat to bring to boiling point. Reduce the heat, cover the soup pot and simmer for about 40 minutes. Remove from heat and season to taste with salt and pepper. Allow to cool slightly then blitz with an immersion blender until smooth. Stir in cream. Serve warm, garnished with parsley

LEFTOVER CORNED BEEF AND POTATO HASH*****

3 Tbsp. Salted Butter	1 large Onion diced	1 cup Carrots	3 cups Potatoes	1 cup Corned Beef Brisket
2 cups Cabbage	1/2 tsp. dried Thyme	1/2 tsp. Garlic powder	6 medium Eggs	



In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add onion and cook until softened, about 4-5 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients (except eggs) to the skillet. (Left over Carrots, Potato, Corned Beef Brisket and Cabbage) Cook, stirring often until heated through. Create 6 pockets in the hash and crack one egg into each hole. Cover the skillet and reduce heat to medium. Cook until the eggs reach your desires doneness. Season with salt and pepper prior to serving.

HOMEMADE IRISH CREAM LIQUOR*****

2 cups Heavy Whipping Cream	1 cup Sweetened Condensed Milk	1 Tbsp. Instant Coffee (dissolved on 1 Tbsp. Water)
1 tsp. Chocolate Syrup	1 tsp. Vanilla Extract	1 2/3 cups Irish Whiskey

Add the heavy whipping cream, sweetened condensed milk, dissolved coffee, chocolate syrup and vanilla extract to a large mixing bowl. Mix together using a balloon whisk until thoroughly combined. Alternatively, you can use an electric mixer, but set at the lowest speed to avoid over thickening the cream. Gradually add in the whiskey, whisking or mixing at low speed until fully combined. Store in sterilized glass bottles with tight fitting lids. Store in the refrigerator for 2—3 weeks. Serve chilled over ice.

IRISH FLAG FRUIT AND CREAM PARFAIT*****

4 Ripe Kiwi	15 oz. Mandarin Oranges in light syrup	12 Meringue Cookies
1 1/2 cups Heavy Whipping Cream	2 Tbsp. Confectioners Sugar	2 tsp. Caster Sugar (optional)



Peel and dice kiwi fruit, If the kiwi is tart, mix with 2-3 tsp sugar to sweeten. Drain the can of mandarin oranges and discard the liquid. Crumble the meringue cookies into small pieces. Whip the cream and confectioners sugar. Mix the cookie pieces and whipped cream together. Fill a parfait or wine glass one third with kiwi pieces. Add a layer of creamy meringue mess, then top with a layer of mandarin oranges. Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes before serving. Yields 3—4 servings.

THRIFT SHOP

The Old Stone Thrift Shop is open every Saturday from 10—3. The entrance is located in the back parking lot of the church. We sell so many different items as well as gently used clothing. Our loyal volunteers sort, tag and put out for sale, newly donated items every week. All proceeds go directly to the church for their best use. We are very proud of our service to the community and beyond. We can always use more help on Saturdays.

Stop in to see all the fabulous deals in the store, and to volunteer.

Thank you, *Carole Landers, Roberta Bruno, Patty Andrews, Audrey Pochodowicz, Sharron Shepard, Pam Standish and Pat Garguilo*



Faith Formation

The Sunday school has been using maps as we study Jesus's ministry and the parables that He taught.

We acted out the Good Samaritan story and discovered who our neighbors are.

The children received a Lenten calendar to help them count down to Holy week and Easter. We had a good time learning that Lent could be a time of giving more of oneself and learned that giving up broccoli is not a sacrifice!

For Valentine's day we sang "Jesus Loves Me" with the Senior choir.

This next month will focus on parables and growing our faith as Spring is a time of growth. Garden and kitchen time coming up.

Family movie night is March 8th at 5:30 in the parlor. We'll be watching "Shrek". Wear green and we might have green food waiting for you!!

The Community Lenten Bible Study continues through March 25th. The average attendance is 20-22 neighbors. The study is half way through its Lenten topics. Fellow East Haven Churches host each session. Come joins us at 12:15. See below for weekly location.

