

NOVEMBER
2014



November 2014

*“Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and
praise Thy glorious name.”*

I Chronicles 29:13 KJV

Give Thanks!

Give thanks, with a grateful heart. Give thanks, to the Holy One. Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now, let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks! Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)

November is a month of giving thanks, giving thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives. When living in a society that teaches us to focus on what we don't have, it's good to stop and remember what we do have and be thankful. We begin the month of November with endings. On the first Sunday in November the United Methodist Church recognizes “All Saints Day” during worship service. We set aside this Sunday to thank God for all the saints we've had in our lives as we remember those who have gone on before us to life eternal. It is a time when we remember those who took up the task and walked in the ways of God. We give thanks.

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November then ends in a celebration of thanks as we gather at our tables for

Thanksgiving. Most of us will gather at those tables with loved ones - children, adults, young, old, newborn, lifelong friends, family. Wherever we find ourselves this year on this day of thanks let us remember the many reasons we have to give our thanks to God. Give Thanks!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Margaret Currier

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Worship Schedule

Liturgists

11/2 Deb Elliott
11/9 Martha Hatt
11/16 TBD
11/23 Jennifer Breslin
11/30 Sue Sykes

Sound

Bob Hatt
Don Smith
Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt

Greeters

11/2 Fiona Goodell
11/9 Jodi Stark, Jaime Stark
11/16 Barbara Blum, June Pelham
11/23 Darlene St. Amour, Holly Russo
11/30 Cooper family

Ushers

Holly Russo, Martha Hatt
Steve & Jill Wesley
Sue Sykes, Fiona Goodell
Kim & Dave Huhtala
Zych family

Social

11/2 Geri Byam, Judy Dudley
11/9 Wendy Liebl, Holly Russo
11/16 TBD
11/23 Jill & Steve Wesley
11/30 TBD

Counters

Dick Knapp, Wendy Liebl
Dean Goodell, Pat Knapp
Jill Wesley, June Pelham
Clarence Mosher
Martha Hatt, Judy Swain

The Women's Group –will meet on Monday, November 10, at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Refreshments will be served; come and bring a friend. We will be sharing what we are thankful for and why. This can be a very uplifting program and we will probably learn more about each other. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Toy and Children's Clothing Sale November 22 – Start cleaning out your children's unused toys and clothes. The church will be having a Toy and Children's Clothing sale Saturday, November 22. You may buy a table for \$10.00 and keep the profits or you may donate items and 100% of these proceeds will go to the church. We will be looking for people to help run the church table. All Items must be in good condition and clothing should have no stains or rips. Please see Mark Cieslak and Laurie Peconie if you are interested.

If you have announcements of future meetings or events here at SUMC, please email them to scotiaumoffice@gmail.com for the **December newsletter** by **November 20th**. **Anything received past this date will not be included.** Thank you!

SUMC IN MISSIONS

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.

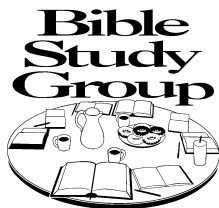
Regional Food Bank – A great opportunity for fellowship with others from our church and a group from Bank of America. On the third Tuesday of each month we go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products from various stores. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return there around 4:30. No long term commitment, join us whenever your schedule allows. Our next trip is **TUESDAY, Nov. 18th**.

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.

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 knappptyme@covad.net) with any questions.



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

Thursday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Nursery Help Needed – We need volunteers to help Tina in the nursery on Sunday mornings. To sign up, please see Sheila Holloway. Thank you!

We are still collecting for **Operation Christmas Child** until November 9th. Please bring in any small school supplies, small toys, things like socks, hair ties, toothbrushes and toothpaste are all welcome. If you prefer that the shopping is done for you, we will also accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you. All children are invited to stay after Church on November 9th and help us fill the shoe boxes.

To support Operation Christmas Child, we will be showing a short video during coffee hour Nov. 2nd so that everyone can learn more about the program.

The Education Committee is looking for people who want to help us plan our events, such as the Halloween Party, Tree Decorating and Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested, please see Sheila Holloway.

Help Wanted – We are looking for help to support our **Roast Beef Dinner on November 8.** We need help with setting up, in the kitchen, and clean up. Please see Mark Cieslak to offer your support or email the church office.

Roast Beef Dinner Sat. Nov. 8th

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Served Family Style

Featuring Homemade Pies

Adults \$10.00 / Children \$5.00 (ages 5-12)

(free to children under age 5)

Church Treasurers Report
30-Sep-14

	2014	
	September	Total thru
	<u>2014</u>	<u>9/30/2014</u>
Individual Contributions	\$12,077	\$109,204
Building Use/Rent	\$2,500	\$7,570
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$0	\$2,471
Grant from Conference	\$0	\$5,000
Total Operating Receipts	\$14,577	\$124,245
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,119	\$69,004
Church Operations/Program	\$326	\$4,559
Parsonage Expenses	\$850	\$10,296
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$83	\$9,596
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$158	\$9,798
Church Building-All Other	\$463	\$6,313
Apportionments	\$1,993	\$17,936
Benevolences	\$0	\$343
Total Operating Expenses	\$9,991	\$127,844
Surplus (Shortage)	\$4,586	-\$3,599

There was a surplus of \$4,586 for the month of September 2014.
Total for the year through 9/30/14 is a shortage of (\$3,599).

