

APRIL

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Scotia UMC

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"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said."

Matthew 28:6 KJV

As many of you have heard in worship or read in my letter, I will be leaving Scotia United Methodist Church to become the pastor of Saint Paul's UMC in Saint Albans, VT. I will miss you all. You have touched my life in amazing ways. An important part of leave-taking is actually leaving. So that means, when your beloved baby is born, I will not come back to do the baptism; when you get engaged, I will not preside over your wedding; when your loved one passes away, I should not be contacted to do the funeral.

This also means as of July 1st, some of my facebook settings will change so that you can build a new relationship with the incoming pastor. Bishop Walter Underwood offers ten commandments for those who will be receiving a new pastor. I think these suggestions are an important thing to remember as you graciously welcome the new pastor into your midst.

Ways We Can Say "Welcome"

Give your name to the new pastor for several months. Wear your name tag! You only have to learn one new name. The new pastor (and their family) have to learn many names and faces, so help out by giving your name until you are asked to stop. Avoid playing the "You should know me by now" or the "What's my name?" games. Your new pastor will be eager to learn who you are, but your help is needed.

Always speak to the pastor first. The new pastor may be uncertain as to your identity, so by all means, make yourself be known. And, at all costs, avoid playing "The new pastor doesn't even know me" game.

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Woman's Group Meeting Monday April 14th at 7:00 pm

Our speaker will be **Peter D. Bowden**, who you may recognize from TV. He often does sessions on plants and gardens and represents Hewitt's Garden Center.

Peter's talk will be, **"Waking Up Our Gardens & Bringing Them Breakfast In Bed"**. Come one, come all, EVERYONE, male & female, is invited to hear what Peter has to tell us. Refreshments will be served.

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

4/6 Sean Flansburg
4/13 Clarence Mosher
4/20 Marcia Smith
4/27 RoyAnn Rogerson

Sound

4/6 Mark Cieslak
4/13 Dave Read
4/20 Bob Hatt
4/27 Don Smith

Greeters

4/6 Deb Elliott
4/13 Martha & Bob Hatt
4/20 Don & Marcia Smith
4/27 TBA

Nursery

4/6 Barbara Blum
4/13 Bonnie Ericson
4/20 Deb Elliott
4/27 Sue Sykes

Ushers

4/6 Carl & Janet Fitch
4/13 Sue Sykes, McKenzie Sykes
4/20 Handy family
4/27 Deb Cieslak, Holly Russo


Social

4/6 Pat & Dick Knapp
4/13 Cindi & Ken Handy
4/20 Kim Huhtala & friends
4/27 Sarah Caterina & Pastor

Counters

4/6 Clarence Mosher, Judy Matthews
4/13 Martha Hatt, Judy Swain
4/20 Tim Keegan, Dick Knapp
4/27 Pat Knapp, Dean Goodell

BAKERS NEEDED! Judy Swain is asking for cake bakers for the chicken dinner on April 12th. Please call her at 372-1512 or e-mail at kswain3@nycap.rr.com to respond to her request and tell her what you will be baking. Thank you!

THE PIECEMAKERS are alive and well again! Thanks to everyone who donated money toward the purchase of a new roll of batting for our quilt ministry. We all appreciate your generosity in allowing us to continue this ministry.  Thank you! PS I am issuing another invitation to anyone who is interested in learning how to piece a quilt. It's all straight sewing, nothing fancy. It looks difficult but it's not. (The choice of prints adds to the look of difficulty of the design.) - Holly

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Labels for Education – We have a swap meet with Bank of America at each trip. So if you are not using your labels, please consider bringing them to church.

Regional Food Bank – On the third Tuesday of each month everyone is invited to go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return around 4:30. Our next trip is **TUESDAY, April 15th**.

Recently Sheila Holloway mentioned that some of the children would like to go on a Saturday. Unfortunately, Saturdays are fully booked up for the next few months. But the children, with some adults, can go on a Sunday afternoon, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Also, the Regional Food Bank needs assistance on Monday and Friday evenings 5:00 – 8:00. If you are interested in going with the children, please contact Sheila (384-1283 or holloway798@earthlink.net).

Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry collections for food and cash, during service the **2nd and 4th Sundays each month**. Cash will purchase fresh items locally & from the Food Bank. Current needs: personal hygiene products, soap, shampoo, toilet paper etc.

Bottles for bread – Please place your clean **returnable** bottles in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds go to Scotia Food Pantry.