Louise Ward

3/4: Our Lady of Pompeii
3/11: Christ & the Epiphany
3/18: St. Vincent DePaul
3/25: Old Stone Church

Board of Deacons

March will be another busy month in the spiritual life of Old Stone Church as we continue to gather for worship and fellowship during this Lenten season. As we approach Holy Week at the end of the month, there will be a special event scheduled in the Parlor on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm - an Evening of Passover with Eden Stein. She will present the elements of a Seder meal and discuss the significance of Passover. Refreshments will be provided by the Board of Christian Education and the Deacons.

Holy Week services: March 24 - Palm Sunday, Sunday school children will pass out palms.

March 28 – Maundy Thursday at 7:00pm, Communion will be served.

March 31 – Easter Sunday, Communion will be served. A light breakfast will be served before the service, and flowering of the cross.

Pastor Mark has recently met with a number of people who have expressed an interest in becoming members of the church. If you are new to the church, or have been attending in the past but have not yet become a member, please speak to Pastor Mark about joining. If you choose to become a member, we will schedule a light lunch date following worship for you to meet with the Deacons and committee chairs where we can get to know each other further. We have been blessed with many new members joining in recent years and are excited about welcoming more.

Come join us for all our Lenten Sunday services either in person in the Sanctuary or online on either Facebook or YouTube.

Deacons in Charge for March:
Sue Carrozza and Claudia Crawford.

Tom Collopy, Chairperson

Pastoral Visits in Hospital

Pastoral Visits in the hospital are more possible, with particular guidelines that have changed 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.



Building, Finance and Grounds

First, I would like to thank everyone for all the kind words and cards over the past month. As always, work continues around the church. The Narthex has now been repainted, the stairs to the tunnel has been repainted and the edges have been highlighted, and the bell is now operational. As soon as the weather improves, the remainder of the work on the outside of the church will get completed.

Myles Standish, Chairman



Flower Committee

Have you ever considered putting flowers in church in memory or in honor of someone?

Please let the office know of your interest, as we have open Sundays in June, September and December. Do you have a specific Sunday that you'd like to honor? We are happy to help you with that as well.

Easter is just around the corner. March 31, 2024. So that we can decorate our church together in celebration of Jesus' rising from the grave, individual flower order blanks will be in the bulletins. Orders need to be in by March 17th.

Order Form—Easter Flowers 2024

Flowers to decorate our Sanctuary at Easter may be purchased by completing the form below. Please make your check payable to Old Stone Church. You may mail your order, give it to any member of the Flower Committee, drop it in the offering plate or at the Church Office. After the Easter service, please see one of the committee members so you can take your flowers home to enjoy.

To reserve your plant(s), please return the form below by the deadline of March 17, 2024

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Helen Wendt, Chair, Marion Burkard,

Andrea Kosowsky, Kathy LaPia, Heidi Manley, Hope Ryan, Susan Anderson

-----*return this portion*-----

Name _____

Phone: Day _____ Eve. _____ Cell _____

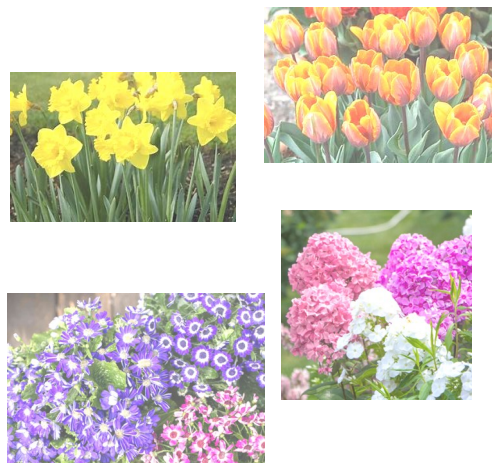
Entry in bulletin should read: _____

Lilies \$10.00 each _____ Daffodils \$11.00 each _____

Tulips \$11.00 each _____ Hydrangeas \$12.00 each _____

Cineraria \$8.00 each _____

Total number of plants _____ Total enclosed \$ _____



Join us for an Evening of Passover with Eden C. Stein, Ph D.

