

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Please pray for our church and our finding a new Minister and for our Search Committee!!

Stephentown Federated Church Half-time Pastor

We are searching for a pastor who will work with our leadership to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of our church family. The Stephentown Federated Church is made up of the Stephentown Presbyterian and Methodist congregations which merged in 1948. We share all resources including clergy, worship services, and facilities. For more information check out our website www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org.

LET US JOIN OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

Read Prayer Requests

We've gathered prayer requests and celebrations from across the Presbytery. Taking a moment to read them not only keeps us connected but helps us carry one another in love and prayer.

Dear Friends in Faith,

The peace Jesus offers us is a peace that does not necessarily pluck us out of our trials, but rather comforts in the midst of crisis and trouble... this is evidenced by Jesus' very own timing - it was on the night of his betrayal when He would be handed over to be crucified, an opportune time for Jesus to display before his disciples, the power of true peace...his peace.

“Peace I give to you on this dark night...and a peace that is not from the world.”

In tumultuous times in our nation, world, and in our own hearts, we know that the world cannot offer lasting peace.

Thanks be to God that it is Jesus, who then, now, and will always, offer us His peace.

“Peace does not mean

to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work.

Peace means to be in the midst of all those things

*and still be calm in your heart.” ~Anonymous**

Praying peace for you in all seasons of your lives,

Rev. Laura Mitchell

Long - term Prayer Concerns:

Georgie, Kelly & Joe, Mary Hamilton, Betty Ann Hanlon, Don Leab, Marge, Lois Leab, Heather & Larry Eckhardt, Joane & Paul McMillan, Adrienne & family, Tom Foody, Nancy & Malcom Beal, Fiona (Beal's granddaughter), Liam (Beal's grandson), Liane, Ella (Beal's Granddaughter), Sarah (Beal's daughter), Garrett & Family (Beal's grandson), Ron & Lois Beal, Bonnie & Rick, Bev, Portia, Joy & Bob Lowenthal, Trygve Tomlinson & family, Joe & Arlene Longo, Tony Longo & his partner Dana (praying for the blessing of a baby), Sal Longo, Denise -Joe Longo's sister-in-law, Steve Schnuyer, Tammy Madden, Martha Lagerwahl, Karen Volpi, Judy & Joe Leland, Barbara (Leland's daughter), Angelica (Leland's granddaughter), Debbie Knapp, Kathryn & the twins, Victoria, Sam & Ben, James & his family, Garrett, Peggy, Mike, & Greg, Janice, Melisa/Lou/Jake/Brett, Shannon Adams, Cindy Hennig, Titi Lourdes (Jay's aunt), Terriane Koepp, Laurelyn & Doug Mahen, Laurelyn & Doug's daughter-in law's mom, Becca Fenander, Margie Fenander, Jane Lancaster, Jessica Morris' mom, Nancy Rogers, Zack Hanson, Deb Pentak, Pat Breen, Kathi Jones, Edna May and family, Peter Hamilton, Jerry & Paula Robinson, Fred King, Avin Mayette, Denise (Therese Hatch's sister), Sherry & Mel Gallup, Sue, Janet Atwater, Judy & John Harper, Jonathan Koepp, Rob Fronsman & Family, Phil & Annie Trowbridge & family, David (Joy's brother-in-law), Heather & family, Richie (Skip's friend), Rick (Mary S nephew), Joanne & Mimi (Kate's friends), Ruth Culver (Kate's friend), Linda Cook, Jonathan (Donna's nephew), Ron & Louise Beals and the LGBTQ community

Please pray for our prayer partner church and their Pastor

Dios Viviente Aldea Pueblo Nuevo, San Juan Ostuncalco

Pastor Martin de Leon Juarez

As always . . .we pray for:

Our farmers, those with emotional/mental/physical illnesses, the unknown addict, those being cared for & the caregiver, those in transition, those suffering from addiction(s), Emergency Responders, youth of today, those in weather ravaged places, those who don't get where they are going who are cold/alone, the Military and their families, our Veterans, & our elected leaders, those imprisoned, organ donors, those who mourn, those persecuted for their faith, those who have no one to pray for them, those not mentioned out loud, the unemployed, all refugees and the nations locked in conflict

Safe travel for all

THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS!



Pentecost Sunday, May 24th

As you enter church pick up a red ribbon from the bowl to wear during the service.



“Vacations”

Everyone needs a little time off now and then - a chance to recharge and refresh - and church folks are no exceptions! Jenn has graciously offered to fill in for Bev for the month of August, and Arlene will take a break from the weekly slide presentations during July and August (she wants to go fishing!). Not to worry - both will be back to “work” in September. Enjoy your summer everyone!

Choir

Speaking of vacations..... May is choir’s last month for regular anthems until September. For the month of June, choir members have chosen special “golden oldies” and will meet at 9 am each Sunday morning for a quick run-through. YOU are all welcome to join us! Please feel free to be a part of this fun and relaxed group - we would love to have you.



SUMMERTIME SPECIAL MUSIC - for July and August, YOU have the opportunity to provide music in the anthem spot. There will be sheets taped to the front pew behind Bev -- sign up and let us know what you have planned. Would you like to sing or maybe join someone in a duet? Do you play an instrument? Is there a special song from a CD that you would like to share with everyone? - if the latter is the case, just be sure to get it to Bev ahead of time so that she can ensure that we are following proper copyright laws. Thanks so much.



3RD Annual Picnic

Please join us Sunday, July 19th for our Annual Church Picnic! It's a pot-luck affair where everyone brings a dish to share - what's your specialty? This year we've decided to hold the festivities indoors in Pierce Hall. That way we don't have to worry about the weather, and the prep and cleanup will be so much easier. We'll have a list for folks to say what they are bringing (so we won't end up with 8 potato salads!). Arlene and Nancy are teaming up again to help organize so more details will be coming very soon. Stay tuned - we'll need your help! And your games, and your time, and your muscles to set up and take down, and..... well, you get it.



2026 SONSHINERS GARDEN/BAKE SALE IS BACK!



To Be Held in Conjunction With the Stephentown Historical Society's Annual Car Wash

Please join us on Sunday, August 16th for our annual SonShiners Garden/Bake Sale! This year we will once again join with the Stephentown Historical Society at their yearly Car Wash to be held at the Scrub Board Laundromat and Car Wash located on Route 22 just south of Route 43. This fund raiser for the SonShiners will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We need your help! Please help us to make this event a big success by donating fresh veggies from your garden and/or by baking some goodies for sale. Veggies and baked goods can be brought to the Stephentown Federated Church at 1513 Garfield Road on the day of the event between 9:00 and 9:30 am, or you can bring them to the location (address above) by 11 am. If you have any questions, please see Kate or Barb at church.

Please note: In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, August 23rd.

Thank you! And we hope to see you there!

SonShiners

Our meetings are held the third Sunday of the month at 8am. Please join us - come with a dish to share.

Italian Dinner - October 17th

Election Day Luncheon - November 3rd

The Community Breakfast Group News

Late Spring - Early Summer 2026

Our April 5th meeting fell on Easter Sunday this year. Rather than having the regular breakfast get-together, we opted to participate in the Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast. Both the service at 6:30am and the light breakfast were very well attended. The May meeting was also very well attended with 34 well

fed gathering for food and fellowship. Thanks everyone for coming. Matt Eckhardt, Bryan McMillan and Malcolm Beal along with other volunteers made a great feast, as usual.

We discussed the money in our treasury and some projects at the church and around the community that could use financial help. I thank God for all his blessings and especially for our wonderful community of regular attendees of the monthly breakfasts gathering.

Breakfast dates for the rest of the spring: June 7th, the last breakfast before summer break. Breakfast starts at 8:00am sharp. Attending church after breakfast is not required, however, we'd love to have you for both! Come and join us. We start our regular breakfast meetings again in the fall on October 4th.

If you'd like to be on our e-mail list, please reach out to Paul McMillan, Larry Eckhardt or Ted Bears. Everyone is invited-come one, come all.

Any questions or need additional information, contact Larry Eckhardt at 518-573-2565.



June	7	Skip Densing
	8	Keith Westfall
	12	Mariday Cushing
	14	Matthew Eckhardt
	14	Paula McMillan
	14	Kat Fronsman
	29	Paul Guilbeault
	30	Frank Hamilton
July	5	Heather Eckhardt
	7	Audriah Squires
	11	Patience Westfall
	13	Shannon Adams
	18	Don Leab
	24	Joe Leland
August	1	Tammy Madden
	6	Eric Ross
	7	Julie Brazie
	17	Maureen Saxby
	19	Catherine (Kate) Beach
	26	Bev Westfall