



The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church

MARCH 2024

Greetings to all in this holy season of Lent. This annual season of self reflection and preparation hopefully gives each of us time to examine not only our physical lives, as we see the weather warming and anticipate the coming of Spring; but also our spiritual lives as we prepare for the coming of Holy Week and Easter.

The annual journeys that we take through the seasons of our lives often shape what we plan for the days ahead. With Spring and Easter on the horizon, we might be preparing by choosing seeds to plant, considering what kind of yard work will soon be necessary, and making sure the Jelly Beans and Easter baskets are all set for the kids and grandkids. Take a walk through any shopping area and you can see so much on display to encourage this kind of preparation in our lives.

But we all have a spiritual side as well, which often is not fed or encouraged in the same way by the larger world around us. One can certainly find “Easter” in the stores. They are filled with baskets and candy, with stuffed bunnies, and maybe even some religious associated symbols, such as crosses or lilies, if you look in the right aisles. But the truth is that our spiritual sides are often shortchanged by the surrounding world, even in this most holy of seasons. But it can be very powerful to find some way to feed one’s spiritual side. Each of us has the ability to feed our spirits in some way. The practice of reflection which Lent calls us to is one way. Spending time in prayer, just listening for God in our lives is another way. Perhaps setting some time aside to intentionally seek connection with God is something that some of you would find really empowering? There are many ways to feed that part of us, but we each need to find what works for us as individuals. I encourage each person to be intentional about setting aside a time to work on your spiritual side each day,

Another way that many find helpful is to participate in the Seasonal events at church. I invite everyone to consider joining us for the ***Maundy Thursday Worship at Scotia UMC. This year we are once again inviting Faith UMC and Alplaus UMC to join us in this special service and this year Centre Glenville UMC is invited as well.***

It begins at meal, where we get to enjoy the variety of dishes that folks bring, as we gather in worship at 6:00 pm with a shared fellowship. As the meal concludes, we will take our own journey to Gethsemane and share the last parts of worship in the Sanctuary. (continued on next page)

Pastor Dang



The following evening, **Centre Glenville will host the gathered churches for a Good Friday – Tenebrae - Service starting at 7 pm.** This type of service commemorates the last day of Christ's life and reminds us of the darkness which descended at his death.

On Sunday Morning each church will celebrate **Easter and Christ's resurrection** to a new life at their regular times and locations.

I hope that everyone will find each of these opportunities to give meaning to their spiritual life. I look forward to sharing this season with each of you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual **CROP Walk Recruiters' Rally** is on **Monday, March 4th, at 6:30 pm.** at the Rotterdam Community Center, 705 Curry Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306.

The **CROP Hunger Walk** will be on Sunday, May 5th at the Rotterdam Community Center, 705 Curry Rd. Sch'dy. Hope everyone will participate in some way.

Ask Sue V. how you can help. Thanks!

The Capital District Council of Churches has a *scholarship drive* to give five college-bound high school students a chance of a better life. The goal is \$4000.00 for each student. Please donate something, any amount will help and will be appreciated. You may place in the offering and mark "scholarships" in the memo line.

Our guest presenter for the next **Women's Meeting** will be Sherri Mackey on March 11th at 7 pm. Her program will be "An Introduction to Nature of the Spiritual Journey."

To Congregants of SUMC

Thank you so much for the very generous monetary donation in the amount of \$1,748.00. The Scotia Food Pantry Volunteers appreciate all you do for the families in our community.

Sincerely,

Eileen Quick, Volunteer



Meetings & Events

Trustees Meeting—March 7th at 7 pm

Women's Group March 11th at 7 pm

Community Breakfast Sat. March 16th

Palm Sunday March 24th

Finance Meeting—March 26th at 6:30 pm

Admin. Council Meeting –March 26th at 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday March 28th at 6 pm

Good Friday March 29th at Centre Glenville 7 pm

EASTER RESURRECTION DAY! March 31st

March Birthdays

3/3 DAVE ERICSON

3/12 SUE SYKES

3/5 RUPERT PRATT

3/14 BRIAN LIEBL

3/6 HOWIE MALOY

3/16 ELIZA CIESLAK

3/11 JENNIFER

3/19 WENDY LIEBL

RUDOLPH

3/22 BENJAMIN PECONIE

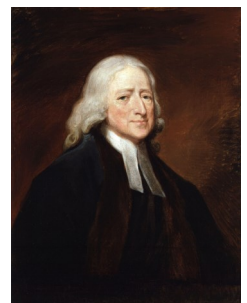
**3/12 CHARLENE
SPENCE**

3/31 ANIKA DESORBO



Wesley's Wisdom

“Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.”





Church Treasurer's Report

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	YTD <u>Jan-24</u>
Operating Income	
Individual Contributions	\$11,986
Investment Income	\$3
Building Use/ Rent	\$1,560
Fund Raising	\$0
Total	
Operating Income	\$13,549
Operating Expenses	
Wages	\$4,446
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$1,260
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$270
Church Operations	\$537
Church	
Program	\$67
Parsonage	(\$39)
Church	
Building	\$4,022
Apportion- ments	\$493
Benevolences	\$33
Total	
Operating Expenses	\$11,089
Surplus	<u><u>\$2,460</u></u>



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The next Community Breakfast will be held on March 16th.

Easter Plant Sale -the last day to order will be on Sunday, March 10. Thank you! Deb Cieslak

Volunteers Needed—to take out the recycling and trash to the curb on Tues. and retrieving it on Wed. There is a signup sheet for people to volunteer, on the hall bulletin board.

Please sign up and help us to share the responsibility. Thank you-Erik

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Easter Flowers

Please return this form if you would like to order flowers in memory or in honor of someone on Easter morning. This form with check must be received in the church office no later than **Sunday, March 10, 2024.**

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

Or in Honor of _____

6" pots for \$12.00 each: ____ Tulips ____ Hyacinths ____ Lilies ____ Daffodils

____ Please check here if you would like to take your plant home after Easter service to enjoy at home. These plants can be planted outdoors and they will come up next year in your yard or give it to a friend or family member who will enjoy it.

____ Please check here if you want to leave your plant to be delivered to a shut in. We have very few shut-in's this year but will deliver it to someone who might enjoy it.

____ Please check here if you do not want a plant and want to make a donation to the church. Checks can be made payable to the Scotia United Methodist Church. Please note on check "donation" only. Questions: Contact Deb Cieslak @ 518-429-9998 or email me at dcies4183@aol.com