The Traditional Passover Seder - March 21, 2024

Eden Stein will lead an interactive session on the traditional Passover seder, including an overview and explanation of each of the 15 parts of the seder. Participants will have an opportunity to read sections and sample a few of the traditional foods, as well as to discuss and ask questions regarding the traditional Jewish observance of this important holiday commemorating the freeing of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt.

Eden C. Stein, Ph.D. is a public school educator and member of Beth Israel Synagogue in Wallingford. She has been observing Passover with her family for six decades.



Help Needed

On March 16th, we will be holding our annual Corned Beef Dinner. We need help in the following areas:

- Irish Soda Bread
- Lemon/Lime Poke Cake
- Saturday Morning – 10 AM
 - o Set-up tables and decorations
 - o Cut Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage (Bring your own knives and Peelers)
- Saturday Evening – 4:30 PM
 - o Set up all the condiments
 - o Food Servers
 - o Ticket Takers
 - o Raffle Ticket Sellers
 - o Dishwashers
 - o Clean up after the event
- Raffle Basket donations – 2 raffle baskets
 - o Needs for the basket
 - o Anything Irish
 - o A full corned beef dinner for 6
 - o Irish Butter
 - o Corned Beef
 - o Irish Soda Bread Mix or made
 - o Potatoes
 - o Carrots
 - o Cabbage
 - o Rye Bread

Please email stephani.kilburn@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Bottle Drive to benefit the OSC Sunday School

The Sunday School student will be collecting cans and bottles for recycling. Just count them as follows by size into separate clear bags.

- 12-24 oz. water: 100 per bag
- 12-24 oz soda: 100 per bag
- 1 liter: 50 per bag
- 2 liter: 35 per bag
- cans: 200 per bag

All glass bottles must be brought back in "beer boxes" 12, 18 or 24 each. No other boxes or boxing increments will be accepted.



Thursday evening, March 28th, 2024 7pm

Join us for the Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary of the Old Stone Church.



Listen to the story of Jesus's last days before Easter, the promise of new life, and the betrayal of friends. The Senior Choir, led by Dr. Jonathan Budd will provide spiritual music to set the mood.

Join the "Old Stone Travelers" on their next bus adventure to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

August 21-23, 2024

\$484.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Bus driver gratuities included.

See Pastor Mark or Heidi for more information and registration forms.

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Join us on Easter morning for the Annual Flowering of the Cross. March 31, 2024 9am Old Stone Church Hall

Light refreshments will be served, followed by an uplifting service of celebration of our risen Savior.



IN LOCAL NEWS

HAGAMAN LIBRARY COOKBOOK CLUB

Hosted by Reference Librarian Chris Hemingway

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 2pm in our DeMayo Room for traditional Irish recipes!

For further information, or to join Cookbook Club, please either stop in or call Main Circulation at 203-468-3890

Hagaman Memorial Library

227 Main Street

East Haven, CT 06512

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GATSBY GALA NIGHT

You are cordially invited to... East Shore Catholic Academy's Annual Auction

Join us as we step back in time to the 1920's at our Gatsby-themed Gala and Auction Annual Spring Fundraiser at The Woodwinds in Branford, on Friday March 22, 2024, from 6pm-10pm!

\$110 per ticket—Dress to impress in “Roaring 1920’s” attire.

Please contact hbonsse@gmail.com for sponsorship information.

All proceeds from this event will go directly towards East Shoreline Catholic Academy's scholarships, financial aid, education expenses, and helping to keep tuition rates affordable for families in the community. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

The Woodwinds
29 School Ground Road
Branford, CT 06405

HAGAMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

Hosted by Reference Librarian Chris Hemingway

Monday, March 25th at 3pm in our
Old Community Room.

In honor of Women's History Month, we will read and discuss “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker

To join the discussion, please either stop in, call Main Circulation at 203-468-3890, or email Chris directly at chemingway@hagamanlibrary.org

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**St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef Dinner
at Old Stone Church**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024
at 6:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by the
Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing

Old Stone Church, 251 Main St., East Haven

Adults \$25.00
Kids \$9.00 (10 and under)
Chicken Tender Meal

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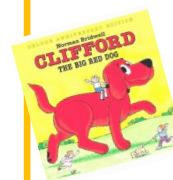


People in our prayers...

