

OCT. 2016

# Scotia UMC

**October 2016**

## **A Month of Celebration!**

If one looks at the Lectionary Calendar, you would see that the month of October is the most programmed month in the United Methodist Church. Each of the four Sundays has a different programmatic focus, all centering around Laity in some respect. This month also kicks off “A Season of Saints” – six weeks of celebration beginning on World Communion Sunday and ending on All Saints Day Sunday.

We begin the month with World Communion Sunday which celebrates our global connections as Christians. The second Sunday is deemed as Children’s Sabbath, not to be confused with our yearly “Children’s Sunday” celebration since its focus is on advocacy for the needs of children in the U.S. and worldwide. The third Sunday of the month is Laity Sunday, a time that we celebrate YOU since you are the church! As the hymn, “We Are the Church” tells us: “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people!” The fourth Sunday of October is when we observe Martin Luther’s reformation in Germany and is called Reformation Sunday. The six weeks of celebration then concludes on November 6<sup>th</sup> with a worship service that honors our saints on All Saints Sunday.

In honor of all our saints, let us remember these words adapted from a *Family Litany for All Saints Day*:

It's not always easy to live the way God wants us to live. It's not always easy to do what God wants us to do instead of what our friends want us to do. It's not always easy to find time to pray and read our Bibles every day. It's not always easy to tell others about our faith.

What we need to remember is that the scripture says there are people who can help us. A "great cloud of witnesses" they are called -- people from every time and place who have tried hard to live the way God wanted them to. We can learn from their lives how to be faithful to God. Sometimes we call these people saints.

Saints weren't perfect people. We can be saints too. When we try to do the things that God wants us to do, when we love God and follow Jesus, we can be saints, too. And, that's the good news! ([umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org))

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### Wesley's Wisdom

Wesley "considered the Bible to be the primary source for Christian belief and life." He wrote, "I will not, I dare not vary from this book, either in great things or small. I have no power to dispense with one jot or tittle of what is contained therein. I am determined to be a Bible Christian, not almost but altogether." (Sermon, "Causes of the Inefficacy of Christianity," 1787)

### Worship Schedule

#### Liturgists

10/2 Steve Long  
10/9 Marcia Smith  
10/16 Wendy Liebl  
10/23 Irene Coburn  
10/30 Clarence Mosher

#### Sound

Bob Hatt  
Don Smith  
Mark Cieslak  
Dave Read  
Bob Hatt

#### Counters

Dean Goodell  
& Wendy Liebl

#### Ushers

10/2 Martha Hatt, Holly Russo  
10/9 Martha Hatt, Holly Russo  
10/16 Sue Sykes, Meg Sykes  
10/23 RoyAnn Rogerson, Deb Cieslak  
10/30 Deb Cieslak, Sally Dean

#### Social

Martha Hatt, Holly Russo  
Don & Marcia Smith  
Carol Jacobs, Patty Olsen  
Pat & Dick Knapp  
Lisa & Dave Read

#### Greeters

10/2 Lewis Prater, Holly Russo  
10/9 June Pelham, Connie Large  
10/16 Sally Dean, Martha Hatt  
10/23 Meredith & Bob Van Vorst  
10/29 David & Lisa Read

#### Acolytes

Rebecca Currier, Kaleb Graves  
Alec Flansburg, Daegan Connors  
Nicole Holloway, Zoey Flansburg  
Hailie St. John, Kaleb Graves  
Aaliyah Pone, Rebecca Currier



**The Women's Group** will meet on **Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. Guest speaker will be Jane Osterhout from "Things of My Very Own." This organization gives aid to abused and/or neglected children in our local area and also provides a place to stay overnight, if needed. Please come enjoy the fellowship and refreshments.

## SUMC IN MISSIONS

**Scotia Glenville Food Pantry 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.**  
**-Go through your pantry and lend a helping hand-**

**Thank you–** keep bringing in those bottles and cans, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education. Please take the time to cut them out and bring them in.

**Regional Food Bank** – We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, Oct 18th at 2:00 pm to volunteer at the Food Bank.

**Mission T-Shirts** will be for sale in colors orange or green, children and adult sizes, at \$15.00 each. To order one or for more info, please contact Jill Wesley.