Box Tops for Education - Box tops for education can be found on some cereal boxes, yogurt containers and numerous other containers. If you are not giving yours to a school, please drop them off at church and we will donate them to local schools.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for any of the above, please contact Dick Knapp (393-5737) or knappster933@gmail.com or anyone on the Mission Team.

Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate in the prayer shawl group. We have a good supply of yarn. Contact Pat Knapp 393-5737 or knappptyme@covad.net

Spring is in the air! The trustees and the Sunday School teachers would like to kick off our Spring with a full day of cleaning on **Saturday April 5th from 8 am to 4 pm**. If you can provide *one hour or all day* your assistance will be appreciated. We are going to embark on a church wide cleaning spree beginning in the Sanctuary and one classroom. If you can dust, wash floors, vacuum, pick up garbage or move furniture, your help is needed. If you can pour juice or make coffee, your help is needed. We all have different abilities and all of us can contribute. All ages are welcome. Lunch will be provided. Contests will be held. Many hands make light work. Cleanliness is next to Godliness. The Church belongs to all of us and it needs some sprucing up especially with Easter soon arriving. We need to polish and vacuum the pews and woodwork in the sanctuary so we need vacuum cleaners with bags, mops and buckets, spic and span and dust cloths. We still have quite a bit of polish but if you would like to bring your own polish, please do so. We need window cleaners, step ladders, and rags to attack the Sunday school rooms. A few drills and hammers will be necessary for chalk boards and white boards. April 5th is our kick-off to a season-long work party in and outside of the church and parsonage. We are going to do all of the rooms and closets of our Church so that we are well-organized and tidy. We hope to see you there! **Please note: There are two special events taking place that day (in the Loomis Room and the Community Room), so please park your cars on the street to allow our guests to have parking spots.**

APRIL CALENDAR

4/1 **Tuesday morning Bible Study** (every Tuesday at 9:30 am)

4/2 **Lenten Study 7:00 pm, Loomis Room**

4/3 **Trustees Meeting 7 pm**

4/5 **Building Use** Loomis Room 11:00-2:00

All Church Work Party to get the sanctuary ready for Easter and to prepare for Sunday School classes to move upstairs

4/6 **31 Bag Party** after church in Fireside Room (profits support general fund)

4/9 **Lenten Study 7:00 pm, Loomis Room**

4/12 **Chicken Dinner**

4/13  **Palm Sunday**

4/14 **Scotia Women's Group-** 7 pm

4/15 **Food Bank** volunteers, meet at 2 pm

4/17 **Maundy Thursday** Dinner & Communion 6 pm – Community Room

4/18 *Good Friday Services* **Crosswalk 9 am starting at First Reformed**
Joint Good Friday Service at Alplaus UMC 7 pm

4/19 **Easter Eggs-travaganza! 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

4/20 **Resurrection Day!**

4/21 **Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7 pm**

4/26 **Men's Club Breakfast 8 am at Glenville Queen Diner**

4/28 **Admin. Council 7 pm**

Don't miss the Easter Eggs-travaganza! On Saturday, April 19th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bring a friend. Parents & Grandparents are welcome! Any questions, check with Sheila Holloway, Mary Connors or Jenn Breslin.

Ways We Can Say “Welcome” (continued)

Invite your new pastor to your home for a visit; even better, for a meal. That’s an excellent informal way to get to know each other.

Make sure you let your new pastor know when you need his or her attention. The pastor is not a magician or a holy diviner. There is no way a pastor can “magically” know when someone is ill or facing surgery. Another game to avoid: “I was sick and the pastor didn’t even come.” In a church there is no way a pastor can get around to everyone, and still tend to the other business of the church. You have to let your needs be known.

God is able to minister despite a particular pastor’s failures, but you have to let God do so. “I don’t go to church because I don’t like the pastor” reveals more of your shortcomings, disbelief in God and narrowness than the pastor’s ineptness.

Let your pastor express his or her uniqueness and experience. The new pastor’s ideas, though different from the former pastor’s, are likely good and will work. Be open to new leadership. There is more than one solution to a problem. We each have different gifts to share.

Adjust to the new pastor. Your former pastor’s strengths and weaknesses will be apparent to you now, and your new pastor’s strengths and weaknesses will become apparent after a while. One of the strengths of the United Methodist itinerant system is that the average United Methodist layperson will come to know the rich variety of people God has called into ministry. Our system allows a local church to be guided by well-rounded leadership over years.

Pray daily for the new pastor, and let him or her know that you are praying for them.

