

*White Stone*  
*United Methodist Church*

NOVEMBER 2022  
**Whetstone**



*Open Hearts,  
Open Minds,  
Open Doors*

***"Knowing and Sharing Jesus Christ"***

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*A message from the Pastor...*

Pastor's Ramblings...

**"Love keeps no record of wrongs." I Corinthians 13:5 NIV.**

Many experts agree that one of the ways to keep healthy relationships is to avoid using phrases like, "you always...", "you never...", or "I can't believe you did this again!" True love releases past mistakes and genuinely believes for the best next time. This gives freedom from guilt, and permission for the relationship to move forward and grow.

This truth applies to everyone we interact with in life. Let us not keep track of people by their offenses and label them by their mistakes. Let us give freedom to grow and learn. God keeps no record of confessed wrongs. Release yourself from regrets, and live in God's freedom.



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The logo for 'trypraying.' is centered within a teal square. The word 'try' is in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font, while 'praying.' is in a lighter, lowercase, sans-serif font.

WSUMC presents a challenge to our members: we want you to try praying intentionally for seven days. We will even give you a little booklet to help guide you during this week. At the end of the week pass the booklet on to a friend or neighbor—use it and lose it! In church we will ask how you got on. Did you get answers to your prayers? Over the next few weeks we want to hear faith-sharing moments and inspiring stories.

Almost everyone has prayed at some time in their life—even those who say they don't believe in God. Trypraying is a resource that enables Christians to share their faith and churches to do evangelism.

At WSUMC we believe in the power of prayer. We know prayer works. We have seen evidence of prayer working in our own lives and in the lives of our families and our congregation. Let's share our experiences with others using this little green booklet as a starting point. Encourage whoever you hand the booklet to at the end of the week to use it themselves and then pass it on to someone else. We want trypraying to be used as widely as possible. Won't you trypraying?

***Use it. Lose it. News it.***

# Committee News

WSUMC Council Minutes

Date: October 18, 2022

The meeting opened with prayer from Pastor Jim at 3:00 p.m..

In attendance: Alice D., Margo B., Virginia Lee B., Jim R., Frances S., Lynn F., Nancy M., Donna H., Rom S., Dale M., Janet S.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jim said he is looking for readers for lighting the Advent candles. Alice and Nancy volunteered as did Virginia Lee. Pastor is trying to find additional sources for Christmas music. The Longshore funeral will be held on November 19 at 2:00 in the sanctuary, with internment in the cemetery to follow and a reception at Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury. Bible study will begin the first Sunday of Advent. We will not have a Christmas Eve service but instead will join in the community service which is usually at White Stone Baptist or the Island Church. Pastor Jim reported the conference had eliminated restrictions on communion. We will go back to individual cups and a loaf of bread. Pastor and Missy will be communion stewards through the end of the year.

**Lay Leader:** No report

**Worship:** The worship team schedule was discussed. Dale volunteered to play the clavino. The schedule will be reviewed and suggested changes made.

**SPPR:** Lynn said the music director ad will be placed in the District newsletter. Dan is now a member of the Building & Grounds team. We will dedicate the repairs to the church building when the steeple is complete. Lynn noted they are very conscious of how much is being spent.

**Finance:** The 2023 budget was approved by the council. Lynn presented the updated Guidelines for the Endowment Program. The Endowment Program will now be administered by the Finance Committee, not a sub committee. Motion to accept the guidelines as written was approved. A stewardship letter will be sent out to members and selected persons from the "inactive" list. Pledge cards are to be ordered from Concordia. 11/20 is Stewardship Sunday and cards will be returned then. It was approved to add Finance Chair Dale Makowski as a signer to the church's operating account at Atlantic Union Bank and give her online access to the account. Julie Williams George and Erika Curry are to remain as signers on the account but all other signers should be removed. A new account for the WSUMC Good Samaritan Fund/Pastor's Discretionary Fund should be opened at Atlantic Union Bank with signers of Pastor Jim Rodden, Finance Chair Dale Makowski and Treasurer Erika Curry. This account should be linked to the operating account for the purposes of online access to the accounts. Jim Rodden should also be issued a debit card. Jim should have online access only to the Good Samaritan Fund account.

**Treasurer:** The audit has been completed and 3 minor recommendations were made. The Finance Committee will develop guidelines for audit. There will be an external audit in 2023.

**Building & Grounds:** Lynn reported that railings at the church and at the parsonage are being installed. Work on the steeple will begin soon.

**Communications:** Alice will contact the volunteer fire department to ask if they will place flags in the cemetery for Veteran's Day.

**Fellowship:** Margo noted that shut-in take-out boxes will be filled before lunch is served to make sure well balanced meals are delivered.

**Community Care:** Cards have been sent out to the Longshore family. Donna reported two baby blankets were given and there are seven blessed prayer shawls in reserve. She presented an idea of giving cards to random people to show appreciation. The council agreed this is an effective way to reach people and there does not necessarily have to be mention of White Stone UMC. Donna remarked the amount of food received for the food drive last Sunday was impressive.

**Memorial:** No report.

**WSUMW:** Virginia Lee commented that WSUMW will participate in filling backpacks this year

**Cemetery Corp:** Margo reported she was able to collect the paperwork for the cemetery corporation from Bob Longshore's home. Andy Brown was voted in as the Treasurer. Margo and Lyn met with Lawns & Mowers to discuss the arrangements for lawn service in the cemetery and the church property.

The meeting closed with prayer at 4:15 p.m..

The next council meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on November 15th.

