

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE - Autumn**

**Greetings and Blessed Autumn to all!**

**While I am not looking forward to the rigors of winter, I do enjoy the cool evenings and refreshing mornings that we have this time of year. It is nice to have "real" dinners and sleep under a quilt.**

**In many ways, September marks the New Year for us. Harvest is almost done, schoolchildren begin a new academic year and we gear up for new ideas, shared prayer and holy experience as a Church community.**



**I have missed our choir! Their dedication, prayerful singing and expertise always add a great deal to Worship, and I look forward to hearing their music again.**

**Speaking of the choir, here is something exciting to remember:**

**We will celebrate and dedicate the new Sound System on Sunday, October 4th at 4 PM with a concert by the joint choirs of our Federated Church and Immaculate Conception Church. It is a free concert to thank the community for their generosity in contributing to the wonderful system we have now. We will dedicate the plaque with the names of those who contributed and those honored and remembered, and we will also dedicate our new choir robes which were donated by Janet Atwater in memory of Fran and Audrey Foody.**

**Please mark your calendars, bring friends and enjoy wonderful music from a grateful congregation! Light refreshments will be served.**

**I pray that we all enter this new season with renewed energy and faith, blessed in the knowledge that God's presence and grace travel with us.**

**Blessings,**

*Susan*

## SonShiners

Meetings - Bring a dish to share at 8 am

September 20<sup>th</sup>

October 18<sup>th</sup>

November 15<sup>th</sup>

We have lots of events happening in the next two months. We look forward to having you join us at them and helping with them.

If you enjoyed the ice cream sundaes on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> after church, come out the 26<sup>th</sup> to continue the fun with sundaes and banana splits. We will have some interesting crafters for you to get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Anyone with crafts to donate to the church's booth please have them to us by Saturday 9:30 at Ioka.

## Ice Cream Social and Craft/Yard Sale

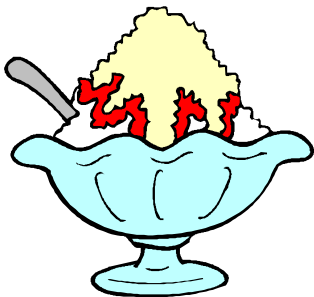
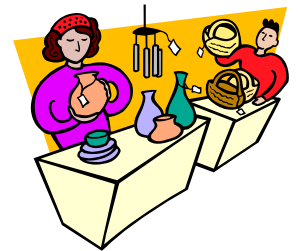
At

IOKA VALLEY FARM - located on Rte 43, 1/2 mile from  
[Jiminy Peak Resort](#) 4 mi from intersection of Rte 43 & Rte 22  
in Stephentown, NY

***Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>***

***from 10:00 to 3:00 Rain or Shine***

Spaces are still available to rent at \$15 each. Contact Kate @ 518-935-8536 or Barb @ 518-527-0182





## **SonShiners 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Dinner**

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:00**

**Come join the fun! All are invited!**

**It's an "all you can eat" -- include Lazagna, Penne with Marinara sauce, or Fettuccine Alfredo, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert. Gluten free pasta & meatballs available.**

**FREE WILL OFFERING!!**



## **Election Day Luncheon**

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 – 2:00**

**Join the community for lunch before or after you vote.  
Great time to visit with your friends.**

**Soup, chili, sandwiches and**

**Homemade pies for dessert**



## **Choir Begins**

**Our choir has a strange beginning this year. We met for the first time last Sunday. We will meet next Sunday before Church then will resume our regular rehearsal nights on Tuesday September 15 at 6:30 p.m. We encourage anyone who would like to sing with us to join us at that time. We always welcome new folk. We have been rehearsing all summer for our October 4th Dedication service. We will be getting ready for the Thanksgiving/Advent and Christmas seasons following the October 4th service.**

**Special thanks to Laurelyn Mayen who took our current red robes home and mended, washed and ironed them for the fall beginnings.**



**October 4<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm**

## **Celebratory Dedication Service**

**Our service on October 4, 2015 will begin at 4 p.m. We will celebrate and dedicate two things. The first being our new sound system and the second being our new purple robes for our choir that were donated in memory of past choir members, Fran and Audrey Foody. These were donated by Janet Atwater. Our concert will share piano music, solos and choir selections that both Immaculate Conception church and The Federated Church choirs will perform together. They have been working all summer towards this concert which is free of charge. Just come and enjoy an hour of music that is our way of saying thank you to everyone for your support.**

## **The Stephentown Federated Church Men's Group**

**Please join us for breakfast – first Sunday of every month until June.**

**Join us for good food and great fellowship.**

**The remainder of the 2015 schedule is:**

**October 4, 2015..... First breakfast of the new season of meetings.**

**Everyone is welcome for the “All Church Breakfast”**

**Discussion & Planning for Year's events. Catch up from the summer. All are welcome to join us at 8:00am**

**November 1, 2015..... Breakfast at 8:00am The end of “Daylight Savings”**

**Elections of leaders for the new season**

**December 6, 2015..... Breakfast at 8:00am**

**January 3, 2016..... Breakfast at 8:00am Plan for Men's Group Dinner**

**Happy New Year!!**

**The officers for the group are: President-Larry Eckhardt; Secretary- Rich Terpening; Treasurer-Ted Bears; Men's Rep to the General Committee-Malcolm Beal**

**September, October 2015**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour</b> <b>10:45 Choir Rehearsal 9/27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Prayer Group</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Heavenly Quilters</b>  <b>Nov 3 Election Day Luncheon 11 - 2</b>				<b>9:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry</b>
<b>Oct. 4 Dedication Service 4pm</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Gen Com 4<sup>th</sup> week of month</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. AA</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal Dedication Sept 17 &amp; 24 6:30pm Dress Rehearsal Oct. 1 6:30 pm</b>		<b>Sept 26 Ice Cream Social, Tag Sale 10 - 3</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal Oct 3 10am</b> <b>Oct 17 Italian Dinner 4:30 - 6:00</b>

**Each month: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ---Communion**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday---Hymn Sing**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday---Healing**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday---Contemporary Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday---Surprise!**

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social – Craft/Yard Sale Ioka Valley Farm**

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Dedication Ceremony 4pm**

**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Italian Dinner**

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Election Day Luncheon 11 -2**