

March/April/May 2019



Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things a while as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Season, also known as Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days, begins on Easter Day and ends 50 days later on Pentecost. Focusing on Christ’s resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), Eastertide is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. We celebrate the good news that in Christ’s death and resurrection we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God’s love and saving grace.

Lenten Celebration

Rev Bonnie Bates is working on a visual for the first activity each Sunday service in Lent....similar to lighting of the advent candle. Visuals are always an important part of worship for many people. We are looking forward to this new visual in our services beginning March 10, 2019, the first Sunday of Lent. Come and be a part of the beginning of this special celebration in Lent.

Phone Chain for Emergencies

We are asking that anyone who wishes to be called for an emergency closure for church or other activity to sign up on the list on the bulletin board in Pierce Hall. We have an email list but are aware there are folks that either do not have email or don’t use it on a regular basis. We are trying to make sure everyone is contacted. Thank you, Bev



Church Use

In order to make sure the church facilities are available and the people that are responsible for heat, sanding, shoveling and scheduling have been notified please write your activity on the calendar on the announcement board. This will ensure that your activity should happen without any disruption. Thank you.

Apportionments for 2019

The annual meeting held on January 27th. It was a time that we as a church looked back on what has been for 2018 and we look ahead to the new year 2019.

God has blessed us with wonderful ministers that covered our pulpit each Sunday and blessed us with the monetary means to do many other needed projects.

At this time, we look at the apportionments levelled against us from the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist church. The bottom line is because we are a Federated Church we are obligated to pay for both denominations. The Presbyterians this year have charged us \$43 per member and the Methodists work out to \$75 per person. This comes out of our General budget. Any personal donations to offset this amount from either denomination would be greatly appreciated. You can send them to Stephentown Federated Church, P O Box 10 Stephentown, New York, 12168. Thank you for your consideration. Please mark on your check that it is for apportionment.

Choir

Choir continues to function with many people taking their turns for a winter break. If you would like to come and sing with us, we would appreciate the extra voices. We meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. We will provide special music for the Lent / Easter season as well as continued support to our congregation for our regular Sunday services. Come and join us!



Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn..... Crown Him With Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn..... The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn..... Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn..... There is a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the promises
Optometrist's Hymn..... Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn..... I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn..... Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn..... Send the Light
The Shopper's Hymn..... Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn..... I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
The Message Therapist's Hymn... He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn..... The Great Physician
AND for those who speed on the highway.....
~45 mph..... God Will Take Care of You
~65 mph..... Nearer My God to Thee
~85mph..... This World is Not My Home
~95 mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home
~100mph..... Precious Memories

Lord, Give me a sense of humor, Give me the grace to see a joke To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk

SonShiners

March 17th – Breakfast at Ioka Valley Farm, 8am (bring a tip) Everyone welcome!!!

April 21 – Easter – no meeting

May 19th – Breakfast meeting at 8am – bring a dish to share

The Stephentown 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:

March 3, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Recap the Turkey Dinner.

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



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

May 5, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Plans for spring cleanup.



May 11, 2019.....Clean-up Day at the Presbyterian Cemetery and Church

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.

The 17th Annual Family and Friends Turkey Dinner was held on February 23rd, 2019 at the Church Hall. We had lots of turkey and all the fixings. The turnout for this year's dinner was fantastic - around 160 total meals served. We were able to provide many takeout meals for those who could not join us in person. We are exceedingly thankful for all the help and contributions from so many of our church members and friends. A special thanks to our kitchen Captain, Paul McMillan and his Chief Petty Officer, Matt Eckhardt. A free-will offering was taken to help defray some of the meal cost. The dinner donations were exceptionally generous and most of the proceeds will help with needed church repairs and project expenses. We sincerely hope you will come and enjoy the fellowship and food again next year.



**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!

It is time to place your orders for Easter lilies \$14.00 and/or spring bulbs \$13.50 in memory of your loved ones. We are asking that you have your order in by April 7th. You can send your check and order form to Jessica Rontey at 1391 Garfield Rd. Stephentown, NY 12168. Please make checks out to Angel's Trumpet Flowers. The lilies and bulbs will be placed on the altar in time for our Easter service.

Your name or family name(s)	In memory of:	Specify your choice of Lily \$14 or spring bulbs \$13.50
Your name or family name(s)	In memory of:	
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Total number of lilies and/or bulbs ordered _____

Your total amount enclosed \$ _____

Send inquiries to Jessica Rontey at jlynn1016@yahoo.com

MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:45 am choir rehearsal 9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour		9:30 am Heavenly Quilters				9:00-11:00 am Food Pantry
April 21 st Sunrise Service Garfield Cemetery 6:30 followed by Continental Breakfast Easter Service 9:30am Sunday School 3 rd Sunday each month	7:00 pm Gen Com 4 th week of month		6:00 pm AA			May 11 th Cemetery & Church yard clean up

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



Daylight Savings Time: March 10th Don't forget to turn your clocks forward

General Committee Members:

- Arlene Longo, Secretary (518) 733- 6177
- Barb Terpening, Treasurer (518) 527-0182
- Don Leab, Rep-Methodist (413) 738-5915
- Kate Beach, Rep-Sonshiners (518) 935-8536
- Heather Eckhardt, Rep-Presbyterian (518) 733-5137
- Joanne Hennig, Chair/Christian Ed(518) 956-2422
- Bev Westfall, Worship Comm/Choir(518) 658-2529
- Jean Bolen, Rep - Methodist (571) 255-0751
- Larry Eckhardt, Rep- Presbyterian/Facilities Chair (518)733-5137
- Malcom Beal, Rep, Men's B'fast Group (518) 209-3795
- Church Telephone (518) 733-5813

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, 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 & Michael 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, Cynthia LeBeau, Cindy Hennig, Hal, Ronald Terpening



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

Sunday Worship Services available on our website:
www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org

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To: