

FEBRUARY
2017

Scotia UMC

February 2017

"What does your Creator require of you? To do justice, love with kindness, and walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

The "Calling" of a United Methodist

A question I get asked a lot is, "When did you know that you were called into ministry?" What most folks usually mean is, "When did you know that you were called to be a minister?" Those are two separate and different questions. I knew I was called into ministry from a very young age. After all, I was brought up in the United Methodist Church, a church founded for mission in the world. It wouldn't be until later that I would decide to actively pursue that ministry as a minister of the UMC. As for the reason I chose this denomination, our denomination? Well that can best be explained through the following statements from our Social Creed and Principles which say:

"Our Social Creed" is a basic statement of our convictions about the fundamental relationships between God, God's creation and humanity. This basic statement is expanded in a more lengthy statement called the "Social Principles." This statement explains more fully how United Methodists are called to live in the world. Part of our Book of Discipline, the "Social Principles" serve as a guide to official church action and our individual witness.

Taking an active stance in society is nothing new for followers of John Wesley. He set the example for us to combine personal and social piety. Ever since predecessor churches to United Methodism

flourished in the United States, we have been known as a denomination involved with people's lives, with political and social struggles, having local to international mission implications. Such involvement is an expression of the personal change we experience in our baptism and conversion.

The United Methodist Church believes God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. So we care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. The church helps us think and act out a faith perspective, not just responding to all the other 'mind-makers-up' that exist in our society."
- www.umc.org

As United Methodists we all are called to ministry beyond the four walls of a church. Where will your ministry take you in the days, months, and years ahead? Godspeed and God bless you all, faithful disciples of Christ.

In Christ's Love,
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Wesley's Wisdom

“Let everyone...who has either any desire to please God, or any love of his own soul, obey God and consult the good of his own soul by receiving communion every time he can; like the first Christians...” (John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life, pg. 49)

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

2/5 Janet Daly
2/12 Martha Hatt
2/19 Sean O'Sullivan
2/26 David Read

Sound

Bob Hatt
Jim Coburn
Mark Cieslak
Dave Read

Counters

Wendy Liebl, Judy Swain

Ushers

2/5 Martha Hatt, Holly Russo
2/12 Nikki & Kevin Margas
2/19 Deb Cieslak, RoyAnn Rogerson
2/26 Deb & Mark Cieslak

Greeters

Louis Prater, Meredith Van Vorst
Sally Dean, RoyAnn Rogerson
June Pelham, Sheila Holloway
Nikki & Kevin Margas

Social

2/5 Jill & Steve Wesley
2/12 Read family
2/19 Byam family
2/26 Charlene Vice



The Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will meet each Wed. **at 7:00 pm** in the Fireside Room to continue their study of the Psalms.

Mark Your Calendars! Shrove Dinner- Tuesday February 28

Invite your friends to enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost will be \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 5-12. More details will follow in the weekly wake up and the Sunday bulletin.

SUMC IN MISSIONS

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

-Go through your pantry and lend a helping hand-

Keep bringing in bottles and cans, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education. Box Tops collected will be donated to local elementary schools.

Food Pantry Needs for February: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap.

Regional Food Bank – We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 21st to volunteer at the Food Bank.

-Jill Dunster-Wesley (cell) 423-3546 (home) 372-4047 jldunster@hotmail.com



During the month of January, the Sunday School class used their **Service Project-Sunday** to learn how God calls us to take care of our animals. After reading & studying what the Bible has to say on the subject, the children put together a box of pet supplies to be donated to the **Animal Protective Foundation** (and decorated the box beautifully). The classes also began a lesson series on Inclusion and Acceptance as learned by following Jesus' teachings. First lesson was the very difficult lesson that we are called to love people we may not like!

Church Renovations – Stop in to see the old “upstairs library”- check out all the work that has been done recently. New paint, new carpeting, new lighting...it looks wonderful!





We thank all of you who donated articles for the women's shelter in December. The gifts were really appreciated.

We will not have another meeting until **APRIL 10th**. Our program will be on raising and releasing butterflies. Carol Jacobson will be the presenter.

Holly Russo has graciously volunteered to create a directory for our women's group. It will be very helpful for when we need to make special announcements. Please send her your name, address, phone/and or cell, e-mail address and month and date of birth to have an updated record. You can contact her in church, or by e-mail or text message.

[E-mail:sarge2010@live.com](mailto:sarge2010@live.com)

Cell: [\(518\) 238-5981](tel:5182385981)

We are looking forward to increasing our membership. We are an active group and although sometimes it is not possible to make all the meetings, we encourage you to come when you can. Consider it your night out where you will find fellowship and a good time.

-Martha Hatt, President

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/5	Communion Sunday
2/6	Trustees Meeting at 7 pm
2/12	Scouting Sunday
2/12	Confirmation class to Regional Food Bank after service
2/14	Valentines Day ♥
2/19	Confirmation Class
2/21	Regional Food Bank 2:00 pm
2/21	Finance Meeting 7 pm
2/26	Staff Parish Relations meeting after service
2/27	Admin. Council meeting 7 pm
2/28	Shrove Dinner

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Margaret will be in the office on Tuesdays from 11:00 – 1:00. If you'd like to make an appointment with her, this is the best time to arrange it. Or just stop in to say hi!

Church Treasurers Report
31-Dec-16

	<u>Total 2016</u>
Individual Contributions	\$126,573
	18,84
Building Use/Rent	4
	4,33
Fund Raising/Interest Income	4
	1,56
Other Designated Giving	2
Total Operating Receipts	<u>\$151,313</u>
Wages & other employment expenses	\$76,384
	6,34
Church Operations/Program	4
	9,49
Parsonage Expenses	2
	12,79
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	3
	7,03
Church Building-Utilities/Water	5
	9,64
Church Building-All Other	0
	26,15
Apportionments	3
	4
Benevolences	66
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$148,307</u>
Surplus	\$ 3,006

There was a surplus of \$3,006 for the year of 2016.

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