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# ◆ The Herald ◆

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November 2020

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## UPCOMING DATES

### HERITAGE SUNDAY

November 1  
during 10 a.m. worship

### HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, November 7  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### VETERAN'S SUNDAY

Sunday November 15  
during 10 a.m. worship

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 26  
Church Office  
and  
School closed  
November 26 and 27

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 29



## *From the Pastor...*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2:1*

Once upon a time I knew a boy who was 10 years old, and I saw him make a conscious, intentional, public decision to be a Christian. People sometimes question how much a child understands about religious rituals and experiences. From what happened to that boy, I will insist that a thoughtful child may get as much as a typical adult. Indeed, perhaps even more, because a child's mind is not so cluttered with the minutiae that crowd out eternal realities.

This boy's religious experience was so important to him that he wanted everyone else to have what he had found, so they would know the joy he now knew. So every evening, before falling asleep, he would kneel at his bedside and pray for his four older sisters and their husbands, that they would become Christians. He spoke the name of each of these persons before God.

That was a good practice. Prayers ought to be as specific as possible. We shouldn't have too many lazy generalities in our prayers; instead whenever possible we should name names and places and issues and concerns. So the boy did a good thing in listing those family members by name.

But when I think about our scripture lesson of the day I conclude that perhaps the boy wasn't so simple after all. Listen to the advice the revered apostle gave to the young preacher, Timothy: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone."

Did you get that? *Everyone!* The apostle is quite insistent. He doesn't simply say to *pray* for people, but he lists four different words: supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings. And for whom? For *everyone*.

This isn't very discriminating. The prayer isn't limited to good people, religious people or deserving people; it doesn't favor those with a certain level of education or those with a certain intensity of need. We're asked simply to pray for *everyone*.

Why? Why everyone? The apostle gives the answer a sentence or two later. Listen: "This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." We should pray for everyone because God wants us to. God has extraordinary wonders in store for every human being, and God wants everyone (get that word again, *everyone*) to get the full benefit of the divine plan. God is exceedingly generous, good beyond all of our imagining, and God doesn't want any of his blessings to go to waste or any of the human race to miss out on the blessings. See what the apostle said: "God ... desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

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So, it's really very simple. I should pray for everyone because God cares about everyone and God has salvation and truth enough for everyone, and it would be a shame for this salvation and this truth to go to waste.

Soon we will be gathered around the table on Thanksgiving, prayers will be offered by many. Maybe this year we should all offer a prayer instead of what we are thankful for?

Many Blessings,  
*Pr. Mark*

*Christmas Fair at*



*Old Stone Church*

**Saturday, November 7 — 10am to 2pm**  
**“Keeping Tradition Alive”**

We will be observing all measures for Covid-19 safety, masks required, limited number of people per room and maintain social distancing. Stephanie Kilburn and her great kitchen team will provide soups and pulled pork sandwiches for take out meals.

The following tables will be provided with their traditional items and some new delights for purchase: Bakery, Country Kitchen, Jewelry, Candy, Needlecrafts, and handmade gifts. Raffle gift baskets, Children's store, and the Thrift shop will be open. We are not certain a white elephant table can be managed this year.

We are hoping for good weather so some tables can be outside but that is yet to be determined. We will need a lot of helping hands to make this safe and successful. We will need door monitors, set up and take down/cleaning help as well as table help. Any donated food item must be individually wrapped and labeled. We will need your presence and your prayers to keep this beautiful tradition at Old Stone Church alive.

Please contact Heidi Manley or Louise Ward with your availability to help. See you there!!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education/ Faith Formation has had a busy Autumn so far. Rally Day was well attended and we thank the Bast Family for cooking hotdogs and the Confirmands for serving the congregation. The Confirmands also led the children on a scavenger hunt ending with turns to ring the church bell.

Our car wash to raise funds for a "Holy Cow" from Heifer International surpassed our highest expectations. We saw an initial profit of \$480.00 and have since received donations to bring us up to \$650.00. We will dedicate these gifts on Heritage Sunday.

