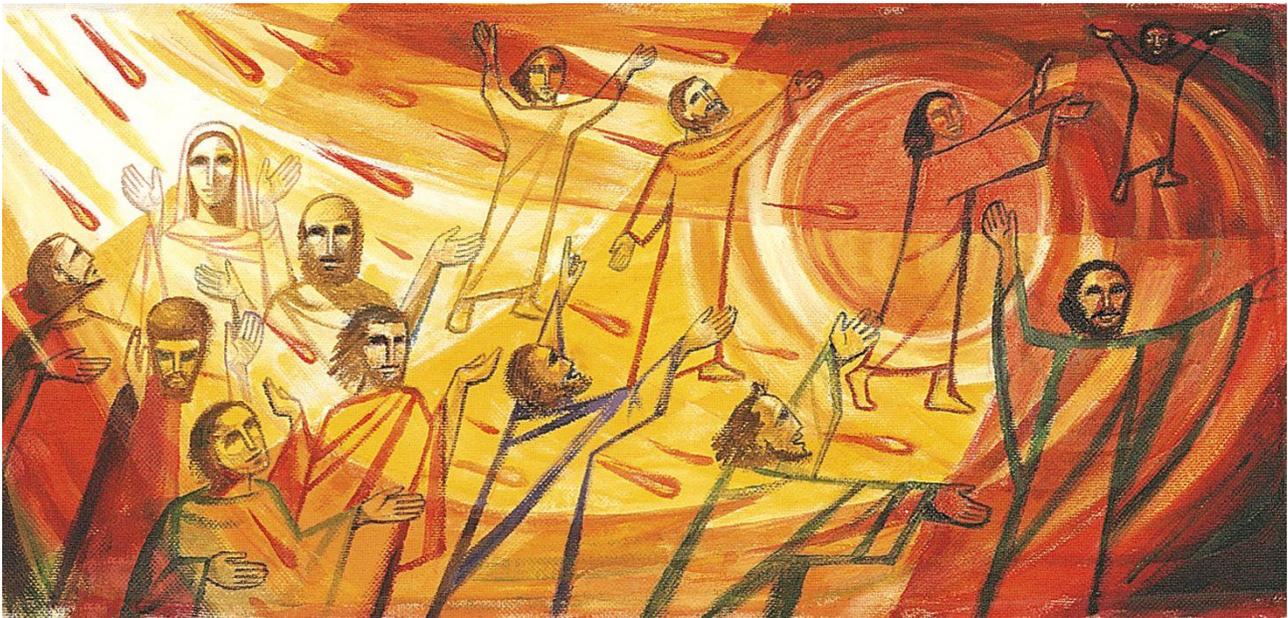


**June/July/August 2019**

**Pentecost by Rev. MaryJane Pierce Norton**



**On Sunday, June 9, 2019, Christian churches celebrate Pentecost. For Christians, Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. On that day, the church celebrates the happenings recorded in the New Testament Book of Acts, chapter 2.**

**Notice when you go into church on Pentecost Sunday, the changes in colors in the sanctuary. Red is the color of Pentecost, and it signifies the tongues of flames seen over the heads of those praying together. The Scripture also tells us that the sound of the blowing of a violent wind filled the house where Jesus' followers were praying. In addition to the color red, churches often display tongues of flame and symbols of wind on banners and posters.**

**In Scripture, we read that the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to go into the streets telling of Jesus to all those they met. Following Peter's sermon, many were baptized, and the church began to grow. Because of this, we call Pentecost "the birthday of the church."**

**While having home observances for Christmas and Easter is common, Pentecost often goes unobserved in our homes. However, without Pentecost, we wouldn't have the church. It is worthwhile to spend time in family devotions and celebrations for this church holy day that helps us remember how the church began.**

## **Special Worship Service**

**July 14th at 9:30 a.m.**



**Please join us for a virtual tour of the places of Jesus' life in the Holy Land, as seen and experienced by Portia Westfall and Mark Baker's trip to the Holy Land in February, 2019 with members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chili, NY. See where Jesus was born, ministered, performed miracles, was crucified, and was resurrected.**

## **Special Music for the Summer**

**On the piano is a sign up sheet for anyone that would like to share music during special music time each Sunday in July and August. We like to include this in each Sunday bulletin so please have your name and your music a week before since Joanne does our bulletin by the Monday night before the next Sunday Service. The past few years we have been blessed by this special summer ministry. Please consider sharing your musical talents with us during this time.**

## **Choir**

**Special thanks go to our choir for their musical talents and dedication during the last year. During the month of June we will have a pick up choir that will meet each Sunday before church at 9 a.m. We encourage anyone that would like to sing with us to join us for a quick rehearsal at this time. During July and August is the time for special music other than choir. Choir members will be a part of the congregation during this time. This is their time for rejuvenation during the summer. May the spirit of Christ go with each of them during this time.**

## **Updating our Directory**

**It is time to get our new directory updated and printed. Arlene and Bev are working on this. We would ask that you check on the table in Pierce Hall for updated info. If you want a new picture, please see Arlene and she will take it for you. Most of the pictures date back to 2013. Our book can only be as good as you make it. Please correct any info that needs updating like phone numbers. We are planning on having this completed by September 1, 2019. If you are not in the book see Arlene for a picture and fill out the form from the table in Pierce Hall. Thank you.**