- ***Dave Thomas**
18 Tower Lane #959 New Haven, CT 06519
- ***Myles Standish**
16 Gerrish Avenue East Haven, CT 06512
- ***Frank Chasney**
1270 N. High Street East Haven, CT 06512
- ***Bonnie and Ned Taylor**
352 Townsend Avenue New Haven, CT 06512
- ***Carole Landers**
287 Grannis Street East Haven, CT 06512
- ***Wendy Salmoiraghi**
8 Indian Point Road Branford, CT 06405
- ***Jerry Swisher** c/o David Wendt, Jr.
52 Plum Orchard Road Southington, CT 06109
- ***Marilyn Petrafesa**
639 Bradley Street East Haven, Ct 06512
- ***Marion Burkard**
20 Riverside Drive Branford, CT 06405
- *John the photographer *Tracy Boyle
- *Susan Hyssong *First Responders
- *Military personnel at home and away

Old Stone Church Early Learning Center

March brings a breath of fresh air and the promise of spring! March will be full of fun and learning! Our children will be busy exploring and discovering the world around them. In this month's newsletter, we're thrilled to share an array of exciting activities lined up for the children.



Rooms two and three have been focusing on developing language skills with a special unit that includes taking home Clifford the Big Red Dog, a Clifford story book, and a journal. Each child will have a turn to take Clifford home for a sleepover. The children must take care of Clifford and his book. The journal is for the parents to write down what their child did with Clifford, this will be used as a prompt if needed. When Clifford comes back to school the child will stand in front of the class and tell their friends what they did with Clifford.

In room one the children have also been developing their language skills with show and tell.

On March 1st we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with Mrs. Goodale giving a presentation to the whole school. Her presentation will include mixing primary colors, reading Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss, counting, and cooking green eggs and ham!



Our St. Patrick's Day celebration is March 15th. The children will paint shamrocks, plant clover seeds, and go on a leprechaun hunt. They will march around Fellowship Hall playing instruments then head back to their classrooms for a party.

The teachers have planned many exciting projects and activities for Easter. They will learn Easter Songs and poems, Paint, color and cut bunnies, color hard boiled eggs, have an Easter egg hunt, enjoy an Easter party, and have a visit from the Easter Bunny played by The Village's very own Director Nicole.



The children have also been learning about numbers, shapes, and patterns through hands-on activities that make learning fun.

We would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to Rob Fucci who is the father of our student Luciano. Rob is a dental hygienist who gave our students a wonderful lesson on the importance of dental hygiene! To Mrs. Goodale a retired East Haven kindergarten teacher, principle, and early learning center director who gave us a fabulous lesson for Dr. Seuss's Birthday. To Nicole Ferrigno for making our Easter party special by dressing up as the Easter Bunny for our children.



In mid-March enrollment for our summer program will open to our currently enrolled children.

School will be closed March 29th for Good Friday.

Happy Easter!

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



Old Stone Village March Herald

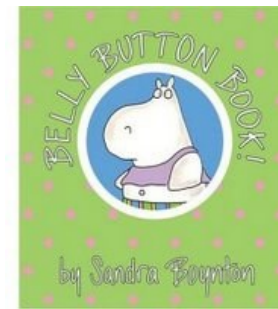
“February was short and very sweet.”-Charmine J Forde



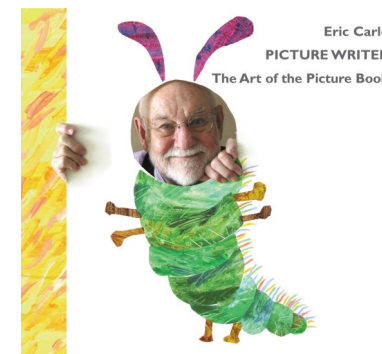
Although the month of February was shorter than most, that didn't stop our village from learning, exploring, and building the sweetest relationships. February is and has always been a month of community, friendship, and love within our walls. We began the month welcoming Groundhog's Day with a focus on hibernation, migration and spatial relationships. Throughout this week our villagers worked together and explored attributes of various animals to discover why they'd hibernate or migrate. We ended the week burrowing like groundhogs with the hope that Punxsutawney Phil was correct with his prediction and an early Spring will be headed our way.