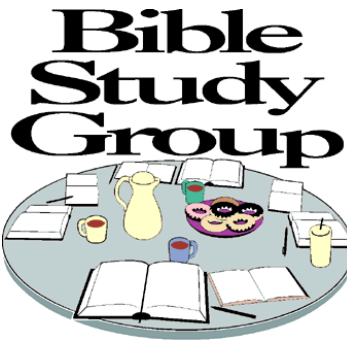
**Thanksgiving** will be here before you know it! Please bring donations for the food pantry to provide for a local family's Thanksgiving dinner. Stuffing, gravy and canned goods will be appreciated. Cash donations can be used by the food pantry to buy in bulk and to provide meat. Did you know that food stamps provide just \$1.41 per meal per person?

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- We are off to a wonderful start for the ***Sunday School year***. The children made decorations so we could update our bulletin board for the new year and it looks great – Check it out!
- The *PreK - 3rd grades* have begun the ***Moses & Ten Commandment*** lessons and the *4th - 7th grades* have begun studying the ***Parables of Jesus***.
- We are looking forward to our first "***Service Project Sunday***" on 10/16 when we will be decorating and delivering cupcakes to the *Scotia Fire Department* while the Confirmation Class meets with Pastor Margaret.



**The Tuesday Bible Study** will continue to meet at 9:30 am on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. Carl Shepard will lead *a study of Jesus and the Gospels*.

**The Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will meet each Wed. **at 7:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. We will be studying the Old Testament - not reading the whole thing but dealing with it as an overview of structure, authors, context, history, and so on.

Please contact Carl Shepard for further information on either Bible Study.

#### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

<b>10/2</b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting 7 pm</b>
<b>10/3-10/7</b>	<b>Regina Caeli on break, no classes</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>AA Assembly all day – Community Room</b>
<b>10/13</b>	<b>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</b>
<b>10/16</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
<b>10/18</b>	<b>Regional Food Bank 2 pm</b>
<b>10/19</b>	<b>Finance Meeting 7 pm</b>
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Admin. Council 7 pm</b>
<b>10/27</b>	<b>Choir Practice 7:30 pm</b>

#### **NOVEMBER PREVIEW – Mark your calendars!**

**11/5 Roast Beef Dinner and Next-to-New Sale**

**11/6 – All Saints Day**

**11/8 ELECTION DAY**

**Confirmation class** will be held the 3rd Sunday of every month from October - May except for April (Easter Sunday) when it will be held on the 4th Sunday with Confirmation Sunday happening on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. The first class will be this month on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Treasurers Report**  
**31-Aug-16**

	<b>2016</b>	
	<b>August 2016</b>	<b>Total thru 8/31/2016</b>
<b>Individual Contributions</b>	\$ 8,905	\$81,622
		11,65
<b>Building Use/Rent</b>	1,525	3
		1,33
<b>Fund Raising/Interest Income</b>	174	7
		(47
<b>Other Designated Giving</b>	-	8)
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 10,604</b>	<b>\$94,135</b>
<b>Wages &amp; other employment expenses</b>	\$ 6,360	\$52,544
		3,74
<b>Church Operations/Program</b>	371	8
		7,12
<b>Parsonage Expenses</b>	1,333	7
		4,86
<b>Church Building-Repairs/Safety</b>	1,215	6
		5,54
<b>Church Building-Utilities/Water</b>	170	5
		5,08
<b>Church Building-All Other</b>	635	1
		17,58
<b>Apportionments</b>	2,142	5
		3
<b>Benevolences</b>	64	76
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,289</b>	<b>\$96,872</b>

		\$
<b>Shortage</b>	\$ (1,686)	(2,737)

There was a shortage of (\$1,686) for the month of August 2016.  
Year to date shortage through August 31, 2016 is (\$2,737).

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



Next Newsletter deadline is **OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Please email any announcements or upcoming events to [scotiaumoffice@gmail.com](mailto:scotiaumoffice@gmail.com)



### The Boardman and Gray Grand Piano

The “new piano” in the Sanctuary, a Boardman and Gray grand piano, is donated to the Scotia United Methodist Church in loving memory and in honor of Jacqueline E. (Jackie) Mosher. Jackie was a dedicated member of the church choir.

Jackie’s Boardman and Gray 5’10” grand piano was built in 1919 in Albany, New York.

It was partially restored in 1988 with new bridge caps, new pin block, new hammers and other action parts and the soundboard was restored. In 2016, the action regulation and tuning was redone and it was refinished in a brown mahogany semi-gloss finish.

Jackie, who spent so many hours sitting at the piano, playing and singing, would be pleased to know that her “baby” is now a part of this church’s music program.

-Clarence, Brian and Lisae, Eric, Claire, Sean and Carol and Lucky Shadow

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Thank you to Dave Read and RoyAnn Rogerson for filling in for Oded while he is visiting family in Israel.