**Bev Westfall**

## Ministers June-December 2019

**June 2.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**9.....Rev Bob Lowenthal Pentecost**

**16.....Rev Dan Daniels Bev away**

**23.....Rev Betsye Mowry**

**30.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**July 7.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**14.....Portia Westfall/Mark Baker Israel**

**21.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**28.....**

**August 4.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**11..... Bob Lowenthal**

**18.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**25.....Rev Betsye Mowry**

**September 1.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**8.....Rev Bob Lowenthal**

**15.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**22.....Rev Betsye Mowry**

**29.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**October 6.....Rev Bob Lowenthal**

**13.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**20.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**27.....Rev Betsye Mowry**

**November 3.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**10.....Rev Bob Lowenthal**

**17.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**24.....Rev Betsy Mowry**

**December 1.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**8.....Rev Bob Lowenthal**

**15.....Rev Dan Daniels**

**22.....Rev Betsy Mowry**

**24.....Christmas Eve ...Rev Bonnie Bates**

**29.....Rev Dan Daniels**

## Audio of Worship Services

As a reminder, if you have been unable to attend church we have the audio of the service posted for you to listen to at your convenience along with the bulletin to read. Announcements are included but for the privacy of people Joys and Concerns have been edited out. We hope you find this a beneficial part of your week. See [www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org)



## Lawn Mowing

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Pierce Hall for anyone to help us with the chore of mowing the church and manse yards to keep us looking presentable.

## SonShiners

**Meetings: Bring a dish to share**

**No June Meeting**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8am**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am**

**Fundraising:**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> Garden/Bake Sale and Silent Auction 9-3 Gardners Field**



**Please consider helping with set up/ take down and sales.**

**We will be in need of baked and garden items to sell**

**Please consider helping with the Silent Auction and get donations of items for the auction**

**Barb will be organizing the Silent auction and will be in need of items before July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Social and Craft/Tag Sale at Ioka Valley Farm**



**Consider participating in this event.**

## Treasurer's Minutes

# Contributions



**Do you want a way to give to the church and save money on your taxes. If you have an IRA or 401K that you are required to make annual withdrawals, if your plan allows it you can have a check cut directly to the church. This will reduce the amount you need to pay on interest to the federal government and it will reduce the amount of your social security that you have to pay taxes on. See me for more information.**

**As I mentioned in the last newsletter apportionments the church pays to the Presbyterian Church is \$43 per member and the Methodists is \$75 per member. When you give us a payment labeled for apportionment or for any other special fund it reduces the amount of apportionment we have to pay to the UMC. This means we can keep more of your contributions to pay for the needs of the church. We also have two fund drives going on at present: Pierce Hall Doors Replacement & Manse Roof Fund. Please write on your check or clip a note to your cash donations to any of these specific funds. We thank you for all you do for the church.**

### June/July/August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9 am choir rehearsal June</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 4<sup>th</sup> week of month</b>	<b>6:00 pm AA</b>			<b>July 27<sup>th</sup> 9-3 Garden/Bake Sale &amp; Silent Auction Gardners 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**



**Stephentown Federated Church would like to invite children from  
ages 3 to 14 to join us for Sunday School.**

**When: Third Sunday of each month – beginning Easter Sunday**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. – Children will start in church, then go to Pierce Hall for  
age appropriate lesson and project**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

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

#### **Spring-Fall 2019 Schedule of Events**

**Please join us for breakfast – first Sunday of every month. Gather with us for good food and great fellowship. The 2019 schedule is:**

**June 2, 2019.....All Church Breakfast. 8:00 Am. Last breakfast until October.**

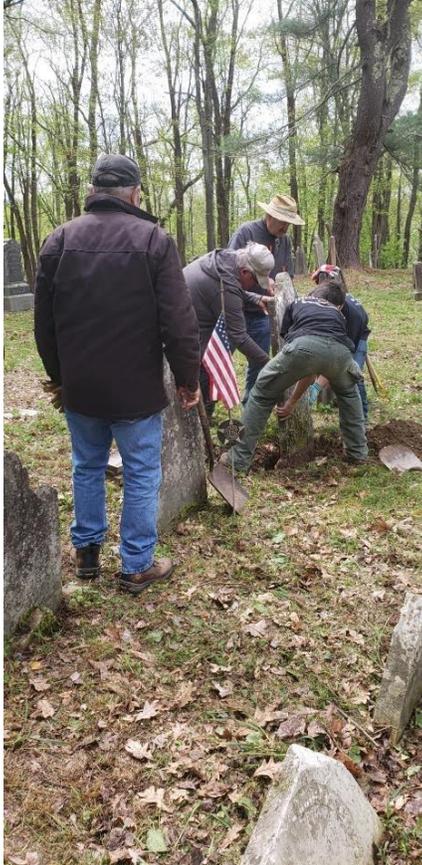
**No Meeting July, August or September**

**October 6, 2019.....All Church Breakfast. First meeting after Summer break. Everyone is invited.**

**November 3, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Election of Officers and Representative to General  
Committee**

**December 1, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am.**

When the men were cleaning up the Presbyterian Cemetery in May, they also did a little work on some of the headstones.



**Come and Worship With Us!**  
**Sundays At 9:30 am**

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

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