Unfortunately, during the next two weeks of February we learned that Phil's prediction of an early Spring may not be too accurate as our villagers enjoyed a couple snow days out of our building. Throughout the next two weeks of February, our community took a forefront as we learned about community workers with a Valentine's Day twist. One of the highlights of this week was having Mr. Fucci, a dental hygienist and one of our village dads come in to teach our villagers how to keep their smiles shining bright! We also were lucky to have Mrs. Melanie Ponte, our nurse consultant, come in to teach us about heart health and daily movement breaks and healthy food options we can do to keep our hearts healthy.



Valentine's Week in our village is always a week filled with love and friendship. This year we really witnessed the bonds between our villagers as they anxiously awaited to hand each other their special valentines. We ended the month with two weeks full of dinosaurs, fossils, and volcanoes. Our villagers used their knowledge of opposites to compare dinosaurs in terms of size, color, environment, and diet. This was our first Leap Year in this building, so of course we celebrated with a day focused on activities related to leaping!



On Friday, March 1st, we will welcome March with the beginning of our early literacy month. Throughout this month we will explore the works of various authors as we work in different foundational skills in our daily lesson plans. March 1st is a special day as we kick off with a day focused on the works of Dr. Seuss. Nicole, our director will come in fully dressed as The Cat in the Hat to begin this month, and our villagers will explore some of Dr. Seuss most famous works including; *The Cat in the Hat* and *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*.



During the second week of March, we will focus on phonological awareness through Sandra Boynton's books. She is one of our villagers' favorite authors as her stories are extremely entertaining and really help with emerging language skills due to the repetitive sounds and funny words. The themes throughout all other books really apply to our villagers' interests and early learning standards. A few of the books we will incorporate into our week will include books focusing on our bodies (*Horns to Toes, Your Nose, The Belly Button Book*) Farm Animals (*Barnyard Dance, Moo Baa, La La La, Are You a Cow*) and Night Routines (*Pajama Time, Silly Lullaby, Dinosaurs*)

This year the end of March will be jam packed with holidays and special events due to our early Easter, Spring, and Saint Patrick's Day. Some of our favorite events will be taking place during this time including Our Rainbow Week as we prepare for Saint Patrick's Day. During this week we will focus on the colors of the rainbow and symbols of Saint Patrick's Day that are highlighted in our daily books. We'll then jump into another favorite center author, Eric Carle as we welcome the beginning of Spring with some of his books introducing this topic. Many of these symbols will overlap with the symbols of Easter we will focus on the last week of March. During this week we will host our annual Easter Egg hunt for all our villagers and will have our Easter Bunny visit. During this week we've also scheduled both live chicks and bunnies to come spend time in our playground with our children so they can observe these animals up close.



We are looking forward to warmer weather and celebrating these upcoming holidays with our village community.

Until next month,

Nicole Ferrigno, Director and **Kristen Sartor, Assistant Director**



Nominating Committee Report for the Years 2024-2025

Note: The dates above the terms are the year date that the member's term starts and the year date that the member's term ends. For example: 23/25 the member serves from February 2023 - February 2025. They finish the term in 2025. The member must be asked if they would like to do a 2nd two year term. (February is used as it is the month of the Annual Meeting)

Officers, Boards, and Committees	Names	Feb 2022 to Feb 2024	Feb 2023 to Feb 2025	Feb 2024 to Feb 2026	Two year terms end every other year at Annual Meeting in February and may succeed themselves one more Two year Term. A nominating committee member may only serve one two year term
Comment Note					
Moderator	Stephanie Kilburn	X	X		serves 2-two year terms
Vice Moderator					serves 2-two year terms
Clerk	Kristen Vineyard	X	X	X	
Vice Clerk					
Financial Secretary	Helen Wendt	X	X	X	
Historian	Peggy Thomas	X	X		
Treasurer	Linda Hargraves	X	X	X	
Auditor	Heidi Manley	X	2023	X	Wendy Salmoiraghi
Librarian new 2/2018					