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

Calendar

11/1 Fall Cleanup at Church & Parsonage 9:00 a m – Change Clocks (fall back)
 11/2 All Saints Day & Communion
 11/3 Trustees 7:00 pm
 11/8 Roast Beef Dinner
 11/10 Women's Group 7:00 pm
 11/17 Staff Parish Relations 7:00 pm
 11/18 Food Bank 2:00 pm
 11/22 Children's Clothing and Toy Sale
 11/23 Pledge Sunday Soup & Bread Luncheon
 Hanging of the Greens 11:30 am / Charge Conference 1-3 pm at Faith UMC
 11/24 Admin. 7:00 pm
 11/27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

College Life

I cannot believe that I am a sophomore in college. I wanted to take the time to thank everyone that has continued to pray for me and have kept me in his or her thoughts. I also want to thank everyone who donated toward the scholarship that Roberts had. I would like to share with you a little bit, of what your support has allowed me to do this semester. This semester I am taking a variety of classes, I work three jobs, and I have a few leadership positions on campus. At the end of last semester, I was asked to be a mentor for a freshmen seminar class and it is one of the most rewarding things I have done. I have built relationships with these students and they have allowed me to get to know them and where they come from. One of the jobs that I have is working with college-aged students who have special needs. I am so thankful for this job, because it is great experience for what I want to do later in life. I work with three students this semester that bring different challenges to the table but I love what I get to do. I shared with some of you that I was going to be president of CUFI (Christians United for Israel) in the spring. Those plans were changed and I took on leadership in September. I have learned a lot about being an effective leader and this opportunity has presented a chance to go to Texas in January. The organization is giving full scholarships to 100 student leaders across the nation and I was chosen. God has been working tremendously in my life. Your willingness to support me in any way has allowed me to make this journey to college. I would never have thought I would have been at a four-year college of my choice. Thank you so much! –Mikaela Potter

Annual Church/Charge Conference

This year our local Church/Charge Conference will be held on November 23rd from 1-3 pm at Faith UMC located at 811 Brandywine Ave, Schenectady NY 12308.

Who should go? Everyone is invited to attend, however, only members of the church can vote. What will we be doing? See our District Superintendent's comments below for the details:

"To celebrate God's work together and to care for the business of the church, I am calling Church Conferences for each congregation during the month of November. We will share in worship for an hour together and each congregation will have up to an hour for their Church Conference.

Clergy and laity, please come prepared to share briefly during worship about how God continues to bless your ministry and mission. Be prepared to share about vital ministry that has been ongoing, as well as new seeds of faith that are beginning to grow. During worship, we will also offer to God the challenges that we face individually and as congregations, District, and Annual Conference.

Elders (ordained ministers), be prepared to preside at up to two Church Conferences. No clergy will preside at their own congregation's Church Conference.

Church Conferences are for the purpose of voting on the business of each congregation, including: approving the pastor's 2015 salary; electing Trustees and other officers of the church; approving Lay Servants; approving Candidates for ministry; and other business that can be handled efficiently."

The first hour we're together (from 1-2 pm) will be our business meeting and the second hour we are together (from 2-3 pm) we will be worshiping with the other churches present, this is when "Clergy and Laity will be asked to share briefly how God continues to bless your ministry and mission."

Soup and Bread Luncheon & Decorating for Advent

We will be having a soup and bread luncheon in addition to our coffee hour on **November 23rd** after Consecration Sunday and before we decorate our church for Advent! After filling out your pledge card, stick around and enjoy some delicious homemade soups. Then, if you can, help fill the church with decorations for the following Sunday when Advent begins. This is a family affair so bring your spouse, bring your kids, bring the dog...okay maybe leave the four legged members at home. The point is to bring your spirit, the Christmas spirit to the sanctuary after lunch and help us prepare for the joyous Advent season.

Stewardship

"In our end is our beginning.." The first Sunday of November marks a beginning. We begin the process of preparing for Consecration Sunday. Over the next four Sundays we will hear one of our own speak to us on what giving to the church means to them and the life of the church. Then on Sunday, November 23rd we will consecrate our commitment of giving by pledging a tithe for the upcoming year. In making a commitment to give in the coming year, we make a difference in the lives of our children, our youth, and the adults of our church because our commitment helps support the programs and the mission of our church. November is a month of giving thanks, giving thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives. We give thanks with a grateful heart.

Scotia United Methodist Church 2015 Pledge

Name: _____

Pledge Amount
_____ **per week**
or _____ **per month**

Contact Information

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____