For Mother’s Day

In memory of Bob’s mother, Irma Burkard, my mother, Mildred Eldridge, and ‘honorary’ grandmother, Helen Hasse; and in honor of my daughter Dale Burkard Izzo, daughters-in-law Kate Burkard and Keng Burkard, my sister Helen Wendt and my niece, Heidi Manley.

Marion Burkard

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARLY LEARNING CENTER
MAYPOLE CELEBRATION
Wednesday, May 2
on the church lawn

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP
Tuesday, May 8
5:30 PM
(details inside)

EARLY LEARNING CENTER
BINGO NIGHT
Friday, May 18
6:30 PM
At Senior Center

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 13
8:30 AM Breakfast
10:00 AM Worship

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP
Tuesday, May 15
6:00 PM at Eli’s on the Hill

From Your Interim Pastor

Greetings to the Saints of Old Stone Church,

After ten years in retirement, your Deacons and the Leadership Council, called me to be your Interim Pastor. I am very happy to be here and believe that you are capable of grasping a whole new vision for your church. I rejoice at the opportunity to minister among you. Old Stone Church is not dead! You have the potential, through the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to become a vibrant and growing twenty-first century church. I believe that strongly and am excited about this opportunity to work with you.

How do I understand my role as your Interim Pastor? First of all, I come with my eyes and ears open in order to get to know who you are. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will look at your history, your strengths and your weaknesses. We will also look at who you are today, again exploring your strengths and weaknesses. Looking at our weaknesses is not to be judgmental. Think of it this way, if you go to your doctor because you’re not feeling well, would you refuse to say what doesn’t feel right. It is only when we can identify the problem that we can then work on healing. We all have problems for which we need healthy new thinking. I certainly have not held back from revealing my mistakes and weakness in my sermons and conversations.

Next, we will do serious dreaming and visioning. After all, if you don’t have a dream, how can it come true? And if you don’t have a vision, how can you know where you’re going? In our dreaming and visioning it is essential that we become increasingly sensitive to the whispers and nudges of God’s Holy Spirit.

It is not for me to tell you what to do, but to help you grow in the spiritual gift of discernment. God does not want me to put human rules, shoulds, or oughts upon you, but rather to assist you in looking into your own soul in order to find God’s loving, liberating and healing word of grace and truth.

We will also need to look at East Haven. What are the needs in our community and what is our call to minister to those needs? For this we also need the gift of spiritual discernment.

Finally, your search committee, with your input, will prepare your church profile and make it available to pastors who are seeking a call. Careful and prayerful attention to these important steps will increase the likelihood that you will find and call a pastor who is excited about joining you in the quest of your vision. Your search committee will also be even better prepared to ask the right questions and discern the spiritual gifts of the ministerial candidate who will become one with you for personal and congregational growth.

Are you ready to get going? I am!

Grace and peace be with you all,

David Colton
Mother’s Day Breakfast  
Sunday, May 13, 2018  

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.   Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets on sale after worship or in the church office during the week.  
Adults $10  Children $5  
For the Gentlemen— we’ll need your help at the breakfast—  
cooking, cleaning, and serving!  
Please let us know if you can help.  
The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gym.  Thanks!  
All are invited!!

Lectionary Readings

May 6.....Acts 10:44-48 * Ps 98 * 1 Jn 5:1-6 * Jn 15:9-17  
May 13.....Mother’s Day  Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 * Ps 1 * 1 Jn 5:9-13 * Jn 17:6-19  
May 20.....Pentecost  Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14 * Ps 104:24-34, 35b * Rom 8:22-27 or  
May 27.....Trinity Sunday  Isa 6:1-8 * Ps 29 * Rom 8:12-17 * Jn 3:1-17

Silver Lake Conference Center  
Summer Camp 2018

For information about Silver Lake Summer Camp, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the gym which lists all the conferences being offered, grouped by age. Or you can see Louise Ward, Chair of Christian Education, or any other member of the board, Amy Trufan and Grace Trufan, for more information or questions.

Silver Lake offers an open house on Sunday, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. which offers tours of the whole facility. Staff, counselors and deans will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Please RSVP for the Open House to slcc@ctucc.org by May 12th.

Note: If you’d like your child to attend camp and are interested in a scholarship, please see Louise Ward.
46th Annual Flea Market
(rain or shine)
Saturday — June 9 — 9am to 3pm

♦ There will be a large variety of vendors displaying everything from antiques and collectibles to attic treasures, and everything in between.

