

March 2016

Scotia UMC

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“God is my strength, my might, and has become my salvation.” – Psalm 118:14

In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb...

Our Lenten journey marches on this month and will end in Easter celebration! This Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, we will gather together for Communion and hear from Living Gospel Ministry a presentation of “Easter Through the Eyes of John.” Next Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent, we will have Carl preaching and Margaret teaching. While Carl is in the sanctuary sharing the Word, I will be teaching a combined class (pre-K – 12th) for our Sunday School which will focus on The Last Supper. Then **it’s Passion/Palm Sunday** on the 20th! Come join in as we march through the sanctuary waving our palms to announce the arrival of Jesus to Jerusalem and then settle in as we look forward to the events of the week ahead. Holy Week, as is tradition, we’ll gather for a community dinner on **Holy Thursday** as well as participate in the **18th Annual Cross Walk** through the Village which begins at 9:30am in our sanctuary. Different this year from last is our shared services. Alplaus UMC joined us here for our Ash Wednesday service and we are invited to join them in their sanctuary on **Good Friday** for their evening service which begins at 7:30pm.

Finally, our last Sunday in March is **Easter Sunday**! Come rejoice and celebrate a new year of resurrection and rebirth.

And...one last note, let us not forget that the month of March has us springing forward with both new life AND with new time! Allow me to share with you a little song that I found which may help you remember to “turn your clocks ahead one hour” on Sunday, March 13th.

“God of sleep, and God of slumber,
help us not be late, we ask:
changing clocks one forward number,
may we not forget this task.
Choir directors, preachers, teachers,
all will bless your holy name,
if to Sunday church on time we came.”
Time Change Song by McIntyre & Hughes

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Wesley's Wisdom

From John Wesley's Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America

With all the controversy, complaints and politics-in-general, it is wisdom to obey scripture and pray for our leaders, especially as we enter an election year.

A Prayer for Supreme Rulers

"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold the Supreme Rulers of these United States; and to replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may incline to thy will, and walk in thy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

3/6 Janet Daly
3/13 Sharon Sharrow
3/20 TBD
3/27 Belinda Wagner

Sound

Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt
Don Smith

Greeters

3/6 Sue Sykes, Megan Sykes
3/13 Jodie Stark, Sally Dean
3/20 Don & Marcia Smith
3/27 Janet Daly, Pat & Dick Knapp

Acolytes

Rebecca Currier, Emily St. John
Andrew Currier, Hailie St. John
Nicole Holloway, Daegan Connors
TBD

Ushers

3/6 Martha Hatt, Fiona Goodell
3/13 Dave & Lisa Read
3/20 Dick & Pat Knapp
3/27 Handy family

Social

Geri Byam, Judy Dudley
Sally Dean, Janet Daly
TBD
Read family

Counters

Dick Knapp, June Pelham

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Scotia Glenville Food Pantry 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

-Go through your pantry and lend a helping hand-

We will be collecting food and money this month on Sunday, March 9th and March 24th, right after the children's story. Please remember to bring something to help our community. Remember, "a little goes a long way."

Thank you— keep bringing in those bottles and cans, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education. Our Scotia-Glenville schools and our children benefit from these donations. Please take the time to cut them out and bring them in.

Regional Food Bank – On Tuesday, February 16th, it was the first time ever we were told that there were too many people in our group. Great going and a thank you for all that took the time to volunteer for a few hours.

Be there for your neighbors...especially those who are elderly and living alone. You would be surprised what a shared cup of coffee and conversation can mean to them. It might take an hour out of your day, but you just made their whole day wonderful.

Mission Trips – Where does your interest lay? Schoharie flood clean up? East Coast clean up from Sandy? Seasonal set up and clean up for Skye Farm? These are just a few of the suggestions. If you have any other ideas, please share your thoughts.

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EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIAL

Please return this form if you would like to offer flowers in memory or in honor of someone on Easter morning. Forms with check must be received in the church office no later than Monday, March 14, 2016.

Given by _____

In Memory
of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

6" pots for \$6.99 each: _____ tulips _____ hyacinths _____ lilies _____ daffodils

6" pots for \$9.99 each: _____ mums (specify yellow or white)

6" pots for \$16.99 each: _____ azaleas _____ hydrangeas (specify blue or pink)

_____ Please check here if you would like your flowers to go to a shut-in after Easter service.

(Please note: Listed price is for flowers only. If you would like to make an additional donation to the church it would be greatly appreciated.)

