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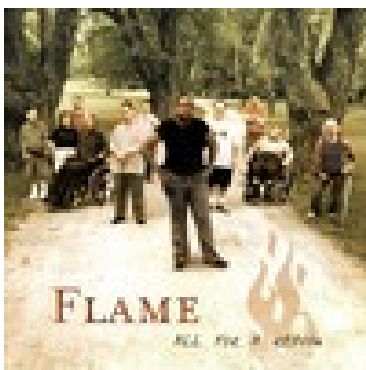
Scotia UMC

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"Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice."

PSALM 5:11 KJV

FLAME Concert
Saturday March 1st
7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$10.00



Lent is a season (40 days) when we prepare for Easter. Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent and continues till Holy Saturday. Sundays are not included in the count during the season of Lent. We prepare by fasting, repenting, penance, alms-giving and self-denial. This is not a joyous season, but a time in which we re-evaluate our lives, focus on our mortality and work on deepening our relationship with God. We do the hard work of getting our lives back on track. Lent is a time when we learn who God is rather than who we want God to be. I look forward to doing this hard work alongside you.

Blessings,

Pastor Megan

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -March 4th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Adults \$8.00, Children age 5-12 \$4.00 and children under 5 yrs. old - free

Please invite your family and friends to join us for a pancake supper, with maple syrup and all the other delicious things that go along with pancakes. This is a special fundraiser for the Capital Campaign so we can finish the repairs that were started last summer.

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

3/2 Deb Elliott
3/9 Prince of Peace Clown Troupe
3/16 Irene Coburn
3/23 Clarence Mosher
3/30 Martha Hatt

Sound

3/2 Don Smith
3/9 Mark Cieslak
3/16 Dave Read
3/23 Bob Hatt
3/30 Don Smith

Greeters

3/2 Sheila Holloway, Nicole Holloway
3/9 TBA
3/16 Jodi Stark, Jaime Stark
3/23 TBA
3/30 TBA

Nursery

3/2 Sally Dean
3/9 Kim Huhtala
3/16 Jill Wesley
3/23 TBA
3/30 RoyAnn Rogerson

Ushers

3/2 Martha Hatt, Deb Cieslak
3/9 Janet & Carl Fitch
3/16 RoyAnn Rogerson, Holly Russo

3/23 Deb Cieslak, Kim Huhtala

3/30 Deb Elliott, Sally Dean

Social

3/2 Deb Elliott
3/9 Pat Knapp
3/16 Patty Zych
Belinda Wagner
3/23 RoyAnn Rogerson
Sally Dean

Counters

3/2 Wendy Liebl, Martha Hatt
3/9 Judy Swain, Tim Keegan
3/16 Dick Knapp, Judy Matthews
3/23 Dean Goodell, Pat Knapp
3/30 Jill Wesley, June Pelham

BAKERS NEEDED! Judy Swain is asking for cake bakers for the chicken dinner on April 12th. Please call her at 372-1512 or e-mail at kswain3@nycap.rr.com to respond to her request and tell her what you will be baking. Thank you!

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, March 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

Confirmation Classes for Middle and High Schoolers are starting on **March 2** after church (11:30 am to 12:30 pm). We will be using a combination of traditional confirmation materials and a group of short videos from the United Methodist Church explaining the Christian year and parts of the church service. Thank you to Carol Graves for volunteering to be our second adult.

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

This month our speaker will be **Nancy Gifford, a Schenectady Librarian**, who came highly recommended by our Elsie Maddaus; Nancy will speak to us on suggested books especially for women's enjoyment. Nancy last spoke to us on suggested Children's Books back in November. We enjoyed it so much, we have asked her to return. Please join us for a relaxing evening!

The Women's Group is hosting a collection of kitchen supplies for the Battered Women's Shelter in Schenectady. Items requested are: silverware, pot holders & cereal bowls. A collection basket will be set up in the Loomis Room for donations. Any questions or concerns, please see Sue Sykes.