♦ The Church sponsors a Tag Table in the gym—also books, records, CD’s and tapes. Your donations may be left on the stage—please label them and make sure items are in working condition.

♦ Our Bake Table will be filled with fresh-baked cakes, pies, cookies and breads, as well as salads and our own delicious baked beans. Your contributions to this popular table are needed here—please add to the variety!

♦ Refreshments will be available for purchase all day — from morning coffee to lunch time fare.

♦ Lots of volunteers will be needed to help set up, sell merchandise, and clean up—please make sure to check the list on the gym bulletin board.

♦ Spaces are available at $25.00 Please call the church office at 203-467-2907 for information.

♦ This is a community-wide fun event with great bargains, great fellowship and a great fundraiser for Old Stone Church!

BOARD OF GLOBAL OUTREACH

Thank you for generously contributing macaroni and cheese and other food items to the East Haven Food Pantry in April. The wagon was very full on Palm Sunday. Special appreciation to all those who contributed food for Easter. The Food Pantry was very grateful to receive this extra donation. And, as always, expressions of gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who deliver the food to the Pantry every week.

Peanut butter and jelly are the suggested food items for May.

The Board of Global Outreach is collecting items for Blessing Bags. Check out the list of items on the bulletin board in the gym. Any item on the list is great, and if you have other things that you would like to put in the Blessing Bags, you can bring those too. There is a box in the Narthex for the donations.

Strengthen the Church is a United Church of Christ special offering that will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, as we celebrate the birth of the church. 90% of this offering will be put to work in Connecticut to support 3 areas of ministry: Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the CT Conference and Faith Formation. 10% will be shared with the national initiatives. Thank you.

Always needed: copy paper, card stock, monetary donations

Thank you to Marion Burkard for sponsoring this month’s issue, to Helen Wendt for postage to mail the quarterly statements, to Louise Ward for business card forms and two cartons of copy paper, to Barbara Kavanagh for donating the funds for new tapers and keeping the candlelighters clean and in working order, and to Patti Andrews for the Easter Sunday bulletins.

Sponsor a Herald! - Individuals, families or even groups of individuals may “sponsor” a monthly Herald in honor of or in memory of a loved one or special event. Even though we are now sending the Herald online, there are homebound members or members and friends without Internet service that receive the Herald through the mail. So there is still a postage and paper cost. A suggested donation is $30.00. Just call the church office if you are interested. Thank you!
The “Week of the Young Child” was celebrated on April 28th at Overbrook School. The event was sponsored by the East Haven Readiness Council. Old Stone Church Early Learning Center was represented and we had a craft table for all to enjoy. Our whole school enjoyed the free book, “Otto’s Neighborhood Heroes”, that was given to us through the council.

The staff welcomed Mrs. Julie Church, Mathematics Consultant for the East Haven Public Schools, for a workshop on activities for the classroom. We all enjoyed her presentation.

On Wednesday, May 2nd, the E.L.C. will hold their traditional May Pole Day. We are hoping for good weather for the children and their parents to march around the colorful May Pole. Creative crafts are to be expected and enjoyed by all. Room 1 is planning their annual Mother’s Day Tea and both classes are working very hard on their Mother’s Day present. It is a testament to the creative talents of our classroom teachers.

BINGO!!!! Our special evening at the East Haven Senior Center on May 18th will be a fundraiser for the E.L.C. We are hoping for a wonderful turnout and great participation. We ask that the parishioners help us by donating finger foods and purchasing a ticket or two. We are few in numbers this year and any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you…..

We are now planning for our June and July “Summer Enrichment Programs”. We still have some openings in the nursery program 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., if you know of anyone interested. Children can also attend the Extended Day Lunch program till 1:00 p.m. The All Day Program from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. is full. The registration is $20.00 for one session $30.00 for both. We are also registering for the academic year 2018-2019. Again, if you know of anyone looking for a nursery program for their young child please refer them. We would like to give them a personal tour and answer any questions.

Karen Goodale, Director and Jennifer Calonico, Assistant Director
Tell us about yourself: “I am a lifelong resident of East Haven. My parents are Josephine and Liberato Consolatore. I graduated from E.H.H.S. in 1986. I was a Pom Pom girl. My first job was at Metcalf’s Drug Store in the cosmetic department. I have a degree from South Central Community College in Administrative Assistant and worked four years at United Illuminating Co. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Jim Oca, for 28 years. We have two children, Jimmy and Katie. I love to volunteer in the community. I have been active in the D.C. Moore P.T.O, J.M.M.S. and E.H. High School. I also enjoyed volunteering at the St. Clare Church Carnival each year. I coached the E.H.H.S. Pom Pom Squad for four years. My absolute most favorite vacation destination is Disney World!!”

What brought you to OSC Playschool? “Both of my children attended this wonderful preschool. When their time here was over I was sad that I no longer had someone attending. The Director, Mrs. Burkard, told me to either have more children or apply for the job here, so I did.”

Years of service: “I started substituting in 1999 and began full-time in 2005…..13 happy years.”

Do you have some favorite memories? “My fondest memories are watching the children grow from the beginning of the school year through to the end of the year with the excitement of learning. I love to see their faces light up when they understand a new concept. This is one of the most heartwarming and rewarding benefits of being a preschool teacher. It is so nice when you get to know the parents and whole family. We make lasting friends with the parents. Working with the other teachers and learning from each one; growing into a second family is what is special about this school.”
**Women’s Fellowship**

For the May meeting, the Women’s Fellowship will gather for an evening at Twin Pines Diner in East Haven. We’ll meet for dinner on Tuesday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. There was a nice turnout in April when we attended the HOME Restaurant in Branford. All are welcome to join us for an evening of good fun and fellowship. For an accurate count or if you need more information, please see Sue Clark, Heidi Manley, Patti Andrews or Helen Wendt.

**Men’s Fellowship**

will meet on Tuesday, May 15, at 6pm at Eli’s on the Hill, 624 W. Main St., Branford. Join us for an evening of good food, good conversation and, of course, GOOD FELLOWSHIP. All are welcome. Please join us!

**East Haven United Community Kitchen**

Free lunch being served on Saturday, May 19th, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Christ and The Epiphany Church, 39 Park Place (East Haven Green).

(Note: lunch will not be served on May 5th) Anyone in the community is welcome to enjoy a free meal alongside their neighbors. Lunch is served on the first and third Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted. Stop in! For more info, please call 203-397-6409.

**TAKE NOTE**

If any group wishes to advertise a church-sponsored event, please see any member of the Communications Committee—Stephanie Kilburn, Sue Clark or Marion Burkard.

**Happy Mother’s Day**

To all mothers, grandmothers and those who have done the work of mothering…

*She* is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. *Proverbs 3:15-18*

**May Birthdays**

1   Henry Graver  
6   Abigail Shute  
9   Zachary Vineyard  
11  Shirley Battista  
11  Kim Korwek  
11  Madelyn Sartor (6)  
11  Don Thomas III  
13  Doris Warmingham  
13  Judy Butler  
14  Ryan Jones  
15  Susan Alberino  
17  Carol Apuzzo  
17  Elaine Carr  
18  Alberta Vitale  
19  Shannon Kilburn  
21  Lorraine King  
22  Lucile Parsons  
25  Ed Bast, Jr.  
26  Annie Cole  
27  Matthew Gelo  
27  Kara Ludington  
30  Karen Mondaca  
31  Joan Sayers

**Early June Birthdays**

1   Linda Hargraves  
1   Gabriella Alberino  
1   Gillian Manley  
3   Jake- Sebastian Wright ((12)

**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Butch and Marianne Johnson**
May 5 – 39 Years!

**Tracy and Mark Candelli**
May 13 – 18 Years!

**Pauline and Alan Suitor**
May 18 – 33 Years!

**Art and Charlene Longley**
May 27 – 40 Years!

**Early June**

**Wedding Anniversary**

**Bonnie and John Cacace**
June 2 – 34 Years!

**Old Stone Church**

**Thrift Shop**

Saturdays 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
And Sundays after worship.  
Stop in for great bargains all the time!

Volunteers are always welcome. Please see Roberta Bruno or Carole Landers.
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- 10am-3pm Thrift Shop hours 9:30 Infant care class-p 9:30 Mommy & Me-clsr

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- Memorial Day
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The JUNE HERALD deadline will be May 15th. JUL/AUG HERALD deadline– June 15th.
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