

**May, June, July 2018**



**A Tribute to Mother's Day**

**As I was driving by the Brunswick Methodist church on my daily trek to Brunswick to look after my granddaughter, I was drawn to the sign outside their church which said, "A mother's life is a child's guidebook". Later that day when I got my mail I received a beautiful card with a message from my daughter and the following prayers that she found in the drawer of the sewing machine table that were my mother's. Somehow in the sorting we missed these. It made me think of the sign I had seen earlier in the day. My mother's life indeed has been my guidebook and I am very thankful for her life and her prayers. These are a very few of the prayers she either found or created...**

**"God is my supply and my unlimited abundance of everything now. "**

**"God works (in this situation) to will and do whatsoever the wishes done and God's good cannot fail"**

**"I call on God's will to do it's perfect work (in this situation) now for the good of all concerned"**

**"Of myself I cannot do it, but the Christ within me can and is performing miracles in my mind, body and affairs here and now"**

**"There is only one presence and one power in my life (or in the situation, diagnosis, personality, appearance) God the good, omnipotent.**

**.....taken from Pray, and Grow Rich by Catherine Ponder**

**Even if you are not a mother your life can be a guidebook for someone.  
Happy Mother's Day or Father's Day for that matter... both can apply**

**God Bless  
Bev Westfall**



## **MANSE UPDATE**

**We have been busy getting the Manse ready for either a minister or to rent and have the income go to our minister as living compensation. Ted did a great job of redoing the wallboard from the work done over a year ago when the heating pipes froze, and we had them repaired with insurance money. We had the manse professionally cleaned.**

**When the water was turned back on several leaks were found and with Don Lewandoski's help most of the house was replumbed including putting in a new drain pipe which had cracks and a hole in it. New toilets and faucets were installed. The leaks caused the kitchen/office floor tiles to pop up. So, we are in the process of replacing the flooring in the kitchen/office area. All the furniture, books and appliances were moved out of the manse by "The Eckhardt" family.**

**We are now starting the painting starting with the kitchen, so we are done there before the floor is installed. Laurelyn is working with the painting crew with Barbara and Kate's help at present. We look forward to others in our church family lending a hand in any way possible to complete the work. All hands needed to make this a quick project.**

**This has been a big expense for us but with our "free labor" we should be able to keep costs down. We purchased a new range. So far, we have determined the dryer we have is in working condition. The washer and refrigerator are yet to be tested. Hopefully they will be useable. We are having an electrician coming in to reinstall a wall exhaust fan in the kitchen. Kitchen cabinets are in rough shape and are being spruced up. If you have an hour or two to spare, we'd appreciate the help.**

### **Choir**

**We are in our last month of weekly music. Memorial Day weekend will be our last Sunday of regular anthems. For the month of June we will have a pick up number which we will practice each Sunday at 9. Any one in the congregation is welcome to join us to sing.**

**We are very appreciative to Rev Bob Lowenthal for bringing his guitar and doing music on April 29<sup>th</sup> while most of the choir members recuperated from this nasty bug that hit our community.**

**There will be a summer schedule for those that have an interest in providing special music during our summer services. The chart will be on the piano. Please feel free to add your name and the name of the special music for the date specified.**

## **Worship Committee**

**We have been planning for ministers from June through September. We are still in need of guest ministers for the month of August. We have been very fortunate in having Rev. Dan Daniels for each Communion Sunday, and the third Sunday, Rev. Bob Lowenthal for the second Sunday and Rev. Betsy Mowry for the fourth Sunday.**

**For the next three months Rev. Bob will be doing Communion and the second Sunday, Rev. Dan will do the third Sunday and Rev. Betsy will do the Fourth Sunday. Rev. Bob will be taking August off and so we will continue to have a few changes for the summer.**

**Also, you will see we still have a few vacancies that we still need to fill. If you know of anyone please let us know. God has always provided, and God will for the summer.**

**May 13 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
May 20 Rev Dan Daniels  
May 27 Rev Betsy Mowry**

**June 3 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
June 10 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
June 17 Rev Dan Daniels  
June 24 Rev Betsy Mowry**

**July 1 Rev Bob Lowenthal.  
July 8 Rev Betsy Mowry  
July 15 Rev Dan Daniels  
July 22 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
July 29**

**August 6  
August 13  
August 20 Rev Dan Daniels  
August 27 Rev Betsy Mowry**

**September 3 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
September 10 Rev Bob Lowenthal**



## **Search Committee**

**Things continue to be slow with the search committee. We have had our information put up on our website for anyone that might possibly be interested. It is that time of year when the seminaries graduate new ministers. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to search for our new minister.**

## SonShiners

**Meeting Dates: bring a dish to share**



**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day so no meeting**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – 8am**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> – 8am**

**We will be holding our bake/garden Sale and Silent Auction on July 28<sup>th</sup> – Gardner’s Field**

**Please consider donating baked goods or garden goodies.**

**We will also need donations for the Silent Auction – Contact Barb or Kate**

**Help is always needed**

## The Stephentown Federated Church Men’s Group

### **Spring2018 Schedule of Events**

**Please join us for breakfast – first Sunday of every month. Gather with us for good food and great fellowship. The2018 schedule is:**

**June 3, 2018..... All Church breakfast at 8:00am. Everyone is invited to join in the last Breakfast meal before the summer break.**

**October 7, 2018..... Start of the new season of Breakfast meetings. All are invited to eat and meet at 8:00am.**

**We continue to enjoy a great group for breakfast meals. Come join us for the fellowship as we plan for events and work duties to help keep the church and grounds looking fantastic. Thanks to all the wonderful cooks each month. Keep up the good work**



### **BAPTISM**

**On May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, Rev. Daniels will officiate at the baptism of Liam Bennett Hoffman. He is the son of Stephanie Wagar & Justin Hoffman. Donna & Ed Mullett are the paternal grandparents.**



## GRADUATION

**Kelsey Hennig is graduating from Albany College of Pharmacy May 12<sup>th</sup> with her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree . . .she will be continuing her education at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, NY. She has a one-year residency with them. Congratulations Kelsey!!!**



## OBITUARY

**Kenneth Knobloch passed away on May 5, 2018. Ken has been living in Noank, CT near his family. There will be a private service held at High Meadows. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Stephentown Federated Church.**

## MAY - JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9:00 am June Pick Up Choir Rehearsal</b>  <b>9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour</b>		<b>9:30 am Heavenly Quilters</b>				<b>9:00-11:00 am Food Pantry</b>
	<b>7:00 pm Gen Com May 21 June 25 July 23</b>		<b>6:00 pm AA</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal 6:30 May 17 &amp; 24</b>		<b>July 28 9AM Bake/Produce Sale Silent Auction Gardner's Field</b>

**Each month: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ---Communion – Open to all**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday---Hymn Sing at beginning of service**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday---Contemporary Service –  
Visual screen used for readings and hymns**

**Sunday Worship Services available on our website: [www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org)**