Confirmation was held on October 11, 2020. We were so impressed with the spiritual journey these young people have started, evidenced by their profound statements of faith.



Advent is just around the corner and we will be having church activities to take home and Advent Bible Study during December. We will be mindful of all safety precautions concerning Covid recommendations during Sunday School and Holiday activities.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 401

## SCOUTING



## FOR FOOD

BSA Troop 401, sponsored by Old Stone Church, will again participate in Scouting for Food in central East Haven. This program is traditionally held during the Thanksgiving holiday season. All residents who receive a food bag on November 2 or November 7 may place nonperishable food items on their porch by 12 noon on Saturday, November 9. The food will be collected by Boy Scouts from BSA Troop 401 and Cub Scouts from Packs 25 and 401 and will be donated to the East Haven Food Pantry at Christ and The Epiphany Church. Canned goods like soup, beans, vegetables and tuna fish, boxes and bags of cereal, any pasta, pancake mix, and macaroni and cheese, and plastic jars with peanut butter are especially needed. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors.

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We can always use funds for postage and copy paper, card stock, labels, incidentals, etc. for the office. **Thank you to Louise Ward's childbirth class** for a carton of copy paper.

Check out the Main Street foyer. **Don and Peggy Thomas** arranged to have the floor painted, along with two new entrance mats. In addition, they provided three upholstered chairs and a carpet runner to make a welcoming entrance! Thank you!

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### *Christmas Memorial Poinsettias*

To order your memorial flowers for Christmas, please see the enclosed order form. **You will note that things will be handled differently this year.** You may mail your order to the church along with your payment, turn it in with your offering, or give your order to any member of the Flower Committee –

*Helen Wendt, Chair, Kathy LaPia, Marion Burkard,  
Heidi Manley, Carol Apuzzo or Andrea Kosowsky*

**The deadline for orders will be Sunday, December 6th.**

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### *From the Church Treasurer*

Please take note: Since mail service is back to normal and the church office is on regular hours, there is no need to send pledges, donations, etc. to the Treasurer.

All mail can now be sent directly to the church.

## *Board of Global Outreach*



Soup makes a meal for the clients of the East Haven Food Pantry and is the suggested food item. A can of vegetables is added to every bag given out, so any canned veggies (carrots, peas, corn, beans) is also appreciated. Peanut butter, tomato sauce, pasta, tuna fish, and macaroni and cheese, as well as Thanksgiving items like cranberry sauce or stuffing, will also be in demand for the holiday bags. As always, the Food Pantry is grateful to receive any food donations or monetary gifts. Last year over 300 Thanksgiving bags were provided. The Board has donated a \$50 Stop & Shop grocery card in October to help purchases needed food. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach program.

Donations for the winter Blessing bags are being accepted. The most requested item is socks. And because it is colder, warm gloves, hats, and scarves are a suggested contribution as well. Please see the list below. Donations are welcome for any additional purchases. Thank you to those who have contributed so far. It is very much appreciated.

### **BLESSNG BAG CARE KITS ITEMS TO INCLUDE**

Socks	Water bottle
Hats	Mints, cough drops or gum
Scarves	Tuna and crackers
Gloves	Granola bars
Toothbrush	Cereal bar
Toothpaste	Fruit snack
Nail clippers	Applesauce cups
Band Aids	Cheese or peanut butter crackers
Chapstick	Single coffee and tea packets
Mini Fliers with different agencies that can help people	Hot chocolate mix
Note of encouragement	Individual pasta and soups
Uplifting Bible verse	Non-perishable individual food item
Hand and Feet warmers	Dried fruits
Travel Size Toiletries	Nuts
Soap	Trail mix
Shampoo	\$10 gift card for fast food (Dunkin')
Hand Cream	Comb or small brush
Sanitary wipes	Beef jerky
Deodorant	First Aid Kit (travel size)
Pack of Kleenex	Wash cloth
Sanitary pads	

Newborn and infant diapers are needed as well as formula for the diaper bank at the Christian Community Action Agency. This resource services almost 300 families in the New Haven area.

