

NOVEMBER 2019

Scotia UMC

***The core of all prayer is indeed
listening.
-----Henri Nouwen***

As a group of people who follow "the Jesus way", we are a community that listens to the Holy Spirit. And that means we are ultimately concerned with intuition -not ideas.

This requires an attitude of receptivity. Heading toward advent we can look at the openness of Mary and adopt her attitude for the season,

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Peace,

Chris

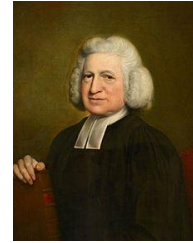
Sunday School

The 11/24 classes will be having a **Thanksgiving Celebration**. We will talk about gratitude and have our own Thanksgiving "dinner."

Christmas Party



The **Children's Christmas Party** will be Saturday, December 7th. We will meet in the parking lot at 12:30 pm & walk over to Holyrood (housing for elderly and those in need) to sing some Christmas Carols and deliver cookies. It's going to be a wonderful time- please don't miss it! The residents have been so happy and grateful in previous years and it's a great opportunity for the children (& adults) to spread some Christmas love to those who may not be able to get out for the holidays. We are hoping for a good turnout, the more voices, the better. We will then return to church and decorate the Children's Christmas tree in the Loomis Room and have some cookies ourselves.



Wesley's Wisdom

"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity." – John Wesley

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

11/3 RoyAnn Rogerson
11/10 Stephen Long
11/17 Deb Elliott
11/24 Jill Wesley

Counters

Jill Wesley

Ushers & Greeters

11/3 Meredith & Bob Van Vorst
11/10 Deb Cieslak, Holly Russo
11/17 Kim & Dave Huhtala
11/24 Sue Sykes, Barb Hanley

Social

Jennifer Baron & family
Deb Elliott & friends-potluck
Kim & Dave Huhtala
Wendy Liebl

The Women's Group – Debbie Fowler, the president of Eyes Wide Open NENY, an organization which raises awareness of human trafficking, recently spoke at our last meeting. Locally Debbie operates the store, Her Treasure Box, which is a creative arts thrift store. Its purpose is to provide hope and healing for victims.

Please Note: Donations are being accepted here at SUMC for the YWCA Holiday Wish List for the Women's Shelter. A complete list is posted on the hallway bulletin board outside the Fireside Room, ***along with extra copies if you would like to take one for reference. +***

CALENDER & EVENTS

- 11/3 All Saints Day
Stewardship Campaign**
11/4 Women's Group 7 pm
11/9 Roast Beef Dinner
11/10 Joint Charge Conference (Worship at 10:00 am)
11/19 Regional Food Bank 2:30 pm
11/19 Finance Meeting 7 pm
11/20 Admin. Meeting 7 pm
11/24 Student Day special offering
11/25-29 – RCA on break
11/28 Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

Thursday Morning Bible Study – from 9:30 -11:00 in the Fireside Room. Pastor Chris will be leading the group through a study on the current lectionary readings.

Roast Beef Dinner Saturday Nov. 9th from 4:30-6:30

This is our biggest one day fund raiser of the year. We need all of your support to make this dinner a success. There are a couple of work parties before the dinner which need your support:

Thursday – 9 pm - Set up the dining room and prepare the kitchen for the dinner

Friday at 10 am - Complete setting up the table - pie room - silverware- plates

Friday at 5 pm - Need support bringing all the food / supplies from the parking lot down to the kitchen

Friday at 6 - Potato peeling party ...Bring your favorite peeler down and start peeling ...Yup its going to be fun - Mark C.

2019 Stewardship Drive - started on November 3rd and will end with a celebration on December 8th. You will be or may have already received your Stewardship letter from the Stewardship Committee. Please prayerfully consider joining us this year in our stewardship drive. We want everyone to be a part of the growing excitement at Scotia United Methodist Church.

Charge Conference - Join us for joint worship at 10:00 am and Charge Conference immediately following worship with Faith UMC on **Sunday Nov. 10th**. District Superintendent Rich Weihing will be joining us to preach and preside over charge conference. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room with a pot luck lunch so please bring a dish or dessert to share. If you would like to help with the luncheon, contact Deb Elliott, 518-339-2341.

Regional Food Bank – Volunteers, meet at the Food Bank at 2:30 pm on Tues. November 19th. If you need to carpool, contact Dick Knapp at 518-393-5737. -Jill Dunster-Wesley (cell) 423-3546 (home) 372-4047 jldunster@hotmail.com

**Church Treasurers Report
30-Sep-19**

	YTD Sep-19
Individual Contributions	\$81,182
Building Use/Rent	29,691
Fund Raising/Interest Income	144
Other Designated Giving	-
Total Operating Receipts	\$111,018
Wages & other employment expenses	\$52,031
Church Operations/Program	6,284
Parsonage Expenses	1,854
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	8,780
Church Building-Utilities/Water	8,849
Church Building-All Other	6,438
Apportionments	15,078
Benevolences	633
Total Operating Expenses	\$99,947
Surplus	\$ 11,071

There is a surplus of \$11,071 as of 9/30/19.

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

Come spend the morning with the World Champions! As we say “thank you for all of your support” please join Zoey & Alec Flansburg and their parents as they remember their experiences leading up to, playing, and winning the World Pipe Band Championship and Best Drum Corps! We will have light snacks. The presentation will be *before the service on Sunday November 17th at 10 a.m.* Come see the trophies!