

## Prayer List:

Travel: for all -Malcom & Nancy, George Eckhardt, Peggy

Malek, those in rollover accident, Paul, Will, Joan

For family and friends: the Brophy family

## Calendar of Events

- Heavenly Quilters - Tuesday's @ 9:30 a.m.
- A/A Meetings - Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.
- SFC Choir practice - Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.
- Food Pantry, each Saturday from 9-11
- Men's Breakfast Meeting - 1/6/19 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Sonshiner's Breakfast Mtg. - 1/20/18 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Annual Conference - 1/20/18 - after church
- General Committee Meeting 1/21/19 @7:00 p.m.

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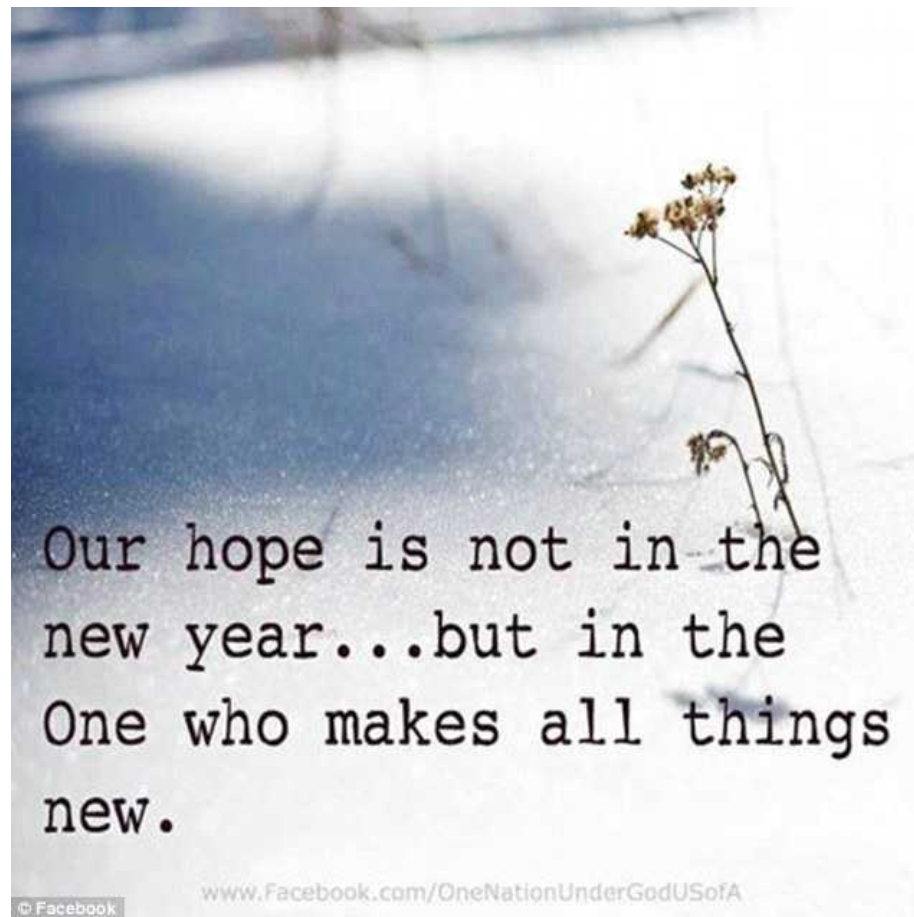
## Financial Stewardship

- Offering 12/16/18 - \$1,388.39
  - Manse Insurance Refund - \$402.90
  - Christmas Letters - \$420.00
- Offering 12/9/18 - \$1,640.00
  - Manse Roof - \$10.00
  - Methodist Apportionment - \$320.00
- Offering 12/2/18 - \$1005.00
  - Manse Roof - \$110.00

**\$1,270.00/week is needed in order to meet our budget**

## Code for Hymnals:

- (P) - Methodist Hymnal (Purple)
- (B) - In Faith We Sing (Black)
- (G) - Worship & Song (Green)
- (PH) - Presbyterian Hymnal



Stephentown Federated Church  
Sunday, December 30, 2018  
Christmas +1  
Welcome!

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**BELL CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Holy God, let your word live in us richly. Please find a dwelling in us as we gather to sing your praises, hear your word, rejoice in your promises, and go forth into your creation to be your humble servants. We ask according to your will, according to your time, in the name of your son, Jesus, the newborn Christ.

**\*HYMN #251 (P)**                      Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of the manger, in the busy-ness of the Christmas season and quest for a perfect Christmas, we have forgotten you and your son coming to us. Forgive us as we return to our post-holiday lives and get back to life as we know it. We forget so quickly, remaining untouched by you and your call to be your ministers.

Assurance of Pardon

**Praise Response #238 (P)**              Angels We Have Heard on High  
(vs 1)

**FIRST READING**                      Matthew 13:53-58

**A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS . . .**

**ANTHEM**                                      Peace, Peace

**GOSPEL READING**                      Luke 2:25-35

**SERMON**                                      Trusting the Acrolyte

**\*HYMN #254 (P)**                      We Three Kings

**PASTORAL PRAYERS:**

**Lord's Prayer** (trespasses)

**Prayer Response #3049 (G)**              Wait for the Lord

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (for offering)

**\*Response #95 (P)**                      Praise God . . .

**\*HYMN #250 (P)**                      Once in Royal David's City

**CHARGE AND BLESBSING**

**Sending Forth & Blessing**

**Response - #251 (P)**              Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
(refrain only)

**POSTLUDE**

**\* Please stand if you are able . . . thank you**

**Please note:** We do not take a formal offering. There are offering plates at the doors which you may use if you are able to make a donation.

**Pastor/Speaker - Rev. Bonnie Bates (Thank you for your service)**  
**Bev Westfall - Choir Director/Organist**

Please join us for a time of refreshment and Fellowship in Pierce Hall following worship. "God bless you."