Global Outreach also contributed \$100 to the Board of Christian Education for the Heifer International activity to "buy a cow." They continue with their fundraiser to add to the donation of animals and services to Heifer in honor of our Heritage members.

# Old Stone Church Early Learning Center



October was Fire Prevention Month but because of COVID our annual visit from the East Haven Fire Department was canceled. But thanks to Battalion Chief Jim Oca, the fire department did a drive-by with all their firetrucks. The children were so excited to watch all the firetrucks drive by their school. Back in the classroom the teachers taught the children about fire safety. They learned how to stop, drop, and roll and how to dial 911 in case of an emergency. This was followed up the next day with a fire drill.

Fall provided a multitude of projects for the students: leaf banners, Life Cycle of the Pumpkin, and just fun Halloween and Thanksgiving projects.

We had Picture Day the end of October. Parents were able to go online and pick and pay for their package. The children had individual portraits taken. The photographer was able to use the individual portraits to create a class picture! Smiles all around!!

Our traditional "Halloween Parade" was canceled but each class was able to parade around outside in our playground while family and friends watched from a distance. Although we had to modify our parade, the parents were happy to see all the children in their costumes. After the parade the children enjoyed a party in their room.

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

If you know of anyone who would be interested in the Early Learning Center for their child, please have them call the office at 203-467-0661. We thank our church members who have supported the Early Learning Center. Thank you!

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

*Till Next Month*  
**Jennifer Calonico, Director and Kim Oca, Assistant Director**



## Old Stone Village

Our villagers had an eventful October as we learned about fall and everything it encompasses. We concluded October by learning about Fire Safety and had a special drive-by with our own East Haven Fire Department. Our children were able to assume the role of firefighters as they pretended to put out mock fires pictured below. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to have our annual Halloween parade down Main Street. In lieu of the traditional parade, we were able to host a socially distanced parade with our village families. Our families decorated pumpkins and provided treats which we used as stops along our parade route. At each decorated pumpkin, children stopped and received a treat that was placed in their trick or treat bag.

We are excited to begin November with our Butter Braids fundraiser. Last year, our village families and community surpassed our goal. This year we will be using all funds generated from the Butter Braids Fundraiser to purchase curriculum needs. If you are interested in purchasing a delicious Butter Braid please call Nicole at (203) 467-0661. Orders must be placed by November 11<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered to our school on November 24<sup>th</sup> in time for Thanksgiving.

Our villagers will begin November with the theme of 'Being Thankful'. We will spend time focusing on each of the things we are thankful for including our families, our friends, and our country. Veteran's Day has always been a day to celebrate at our center as many of our own village families are veterans. This year we plan to host a Veteran's Day Parade where our villagers will play drums, ring bells, and shake tambourines in celebration of all the veterans who have fought for our country.

We will end November with our Thanksgiving Feast. Our villagers will be learning about the First Thanksgiving prior to this day and this special feast has always been a wonderful culmination activity. Unfortunately, we won't be able to invite families this year, but will still host this special day where our villagers can share a meal of thanksgiving together. They will partake in various Thanksgiving activities including The Story of Thanksgiving, Chex Mix, Our Turkey Handprint Plate, and creating their own personal Thanksgiving Family Tree placemats for their own Thanksgiving feasts.



OLD STONE CHURCH

*Thrift Shop*

OPEN SATURDAYS 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

The shop is loaded with fantastic finds, (including brand name fashions, home décor, household items and more!

Stop by for some great bargains!

If you'd like to volunteer a few hours in the shop, please see Roberta Bruno or Carole Landers.

**Take Note: The Shop is having a Buy One, Get One Free Sale** to make room for more merchandise.

The SHOP will be open Thanksgiving weekend, November 28th.

*Old Stone Church Cookbooks*

Cookbooks are available for a donation to the church (minimum donation \$5 please). They will be available at the Christmas Fair or ask Helen Wendt or Heidi Manley. They're a nice keepsake, make a great gift and they're useful if you like to try new recipes.



*Welcome Our New Confirmands*

*October 11, 2020*

*Grace Lynn Bast      Cheyenne Elisha Clark  
Grace Ann Trufan*

*The Church Office* has resumed normal hours – Monday through Friday – 9am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 3:30 p.m.



**Please note:** You no longer need to send pledges, donations, etc. to the Treasurer, Linda Hargraves. Please send all checks directly to the church office. Thank You!

*Christmas Shopping at Old Stone Church*

**Shop with Scrip** will once again be available at OSC. Do all of your shopping in one place. To access the nearly endless list of retailers, go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). To order on this site, go to register and 'Join a Scrip' Program. Entering the enrollment code BD8941LE232LL will link your order to the church's account. Payment should be made to the church in order for us to get the full commission. If you have any questions, please contact me at [fhargraves@comcast.net](mailto:fhargraves@comcast.net) or 203-710-8306.

Thank you, Linda Hargraves

**PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY OMISSIONS OR CORRECTIONS**



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 BRANDEN LAPIA
- 2 KIM SHUTE
- 4 PATRICK MANLEY
- 6 MICHAEL BUCCIERI
- 6 BLAKE PIERSON
- 7 KEVIN WARD
- 8 SHARI MOON
- 13 HOPE RYAN
- 20 CAROLE LANDERS
- 24 BOB LUTHER
- 25 DEBORAH COSGROVE
- 30 WILLOW GERSZ (7)



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- ALEC & ANTIONETTE TAYLOR  
NOVEMBER 2–17 YEARS
- DAVID & HELEN WENDT  
NOVEMBER 5–54 YEARS
- RON ARENA & TONI GINETTI  
NOVEMBER 12



**Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st**



**Herald Deadline**

is the **10th of each month** unless otherwise noted. Start thinking about your December articles to submit.



# Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

## ORDER FORM

**Plants are offered at \$10.00 each**

To reserve your plant(s), please complete the form below and return it with your payment to the church office, to any member of the Flower Committee or turn it in with your weekly offering during worship by **December 6, 2020**. You may make checks payable to OLD STONE CHURCH. (Please note that, for bookkeeping purposes, any checks remitted for payment will not be processed until after the new year.) The poinsettias will be dedicated on Sunday, **December 20th**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

*Helen Wendt, Chair, Flower Committee*

**NOTE: This year we are asking that you take your poinsettias home after the service. They will be available for pickup on the stage in Fellowship Hall on December 20th. The Deacons will not be delivering plants to our homebound members and friends. We want to stay conscious of everyone's health and well being. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants desired \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

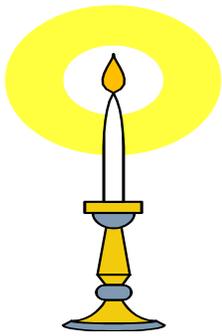
From \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLANT(S) HOME AFTER WORSHIP**



**KEEP THIS AS A RECORD OF YOUR ORDER**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of plants ordered to take home after worship**



*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.*



*The First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Old Stone Church  
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East Haven, CT 06512*

## **OLD STONE CHURCH**

### **Church Office 203-467-2907**

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fax: 203-467-2907 Ext. 111

### **Pastor**

Rev. Mark Pilletere, M.Div. Ext. 102

### **Office Manager**

Kathy Giannone Ext. 101

### **Minister of Music**

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D.

### **Early Learning Center 203-467-0661**

ELC Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

### **ELC Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Jennifer Calonico, Director/ Kim Oca, Assistant Director

### **Old Stone Village 203-467-0661**

Nicole Ferrigno, Director

Hours of Operation 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **Thrift Shop Hours**

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—ext. 107

And after worship upon request

Our Sunday Service can be seen on the local access cable  
Channel 18. Check the cable schedule for times.

Email: [oscongregational@snet.net](mailto:oscongregational@snet.net)

Website: [www.oldstonechurchuceasthaven.org](http://www.oldstonechurchuceasthaven.org)

**.The deadline for Herald articles is the 10th of each month**