



Scotia
United Methodist Church
September 2017

Worship Schedule for September 2017

Liturgists

9/3 Martha Hatt

9/10 Clarence Mosher

9/17 Dean Goodell

9/24 Stephen Long

Sound

Mark Cieslak

Dave Read

Bob Hatt

Jim Coburn

Counters

Clarence Mosher, Steve Wesley

Ushers

9/3 Carole Jacobson, Tim Keegan

9/10 Meredith Van Vorst, Deb Cieslak

9/17 Holly Russo, Martha Hatt

9/24 Sally Dean, RoyAnn Rogerson

Greeters

9/3 Lewis Prater

9/10 Barbara Hanley, RoyAnn Rogerson

9/17 Meredith & Bob Van Vorst

9/24 Judy Swain, Fiona Goodell

Social

9/3 Holiday Weekend

9/10 Connie Large, Carole Jacobson

9/17 Barbara Hanley, Judy Swain

9/24 Kevin & Nicolina Margas

Wesley's Wisdom

"Wesley was constantly concerned about the role of experience in Christian theology. He was afraid that his followers would become satisfied with a spiritually stagnant orthodoxy that had none of the vitality and power of a personal relationship with God. In one of his most quoted comments he observed: *I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist, either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power.*" (John Wesley: *Holiness of Heart and Life*, p. 27)

I Corinthians 2:4 - And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. (KJV) -*John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life*, pg. 54)

The SICM ASSEMBLY meetings and programs are scheduled for Tuesday's of each month.

The program starts at 7 p.m. and 6:45 pm gathering for refreshments. SUMC Church delegates and or pastor are on the roster to attend and anyone interested in learning about SICM or interested in attending the program presented is welcome. There is a business meeting agenda following the program for delegates and pastors. Visitors are not required to attend the business meeting but are welcome to stay. For more SICM events/info. check out the church **bulletin board located at the Catherine Street sanctuary entrance** or please ask your church delegate S. Van Vorst.

A Note from Pastor

Welcome Home!

September is the month that we Methodists celebrate Homecoming. The tradition is to celebrate everyone settling in for another academic year or at the least a more routine schedule. As is tradition, we kick it off with a Homecoming Sunday worship service; a worship service where we welcome each other back home from wherever the summer season has taken us to celebrate a new season together.

We have many things to celebrate in this new season. We celebrate another season of Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible study group, Women's & Men's Group, Missions Group, Community Breakfasts, Youth Gatherings and Sunday School which officially begins on September 10th with a new schedule and a new curriculum.

Also starting in September and continuing throughout the season, we welcome several training opportunities for lay ministry, safe sanctuaries certification and becoming an acolyte. Wherever you feel called or have a desire to learn more, you are welcomed here to explore. Welcome home Scotia United Methodist Church.

Welcome Home!

Pastor Margaret Currier

Our SUMC family will be taking up a collection during worship service on September 24th to help the families that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Many people lost everything in the storm so please help us bring some calm to the chaos in their lives by making a donation.

The Sunday School classes are going to be putting together Relief Kits for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated. If you prefer to donate money, please make your check payable to SUMC and write "Relief Kits" on the memo line. If you are contributing cash, please insert in an envelope with "Relief Kits" written on it. We will be taking donations through 9/17/17 so that the children can put together the kits on 9/24. Thank you!

5-Gallon buckets with resealable lids

Liquid laundry detergent (50 oz or 25 oz bottles only)

Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz liquid cleaner than can be mixed with water; NO SPRAY BOTTLES)

Dish soap (16-28 oz bottles, any brand)

Clothespins
Clotheslines (100 ft or 50 ft lines; cotton or plastic)
Sponges (NO CELLULOSE SPONGES DUE TO MOLD ISSUES)
Heavy Duty trash bags (33 - 45 gallon sizes)
Cleaning wipes (handi-wipes or reusable wipes; NO TERRY CLEANING TOWELS)
Air Freshener (aerosol or pump)
Insect-repellant spray (6-14 oz aerosol or spray pump)
Kitchen dishwashing gloves
Work gloves (cotton or leather)
Scouring pads (NO STAINLESS STEEL, BRILLO PADS OR SOS PADS-NOTHING WITH SOAP BUILT IN)
Scrub brushes (plastic or wooden handle)
Dust masks

Prayers

for Shirley Sebis and the family in the loss of Ken Sebis this month.

Youth please save these Monday evening dates for Gatherings

(gr. 6-12) from 6:30-8pm

September 18th

October 30th

November 13th

December 11th

January 8th

February 12th

Everyone Please Save this Date - 5 October 2017

Clergy and Laity gather with Bishop Mark Webb

Clergy

When: Thursday, October 05, 2017 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Where: Shenendehowa UMC, 971 Route 146, Clifton Park NY 12065

Laity

When: Thursday, October 05, 2017 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Where: Shenendehowa UMC, 971 Route 146, Clifton Park NY 12065

It is time for a new Sunday School year! Classes for PreK (4 yrs old) - 12th grade are beginning on September 10th and we have a lot planned for the upcoming school year. We will be focusing on "Women of the Bible" this year.

The lessons for our classes will have a woman at the center of the Scripture and story. We will begin the year with Old Testament stories and then move on to women who interacted with Jesus and His ministry.

On September 24th, the students will be putting together Relief Kits for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Homecoming Sunday September 10th

Pastor Margaret will be blessing the backpacks for a productive and enjoyable school year.

Dedication of Boardman & Gray Grand Piano Sept. 10th—given in loving memory of Jackie Mosher by Clarence, Brian, Lisae, Eric, Claire, and Sean. Jackie, who spent so many hours sitting at the piano, playing and singing, would be pleased to know that her “baby” is now part of this church’s music program.

Trustees Meeting Sept. 11 at 7 pm

The Women’s Group will kick off their fall season on Monday, September 11, at Debbie & Mark Cieslak’s home on [**34 Country Fair Lane, Scotia**](#) starting at 6:00 p.m. All women are invited to bring a dish to share. Dessert will be provided. If anyone would like to carpool, we will meet in the church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. For the program we will discuss where we were on 9/11/01.

Choir Rehearsal Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm
Worship Committee meeting Sept. 17 at 11:30 am
Staff Parish Relations Meeting Sept. 24 at 11:30 am

Bring your garden's finest to church on Sept. 24
Administrative Council Meeting Sept. 25 at 7 pm

Regional Food Bank Volunteers - continue to meet the 3rd Tues. of the month at 2 pm in parking lot.

Bible Studies will resume the 2nd week of September.

Fall Fund Raising Activities

Oct. 6 - Wienie Roast 4:30-6:30 pm

Mini Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks

Nov. 4 - Roast Beef Dinner/Next-to-New Sale - Buy a table for \$15.00 to sell your own treasures OR donate your "next to new" items for the church booth.

Church Treasurers Report 30-Jun-17

	June 2017	Year to Date Jun-17
Individual Contributions	\$8,394	\$55,280
Building Use/Rent		711 10,808
Fund Raising/Interest Income		656 1,591
Other Designated Giving		- (50)
Total Operating Receipts	\$9,761	\$67,629
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,918	\$35,540
Church Operations/Program		724 3,845
Parsonage Expenses		352 4,285
Church Building-Repairs/Safety		223 3,724
Church Building-Utilities/Water		447 6,579

Church Building-All Other	521	4,929
Apportionments	2,080	12,929
Benevolences	-	258
Total Operating Expenses	\$11,265	\$72,090
Shortage	\$ (1,504)	\$ (4,461)

There was a shortage of (\$1,504) for the month of June 2017.
The Year to Date shortage through June 2017 is now (\$4,461).

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