



**September/October 2019**

**As we usher in the most beautiful season in our area---Autumn, we welcome back our Choir. We welcome back our Parishioners who have been away for the summer and we continue to welcome our Pastors who have so graciously serve our church during the search for our new pastor.**

**While our General Committee has continued to keep running, our smaller committees (but no less important), have enjoyed a summer respite themselves.**

**Welcome back to all of you as we begin to plan our fall and winter programs for our services. A huge thank you to the General Committee for tirelessly seeking to keep the church focused and organized.**

**This past year we have kept or made efforts to keep our sanctuary mold and moisture free. Pierce hall has had a little lift by the coffee area. It too has seen a new cleaner. Our new furnaces have served us well. The manse is ready and waiting for a new pastor.**

**We seek to include our parish in most all the decisions made for Stephentown Federated. Thank you all for your patience and your input in choosing the “best choice” for our “Body of Christ” for communion. It was not made lightly, and the wafers meet the needs of those with allergies and health concerns with the other choices. It seems to still be a live issue, and several have asked the worship committee in writing to revisit this topic. We will have a worship committee meeting the first week in September. If you have any written input, please put it in Bev’s choir box in Pierce Hall.**

**As our decisions for the church are made by committees, one has been established to decide on the best choice for an entryway on the manse side. Please speak to Larry Eckhardt if you would like to be a part of this decision. As these committees are regrouping for the fall and winter, we welcome those who are interested in joining one of them. Fresh ideas are always welcome.**

**There has been expressed interest in becoming a member of this church. Please reach out to Bev Westfall or Joanne Hennig if you are currently not a member and would like to become one. A fall ceremony is planned.**

**As we approach the season of giving and thanks; Stephentown Federated seeks to be the lighthouse of our community. Please check out our calendar of events for all the opportunities to join us in fellowship and fun.**

**God Bless,**

**Joanne Hennig, General Committee Chairperson  
Bev Westfall, Worship Committee Chairperson**

## Visiting Shut-Ins

Rev. Bonnie Bates has graciously volunteered to visit our shut-ins and people in nursing homes and assisted living places with General Committee's approval and are grateful for her service and for all the help Rev. Dan Daniels and Rev. Bob Lowenthal have provided for special cares of our congregation. We are very grateful to all the people in our congregation who help us in this ministry. It has been the piece that has been the most difficult to fulfill since we do not have our own pastor. If you or a family member have a need, please contact Rev. Bonnie Bates, Bev Westfall or Joanne Hennig.



## Choir

Welcome back to our faithful choir members. We are getting excited about having them back as a part of our regular worship. We have missed them. I have missed them. Hopefully everyone is rejuvenated and ready to sing again. We are especially looking for some sopranos and altos to join us. Our first rehearsal is Thursday September 5, at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you then.

Bev



## Search Committee

Our search committee is ready and willing to act on any decision that comes our way. Information has been slow coming. I have put in for another update with the Albany Presbytery and have talked to Rev. Rich Weihing, the Methodist Superintendent about the possibility of looking at ministers currently still in seminary but willing to serve. That conversation may continue after Rev. Rich comes back from vacation August 31, 2019. We are grateful to our current guest ministers who continue to bring the word of God to us.



## Apportionments

A special thank you to those who have sent in your share of the apportionments for this 2019 year. These apportionments are assigned yearly to us from our respective larger denominations. It works out that for Methodist we are charged \$75 dollars per member and the Presbytery \$43 dollars per member for our larger connectional denominations. If you haven't had a chance to participate in this part of our church, please consider doing so. You may send it to Stephentown Federated Church, PO Box 10, Stephentown, New York 12168.

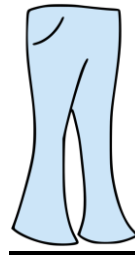


Just a reminder we do have a way for you to hear our guest ministers if you are away. Except for two weeks in August when our webmaster was on vacation, the Sunday services are usually posted at the latest by Tuesday night. We invite you to listen to these at [stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://stephentownfederatedchurch.org).



### 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.



### Blue Jeans

Have you noticed the large donation box for your jeans in Pierce Hall. Laurelyn is collecting denim blue jeans (any condition) for a sewing project in Phoenix. The useable sections of the jeans will be cut into squares, decorative material fused onto each piece and fashioned into quilts to be given to youngsters at a children's home. Sunshine Acres is Christian based and services children in the greater Phoenix area.

## The Stephentown Federated Church Men's Group

### 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:

No Meeting 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.

## SonShiners

**Meetings: Bring a dish to share at 8am**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**We thank all of you who supported our successful Bake/Produce Sale and Silent Auction in August.**

**We are donating \$500 to the Upper New York HUB “Hands of Jesus Around the World” Hygiene Kit campaign which are distributed not only overseas but also in the US and to the help those affected by natural disasters and those placed in transition shelters along the US/Mexico border.**

### **Fundraising:**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Social and Craft/Tag Sale at Ioka Valley Farm 10 am to 4 pm**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> deadline for booth rentals.**

**Join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> for some ice cream!!!!**



**October 12<sup>th</sup> we will be serving our Italian Dinner starting at 5:30 pm**



**November 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day Luncheon 11 – 2**



**Ministers for September 2019 through January 1, 2020**

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

**October 6..... Rev. Bob Lowenthal**  
**13.....Rev. Dan Daniels**  
**20.....Rev. Dan Daniels**  
**27.....Rev. Betsy 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**



**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!**

## 2019-2020 Communion Sheet

The new sheet for the coming year is now available. If for any reason you need a change or don't feel you can commit to serving communion during the next year please let Bev Westfall know and the desired changes will be made.

