

JUNE  
2014



**June 2014**

*“Be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.”*

*Joel 2:21 KJV*

***At Annual Conference this May, we focused on growing church vitality.***

One process that the **Upper NY Conference** is helping to revitalize congregations is **Hand to Plow**. Hand to Plow is an opportunity for clergy and laity alike to read, study, and discuss ways of being church. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Rich Weihing, believes that if we have a common goal and vision for our church, we will not only survive, but thrive. Are you willing to meet with other laity once a quarter at Skye Farm to discuss successes & struggles in ministry and read 3 or 4 books? Do you have a desire to see Scotia UMC make a real difference in the lives of Scotia and Glenville residents?

I can see how important it is for all of us to have one focus in the coming year. For three years our Annual Conference has seemed to be missing a rudder, a purpose to bind us together. This year,

we participated in a hands-on mission project to feed hungry children. We packaged 76 K meals in 3 hours. During those three hours, it did not matter if we were clergy or laity, elder, deacon, local pastor, District Superintendent or conference staff. We all focused on caring for the least of our brothers and sisters. Think of all Scotia UMC could accomplish if our sole purpose was defined by how we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. But we need you to pray for the church, to join in the process by reading and discussing locally and with other congregations. Pastor Margaret cannot do this alone. I know God has great plans for this church. Let's use our gifts for the glory of God and the building up of His kingdom.

Blessings! – Rev. Megan

**Woman's Group Meeting Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

The Woman's Group will hold their June 9 meeting at the home of our President, Martha Hatt. It will be a covered dish gathering beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will celebrate all of our birthdays; come, bring a friend & a dish to share. Please respond by June 7<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea how many are coming.

Call Martha at 399-4606 or e-mail [m1hatt@nycap.rr.com](mailto:m1hatt@nycap.rr.com)

## Worship Schedule

### **Liturgists**

6/1 Kaleb Graves  
6/8 Sue Sykes  
6/15 Sunday School  
6/22 Deb Elliott  
6/29 Jim Coburn

### **Sound**

Mark Cieslak  
Dave Read  
Bob Hatt  
Don Smith  
Mark Cieslak

### **Nursery**

Sue Sykes  
Judy Swain  
Sue Sykes  
Sue Sykes  
Marcia Smith

### **Greeters**

6/1 Confirmands  
6/8 Sue Sykes, Mikaela Potter  
6/15 Sunday School  
6/22 Fiona Goodell  
6/29 Worship Committee

### **Ushers**

Confirmands  
Zych family  
Children's Sunday  
Lynn & Sean Flansburg  
Fiona Goodell, Janet Daly

### **Social**

6/1 Wendy Liebl, Martha Hatt  
6/8 Staff Parish  
6/15 Sunday School  
6/22 Staff Parish  
6/29 TBD

### **Counters**

Dick Knapp, Wendy Liebl  
Dean Goodell, Pat Knapp  
Jill Wesley, June Pelham  
Clarence Mosher, Judy Matthews  
Martha Hatt, Judy Swain

### **Acolytes**

6/1 Daegan Connors, Cameron Breslin  
6/8 Belle Warfield, Galen Schad  
6/15 Zoey Flansburg, Ian Caterina  
6/22 Jaime Stark, Daegan Connors  
6/29 Nicole Holloway, Cameron Breslin

## **Celebrations & Prayers**

**Baptism** of Liana Jean Devery on May 18, 2014, daughter of Lauren and Ryan Devery. We welcome Trevor Cooper, Karissa & Kaleb Graves, Kenny & Mattie Handy and Cindy Zych who joined this church through **Confirmation** and Shelly Graves who made a **Profession of Faith** on June 1, 2014.

**Congrats** to Irene & Chuck Coburn on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Barrett on May 29 and to June Pelham on the birth of Emily Scott, her fifth great-granddaughter on May 31.

**Sympathy and prayers** for Debbie & Mark Cieslak on the death of their nephew, Dylan Leonard on May 28.

**Prayers** for the family of Dorothy Moehle who passed away on May 6.

## SUMC IN MISSIONS

Check your calendar, we are scheduled to serve lunches at Hillhurst Park the week of July 21 – 25 and at Collins Park the week of August 11 – 15. Sign-up sheets will be available starting Sunday June 1. Please volunteer for only one day each week so everyone gets a chance to help. Thanks for your support.

**Labels for Education** – Similar to Box Tops for Education, the Labels for Education are found on many packages. 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, June 17th**.

The Sunday school youth and adults had such a good time last month that they have scheduled another trip to The Regional Food Bank on Sunday June 29 from 1:00 to 3:00. The trip is open to ALL. Please contact Sheila Holloway, Jennifer Breslin or Mary Connors for details.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:knappptyme@covad.net)

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**Woman's Group** -We received a THANK YOU card from the Domestic Violence Shelter Staff: "Thank you all for your extremely generous donations of household items for our Domestic Violence Shelter. Every single item is valuable and will definitely be used. We appreciate your support of our program!"

-With thanks, Northeastern NY Domestic Violence Shelter Staff

## Volunteer Carpenter Needed to Make Shrub Protectors

We need six new 6 foot high shrub protectors. We won't use them until next fall. Cedar, or treated lumber would work well and the old ones can be used as a guide.

For more information contact Meredith Van Vorst by email at [MerzyBob60@aol.com](mailto:MerzyBob60@aol.com) or call 518-410-1919.

**Summer Office Hours**-For the months of July and August, office hours are Wednesday from 8-4 and Thursday from 8-12. As needed, please leave a message on the answering machine so we may return your call. Thank you!

## **JUNE CALENDAR**

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| June 1  | <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>   |            |
| June 2  | <b>Trustees</b> Meeting 7 pm   |            |
| June 5  | <b>Worship</b> Committee 6 pm  |            |
| June 8  | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>  |            |
| June 9  | <b>Woman's Group at Martha's house 6 pm</b>  |            |
| June 10 | <b>Admin. Council &amp; Charge Conference</b> to approve Nominations Report 7 pm   |            |
| June 14 | <b>Clean-Up Day at Church – outside at 9 am</b>  |            |
| June 15 | <b>Children's Sunday &amp; Baptism</b>   |            |
| June 16 | <b>Staff Parish Relations Committee</b> 7 pm   |            |
| June 17 | <b>Food Bank</b> Volunteers 2 pm   |            |
| June 18 | <b>Finance</b> 6 pm  |            |
| June 21 | <b>Clean-Up day at Church – inside at 9 am</b><br><b>Farewell Reception for Pastor Megan 6 pm (First day of summer!)</b> |            |
| June 22 | <b>Pastor Megan's last service at SUMC</b>   |            |
| June 28 | <b>Men's Club Breakfast Meeting</b> – Glenville Queen Diner at 8 am  |            |
| June 29 | <b>Worship led by the Worship Committee</b><br><b>gional Food Bank 1-3 pm</b>  | <b>Re-</b> |

**Next Newsletter deadline July 1st– for combined July/August newsletter**



***IS COMING!***

**Summer Lawn Care** – There is a sign-up sheet posted on the hall bulletin board for volunteers willing to mow the lawn through the summer months. If you have a favorite mower that you'd prefer to use, bring that along. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Church Treasurers Report**  
**(YTD=Year to Date)**  
**(B=Better,**  
**W=Worse)**