<b>Other Committee Reports as needed:</b> none
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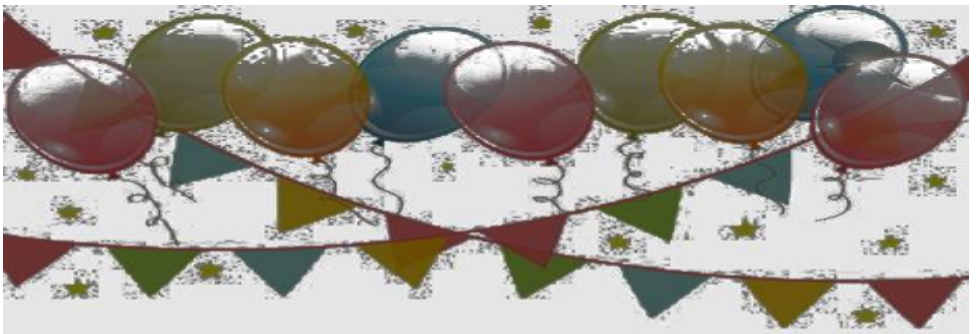
# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne
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		12:30 p.m. NA Support Group  2:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry	
6	7	8	
11:00 a.m. Wor- ship with Com- munion  All Saints Sunday  Daylight Savings ends	3:00 p.m. Wor- ship Committee  8:00 p.m. CHARGE CON- FERENCE	2:00 p.m. WS United Women in Faith	
13	14	15	
11:00 a.m. Wor- ship		3:00 p.m. Council Meeting	
20	21	22	
11:00 a.m. Worship  <i>Christ the King Sun- day</i>			Deadline for stone
27	28	29	
11:00 a.m. Worship  12:15 p.m. Fellow- ship Luncheon  <i>First Sunday of Ad- vent</i>			



# White Stone United Methodist Church

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5
	10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee		
9	10	11	12
	10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee 3:00 p.m. Finance Committee	Veterans Day 	
16	17	18	19
	10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee 12:00 Lunch Bunch		2:00 p.m. Funeral Service Bob Longshore
23	24	25	26
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# CELEBRATE

## November Birthdays:

9th	Romulus Sanders
17th	Christian Smith
17th	Peg Stone
20th	Frances Stoughton
22nd	Joe Hinson
23rd	Barbara Oestreich

## November Anniversaries:

22nd	Mr & Mrs John Makowski
29th	Mr & Mrs Dale Youmans

**There's been a change...**

**SAVE THE DATE: WSUMC Charge Conference  
will be held on **NOVEMBER 7th at 8:00 p.m.****

**Please plan to attend. Zoom instructions will  
be sent out before the meeting.**



If you have a chance, please send a note or card to people on our prayer list. It means so much to them to know we are praying for them and thinking about their struggle.



<b><u>Remember in Prayer:</u></b>	
Anne Owen	Maggy Gregory
Bob Gabrielski	Our Church
Dorothy Headley	Our Service Men & Women
Jessica Dirksmyer	Rich O'Brien
Family of Bob Longshore	Tony Throckmorton
<b>In need of Long-Term Prayer:</b>	(Concern or location)
Ace Oestreich	On-going health issues
Barbara Ritch-Brant	On-going health issues
Burch & Kendall Vickery	On-going health issues
Chris Longan	RWC Assisted Living
Connie Robertson	Walter Reed Nursing Home
Dana Arnold	Having chronic health issues
Ellen Dixon	Commonwealth Assisted Living
Jim & Donna Bishop	On-going health issues
Joe Morgan	Southeastern VA Training Center
John Carter	Dialysis
Johnny Robertson	Brother caring for him
Kenny Hawthorne, Jr.	Spinal issues, loss of use of hand
Patsy Kitching	On-going health issues
The Keane Family	On-going health issues



## November 2022 Worship Team

### Greeter:

11/6: George & Pam Bussom  
11/13: George & Pam Bussom  
11/20: George & Pam Bussom  
11/27: George & Pam Bussom

### Acolyte:

11/6: Jacob Bavuso  
11/13: Haley Lewis  
11/20: Keithan Bauer  
11/27: Jacob Bavuso

### Ushers:

11/6: Alice Dix & Wayne Smith  
11/13: Nancy Miller & George Bussom  
11/20: Alice Dix & Wayne Smith  
11/27: Nancy Miller & George Bussom

### Reader:

11/6: Julie Williams George  
11/13: Julie Williams George  
11/20: Alice Dix  
11/27: Virginia Lee Brown

### Counters:

11/6: Virginia Lee Brown & Janet Smith  
11/13: Margo Brown & Janet Smith  
11/20: Julie Williams George & Janet Smith  
11/27: George Bussom & Janet Smith

Wouldn't it be great if this many people volunteered to help with the service each month? Won't you help once a month with one of these important tasks?





## GET TO KNOW

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*Get to Know will be published each month in the Whetstone so you can get to know members of our church.*

### STEWART WAYNE SMITH

Wayne was born in St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. At the age of twelve his family moved to White Stone where he attended White Stone Elementary school. In high school, he played baseball and sang in the glee club. After graduating from Lancaster High School, Wayne met Sandy Noonan and they married in December 1972. Sandy and Wayne had two children, (twins), Christian and Krista. Wayne enjoys spending time with his sister, Donna Holt, who also resides in the Northern Neck.

Wayne went to art school in Charlottesville, Va. and continued his art work at the Rappahannock Record in Kilmarnock and H & S Printing in White Stone. Today, Wayne designs artwork for the Kilmarnock Museum's Star Wall and also continues to create art work for others in our area.

Wayne has volunteered for many different organizations throughout the years.

Wayne served in the U. S. Navy as 3<sup>rd</sup> class petty officer and was a Communications Technician where he traveled to many countries including Germany, Italy and France. Wayne also worked for the NSA in Washington, DC.

Did you know Wayne received his certification in Scuba Diving?

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