### Communion Servers Schedule for 2019-2020

September 1, 2019	Laurelyn and Doug Mayen
October 6, 2019	Jean Bolen Ted Bears
November 3, 2019	Nancy & Malcolm Beal
December 1, 2019	Joe and Judy Leland
January 5, 2020	Donna and Skip Densing
February 2, 2020	Larry & Heather Eckhardt (Kate Beach)
March 1, 2020	Mary Schnyer Helen Wallbank
April 5, 2020	Don & Judy Leab
May 3, 2020	Paul and Joan McMillan
June 7, 2020	Barb and Richard Terpening
July 5, 2020	Joanne Hennig Ted Bears
August 2, 2020	Donna & Skip Densing
September 6, 2020	Laurelyn and Doug Mayen

*As a communion server for a specific Sunday please bring Grape juice. The gluten Free crackers have been purchased by the church.*

*\*\*\*Serving gluten free crackers only is a change that was made to better serve our congregation.*

**Please use gloves when placing crackers on the new communion plates. In order to avoid the crackers sliding on the floor, place a napkin on the plate then put the crackers on the napkin, then place another napkin on top to cover the crackers. Please come up at the beginning of the communion hymn to remove the cloth. Please serve the pianist **first** so she can then play during the distribution of the elements. Following communion please re-cover the communion table immediately as the minister is going back up to the pulpit.**

*Communion needs to be prepared and on the table by 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. It is the responsibility of the servers to both **set up and clean up** following the service. If you find this an impossibility for this month, please contact any one on the list as a substitute. If no one is available to take your place, please contact Bev Westfall at 658-2529.*

*Thank you for being an integral part of our congregation.*

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>9 am choir rehearsal</b>  <b>9:30 am Service</b> <b>10:30 am Coffee Hour</b>		<b>9:30 am Heavenly Quilters</b>  <b>SonShiners Election Day Luncheon</b> <b>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 11-2</b>				<b>9:00-11:00 am Food Pantry</b>
		<b>7:00 pm Gen Com</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> week of month</b>	<b>6:00 pm AA</b>	<b>Choir 6:30 pm</b>		<b>Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> SonShiners Fall Festival @ IOKA 10 – 4</b>  <b>SonShiners Italian Dinner Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Starting 5:30 pm</b>

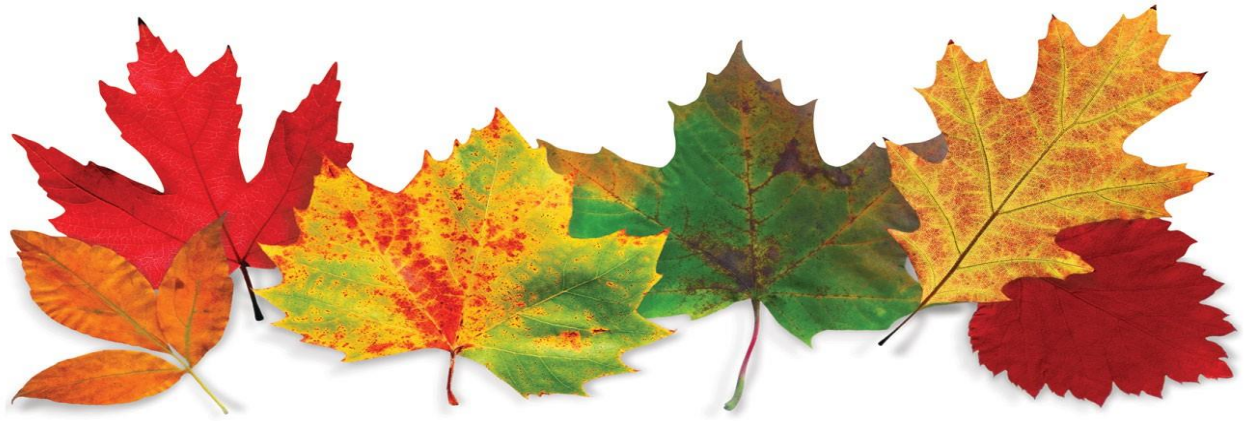
**Each month: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ---Communion – Open to all**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday---Hymn Sing at beginning of service**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday---Contemporary Service –**  
**Visual screen used for readings and hymns**

**Last Year's Christmas Cards**

**I was cleaning off a corner of my desk and there sat last year's Christmas Cards. Hmn! What do I do with them? Throw them out? Put them in the attic? We just had a service on Prayer. Why not take a card a day and pray for the people on that card? Just a thought! If it's too late for last year's plan on this years!**

**God Bless!**





**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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**To:**