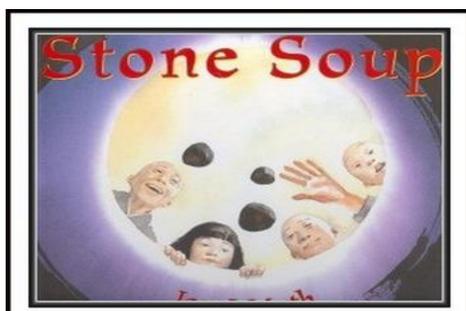
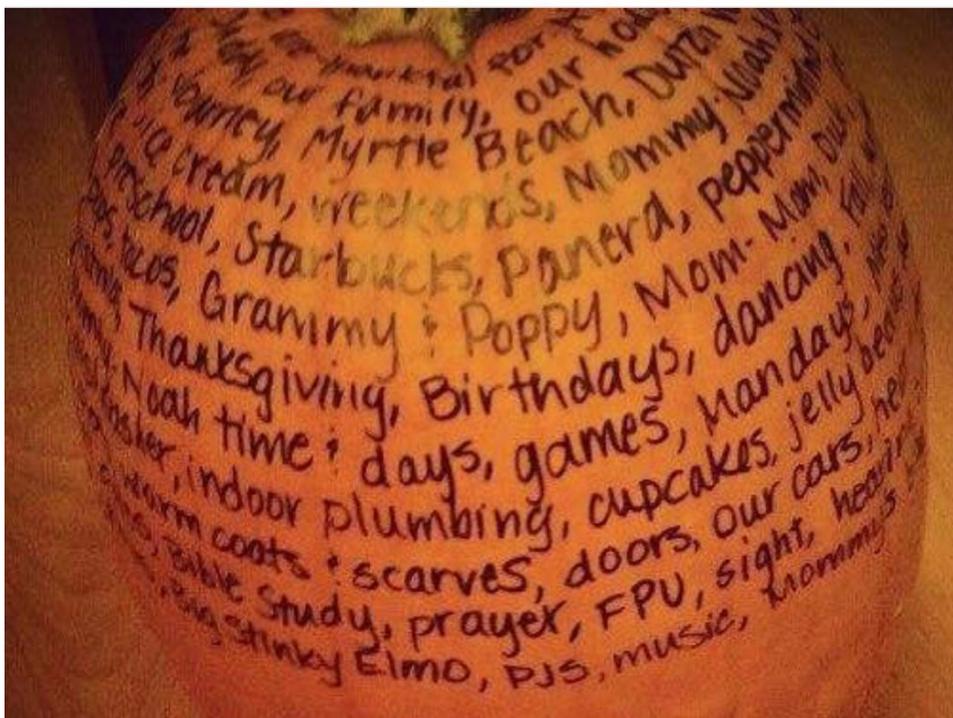


November/December 2018

During this time of giving thanks, this Facebook post gives us a new way to visualize what we are thankful for. What are you thankful for?

Want to start a new family tradition that will teach your kids more about thankfulness? Every night for the month of November, gather as a family and add a few items to your Thankful Pumpkin! 🍂🍁👐



Stone Soup

On November 25th, the last Sunday In November, we have two special events going on.

Rev. Betsy and the Worship Committee are planning a unique service based on the book entitled "Stone Soup". We will be sharing the making and it's meaning of Stone Soup during the service. The congregation will be participating in the telling of the story and making the soup. Please volunteer and join the fun.



Following the service, we will be eating the soup and then celebrate the Hanging of the Greens in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season. Please plan on joining us on Nov. 25th as we celebrate a special church family tradition and the changing of our liturgical seasons.

SonShiners

Join us for our annual Election Day Luncheon on November 6th, 11am to 2pm.
As always serving homemade pies!



Meetings: 8am Bring a dish to share
November 18th
December 16th
January 20th 2019

It's that time of year that we start thinking about the holidays.



ANGEL TREE

I would like to do the Angel Tree again this year. Last year we had seven families & because of your generosity we were able to make their Christmas special.

**If you know any family that could use a little help, please let me know.
As we get closer I will be asking for some help.**

**Thank you
Nancy**



Choir

Choir continues to meet each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We would be most welcoming to any new folks that would like to sing. We are beginning our Advent /Christmas music. Come and sing with us for this season if you feel led to do so. We will be a part of the Christmas Eve service once again.



Poinsettias

Are you interested in purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a relative or friend? Forms will be available soon in Piece Hall or contact Barbara for one at 518-527-0182 or babst3@verizon.net.



Christmas Eve...7:30 p.m. Dec 24, 2018

We invite you to join us Christmas Eve for our annual Christmas carol sing. Rev. Dan Daniels will be leading our candlelight Christmas Eve program. Our choir will share some special Christmas music. We hope to see you there.



FOOD PANTRY

Bring your food and money donations to our annual food drive to support the food pantry on Sunday, November 18th.

COFFEE HOUR

We are blessed with the people who bake and serve the food for coffee hour and supply the coffee. Please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board in Pierce Hall to offer your gifts of food. We were blessed in October to celebrate Rev. Dan and Genie's 40th anniversary



and June Ross' 90th birthday with cake and ice cream.



