

## Newsletter June 2021

Hello Everyone,

The General Committee met May 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the business of the church and the possible reopening of the church. The first Sunday the church will be open is June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday morning service. We appreciate the hard work of the Opening Committee, headed by Arlene Longo for coming up with our guidelines that General Committee approved.

We hope you will join us using these guidelines. If you find that in person worship is not yet for you, we will continue to provide an online service. as best we can. It will be slightly different. Eventually, it will be a video recording of the actual service uploaded on YouTube thanks to Doug Mayen. It will be available as soon as we can get it uploaded. Currently, Chip Winnard from Woods Brothers Music is working with us to upgrade our sound system to make this happen. You and others will then be able to find our services directly on YouTube/Stephentown Federated Church or on the link on our website.

The spirit of Christ be with each of you and your families.

God bless

Bev

### Reopening Guidelines –

Stephentown Federated Church

Effective June 6, 2021

If you answer “YES” to any of these questions, please enjoy the Services Live via YouTube at Home.

### COVID-19 Screening Questions

- Have you shown any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone confirmed or suspected of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you travelled within a state or country with significant community spread of COVID-19 for longer than 24 hours within the past 14 days?

### “In The Building” Worship Services

1. Please enter through the front doors.
2. Please wear a face mask at all times – we have masks available if you need one.
3. Hand sanitizer is available as you enter, exit, and in the pews.
4. Please sign in (for tracing purposes only, should it be necessary).
5. Please sit in designated pews only. A distance of 6’ must be maintained at all times, in all directions, between groups or individuals.
6. No Sunday School. Children are to stay with family.
7. No singing at this time (state and CDC guidelines mandate 12’ between singers and this is not feasible).
8. Hymnals and Bibles have been removed. If you bring your Bible, please be sure to take it with you when you leave.
9. No Coffee Hour. Pierce Hall is unavailable except for restroom use.
10. Donation plate will be centrally located.
11. When exiting, please stay in your pew until you can achieve 6’ distancing from others. Exit from the back of the church first, through the front doors only.

## Skye Farm Camp

Skye Farm is open for campers and families July and August. Sounds great!

Specific info about family camp programs can be found here (scroll down): <https://skiefarmcamp.org/event/>

This is where you can view summer programs online: <https://campsandretreats.org/programs-category/skye-farm/>

More resources for churches, including our scholarship form, can be found here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8w12habu66ty4k4/AADdGauu5tUWqLcS0damCafma?dl=0>

We're also in the midst of hiring counselors and support staff, so if you have youth/young adults age 17+ who are interested in working at camp you can direct them to apply at [skiefarm.campbrainstaff.com](http://skiefarm.campbrainstaff.com).

Joy Lowenthal

## Stephentown Emergency Food Pantry

Post Office Box 387, Stephentown, New York 12168  
(518) 487-8606

Serving the community since 1983  
This food pantry is an equal opportunity provider

February 8, 2021

Stephentown Federated Church  
1513 Garfield Road  
Stephentown, New York 12168

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your donation of \$100.00, Stewart's milk cards and the groceries collected from the Souper Bowl event for the Food Pantry. Your support means a great deal to us and the community.

Very truly yours,



Meredith Rhindress  
Treasurer



**Help Needed - Lawn Care of Church & Manse Properties**

Please contact Larry Eckhardt @ 518-733-5137 or at [KCFCAAC@taconic.net](mailto:KCFCAAC@taconic.net) if you can mow and trim the properties this season. Tractor available in Manse garage.



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Joann Williams; 7<sup>th</sup> Skip Densing; 8<sup>th</sup> Matthew Eckhardt & Paul McMillan

July 5<sup>th</sup> Heather Eckhardt; 11<sup>th</sup> Patience Westfall; 18<sup>th</sup> Don Leab; 24<sup>th</sup> Jo Leland

August 1<sup>st</sup> Tammy Madden; 7<sup>th</sup> Don Lewandoski; 17<sup>th</sup> Maureen Saxby; 19<sup>th</sup> Catherine Beach; 26<sup>th</sup> Bev Westfall



P.O. Box 405  
Honeoye Falls NY 14472

[www.qmconnect.org](http://www.qmconnect.org)  
[lminderman@yahoo.com](mailto:lminderman@yahoo.com)

May 2, 2021

Dear Members of Stephentown Church,

Enclosed is a letter from Moratuoa. He has been promoted to his final year of high school, Form E.

QMC board members are working closely with Qholaqhoe High School staff to support students and keep them in school. Our Emergency Food Fund has continued to provide food supplies for students living alone with no support. Schools were closed for over six months which meant that students who receive extra food at lunch and an extra meal on Fridays went without.

The letters we have received show us the impact of a health pandemic on a small African country and the difficulties there are the same we are experiencing here in our own country, loss of jobs, closed schools and businesses, travel restrictions, isolation, fear. The good news is that the World Health Organization has provided Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines and health workers have been the first to be fully vaccinated. The early government restrictions on travel, mask and social distancing, have kept infection rates low and no new cases have been reported in the country for the last few weeks. Schools have now re-opened and country-wide restrictions have been eased.

The connections between sponsors and students are very important so please continue to write and emotionally support your student. Linda Gorham, QMC board member, will again be sending you information on a new process by-passing an unreliable post office system.

Thank you for your support and your trust. It is greatly appreciated by all the families and students in Qholalqhoe.

Lynn Minderman

Abelagole High School  
P.O. Box 30  
Botha-Botha 400  
Lesotho

21 March 2021

Dear Stephen Dwan Church

Hi! How are you? I hope you are still doing good. I am very glad to write this letter and tell you that we are still at school.

In Lesotho Covid-19 is not too much, and that is why we are still going to school. I am working hard on my school work because I am going to write final exam in October. I don't have time for playing right now especially when I am at school because I want to pass and go to university so that I can improve my the life of my family.

Here  
Here in my country it is time of winter and this season is too cold. I like it because we are going to eat beans, maize and sorghum. In winter we cook traditional food such as (nyekae, Sebera, Lehala and Potele). This is a nice season but it is very cold. Another thing is that in winter we stay at home because of cold and this will help us not to get Covid-19. We are going to close the school on the 30 June and we are close for winter.

At my home we grow different vegetables. Our plots are covered with beautiful pink and red flowers. I am always remove weeds on it so that it can look beautiful all the times. But in this time of winter the vegetables become dry fast because of cold.

How <sup>do</sup> your country looks right now? I mean how the trees looks, ~~an~~ flowers and what season <sup>you are</sup> is. I hope you are still protected among this Covid-19. Please take care all the times, and I promise you that I will always work hard on my school work.

Please great all your ~~school~~ family members

Yours faithfully  
Moratupa Kherumala