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“..and I have loved thee.”

Isaiah 43:4 KJV ♥

What is Epiphany?

On Epiphany Sunday we had an opportunity during worship to come forward and receive a **Star Word**. These star words were construction paper cut into the shape of a star with a word on it. This is something that we are invited to meditate on this year. The words are not necessarily the words that we would choose for ourselves, but words that God wants us to hear. I have really been enjoying the feedback from people about their star word. Judy Matthews has told me that each Sunday she thinks of a new way to apply her star word in her life. I've found that my star word, encouragement, has been a blessing and a growing edge. I think that part of my job is to encourage you all to see the places the Holy Spirit has been at work in our church and in your lives, to encourage you to live out the

gifts that God has given you, to encourage you to follow Jesus and to be fishers of people.

But at home, I need to work on ways I can encourage my kids. Maybe it is just the stage that they are in, but I often feel all I am saying to my boys is "no." How can God use me to encourage my boys? How is God using this word for me to more fully live into the person God created me to be? I look forward to hearing how your star word has affected you, both the good and the difficult growing edges. If you were not there on Epiphany, don't worry, I have more star words. I'd ask that you place it somewhere that you will see it on a regular basis. In this season of Epiphany may we continue to have "Aha" moments, discovering who Jesus is to us and how our lives are different because of that revelation. -Pastor Megan

Woman's Group Meeting Monday February 10th at 7:00 pm

The special speaker will be Maria Maynard of Charlton, cancer survivor. She will share her journey with us. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

2/2 RoyAnn Rogerson
2/9 Scouts
2/16 Dave Read
2/23 Belinda Wagner

Sound

2/2 Don Smith
2/9 Mark Cieslak
2/16 Read family
2/23 Bob Hatt

Greeters

2/2 Sheila Holloway, Nicole Holloway
2/9 Don Smith
2/16 Jaime Stark, Jodi Stark
2/23 Fitch family

Nursery

2/2 June Pelham
2/9 Stephen Schad
2/16 TBD
2/23 Judy Matthews

Ushers

2/2 Dave & Lisa Read
2/9 Dave & Lisa Read
2/16 RoyAnn Rogerson, Martha Hatt
2/23 Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes

Social

2/2 Dieterich family
2/9 Sarah Catarina
2/16 Read family
2/23 Marcia Smith

Counters

2/2 Tim Keegan, Dick Knapp
2/9 Pat Knapp, Dean Goodell
2/16 Wendy Liebl, Jill Wesley
2/23 June Pelham, Clarence Mosher

Deadline for March newsletter – February 20th

Upcoming Events:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4 - hosted by the Men's Club with proceeds going to the Capital Campaign. More details to follow soon.

Ash Wednesday is March 5.

March 9, we will be inviting the Prince of Peace Clown Troop (F4C) to come and lead us in worship.

A Lenten Study starting March 12 on the Worldwide Nature of the UMC. This class will be offered by Shirley Readdean and Ted Vickery and will include Al-plaus, Carmen, Faith, First and Scotia UMCs. We will be hosting this 4 week class and providing refreshments on the first day. I would encourage all of you to attend one or all of the classes as we prepare for General Conference 2016.

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Labels for Education – Bank of America collects Labels for Education. We have a swap meet 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, February 18th.**

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

Confirmation is starting in February!

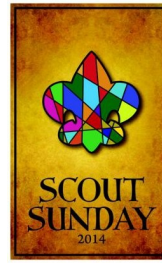
We will be doing a combination of watching videos and using traditional confirmation materials. The videos are produced by the *United Methodist Communications* explaining the Church year and various items around the church. These short videos, “**Chuck Knows Church**” are fun and enlightening not just for confirmands, but for all United Methodists. Check it out on youtube for yourself!

Confirmation will be meeting on Sunday afternoons. The time is still to be determined. What I need are students. I know I have three students (or their parents) interested in taking this class. I also need adults who are willing to pray for these students as they explore what it means to be Christian, a United Methodist and a member of Scotia UMC. I would also love to know if any adults would like to be the second adult in the room so we comply with our Safe Sanctuaries policy. – Pastor Megan

Prayers & Celebrations -Please keep in prayer Rev. Jan Rowell. She recently fell down her basement stairs and broke her left arm. Rev. Rowell has had surgery to repair the damage and is now recovering, but in quite a bit of pain. Cards can be sent to her district office at 64 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820.

Prayer for the family of Barbara Brockway, who died on Jan. 12, 2014. She was the widow of the Rev. Albert Brockway, who served at SUMC. Interment and a celebration of her life will occur at 2 p.m. on June 14 at Galway Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Nancy Bradford at 500 Depot St., Harwich, Mass. 02645.

Prayers for Patty Olsen as she undergoes some tests for her lung function.



Scout Sunday February 9th

We need scouts to come to church in their uniforms and we need some scouts (current or former) to help with the liturgy. Please let Pastor Megan know if you are interested. She will be offering the God and Country classes for any children/youth this spring. There are classes for grades 1-3 (God and Me), grades 4-5 (God and Family), grades 6-8 (God and Church) and grades 9-12 (God and Life).

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2/3 **Trustees** meeting, 7 pm
- 2/4 **Tuesday morning Bible study** (every Tuesday at 9:30 am)
- 2/6 **Thursday evening Bible study** on the book of James.
(every Thursday at 7 pm)
- 2/9 **Scout Sunday**
- 2/10 **Scotia Women's Group**- 7 pm
- 2/13 **Worship** Meeting 6 pm
- 2/14 **Happy Valentine's Day!** ♥
- 2/17 **Staff Parish** meeting, 7 pm
- 2/18 **Food Bank** volunteers, meet at 2 pm
- 2/19 **Finance** meeting, 6 pm
- 2/22 **Men's Breakfast**, Glenville Queen Diner, 8 am
- 2/24 **Admin. Council**, 7 pm

FLAME CONCERT

Saturday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00. We need volunteers to sell tickets and to chair the afterglow reception. Please see Mark Cieslak for tickets or to help with the ticket sales or the reception.