Deadline for April newsletter – March 20th

MARCH CALENDAR

3/1 **FLAME Concert**, 7:00 pm

3/3 **Trustees** meeting, 7 pm

3/4 **Tuesday morning Bible Study** (every Tuesday at 9:30 am)

PANCAKE SUPPER



3/4 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** 5:30 – 7:00 pm

3/5 **Ash Wednesday Service** 7:00 pm



3/8 **Daylight Saving Time Begins on 3/9**, set clocks forward Saturday evening

3/9 **Prince of Peace Clown Troupe**

3/10 **Scotia Women's Group**- 7 pm

3/12 **Lenten Study 7:00 pm, Loomis Room**

3/17 **Staff Parish** meeting, 7 pm
St. Patrick's Day

3/18 **Food Bank** volunteers, meet at 2 pm

3/19 **Lenten Study 7:00 pm, Loomis Room**

3/20 **FIRST DAY OF SPRING!**

3/24 **Admin. Council**, 7 pm

3/26 **Lenten Study 7:00 pm, Loomis Room**

3/30 **One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing- March 30. This Special Offering lays the foundation for United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) ministry of relief and hope. The donations that UMCOR receives through this offering cover 100% of the administrative and fundraising costs so when we make donations to UMCOR after a disaster, 100% of that money goes to disaster relief.

All are welcome to a special Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm on March 5th at Scotia UMC with Pastor Carl Shepard of Alplaus UMC as guest preacher. We will be doing the imposition of ashes and sharing Holy Communion.



Beginning March 12th on the Worldwide Nature of the UMC. This class will be offered by Shirley Readdean and Ted Vickery and will include Alplaus, Carmen, Faith, First and Scotia UMCs. We will host this 4 week class and provide refreshments on the first day. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or all of the classes as we prepare for General Conference 2016.

Prayers & Celebrations

Prayers for Dean Goodell for recovery from foot surgery. Prayers for Patty Olsen for health issues.

A word of thanks from Pastor Jan Rowell on the prayer shawl, prayers and notes as she recovers from a broken arm.



Upcoming Events Next Month:

Sunday, April 6th – 31 Bag Party after church

Saturday, April 12th – Chicken Dinner

Special Easter Memorial Offering & Bulletin

Easter Egg Hunt – For more details, please contact Jennifer Breslin or Mary Connors.

Capital Campaign Phase II Kickoff Announcement

Last year's Capital Campaign had a goal of \$150,000.00. We reached \$118,000.00 of that goal. **Much was accomplished with that \$118,000.00.** The major portion of the money went toward rebuilding the almost 60 year old roof on the Education Wing. But there were many other things that were done.

All the toilets in the downstairs bathrooms were replaced; new carpeting was installed on the steps and landings in the Community Room; new gutters and drains were placed over the Fireplace Room exit; new floor tiles for the upstairs and part of the downstairs hallways; new ceiling tiles in the upstairs hallway and especially new, and brighter, lighting in the Education Wing hallway. The Trustees had the outside of the church building re-pointed from the ground to the window levels all around the church. And, most recently completed was the welcome repair to the ceiling over the altar.

There is a great deal more to be accomplished. Including work on the church, there are some serious items that need to be addressed at the Parsonage.

Future Church Repairs Include:

1. New gutters have to be installed on the main body of the church.
2. Deteriorated coping stones have to be replaced to prevent water from coming in.
3. The rest of the church building needs to be re-pointed above the window levels and new flashing needs to be installed around the tower. That is why the back area of the sanctuary is roped off.
4. Plastering needs to be done throughout the church, especially on the Catherine Street wall, on the side balcony and in the Old Library upstairs over Reverend Megan's office.

The Trustee's estimate an additional cost of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to bring the church up to a level that can be maintained with annually budgeted "maintenance money."

The Capital Campaign Committee recently met and decided that we needed to institute Phase II of the Capital Campaign to complete the job.

Letters will be going out shortly to members of the church inviting everyone to participate in Phase II. And, we hope to have the results of Phase II of the Capital Campaign available on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. It will be a day of good news and rejoicing.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Trustees; Belinda Wagner, Stephen Long, Reverend Megan, Brian Breslin, Carl Fitch, Kim Huhtala, Bob Van Vorst, Jill Wesley or Clarence Mosher, Lay Leader and Chair of the Capital Campaign – Phase II. Thank you! We, and the Trustees, have a lot of work ahead of us in the coming year.

Please note: We greatly appreciate all your contributions to the church, both monetary and in volunteer activity. It is sometimes difficult on our end to face the financial realities and immediate needs that must be addressed and to once again ask for your support. However, it is necessary for us to continue to move forward. Working together we can make a difference in our community and to those around us every day.