|                                 | <u>April</u><br><u>YTD</u> | <u>Budget</u><br><u>Variance</u><br><u>YTD-B/-W</u> | <u>To Prior Year</u><br><u>Variance</u><br><u>YTD-B/-W</u> |   |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Operating Income</b>         |                            |   |  |   |
| Individual Contributions        | \$51,716                   | \$3,791   | \$2,401  | Actual includes \$2,000 designated operating. Donation<br>The related unbudgeted expenses will be incurred later.   |
| Investment Income               | \$332                      | \$42  | \$184  |   |
| Building Use/Rent               | \$2,625                    | \$5   | \$1,960  | Mekeel Nursery Rent   |
| Fund Raising                    | \$901                      | \$136   | <b>-\$80</b>   |   |
| Grant from Conference           | \$3,333                    | \$0   | \$0  |   |
| <b>Total Operating Income</b>   | <b>\$58,907</b>            | <b>\$3,974</b>                                      | <b>\$4,465</b>   |   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>       |                            |   |  |   |
| Wages                           | \$25,251                   | \$210   | <b>-\$541</b>  | Prior year W due to Salary increases  |
| Pastor Salary Supplements       | \$7,651                    | \$350   | <b>-\$133</b>  | Temporary Budget B due to timing<br>Prior year W due to insurance/pension rate increases  |
| Employment Taxes & Insurance    | \$1,034                    | \$2   | <b>-\$59</b>   |   |
| Church Operations               | \$2,011                    | <b>-\$237</b>                                       | <b>-\$243</b>  | Due to \$354 purchase of new phones for church office   |
| Church Program                  | \$263                      | <b>-\$58</b>  | \$84   |   |
| Parsonage                       | \$4,776                    | <b>-\$518</b>                                       | <b>-\$1,948</b>  | Budget W due to \$527 over in repairs<br>Prior year W due to \$1,887 in repairs   |
| Church Building                 | \$16,339                   | <b>-\$611</b>                                       | <b>-\$3,064</b>  | Budget W due \$843 over in repairs offset by Snow removal \$821<br>Budget W also due to \$378 for new fire extinguishers<br>Prior year W due to \$2,924 over in repairs offset by property insurance \$1,239<br>Prior W also due to \$408 snow removal and \$717 utilities. |
| Apportionments                  | \$7,971                    | \$0   | \$484  | Prior year B due to allocation decrease by conference   |
| Benevolences                    | \$202                      | <b>-\$52</b>  | <b>-\$60</b>   |   |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$65,498</b>            | <b>-\$914</b>                                       | <b>-\$5,480</b>  |   |
| <b>Gain/-Loss</b>               | <b>-\$6,591</b>            | <b>\$3,060</b>                                      | <b>-\$1,015</b>  | \$2,000 of the positive budget variance only temporary  |



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| Capital Campaign Donations | \$8,222  | \$7,600 pledged in 2013, \$622 of new money |
| Capital Spending           | \$2,475  | Replastering of church altar area ceiling   |
| Loan Interest Expense      | \$578    |   |
| Bank Loan Balance          | \$27,387 |   |

## Building Use - Welcome Regina Caeli Academy!

**Regina Caeli Academy** (RCA) is a preK-12, two-day-a-week, home school assistance program educating in the classical tradition. On Mondays and Thursdays, our students participate in classes at Scotia United Methodist Church from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm guided by tutors who employ Socratic methodology in their teaching. The three remaining school days, students do their school work at home overseen by their parents.

The families of RCA are committed to their Catholic faith, academic excellence and charity in all things. Everything from our academic program to our uniform policy to our behavioral standards is informed by our desire to give our students the best intellectual and spiritual formation possible. Our goal is to graduate students who can charitably and articulately defend the truth of Christianity in an increasingly secularized world.

We are deeply thankful to the community of Scotia United Methodist Church for welcoming us into their lovely space to begin our program. We're confident that the students and staff of RCA - Albany have been truly blessed with the gift of such a warm and inviting location for our campus. May God bless the staff and congregation of SUMC for their willingness to open their doors to our nascent community!

In Christ,  
*Katie Stirton*, Campus Coordinator of Education  
 Regina Caeli, Inc., Albany Campus

**Please Note:** It has been mentioned over and over again how we need to utilize our space here at SUMC and help our expenses through building use. This opportunity came to us and now we must prepare for it.

Because **Regina Caeli Academy** will be using our building space starting this July, we need to clean up the downstairs and upstairs classrooms preparing them for the students. ***Please consider this your invitation to join us on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am to get the rooms spic and span.*** If you are not available that day, you are more than welcome to come and clean at an earlier day or a different time. Even an hour would help make the classrooms inviting for the homeschoolers and their teachers.