

White Stone
United Methodist Church

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Whetstone



Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors

"Knowing and Sharing Jesus Christ"

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A message from the Pastor...

I have written to you about my educational background and now I want to give you some understanding of my church background.

I first felt the call of God some 45 years ago. It began by leading me to teach a young adult class in my home church. In teaching, God's call seemed to quiet down. But after one year I felt like there was more I could be doing. This led me to be placed on the finance committee. This still left a hole in my heart. It left me feeling that I needed to do more. That year at charge conference I became the chairman of evangelism.

I was still teaching Sunday school, on finance, and planning and implementing an evangelism program for our church. Then three events happened that would make God's call very clear.

In February of 1982, our church suffered a devastating fire. The insurance covered the rebuild, but we worshiped in the nearby Episcopal church. This event drove home the importance of prayer. Many of the church prayed and some of them met in small groups in people's homes. Experiencing this first hand drove home the fact that prayer works, lesson 1 learned.

In June of that year we received two new pastors. One of the new pastors drew my attention. He was young and full of new ideas and ways of doing things. This pastor and I became good friends,, and I would go to him to seek direction on God's call.

As my friendship grew with the young pastor I just knew he would be important to in helping with my call.

In September we were able to return to our church. At charge conference that year I was removed from finance and evangelism. A new young adult Bible Study began, taught by the new senior pastor's wife. My class was ended, I was left with nothing to do. I still had a deep yearning to work any way I could for God.

I went to our associate pastor, my new friend, with all I was feeling. He heard me out and then asked me one question, " Has it ever occurred to you that God is calling you into the ordained ministry?" There it was, the last thing I had ever thought about. It did not take long in prayer for me to make decision and I have never looked back with any feelings.

Fast forward 36 years and here I am at White Stone United Methodist Church. Over that time I have served where God and the bishops have sent me. Along the way I have pastored many loving and caring people. Some have come to know Jesus, some renewed their commitment to the Son, and many have deepened their faith.

I believe God has placed me here so that together we can renew the fire of God and serve the people in this area. Let us do this together.



Pastor Jim Rodden

Committee News

WSUMC Council Minutes

Date: August 16, 2022

Pastor's Report: In Pastor's absence, Janet Smith reported the Charge Conference will be held on October 16 following the service. The Worship Committee meeting will be held on September 12 at 3:00 p.m. because the first Monday is Labor Day.

Lay Leader: No report. Julie asked if the Lay Leader must be present at the Charge Conference. Rom Saunders said it is not necessary for the Lay Leader to attend.

Worship: The worship committee will meet on September 12 at 3:00 p.m.

SPPR: Lynn Finkel reported they have hired Erica Curry to fill the Treasurer position. She will train with Tonya until the end of September. Acceptance is contingent upon Tonya's favorable review at that time. There has been no mor apps for the Music Director position.

Finance: No report.

Treasurer: Tonya distributed a Profit & Loss statement as of July. Rom commented that he shows \$3,586 for Envelopes & Pledges vs. \$2,846 reported. Tonya said one deposit is not reflected and Rom is correct. Rom went on to say that our budget for Envelopes & Pledges is \$64,000 or \$5,033/month which we have met only one month during the last six months. We have lost several donors in the second quarter so unless there is a drastic change, we will be short \$10-12,000 for the year. He noted the Loose Plate offering is budgeted at \$5,000 (\$415/month) and we will be short about \$2,000 in the last 6 months. For next year's budget we will need to reduce these projections. Lynn commented that we are being adversely affected by inflation, labor costs, and effects of the supply chain. Money issues aside, repairs must be done for safety issues. We need to increase membership but how? Julie said we must pray for it. Rom complimented Lynn for the job she has done with Building & Grounds. Julie said we need to do some long-range planning. One possibility is a Saturday retreat to brainstorm for ideas on how to attract new members.

Building & Grounds: Lynn said she is having a problem contacting Artie Ransone about installing the replacement windows at the parsonage.

Communications: Julie reported that there was a Communications Committee meeting recently. Frances identified updates needed to Facebook and the

web page which are in progress. Please let Julie know if you notice anything else that should be fixed.

Fellowship: Karen Carter is starting up the Lunch Bunch again. She will send out a specific date and location when decided. Donna and Margo will put out a collection jar at the next Fellowship luncheon and we will request donations in the bulletin and newsletter. The church budget is being projected at \$800 for Fellowship to provide a protein or main dish and buy paper supplies, etc. There was discussion about drawing in new members by having fun luncheons and advertising on the sign, newspaper, and district website.

Community Care: Nancy sent out sympathy cards; Donna sent get well cards and an anniversary card. Donna suggested that instead of ordering poinsettia plants at Christmas, we should use cards that could be displayed on a garland in the church. Lynn suggested the cost should be the same as is usually charged for a plant and the money can be used for a Flower Fund to provide flowers in the sanctuary throughout the year. Donna will be reimbursed for any expense to produce the cards as well.

