

April 2016

Scotia UMC

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“He is not here. But has Risen.” – Luke 24:5

Happy Easter Season!

The last Sunday of March we celebrated Resurrection during our Easter Sunday service. We rejoiced together in beginning a new year of resurrection and rebirth. This month we continue our Easter celebration since Easter is not just one day. It is a season of 50 days. The Easter Season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and lasts 50 days (The Great Fifty Days) concluding on the Day of Pentecost.

This month we will continue to rejoice in Resurrection by celebrating rebirth and renewal – individually and collectively as a people, a church, and a nation. Every Easter Season we are invited to follow in the footsteps of Jesus’ earliest friends who entered into the tomb. They had gone to the tomb for a necessary but sad task, expecting to play a part in the ritual of death. Instead they find that Jesus has been resurrected to new life!

This month may we also enter into the tomb. Let us enter into those dark and lifeless places that are in need of change, the change that only seeking Jesus brings. Each Easter we are given a gift, and I’m not referring to the baskets we receive. We are given the gift of resurrection. We are empowered to find the courage to step into the tomb where we expect death but instead find new life.

It takes courage to step into the tomb and it takes courage to dare to believe in God’s transforming power. However, every Easter let us not fear the invitation. The invitation to step into every place of death we can find in search of God and the promise and possibility for new life, today, tomorrow and for ever more.

In Christ’s Love,
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Wesley's Wisdom

From John Wesley's Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America

Morning Prayer – "O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin; neither run into any kind of danger: but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

4/3 Martha Hatt
4/10 Sean O'Sullivan
4/17 TBD
4/24 Dave Read

Sound

Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt
Don Smith

Greeters

4/3 Barbara Blum, June Pelham
4/10 Connie Large, Meredith Van Vorst
4/17 TBD
4/24 TBD

Counters

Pat Knapp, Tim Keegan

Ushers

4/3 Holly Russo, Deb Cieslak
4/10 Holly Russo, Deb Cieslak
4/17 Holly Russo, Dave Read
4/24 Holly Russo, Meredith Van Vorst

Social

Smith, Buhrmaster
Wesley family
Knapp family
Kevin Margas, Nicki Jaycox

Acolytes

4/3 Alec Flansburg, Rebecca Currier
4/10 Nicole Holloway, Zoey Flansburg
4/17 Daegan Connors, Kayden Graves
4/24 Kaleb Graves, Emily St. John

Youth Group Gathering – Friday, April 15th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Scotia Glenville Food Pantry 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

-Go through your pantry and lend a helping hand-

We will be collecting food and money this month on Sunday, April 10th and April 24th, right after the children's story. Please remember to bring something to help our community. Remember, "a little goes a long way."

Thank you— keep bringing in those bottles and cans, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education. Our Scotia-Glenville schools and our children benefit from these donations. Please take the time to cut them out and bring them in.

Regional Food Bank – We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 19 to volunteer at the Food Bank.

Mission Trips – Where does your interest lay? Schoharie flood clean up? East Coast clean up from Sandy? Seasonal set up and clean up for Skye Farm? These are just a few of the suggestions. If you have any other ideas, please share your thoughts.

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Spring Cleaning: On Saturday April 16 from 9 am to 2 pm, we will begin our spring cleaning inside the Church. All are welcome, especially children, who will receive special recognition for their participation on Children's Sunday. We will have groups doing various activities and if you have outstanding obligations in the morning then please come to the afternoon session; and if you have afternoon obligations come early. We will provide lunch at noon for all. If you can only come for an hour, please do so.

We will be doing a major dusting of the sanctuary so we need vacuums and some extra dusters. We will provide polish and dust cloths. We will collect trash outside and in the parking lot and inside the church. We will clean doorways and nooks and crannies. We will vacuum rooms that are not usually cleaned. And we will wash walls and windows so all cleaning products are welcome. Further, we will check light bulbs and batteries. If mobility is an issue we need coffee and water to drink so people in the kitchen are welcome. Please join us for a fun way to work together!



Support the 2016 Schenectady Crop Walk that will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Last year, our local crop walk made \$47,704.00 to help fight community hunger. Please consider walking or making a donation for this event. Contact Deb Cieslak at dcies4183@aol.com or Sue Van Vorst for further information.

Church Treasurers Report
29-Feb-16

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	February	Total thru
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2/29/2016</u>
Individual Contributions	\$11,573	\$21,983
Building Use/Rent	\$1,775	\$3,911
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$174	\$174
Other Designated Giving	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$13,521	\$26,068
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,519	\$13,287
Church Operations/Program	\$744	\$1,282
Parsonage Expenses	\$906	\$2,060
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$37	\$816
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$1,403	\$2,156
Church Building-All Other	\$674	\$1,193
Apportionments	\$2,142	\$4,734
Benevolences	\$94	\$94
Total Operating Expenses	\$12,520	\$25,622
Shortage	\$1,001	\$446

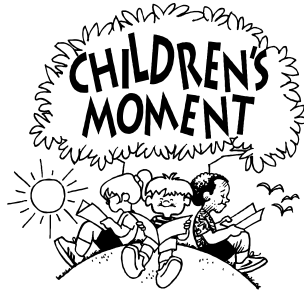
There was a surplus of \$1,001 for the month of February 2016.
Year to date surplus through February 29, 2016 is \$446.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

New Part Time Child Care Attendant

Please welcome Kimberly Dubrey, a junior at Scotia-Glenville High School. She has been hired to fill this position and will begin on Sunday, April 3rd. On the Sundays where no childcare is needed, Kimberly will be assisting in the Sunday School classrooms.

Liturgist Training Session on April 17th for anyone interested in learning more about what is involved when you agree to be liturgist. The training will take place in the fireside room from 11:30 - 12:00. Marcia Smith will share what is expected and tips on how to enjoy the opportunity.



- ❖ The ***Children's Easter Party*** held on 3/19/16 was a wonderful success filled with games, egg decorating, goodies & egg hunting! Thanks to all those who helped and all who attended.
- ❖ The Sunday School classes completed their journey of "***Following in the Footsteps of Jesus***" during March, wrapping up with the celebration of the Resurrection.
- ❖ April will bring the study of "***The Beatitudes***" with lessons focusing on Spiritual Humility, Character and Strength.
- ❖ There will be a ***Church Clean-Up day*** on April 16th that the children are invited to participate in. We realize it's a busy time of the year - if some of our students could manage an hour or so to help out, we would really appreciate it. There will be jobs available for all age groups. Recognition for the children's stewardship of the church will be given during "Children's Sunday" coming in June.

CALENDER

- 4/3 One Great Hour of Sharing
- 4/4 Trustees Meeting 7 pm
- 4/7 Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- 4/11 Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4/11 Women's Group 7 pm
- 4/15 Youth Group Gathering 7:00 pm
- 4/16 Church Spring Cleaning Day 9 am
- 4/17 Liturgist Training Session after service
- 4/18 Admin. Council 7 pm
- 4/19 Regional Food Bank 2 pm
- 4/20 Finance Meeting 7 pm
- 4/21 Choir Practice 7:30 pm

The Women's Group will meet on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. The program will feature MEMORIES; everyone is invited to bring in a photo, or photos, of themselves or their families, in the past. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome - come & bring a friend.