

MAY

2014

Scotia UMC

May 2014

"Thou hast put gladness in my heart."

Psalms 4:7 KJV

Thank you to all who helped participate in the **Palm Sunday readers' theatre**. It was incredibly meaningful to me, especially when the lights were dimmed and the cross was covered. The worship committee is really gifted!

Thanks to our helpers for **Maundy Thursday's communion service and potluck** (for the Huhtalas who prepared the Seder plates and for all who set up, took down and read the liturgy!) Thank you to Jill Dunster-Wesley and Brook Jorgenson for helping with monologues at our joint **Good Friday Service** at Alplaus UMC.

I also wanted to say a word of thanks to all who made the **Chicken Dinner** a success. We had sold out of chickens by 5:40 pm. That is almost unheard of.

Thank you to Jim Spence and Carl Fitch who helped cook the meal and for all the kitchen and waitressing staff who worked during and after the dinner.

The Thursday night Bible Study is done for the Spring. Please let the new pastor know what you are interested in doing for studies in the fall.

It has been a real blessing walking alongside of you as we have studied books of the Bible, and completed book studies related to our faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Megan

Woman's Group Meeting Monday May 12th at 7:00 pm

Pastor Megan and Stephen Schad are sharing about their trip last summer to Europe. Pastor Megan will be focusing on the spiritually significant places they visited and Steve will share about the fun things they did for their tenth wedding anniversary trip. All are invited and refreshments will be served.

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

5/4 Stephen Long
5/11 David Read
5/18 Martha Hatt
5/25 TBD

Sound

5/4 Mark Cieslak
5/11 David Read
5/18 Bob Hatt
5/25 Don Smith

Nursery

5/4 Meredith Van Vorst
5/11 Judy Matthews
5/18 Judy Swain
5/25 Kim Huhtala

Greeters

5/4 Byam family
5/11 Martha & Bob Hatt
5/18 Volunteer Needed
5/25 Volunteer Needed

Ushers

5/4 Deb Cieslak, Martha Hatt
5/11 Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes
5/18 Amiee & Steve Warfield
5/25 Sue Sykes, MacKenzie Sykes

Social

5/4 Lynn Flansburg
Sheila Holloway
5/11 Men's Group
5/18 Sue Sykes
5/25 Nikki & Kevin Jaycox

Counters

5/4 Wendy Liebl, Jill Wesley
5/11 June Pelham, Clarence Mosher
5/18 Judy Matthews, Martha Hatt
5/25 Judy Swain, Tim Keegan

Acolytes

5/4 Zoey Flansburg, Nicole Holloway
5/11 Jamie Stark, Galen Schad
5/18 Shannon Warfield, Ian Caterina
5/25 Nicole Hollway, Jamie Stark

Crop Walk- Help get rid of hunger by walking on Sunday, May 4th. Sign up sheets and packets are available in the Loomis Room. Leaving from the Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace at 1:30 pm. Registration begins at 12:30.

Celebrations- Teddy Cieslak was born on April 10th to Brian Cieslak and Eliza Feero.

Coming Events

June 1- **Confirmation Sunday**

June 8- **Pentecost!**

June 15- **Baptism and Children's Sunday** (notice this is a change of date for Children's Sunday)

June 22- **Pastor Megan's last Sunday at SUMC**

June 29- **Worship led by the Worship Committee.**

SUMC IN MISSIONS

HELP! We need ideas for reaching out to our community. Last year we served lunches at Hillhurst Park (SICM site), Collins Park (Union College site) and hosted the UM ARMY. This year we are signed up for Hillhurst Park. What else should we consider? Please contact someone on the Mission Committee with suggestions: Judy Dudley, Bill Dudley, Deb Cieslak, Dean Goodell, June Pelham, Jill Wesley, and Dick Knapp. Or leave a message with the church office.

Labels for Education – We have a swap meet with Bank of America 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, May 20th**.

Recently Sheila Holloway mentioned that the Sunday School teachers have tentatively scheduled a trip to the Regional Food Bank on Sunday, May 18th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Also, the Regional Food Bank needs assistance on Monday and Friday evenings 5:00 – 8:00. 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 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

Baptisms & Joining the Church

The number of Sundays that I'll be present with you all is coming to an end. If you have been considering having me preside at your family member's baptism or if you wanted to join the church, please contact the church office ASAP so we can get that scheduled. It is also perfectly fine to wait until the new pastor arrives to have these things scheduled and the new pastor may appreciate having the opportunity to be a part of such a special aspect of church life together. – Pastor Megan

Church Office

I will be going to my Christian Writers Conference in NC and will be out of the office May 20-22 and May 27-28. Thank you to Pat & Dick Knapp for their availability to assist Megan, checking phone messages or mail as needed. Pastor Megan will be attending the Annual Conference on May 29-30 and I will be back in the office on the 29th. - Cynthia

MAY CALENDAR

May 1 ***National Day of Prayer***

May 2-3 **RUMMAGE SALE**

May 4 ***Star Wars-themed service and Communion***

(*May the fourth be with you... and also with you!*)

May 5 ***Trustees*** Meeting 7 pm

May 6 Tues. Morning ***Bible Study*** (every Tues. at 9:30 am)



May 11 ***Mother's Day***

May 12 ***Women's Group*** Meeting 7 pm

May 18 ***Baptism and New Members***

May 20 ***Food Bank*** Volunteers 2 pm

May 21 ***Finance Meeting*** 6 pm



May 25 ***Memorial Day Sunday***

May 26 ***Admin. Council*** Meeting 7 pm

May 27 Tues. Morning ***Bible Study*** – final class meeting at another location

May 29-31 ***Annual Conference***

Church Treasurers Report

(YTD=Year to Date)
(B=Better,
W=Worse)

	March <u>YTD</u>	Budget Variance <u>YTD-B/-W</u>	To Prior Year Variance <u>YTD-B/-W</u>	
Operating Income				
Individual Contributions	\$38,028	\$1,493	\$818	Both 2014 and 2013 were 13 weeks YTD
Investment Income	\$166	\$20	\$22	
Building Use/Rent	\$2,155	\$385	\$1,650	Mekeel Nursery Rent
Fund Raising	\$690	-\$55	-\$205	Prior year W due to Celebration calendar in 2013
Grant from Conference	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	
Total Operating Income	\$43,539	\$1,843	\$2,285	Good News
Operating Expenses				
Wages	\$18,939	\$115	-\$465	Prior year W due to Salary increases
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$5,612	\$388	-\$236	Temporary Budget B due to timing
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$774	\$1	-\$54	Prior year W due to conference rate increases
Church Operations	\$1,492	\$49	-\$128	Prior year W due to postage
Church Program	\$242	-\$77	\$66	
Parsonage	\$4,321	-\$620	-\$1,935	Budget W due to \$727 over in repairs
Church Building	\$13,226	-\$469	-\$2,275	Prior year W due to \$1,887 in repairs
Apportionments	\$5,979	\$0	\$363	Budget W due \$1,352 over in repairs offset by Snow removal \$821
Benevolences	\$132	\$18	\$11	Prior year W due to \$2,833 over in repairs offset by property insurance \$929
Total Operating Expenses	\$50,717	-\$595	-\$4,653	Prior year B due to allocation decrease by conference
Gain/-Loss	-\$7,178	\$1,248	-\$2,368	Better than budget year to date but worse than last year.
Capital Campaign Donations	\$5,922			\$5,300 pledged in 2013, \$622 of new money
Capital Spending	\$2,475			Replastering of church altar area ceiling
Loan Interest Expense	\$438			
Bank Loan Balance	\$30,501			