



April 2015

*“But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.”
Luke 24:2 NKJV*



Maundy Thursday, April 2

Join us for a special Seder Meal/Potluck in the Community Room. There will be scripture readings and communion. The event will begin at 6:00 pm.

Good Friday Crosswalk, April 3

The annual walk will start at Scotia Reformed Church at 9:30 am (224 No. Ballston Ave.) and will include many local congregations. Through the walk, a wooden cross will be carried throughout Scotia from church to church and end at SUMC.

Good Friday Service at SUMC 7 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 5
Happy Resurrection Day!**

A Time of New Beginnings

The month of April springs us forward to a new time both literally and spiritually. Not only is the sun rising earlier each day blessing us with more daylight for our Spring harvest but on Easter Sunday the Son will rise again bringing with Him the promise of God's harvest. Every Easter Season we are called to plant, nurture, and harvest God's love in this world. Yes, every Easter Season for Easter is not just one day. It is a season of 50 days that continues to and concludes with Pentecost, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites.

May this Easter Season plant in you seeds of renewal and rebirth.

Renewal – by Sharon Hendricks

This is a time of renewal
as it happens every spring.
The flowers now are blooming
The birds begin to sing.
Easter is a time of hope
and a day of rebirth.
It shows that winter's over
And spring has come to earth.

**In Christ's Love,
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**Church Treasurers Report
28-Feb-15**

	2015	
	February	Total thru
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2/28/2015</u>
Individual Contributions	\$8,997	\$18,794
Building Use/Rent	\$1,950	\$2,125
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$174	\$65
Grant from Conference	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$11,121	\$20,984
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,518	\$12,761
Church Operations/Program	\$382	\$975
Parsonage Expenses	\$910	\$2,178
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$814	\$1,312
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$1,593	\$2,786
Church Building-All Other	\$3,133	\$4,290
Apportionments	\$2,074	\$4,148
Benevolences	\$82	\$82
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,506	\$28,533
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$4,385	-\$7,549

There was a shortage of \$4,385 for the month of February 2015.
Total for the year through 2/28/15 is a shortage of \$7,549.

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

DEADLINE – definition from Merriam Webster. *noun*

- 1 a line drawn within or around a prison that a prisoner passes at the risk of being shot
- 2 a date or time before which something must be done
- 3 the time after which copy is not accepted for a particular issue of a publication

I find #1 rather interesting but for now we will go along with #3. You take no risk of being shot at if you hand in material past a newsletter deadline. But you will need to accept the reality of #3. Newsletter deadline each month is always the 20th. Ex: for May newsletter – **Deadline is April 20th**. Meeting the deadline enables us to process and format information in a timely manner so that our issues are current in dates and events.
Thank you for your cooperation :)

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

4/5 Deb Elliott
4/12 Martha Hatt
4/19 Dean Goodell
4/26 Irene Coburn

Sound

Bob Hatt
Don Smith
Mark Cieslak
Dave Read

Greeters

4/5 Martha Hatt
4/12 Read family
4/19 Fiona Goodell
4/26 Deb Cieslak

Ushers

Handy family
Nicki Jaycox, Kevin Margas
Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes
Pat & Dick Knapp

Social

4/5 Read family & friends
4/12 Caterina family
4/19 O'Sullivan family
4/26 Sykes family

Counters

Dean Goodell, Steve Wesley
Clarence Mosher, Dick Knapp
Pat Knapp, Judy Swain
Tim Keegan, Jill Wesley

Acolytes

4/5 TBA
4/12 Jaime Stark, Zoey Flansburg
4/19 Hailie St. John, Daegan Connors
4/26 Emily St. John, Nicole Holloway

The Women's Group will host Rev. Dr. William G. Hempel, Chaplain with the Albany Maritime Ministry, on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Come and bring a friend. Enjoy fellowship and learn about this ministry. Refreshments will be served.



Tuesday morning Bible Study – 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry – We collect for the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, both food and cash, during service on the **second and fourth Sundays each month**. There are baskets in each corner of the sanctuary for food donations anytime. Cash will allow the food pantry to buy from the Regional Food Bank at reduced prices as well as those items they run short of. **The pantry will use anything we donate but they always need personal hygiene products (soaps, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.) because people cannot purchase these items with food stamps.**

Bottles for Bread – Please continue to place your clean **refundable** containers in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds go to the Scotia-Glenville food pantry.

Regional Food Bank – A great opportunity for fellowship with others from our church and a group from Bank of America. On the third Tuesday of each month we go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products from various stores. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return there around 4:30. No long term commitment, join us whenever your schedule allows. Our next trip is **TUESDAY, April 21.**

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.

Labels for Education – Similar to Box Tops for Education the Labels for Education are found on many packages. So if you are not using your labels, please consider bringing them to church.

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 Committee.

The **Prayer Shawl Group** continues to be active. Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate. We have a good supply of yarn. Please contact Pat Knapp (393-5737 or knappptyme@covad.net) with any questions.

Calendar

- 4/2 Maundy Thursday Dinner & Communion 6 pm**
- 4/3 Good Friday Crosswalk –First Reformed Church Scotia 9:30 am**
- 4/3 Good Friday Service at SUMC 7 pm**
- 4/5 EASTER – Resurrection Day!**
- 4/6 Trustees Meeting 7 pm**
- 4/9 Choir Practice 7:30 pm**
- 4/13 Women's Group 7 pm**
- 4/18 Chicken Dinner 4:30 pm**
- 4/19 Native American Ministries Offering**
- 4/21 Food Pantry volunteers 2 pm**
- 4/22 Finance Meeting 7 pm**
- 4/23 Choir Practice 7:30 pm**
- 4/27 Admin. Council meeting 7 pm**
- 4/27-4/30 – Set up for Rummage Sale**

31 Gifts Update - When I found out that foster children's belongings are moved in garbage bags, I was heartbroken. It must be very scary to be sent to live with strangers, but when your belongings are put into a garbage bag, it must be devastating.

I saw information about an organization that provides tote bags to kids in foster care. Knowing that Sarah Caterina is a representative for 31 Gifts, which sells beautiful bags, I suggested that she should get the company to provide bags to foster care kids. Sarah did this but she also took that kernel of an idea and it blossomed into a project that was embraced by church members.

Sarah generously matched each bag that was donated and on March 15th, we delivered 64 bags (64 bags!), filled with stuffed animals, fleece throws, pillowcases, toiletries and more to **Things of My Very Own** in Schenectady. They will provide our bags to children who are being placed on an emergency basis by **Schenectady County Child Protective Services**. We also delivered a very generous check and several large bags of clothing.

It was wonderful to work on this project. These bags will surely provide a bit of comfort to children in a crisis situation. Thank you for your generosity. We can all feel good about this.— Janet Daly

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR COMING EVENTS!

Saturday, April 18 – Chicken Dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Friday, May 1 & Saturday May 2 – Spring Rummage Sale!

Set-up will be during the week of April 27-30 and help is needed to sort clothing and donated items. This is a perfect time to clear out your “treasures,” go through your closets and attics and bring in your donations of: adult and children’s clothing in good, clean condition, books, dvd’s, home décor, jewelry, toys, etc. Please bring in your items during the week of set-up as we are limited in storage space. To volunteer, contact Martha Hatt or RoyAnn Rogerson.