Leadership Council At Large Members

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	Estelle Fanucci	X	X		
Member 2	Ned Taylor		X		
Member 3	Carole Landers		X		

Board of Deacons Chair, Vice Chair, or Co-Chair, + 10 members + 2 Jr. Deacons

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1 - Chair	Tom Collopy (S)		X		
Member 2-Co-Chair					
Member 3	Linda Reilly? (S)		X		
Member 4	Lance Kilburn		X		
Member 5	Claudia Crawford	X	X		
Member 6	Shelby Zoccano		X		
Member 7	Dave Thomas		X		
Member 8	Sue Carozzo		X		
Member 9	Alec Taylor		X		
Member 10-May-Oct	Tom Collopy (S)	X	X		
Member 11-May-Oct	Linda Collopy (S)	X	X		
Member 12	Joe Taylor		X		
Member 13 -ALTERNATE					
Member 14-JR Deacon					

Music Committee

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	John Steeves		X		
Member 2	Linda Hargraves	X	X		
Member 3	Heidi Manley		2023	X	Susan Anderson

Faith Formation Board One Member at Large new 2/2018

Pastor, Chair of Christian Education, Chair Global Outreach, Chair of Stewardship, Librarian, and 1 member at

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1 new					

Christian Education Committee Chair, and at least 2 members

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1-Chair	Louise Ward	X	X		
Member 2	Nicole Gelo		X		
Member 3	Grace Trufan	X	X		
Member 4	Cindy Mascola		X		
Member 5					

Global Outreach Chair + 2 members

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	Bonnie Taylor	X	X		
Member 2	Hope Ryan		X		
Member 3	Linda Hargraves		2023	X	Paulette McLay

Stewardship Committee Chair + 3 members

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1 Chair-	Pam Standish		X		
Member 2	Todd Barry		X		
Member 3	Karen Iovanna		X		
Member 4	John Steeves		X		
Member 5	Sue Clark		X		

Board of Finance, Buildings and Grounds Chair + 6 members

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1 Chair	Myles Standish		X		
Member 2 air	Paul Pochodowicz	X	X		
Member 3	Sean Manley		X		
Member 4	Sean Cavanaugh		X		
Member 5	Wendy Salmoiraghi		X		
Member 6	Matt Gelo		X		
Member 7					
Member 8					

Nominating Committee Pastor, Chair or Co-Chair + 4

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	Louise Ward		X		
Member 2	John Steeves		X		
Member 3	Linda Hargraves		X		
Member 4					
Member 5					

Communication Committee - Informing community of church functions & activities

Chair + 2 Members coordinating and maintenance and content for website, advertising, posters, fliers, etc...

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	Sue Clark		X		
Member 2					
Member 3					

Human Resources Committee includes Pastoral Relations, Personnel, Safe Conduct Code and Behavioral Covenant

Responsible for overseeing paid staff including Playschool

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	Kristen Vineyard		X		
Member 2	Stephanie Kilburn		X		
Member 3	Sean Manley, Sr.			X	

Liaison with Pastor, Chair + 5 Members

Two year term and may succeed themselves 1-two year term		22/24	23/25	24/26	Two year terms end in Feb at Annual meeting
Member 1	Karen Iovanne		X		
Member 2	John Steeves		X		
Member 3	Kristen Vineyard		X		
Member 4	Matthew Gelo		X		
Member 5	Kara DelGuidice		X		
Member 6					

Committee of Delegates 4 Members Elected Yearly - Three Year Term

To represent OSC at NHEC and Connecticut Conference Events

		22/24	23/25	24/26	
Member 1	Sue Clark	X	X		
Member 2	Pastor Mark			X	
Member 3					
Member 4					

Flower Committee

		22/24	23/25	24/26	
Chairperson	Helen Wendt	X	X	X	
Member 1	Marion Burkard	X	X		
Member 2	Andrea Kosowski	X	X		
Member 3	Kathy LaPia	X	X		
Member 4	Heidi Manley	X	X	X	
Member 5	Hope Ryan	X	X		
Member 6	Carol Apuzzo	X		X	Susan Anderson