Church Treasurers Report
31-Jan-16

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	January	Total thru
	<u>2016</u>	<u>1/31/2016</u>
Individual Contributions	\$10,411	\$10,411
Building Use/Rent	\$2,136	\$2,136
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$0	\$0
Other Designated Giving	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$12,547	\$12,547
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,767	\$6,767
Church Operations/Program	\$538	\$538
Parsonage Expenses	\$1,154	\$1,154
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$779	\$779
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$753	\$753
Church Building-All Other	\$519	\$519
Apportionments	\$2,592	\$2,592
Benevolences	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Expenses	\$13,102	\$13,102
Shortage	-\$555	-\$555

There was a shortage of (\$555) for the month of January 2016.

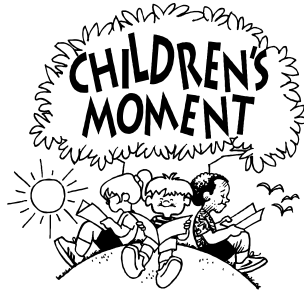
If there are any questions or requests for detailed information, please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

Position Available for Immediate Hire -Part Time Child Care Attendant

We are seeking a responsible, mature individual to fill a part time child care attendant position, to provide child care to a small group of children ages infant to 3 years every Sunday morning from 9:45 am to 11:15 pm. Qualifications : high school diploma, experience with child care or child care training required. Safe Sanctuaries training a plus. References required. Contact Deb Elliott at 339-2341 or send resume to delliot@fnysn.org

Fundraising Workout - Thanks to all who participated in last week's Fundraising Brainstorming session. Here are a few of the ideas: Tour of churches, Dine to Donate, Coffee House with singers, Health Fair, Cookbook, Garden Show, Ham dinner, Roast Beef dinner, Dinner Theater, Shrove dinner, Fireworks cookout /ice cream sale, Soup/Chili cook off, Holiday on the Avenue event. All great ideas but the one idea missing is your suggestions. Keep thinking and we will see you all at the next meeting in March.

Tuesday morning Bible Study 9:30 am -Current series of 12 audio tape lectures on Islam, by Professor John L. Esposito, at Georgetown University, with discussion after. All are welcome.



- ❖ **Sunday School Update** – the students have been very busy throughout February! The classes have been "**Following in the Footsteps of Jesus**" and we are updating one of the bulletin boards to portray this theme.
- ❖ **February Friends Project** - The congregation and the students joined together to create "**February Friends.**" This project is turning into a great success with each student making special friends with a member of the congregation. It's an excellent way for the different generations to get to know one another. A special thanks to Connie Large for all her hard work on the project.
- ❖ **Ash Wednesday Report** - It was wonderful to see some of our youth join us for the Ash Wednesday service on 2/10. We were very pleased with the turn out and hope to make it an annual tradition.
- ❖ **Spring is Coming!** We're looking forward to the Easter/Spring season. Two events to watch for: the big bulletin board to change and news of our Easter party!

CALENDER

- 3/3 **Choir Practice** 7:30 pm
- 3/6 *Regina Caeli Academy Open House* 2-5 pm
- 3/6 **Worship Service with Living Gospel Ministry**
- 3/7 **Trustees Meeting** 7 pm
- 3/13 **Daylight Savings Time!- Spring Forward**
- 3/13 **Staff Parish Meeting** after service
- 3/14 **Women's Group** 7 pm
- 3/15 **Regional Food Bank** 2:00 pm
- 3/19 **Children's Easter Party** 10-12 noon
- 3/19 *Building Use – Blue/Gold Dinner* 4:30 – 8 pm
- 3/20 **Welcome/Worship Meeting** after service
- 3/20 **Palm Sunday & First day of **SPRING** ☺**
- 3/23 **Finance** 7 pm
- 3/24 **Holy Thursday Dinner & Communion** 6:00 pm
(bring a dish to share, drinks and dessert will be provided)
- 3/25 **Good Friday Crosswalk** 9:30 am starting at SUMC
Joint Good Friday Service at Alplaus UMC 7:30 pm
- 3/27 **Easter Sunday**
- 3/28 **Admin. Council** 7 pm
- 3/31 **Choir Practice** 7:30 pm