



May 2015

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” – Matthew 6:28-29 KJV

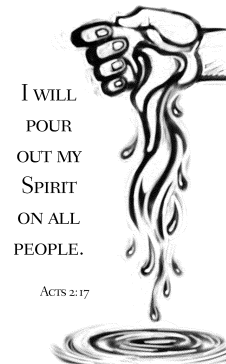
April showers bring May flowers...

Or so we hope here in the Northeast! Typically the month of May is a time when Spring is in full bloom. The winter season is coming to an end and Spring is being ushered in. In the Capital District, we recognize Spring and its bloom, particularly tulip blooms, every May during Albany's Annual Tulip Festival. Every year, a multitude of people from different cultures and ethnicities descend upon Washington Park to experience God's beautiful creation bursting forth as a new season begins.

The church calendar ushers in a new season as well at the end of the month, May 24th, on the Day of Pentecost, the Day of the Spirit, and the beginning of the “Pentecost Season.” Some folks refer to this season as “Ordinary Time.” I do not because this time is anything but ordinary. This is a time and a season where we recognize what God gave to us, the Holy Spirit, which dwells among and lives within each of us. God gave us the Spirit so that we could be in ministry with those around us. God gave us the Spirit so that we may go forth and be Disciples of Christ in the world.

As we enter into Pentecost Season this year, may multitudes also experience the Spirit bursting forth, inspiring our church and the greater Church to mission. We are to be like the first Christians who were driven to the streets, sharing good news, speaking in unfamiliar voices and being heard across culture and ethnicity.

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Worship Schedule

Liturgists

5/3 Everett Currier
5/10 Marcia Smith
5/17 Clarence Mosher
5/24 TBD
5/31 Robert Currier

Sound

Bob Hatt
Don Smith
Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt

Greeters

5/3 Zych family
5/10 Men's Group
5/17 Sally Dean
5/24 RoyAnn Rogerson
5/31 Darlene St. Amour

Ushers

Sheila Holloway, Nikki Holloway
Men's Group
Deb Cieslak, Royann Rogerson
Dave & Lisa Read
Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes

Social

5/3 Brady family
5/10 Curriers & Men's Group
5/17 Judy Dudley, Geri Byam
5/24 Jill & Steve Wesley
5/31 Stephen Long

Counters

Martha Hatt, June Pelham
Pat Knapp, Clarence Mosher
Dean Goodell, Wendy Liebl
Tim Keegan, Jill Wesley
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Acolytes

5/3 TBD
5/10 Jaime Stark, Cameron Breslin
5/17 Emily St. John, Daegan Connors
5/24 Cameron Breslin, Ian Caterina
5/31 Hailie St. John, Nicole Holloway

The Women's Group will meet on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. This month the special speaker will be Bonnie Kriss who will talk to us about our local Joan Nicole Prince Home. Come, bring a friend & enjoy a learning experience and refreshments.

Thank you! To all those who met the deadline last month! You proved you can do it and made the process much smoother.



Tuesday morning Bible Study – 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

SUMC IN MISSIONS

The **Prayer Shawl Group** continues to be active. Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate. We have a good supply of yarn. Please contact Pat Knapp (393-5737 or 44knapptyme@gmail.com [new address]) with any questions.

Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry – We collect for the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, both food and cash, during service on the **second and fourth Sundays each month**. There are baskets in each corner of the sanctuary for food donations anytime. Cash will allow the food pantry to buy from the Regional Food Bank at reduced prices as well as those items they run short of. **The pantry will use anything we donate but they always need personal hygiene products (soaps, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.) because people cannot purchase these items with food stamps.**

Bottles for Bread – Please continue to place your clean **refundable** containers in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds go to the Scotia-Glenville food pantry.

Regional Food Bank – A great opportunity for fellowship with others from our church and a group from Bank of America. On the third Tuesday of each month we go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products from various stores. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return there around 4:30. No long term commitment, join us whenever your schedule allows. Our next trip is **TUESDAY, May 19th**.

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.

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.

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 Committee.

Calendar

1 & 2 Rummage Sale

3 Crop Walk

4 Trustees Meeting 7 pm

7 National Day of Prayer

7 Choir Practice 7:30 pm

10 Mother's Day

11 Women's Group 7 pm

16 AA District event 7 am-4 pm

17 Staff Parish 1:00 pm

19 Food Pantry 2 pm

20 Newsletter Deadline

21 Finance Meeting 7pm

21 Choir Practice 7:30 pm

23 Men's Club Breakfast 8 am, Glenville Queen Diner

24 Pentecost Sunday

25 Memorial Day

31 Peace with Justice offering

Church Treasurers Report
31-Mar-15

| | <u>2015</u> | | Total thru |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| | March | | |
| | <u>2015</u> | <u>3/31/2015</u> | |
| Individual Contributions | \$15,571 | \$34,365 | |
| Building Use/Rent | \$1,700 | \$3,825 | |
| Fund Raising/Interest Income | \$738 | \$804 | |
| Grant from Conference | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Total Operating Receipts | <u>\$18,010</u> | <u>\$38,994</u> | |
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| Wages & other employment expenses | \$6,563 | \$19,325 | |
| Church Operations/Program | \$899 | \$1,874 | |
| Parsonage Expenses | \$558 | \$2,736 | |
| Church Building-Repairs/Safety | \$806 | \$2,118 | |
| Church Building-Utilities/Water | \$1,757 | \$4,543 | |
| Church Building-All Other | \$730 | \$5,020 | |
| Apportionments | \$2,074 | \$6,222 | |
| Benevolences | \$0 | \$82 | |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>\$13,387</u> | <u>\$41,921</u> | |
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| Surplus (Shortage) | \$4,622 | -\$2,927 | |

There was a surplus of \$4,622 for the month of March 2015.

Total for the year through 3/31/15 is a shortage of (\$2,927).

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

Crop Hunger Walk -Sunday, May 3, Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace. Registration 12:30 pm. Opening ceremony at 1:20 pm and the 5K walk through the city of Schenectady at 1:30 pm. There is a shorter walk called the "Golden Mile" for those unable to participate in the 5K. This event helps fight hunger locally and internationally. If you would like to participate, contact Deb Cieslak at 372-5562 or dcies4183@aol.com for a registration sheet. If you can not walk in this event, please give your donation for this worthy cause to one of the walkers from our church participating in the walk.

Church Office - I will be going to my Christian Writers Conference in NC and will be out of the office May 19-21 and May 26 & 27. Thank you to Pat & Dick Knapp for their availability to help by checking phone messages or mail as needed. Pastor Margaret will be attending the United Methodist UNY Annual Conference Session at the end of the month so please contact Carl Shepard for any pastoral assistance (May 27-31st) and I will be back in the office on the 28th. - Cynthia