Memorial: No report.

WSUMW: WS United Women in Faith is working on two new scholarships for adults for 2023. The group will celebrate World Thank month in November. They will be seeking donations then.

Music Director: No report.

Cemetery Corp.: No meeting was held in June. Rom said they should have two meetings each year. There was no business to discuss so no meeting was held.

The meeting closed with prayer at 4:02 p.m.

The next council meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on September 20th.

Other Committee Reports as needed:
Nominations Committee: Pastor Jim should set a date to meet soon as nominations must be done before the Charge Conference.
Audit Committee: The audit of the 2021 books has begun. They will finish when Alice returns.

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 11:00 a.m. Worship	5 LABOR DAY	6 12:30 pm NA Support Group 2:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry	
11 11:00 a.m. Worship	12 3:00 p.m. Worship Committee	13	
18 11:00 a.m. Worship	19	20 3:00 p.m. Council	
25 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon	26 Create Whetstone	27 Distribute Whetstone	

SAVE THE DATE: WSUMC Charge Conference will be held on

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (No bible study today)	2	3
7	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee	9	10
14	15 (No bible study today) 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch @ Great Fortune	16	17
21	22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee 12:00 Whetstone Deadline	23	24
28	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Virginia Lee	30	

on October 16 following the service. Please plan to attend.



September Birthdays:

- 4 Roby Hackney
- 6 Gene Dix, Jr
- 11 Bo Hackney
- 11 West Hackney
- 11 David Haydon
- 12 David Treakle
- 14 Paul Lindenberger
- 16 Nancy Miller
- 25 Mac Davis
- 27 Scotty Roop
- 29 William Lewis
- 30 Mandi Washington

Charlie Miller celebrated his **100th birthday** on August 17th with his children and grandchildren. We send Charlie our best wishes for a Happy Birthday and many more to come!



September Anniversaries:

- 12 Mr & Mrs George Bussom
- 14 Mr & Mrs Ronnie Cox
- 19 Mr & Mrs William Lewis
- 24 Mr & Mrs Keith George

Remember in Prayer:

Maggy Gregory	Christine Shelton Potter
Connie & Johnny Robertson	Cindy Van Herpe
Rich O'Brien	Jessica Dirksmyer
Bob Gabrielski	Anne Owen
Tony Throckmorton	Our Church
Family & Friends of Janie Morgan Smith	Our Service Men & Women

In need of Long-Term Prayer:

Dana Arnold	Jim & Donna Bishop
John Carter	Barbara Ritch-Brant
Burch & Kendall Vickery	Patsy Kitching
The Keane Family	Chris Longan
Bobby Long	Ace Oestreich
Ellen Dixon	Joe Morgan

Remembering our veterans....

In years past, Kathleen Schultz has placed flags in our cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Due to physical problems, she will no longer be able to perform this patriotic task and is asking for volunteers to mark about 135 graves with flags. She will provide the list and flags for the next person to take over. Kathleen said she has been honored for the last fifteen years to acknowledge those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. This task is a good way to get children and adults involved in history and earning community service hours.



If you are interested in taking on this rewarding task, please let the office know at (804)435-3555 or office@whitestoneumc.org.

Please join us for an **Old Fashioned Covered Dish Fellowship Luncheon on September 25th** following the service. Bring your favorite pot luck dish to share!

September 2022 Worship Team

Greeter:

9/4: Lynn Finkel

9/11: Lynn Finkel

9/18: Lynn Finkel

9/25: Lynn Finkel

Acolyte:

9/4: Jacob Bavuso

9/11: Haley Lewis

9/18: Keithan Bauer

9/25:

Ushers:

9/4: Emma Bavuso & Jacob Bavuso

9/11: Alice Dix & Wayne Smith

9/18: Nancy Miller & George Bussom

9/25: Lynn Finkel & Wayne Smith

Reader:

9/4: Lynn Finkel

9/11: Julie Williams George

9/18: Alice Dix

9/25: Virginia Lee Brown

Counter:

9/4: Virginia Lee Brown & Janet Smith

9/11: Margo Brown & Janet Smith

9/18: Frances Stoughton & Janet Smith

9/25: Julie Williams George & Janet Smith



The WS United Women in Faith group is doing some research on two adult scholarships through RCC. More details will be forthcoming.

We will be working on deciding on our 2022 annual Gifts to Missions - Local, Mission Rivers and National/International at our 2 pm September 13th meeting.



A note from the McClains...

I couldn't stop thanking God for you— every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks.

Ephesians 1:16

Dear Members of White Stone UMC,

Stephanie and I as well as all of our kids want to show our deep appreciation for all of the kindness you showed to us this past Sunday.

We are so grateful for your generosity and love.

The last fourteen years have gone by so fast and the time spent in White Stone truly

WHAT COMES AFTER A TRILLION?!

Jesus Christ
Pastor Beyer



an experience that all of us will truly treasure our whole lives.

May God bless all of you and the ministry of your new pastor.

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