The Retirement of Ted Bears

As of January 1, 2019, Ted will no longer be our Facility Chair leaving huge shoes to be filled. We are grateful for all he has done for the church. For years Ted has given his all to mow, to shovel snow, to replace light bulbs, turn the heat on for meetings, fix anything that needs fixing, check the manse, keep the squirrels out, built the kitchen and the list goes on and on. He has been the "go to" person for all the church groups and a lot of the projects the church has taken on. In that light, we have the special needs that we need to fill, be it one person or more than one. They are listed below:

We are currently looking for

...someone that will mow, weed whack in the summer months

...shovel snow in the winter

...open the church on Sunday's

...service calls

...replacing light bulbs in the chandelier and flood lights outside

...recommend building improvements

...set up tables for General Committee meetings...and turn the heat on for the meeting the fourth Monday of each month.

**If you are interesting or can help us with any or all of these responsibilities, please speak to Bev Westfall or Malcolm Beal, chairperson of the nominating committee. The winter months are fast approaching, and we need to make plans. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration.
Bev Westfall**

Website

If you haven't noticed, we have an additional feature with our recorded sermon. You now have access to the bulletin along with the recording. We encourage you to use this or send a note to people that live away from us. Remember ... www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org will get you lots of up-to-date information. And like us on our Facebook page.

The Stephentown Federated Church Men's Group

Fall - Winter 2018/2019 Schedule of Events

Please join us for breakfast – first Sunday of every month. Gather with us for good food and great fellowship. The 2018-19 schedule is:

November 4, 2018.....Breakfast at 8:00am looking forward to planning the activities of the upcoming winter season. Elections for new year's officers.

December 2, 2018.....Breakfast at 8:00am Begin planning for the Annual Turkey Dinner to be held February 23, 2019

January 6, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am First meeting of the New Year. What resolutions are still intact!?? New year, new ideas!

February 3, 2019..... Breakfast at 8:00am Finalize plans for the Annual Turkey Dinner to be held February 23, 2019

February 23, 2019.....Church Family and Friends 17th Annual Turkey Dinner
Starting at 5:00pm Watch for details in next newsletter or be on the lookout for a postcard reminder.

March 3, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Plans for spring cleanup. Recap the Turkey Dinner.

April 7, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Planning for Easter Sunday Breakfast

April 21, 2019.....Easter Sunday. Continental Breakfast after Easter Sunrise Service.

Our last All Church breakfast was well attended by many members and friends. We really hope to see you all for the November 4th breakfast meeting. *Remember the time changes and we gain an hour.*



ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting will be held January 20, 2019. All organizations need to have their annual reports to Arlene Longo before Christmas so she has time to organize them for the meeting.

NOV/DEC 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour		9:30 am Heavenly Quilters Nov 6th Election Day Luncheon 11am-2pm				9:00-11:00 am Food Pantry
Stone Soup & Hanging of the Greens Nov 25th Xmas Eve 7:30pm Dec 24	7:00 pm Gen Commt Nov 26 Dec 17		6:00 pm AA	Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm		

Each month: 1st Sunday ---Communion – Open to all

2nd Sunday---Hymn Sing at beginning of service

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



Offering Envelopes

As we come to the end of another year, we need to think about our giving to the church. We have envelopes available for your contribution. They are on the table in Pierce Hall. Take the box with your name on it or if you haven't use one before and would like to, take a box and just write down your name to the number of the box you are taking and thank you. You will be sent a statement at the end of the year. If you have a question, contact Barb Terpening, Treasurer.

Prayer List:

Long - term Prayer Concerns:

Holly Wheeler, Carol, Betty Hartnett, June Ross, Brendon Hoffman, Rusty Melancon, Makayla & Julie, Kathy Carringer, Sean Northrup, Georgi, Peggy, Mike, & Greg, Lance, Kelly, James & his family, Garrett, Brenda & Bob Mathew, Emma Richardson, Ann Marie & family, Connie (FL), Pat Sample, Del Wise and his sister Vicki, John L., Bev & Jerry, Bob Vincent, John & Danielle, Julie Burdick-Snow, Melaney, Jenna Fenander, Colleen P., Norm, Ken (Beal's Friend), Tanya Joyes, Roy Hamilton, Jean Clain (Judy's mom), Pat Coon, Travis Chuck, Tasha-Chris & family, Nancy, Sal, Karen, Christina, Linda Lee, John Anello, Mary Martin, Mary French, Sherry & Joe Ciliberti, Carolee, Toby, Elizabeth Hare, Kelly, Kevin, Angelica, Jim & Ann Peck, Radley family, Amanda, Harold & Jenny, Mel Feathers, Rick Newton, Jim Chambers, David Berry, Richard Monyahan, Lois Hartnett, Judy & Joe Leland, Art & Esther Koepp, Marjorie Beal, Geralyn, Pat B., Ben Lowenthal, Susan G., Peter, Samantha, Sarah (Beal's daughter), Owen McGinnis, Shannon W., Pattie Lewis, Sahara

As always . . . we pray for:

Our farmers, those with emotional/mental/physical illnesses, those being cared for & the caregiver, those in transition, those suffering from addiction(s), Emergency Responders, youth of today, those in weather ravaged places, those who are cold, those who don't get where they are going who are cold/alone, the Military and their families, our Veterans, & our elected leaders, those imprisoned, Citizens of Lesothos & the student we sponsor, organ donors, those who mourn, those persecuted for their faith, those who have no one to pray for them, those not mentioned out loud, the unemployed, and the unknown addict, the honeybees, Reverend Susan

Safe travel for all

THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS!