



# The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church

APRIL 2024



*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,<sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body.<sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.” (Luke 24:2-5)*

**Greetings,** as we celebrate the miracle of Easter and joy at knowing that we serve a Lord who lives. The passage above is my favorite telling of the resurrection stories because it makes that point very clear to the women. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but risen.”

All too often, we tend to focus on the negative, to look for the worst in a situation, instead of seeing that at first what may look like a struggle really presents us with an opportunity for growth into something new and wonderful. This is the situation which the women faced on that first Easter morning. After all that had taken place Thursday and Friday, they now go to Jesus’ grave and find his body missing. They are surely devastated and certain that someone has taken his body. They are so focused on the “bad” that they fail to recognize that angels are standing there with them. Angels who bring them great news. That Jesus has risen!

The angels challenge the women, calling them to recognize that at what seemed a reason for despair is really an opportunity to rejoice! That is what is an amazing thing about Easter. It brings to life that which was thought to be beyond saving. With the resurrection, we can know that regardless of what the world tried to accomplish, God brings life and good news.

May we celebrate this week and into the future that we will find Jesus among the living; that there is hope for the future, no matter what the world may throw at us; and that our loving and powerful God gives us hope, even when we are challenged to carry on.

*Pastor Dang*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **District Days -**

Bishop heads to the Albany District to gather with clergy and laity at [Shenendehowa United Methodist Church](#) on **April 9th at 7:00 pm**. The church is located at **971 Route 146 in Clifton Park**.

Our annual **Rummage Sale** will be on **Friday, May 3<sup>RD</sup> from 9AM - 3PM** and on **Saturday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> from 9AM to 12 with a bag sale from noon to 1PM**.

We are planning to start setup on Thursday April 25 at 10 am to 3 pm. The same on Friday 26, Saturday 27, & Monday 29.

On Tuesday April 30th - 10am to 3pm & 6 to 8 pm

On Wednesday May 1st - 10am to 3pm

On Thursday May 2nd - 10am to 3 pm & 6 to 8 pm

Clean up afterwards! Any questions please call Martha or RoyAnn. **The WOMEN's GROUP will meet on MONDAY APRIL 8 to finalize the details.**

There will be a **Bake sale/Soup sale on Saturday, April 20** at our next indoor community breakfast. All baked goods and soups should be labeled. Cookies, brownie etc. should be packaged with six or twelve in a package. Prepackaging allows for less handling of the baked goods. Please note on item if nuts are in the baked good due to allergy concerns. We will not be having a bake/soup sale at the rummage sale this year. All proceeds from the April sale will go to the womens group (SUMW). I will be at church from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on April 19 for drop off. Any questions call or text me at [518-429-9998](tel:518-429-9998). - Deb Cieslak

**Volunteers Needed-** To take out the recycling and trash to the curb on Tues. and retrieving it on Wed. Please sign up and help us to share the responsibility. Thank you -Erik

SUMC has a team walking in the **Crop Walk on 5/5/24**. Our team name is Scotia United Methodist Church - you can donate to the team or register yourself as a walker (& track your donations) at the following link -

[//events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/schenectadyny](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/schenectadyny) Or you can write a check and give it to one of the walkers in person. Thank you for your support.

**The Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry** has had a busy 3 months with their usual clients and a lot of new ones. The people the pantry serves are appreciative of anything they receive.

As you know, we support the S-G food pantry through Bottles-for-Bread, donations of money, food, paper products, etc. Each month during service we will be collecting for the food pantry on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. However, you can bring in your "bottles" any time and put them in the red container near the kitchen. If you have too many bottles to bring in, call Dick Knapp (518-810-6569) and arrangements can be made for pickup.

The Food Pantry appreciates everything you care to donate. Please keep 2 things in mind. (1) Most families using their services consist of 1 or 2 people so regular sized items are more appropriate than "Family Size" items. (2) Those on assistance can use their SNAP (Supplementary Nutritional Assistance Program) benefits **ONLY FOR FOOD!** They can not purchase toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, soap, personal hygiene and other everyday needs. With that in mind, I am asking that you consider bringing items that they can not buy with their benefits. Thank you for your continued support.—Dick



## Meetings & Events

Women’s Group April 8th  
 District Days April 9th  
 Community Breakfast Bake Sale/Soup Sale Sat. April 20  
 Finance Meeting April 23rd at 6:30 pm  
 Admin. Council Meeting April 23rd at 7:00 pm

## April Birthdays

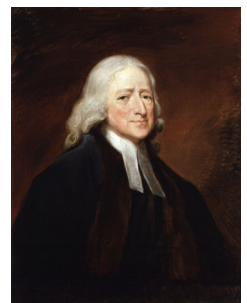
**4/6 Mary Lou Keenan**  
**4/6 Philip Benner**  
**4/17 Karen DeSorbo**  
**4/18 Judy Dudley**  
**4/23 John Buhrmaster**

**4/26 Stephanie Cook**  
**4/29 Bob Van Vorst**  
**4/30 Dale Brown**



## Wesley’s Wisdom

“There is no true faith, that is, justifying faith, which hath not the righteousness of Christ for its object.”





Church Treasurer's Report

02/29/2024

	YTD <u>Feb-24</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	
Individual Contributions	\$19,474
Investment Income	\$7
Building Use/Rent	\$1,685
Fund Raising	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$21,166</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Wages	\$8,892
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$2,295
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$539
Church Operations	\$984
Church Program	\$67
Parsonage	\$582
Church Building	\$7,661
Apportionments	\$1,517
Benevolences	<u>(\$233)</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$22,305</b>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b><u>(\$1,140)</u></b>



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