Finally, remember to whom and to what you owe loyalty. Your loyalty belongs, not to a former pastor, but to Christ and his Church. If you are clear on that, your new pastor will be pleased, and your loyalties will assume their appropriate places.

Blessings,
Pastor Megan

Please return this form in the Special Offering envelope if you would like to offer flowers **in memory or in honor** of someone on Easter morning. **Forms with check must be received in the church office no later than Sunday, April 6.**

Any questions, call Kim at 527-8623.

In Memory of _____

OR

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

6” pots for \$10.00 each: ____tulips ____hyacinths ____lilies ____daffodils

6” pots for \$20.00 each: ____hydrangeas or ____ azaleas

____Please check here if you would like your flowers to go to a shut-in after Easter service.

Church Treasurer's Report

January 2014	January	Budget Variance	To Prior Year Variance	
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD-B/-W</u>	<u>YTD-B/-W</u>	
Operating Income				
Individual Contributions	\$13,374	\$1,879	\$2,206	Both 2014 and 2013 were 4 week months.
Investment Income	\$1	\$0	-\$144	
Building Use/Rent	\$710	-\$140	\$310	
Fund Raising	\$0	-\$20	\$0	
Grant from Conference	\$833	\$0	\$0	
Total Operating Income	\$14,918	\$1,719	\$2,372	Due to better than expected Contributions.
Operating Expenses				
Wages	\$6,229	\$86	-\$96	
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$1,811	\$189	-\$70	
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$257	\$6	-\$3	
Church Operations	\$1,062	-\$120	-\$297	
Church Program	\$181	-\$42	-\$33	
Parsonage	\$1,734	-\$267	-\$591	Primarily due to plumbing and heating repairs
Church Building	\$5,241	-\$1,220	-\$2,346	Primarily due to plumbing and heating repairs
Apportionments	\$1,993	\$0	\$121	
Benevolences	\$46	\$29	\$34	
Total Operating Expenses	\$18,554	-\$1,339	-\$3,281	
Gain/-Loss	-\$3,636	\$380	-\$909	
Capital Campaign Donations	\$5,100	\$0	\$5,100	
Capital Spending	\$2,475			
Loan Interest Expense	\$158			
Bank Loan Balance	\$32,330			

Thank you. The Men's Club wants to thank everyone who came to share in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. There was lots of food to eat and the fellowship was great! Last year's pancake dinner netted \$280 for the Capital Campaign. This year's dinner netted \$500 towards the Capital Campaign. Thanks to all of you who came and thanks to all the men who worked so hard to put on the dinner.

Church Treasurer's Report

February 2014	February YTD	Budget Variance YTD-B/-W	To Prior Year Variance YTD-B/-W	
Operating Income				
Individual Contributions	\$23,700	\$990	\$1,081	Both 2014 & 2013 were 8 week YTD
Investment Income	\$166]	\$22	
Building Use/Rent	\$1,405	\$120	\$910	Mekeel Nursery Rent
Fund Raising	\$25	-\$15	\$25	
Grant from Conference	\$1,667	\$0	\$0	
Total Operating Income	\$26,963	\$1,095	\$2,038	
Operating Expenses				
Wages	\$12,619	\$14	-\$360	
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$3,586	\$414	-\$89	
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$517	\$1	-\$10	
Church Operations	\$1,259	-\$35	-\$298	
Church Program	\$219	-\$54	\$10	
Parsonage	\$3,858	-\$780	-\$2,021	Primarily due to plumbing & heating repairs.
Church Building	\$9,699	-\$1,435	-\$3,551	Primarily due to plumbing & heating repairs.
Apportionments	\$3,986	\$0	\$242	
Benevolences	\$46	\$29	\$34	
Total Operating Expenses	\$35,789	-\$1,846	-\$6,043	
Gain/-Loss	-\$8,826	-\$751	-\$4,005	
Capital Campaign Donations	\$5,200			
Capital Spending	\$2,475			Replastering of church altar area ceiling.
Loan Interest Expense	\$36			
Bank Loan Balance	\$31,424			

Crop Walk- Help get rid of hunger by walking on Sunday, May 4th. Sign up sheets and packets will be available in the Loomis Room starting Sunday, March 30th. Pick up a packet early so you can start getting pledges for the walk which will leave from the Emanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace.

From the Music Director- At the moment there are 4-6 choir members. If you'd like to have a bigger choir sound for Easter, you are invited to participate in two choir rehearsals for Easter, April 2 and 16 at 7:30 pm in the choir room downstairs. - Oded