



# The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church

JANUARY 2024

## ***Greetings and Happy New Year to all as we enter into 2024!***

Last year in January, I shared about the concept of COG-POW – how each person is a Child of God and Person of Worth. Hopefully that way of seeing each other came through in many of the efforts of Scotia UMC in the last year. I know I saw it in action and I hope it crossed the minds of others as we engaged community. In that column I also shared about the Wesleyan practice of recommitting ourselves each year to God, through sharing in the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer. We will be doing that again in worship service early in 2024, but for those who might not be there that day, the Prayer is included here again for you to review and consider praying on your own.

Another thing that is often shared in “New Year communications” like this are invitations to take part in ministries of the church that you may not have engaged previously. To that end, I encourage anyone to consider taking part in our (becoming?) annual Blood Drive to be held in the Loomis Room on January 30. There is no better way to give a gift of yourself to someone truly in need of it.

Finally, as I look at the year that has passed I know that we have shared in moments of joy and many smiles at Scotia UMC. We have seen new faces become regulars and we have walked together through the challenges that life brings to all of us. I have been honored to share with you all on your journey's and look forward to continuing that way in the year ahead.

At the same time, 2023 was a challenging year for many around the world and in our own nation. It was a year of unusual climate related instances for many as storms and floods, fires and other disasters, impacted so many lives around the world. It was also a year when human created crises continued to challenge so many lives.

As we look forward to 2024, I encourage you to pray with me for Peace and Understanding, for Healing between those groups that have been unable to find peaceful resolutions. May the year ahead be filled with breakthroughs and new ways to live together that reflect God's Kingdom and God's hopes for humanity as we continue to explore how to be Christ's body and witnesses for the Gospel that he brought to share with us. Happy New Year, and Good News for all in the months ahead.

**Wesleyan Covenant Prayer—**

**please refer to the top of the last page**

*Pastor Dang*



## Meetings & Events

**Baby Shower**—Jan. 13th at 11:00 am

**Community Breakfast**- Saturday Jan. 20th

**Finance Meeting**—Jan. 23rd at 6:30 pm

**Admin. Council Meeting** –Jan. 23rd at 7:00 pm

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** - Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 PM.  
Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter : Scotia  
UMC to schedule an appointment.

## January Birthdays

**1/5 DEB ELLIOTT**

**1/6 LAURIE PECONIE**

**1/7 DEBBIE QUICK**

**1/9 LINDA I'ANSON**

**1/18 PATTY OLSON**

**1/23 DEB CALDERWOOD**

**1/25 EMMA SWEET**

**1/26 MEGAN SYKES**

**1/28 HOLLY RUSSO**

**1/28 CAROL DEIULIO**

**1/28 JEFF POWELL**



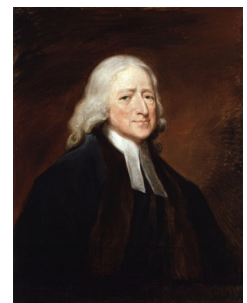
## Wesley's Wisdom

“ I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee...”





## Church Treasurer's Report 11/30/2023

	YTD <u>Nov-23</u>
Individual Contributions	\$96,842
Building Use/Rent	10,737
Fund Raising/Interest Income	3,368
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$110,948</b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$71,288
Church Operations/Program	5,701
Parsonage Expenses	2,439
Church Building - Repairs/Safety	2,415
Church Building - Utilities/Water	9,252
Church Building - All Other	11,396
Apportionments	8,332
Benevolences	(544)
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$110,278</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$670</b>

There is a year to date surplus of \$670 as of 11/30/23.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information, please contact Anne Heller at [cheller001@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cheller001@nycap.rr.com).



**Church Treasurer's Report**  
**12/31/2023**

	<b>YTD</b> <b><u>Dec-23</u></b>
Individual Contributions	\$106,698
Building Use/Rent	11,137
Fund Raising/Interest Income	3,530
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$121,366</b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$76,875
Church Operations/Program	6,353
Parsonage Expenses	2,256
Church Building - Repairs/Safety	3,472
Church Building - Utilities/Water	9,308
Church Building - All Other	13,659
Apportionments	8,490
Benevolences	629
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$121,042</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$324</b>

There is a year to date surplus of \$324 as of 12/31/23.

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Lord, I am no longer my own but yours;  
make me what you will. I put myself fully  
into your hands: put me to doing, put me  
to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside  
for you,

let me be full, let me be empty, let me  
have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart give it all  
to your pleasure and disposal.

I know without doubt, O glorious and  
blessed God, that you are mine and I am  
yours.

This is the covenant I have made on  
earth. Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen



**Scotia Women's Group** invites all the ladies of the church to celebrate the birth of MARY CULKIN'S first son on Saturday, January 13th at 11:00 am Her registry is listed on AMAZON. Please RSVP by the 10th to Mary Connors or Martha Hatt.

All the ladies wish to thank everyone who helped out and supported the Rummage Sale last May! I know this seems a little late, but with your assistance, we were able to donate in December no less than \$100.00 each to the following organizations: Scotia Relief, City Mission, Schenectady Inner Ministry, Things of My Very Own, Street Soldiers, Youth for Christ, Albany Maritime Ministry, Joan Nicole Prince Home, Gateway-Longview Foundation and STEP UP. The thank you letters are coming in and these groups are so appreciative of our support. Also, a few of us took the needed donations to the YWCA in December and they were very excited and appreciative of our gifts.

### From the Finance Committee

**Great news on our 2024 Stewardship pledge drive.** Through the financial support of our church family, we have met our 2024 pledge goal of \$100k. Your support will allow us to continue our ministries, our community outreach, and keep the physical church a warm and safe place to meet and worship. Once again, thank you to our entire church family for your generosity. **Note:** and thanks to Mark C. and the finance committee for all their efforts.