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"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."

Psalms 65:11 KJV

What is Epiphany?

January 6 is Epiphany. From January 7 through March 4, we are in the season after Epiphany.

Just what does that mean? We celebrate the arrival of the Magi, Three Kings or the Wise Men, who were the first Gentiles (or outsiders) to realize who Jesus really was. We discover for ourselves those aha moments when we realize who Jesus is for us.

As we hear the scriptures that share the baptism of Jesus, the call of the disciples, how we are to live with one another through the Sermon on the Mount, and the transfiguration of Jesus, our eyes are opened to new aspects of Jesus' life and teachings.

Who is Jesus for you?

A question we all need to consider. After church on January 5, we celebrated together with the children and families of the church in an Epiphany party (hot chocolate, King's cake, chalk blessings and a story).

-Pastor Megan

Woman's Group Meeting Mon. Jan. 13th at 7:00 pm.

This month we will be treated to a **Mary Kay** quick makeup demo and a satin hands demo by our own Emily Jenkins. Emily will donate 75% of the profits of the sale back to the group. She will also extend this to any parties that are booked from the initial night that she introduces Mary Kay to the group. Come and bring a friend; refreshments will be served.

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

1/5 Holly Russo
1/12 Stephen Long
1/19 Jenn Breslin
1/26 Sean Flansburg

Sound

1/5 Don Smith
1/12 Mark Cieslak
1/19 Dave Read
1/26 Bob Hatt

Greeters

1/5 Sheila & Nicole Holloway
1/12 TBA
1/19 TBA
1/26 TBA

Nursery

1/5 Kim Huhtala
1/12 Nancy Cooper
1/19 RoyAnn Rogerson
1/26 Judy Matthews

Ushers

1/5 Sean & Mary Connors
1/12 RoyAnn Rogerson, Judy Matthews
1/19 Judy Matthews, Martha Hatt
1/26 RoyAnn Rogerson, TBA

Social

1/5 Fiona & Dean Goodell
1/12 Mark & Debbie Cieslak
1/19 Judy & Michele Swain
1/26 Flansburg family

Counters

1/5 Dean Goodell, Wendy Liebl
1/12 Jill Dunster, June Pelham
1/19 Clarence Mosher, Judy Matthews
1/26 Martha Hatt, Judy Swain.

Deadline for February newsletter – January 20th

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Labels for Education – We found out recently that 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, January 21st**.

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

Thank You! to Staff Parish for the lovely Staff Christmas luncheon, festive atmosphere, cards and gifts. We appreciate your kindness!

A Heartfelt Thank You

I want to thank Pastor Megan and the Tuesday Morning Bible Study group for allowing me to share my spiritual journey and experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was an honor to share my story with you and your sweet comments afterwards were treasured. If you were unable to attend the study, I did write out a rough draft including the scripture references. Just let me know and I'll bring you a copy. -*Cynthia*

Prayers & Celebrations –

We celebrate the baby dedication of Amelia Elena Rock, daughter of Christina and John Rock, granddaughter of Martha & Bob Hatt.

Calling Parents of College Students!

We have been sending out care packages for our college students the past few years. What we need from you is a current address for your student. We send Valentine's Cards, a prayer and an adapted communion. If you would like to help by purchasing powdered grape kool-aid, individual wrapped rice krispie bars, or the small bubble wrapped envelopes for us to mail these care packages, please let Pastor Megan know ASAP. If you are an adult who is going back to school, you qualify for a care package. Please let Pastor Megan know.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1/5 ***Epiphany Sunday***
- 1/6 ***Trustees*** meeting, 7 pm
- 1/7 ***Tuesday morning Bible study*** resumes (every Tuesday at 9:30 am)
- 1/9 ***Worship/Welcoming*** meeting at 6 pm
Thursday evening Bible study on the book of James starts,
(every Thursday at 7 pm.)
- 1/12 ***Baptism of the Lord Sunday***
- 1/13 ***Scotia Women's Group***- Mary Kay demo & Installation of Officers, 7 pm
- 1/15 ***Finance*** meeting, 6 pm
- 1/19 ***Human Relations Special Offering***
- 1/20 ***Staff Parish*** meeting, 7 pm
- 1/21 ***Food Bank*** volunteers, meet at 2 pm
- 1/27 ***Admin. Council***, 7 pm

Church Treasurer's Report

November 2013	November MTD	Budget Variance MTD-B/(W)	November YTD	Budget Variance YTD-B/(W)	To Prior Year Variance YTD-B/(W)
Operating Income	\$16,058.00	\$753.00	\$145,626.00	(\$2,018.00)	\$1,918.00
Operating Expenses	<u>\$12,326.00</u>	<u>\$718.00</u>	<u>\$149,872.00</u>	<u>(\$716.00)</u>	<u>(\$2,106.00)</u>
Gain/(Loss)	\$3,732.00	\$1,471.00	(\$4,246.00)	(\$2,733.00)	(\$188.00)
Capital Campaign Donations (Net of \$2,500 consulting Fee)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$75,008.00	\$75,008.00	
Capital Spending (Net of Insurance)	\$4,398.00	(\$4,398.00)	\$96,955.00	(\$96,955.00)	
Bank Loan Balance	\$34,162.00				

Year to Date

- * Year to date Net Gain/Loss was worse than budget due primarily to a shortfall in fund raising and greater than budgeted church maintenance repairs.

YTD compared to Prior YTD

- * Net Gain/Loss for 2013 year to date was almost the same as the Net Gain/Loss for the prior year. 2013 included more revenue as well as more expenses than in 2012.

Capital Campaign and Capital Spending

- * As of 11/30/13, there were \$34,953 of Capital Campaign Pledges yet to be paid including \$14,783 pledged to be received by year end 2013.
- * A loan of \$35,000 was taken out by the church to allow the Trustees to go ahead with the Education Wing roof repair before all the pledges were paid. The loan payments are \$1,054 a month for three years. It is important that the pledges promised are paid in order for the church to pay off the loan.