

OCTOBER 2019



# Scotia UMC

"Christianity began in Palestine as an experience, it moved to Greece and became a philosophy, it moved to Italy and became an institution, it moved to Europe and became a culture, it moved to America and became a business." ---Paul Smith

I love the above quote. Prior to the institutionalization of our tradition, the focus of the church was the direct or "mystical" experience of God. Such an experience was the big-bang of Christianity. We, the Church, have certainly gone through times when we have strayed and lost our focus. That has resulted in some dark days. But, the Good News is that those direct experiences of God are always available to us. As Jesus said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near." As we move into a very busy time of the year, we should remember that. Let us turn toward God and be in a state of faith. Then we cannot fail to be the Church of Jesus Christ...then we cannot fail to be the love of God in a wounded world...then we cannot fail to be as radical as the radical Spirit-filled mystic we follow.

Peace,

Chris

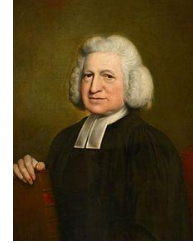
## Sunday School

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The Sunday School year is well under way with the classes studying Moses & the Ten Commandments. The new Toddlers/Preschoolers class (ages 1-4) is going well and they are learning about Moses, too!

### **SAVE THE DATE** - Children's Halloween

Party will be Saturday, 10/26/19 from 1:00 -3:00 pm. Costumes, games, crafts and of course, candy - it will be lots of fun!



### Wesley's Wisdom

"I believe the new birth to be an inward thing; a change from inward wickedness to inward goodness; an entire change of our inmost nature from the image of the devil...to the image of God; a change from the love of the creature to the love of the Creator; from earthly and sensual to heavenly and holy affections, - in a word, a change from the tempers of the spirits of darkness to those of the angels of God in heaven." – Journal, Sept. 13, 1739 (John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life, page 33)

### Worship Schedule

#### Liturgists

10/6 Steve Wesley  
10/13 Holly Russo  
10/20 Sean O'Sullivan  
10/27 Dean Goodell

#### Counters

Tim Keegan, Dean Goodell

#### Ushers & Greeters

10/6 Pat & Dick Knapp  
10/13 Sally Dean, Holly Russo  
10/20 Carole Jacobson, Sue Sykes  
10/27 Deb Cieslak, Sean O'Sullivan

#### Social

Deb Cieslak  
Sykes family  
O'Sullivan  
Sally Dean

**The Women's Group** – will present a Stars for Our Troops party on October 7th at 7 pm. We will be using retired American flags to create hand-outs to veterans letting them know they have not been forgotten. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

**The Free Community Breakfast** – will be Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **CALENDER & EVENTS**

10/6	World Communion Sunday
10/7	Women's Group 7 pm
10/7 -10/11	Regina Caeli Academy will be on fall break
10/15	Regional Food Bank 2:30 pm
10/19	Free Community Breakfast
10/19	Evening of Music 7 pm
10/20	Building Use Loomis Room 2 pm
10/23	Finance Meeting 7 pm
10/26	Children's Halloween Party
10/30	Admin. Council Meeting 7 pm

**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.

**Regional Food Bank** – Volunteers, meet at the Food Bank at 2:30 pm on Tues. October 15th. If you need to carpool, contact Dick Knapp at 518-393-5737. -Jill Dunster-Wesley (cell) 423-3546 (home) 372-4047 [jldunster@hotmail.com](mailto:jldunster@hotmail.com)

### **An Evening of Music**

Featuring the: *Schroon River String Band* (A Bluegrass Band)

And *The New Messengers* (A Vocal Quartet)

Scotia United Methodist Church

**Saturday Evening, October 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

Donations are Welcome! To Sponsor Skye Farm Camp Scholarships

For the Children and Youth of the Church

A Reception Will Follow – Sponsored by the Women's Group

**Church Treasurers Report  
31-Aug-19**

	<b>YTD <u>Aug-19</u></b>
<b>Individual Contributions</b>	\$70,805
<b>Building Use/Rent</b>	24,825
<b>Fund Raising/Interest Income</b>	142
<b>Other Designated Giving</b>	-
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<u>\$95,772</u>
<b>Wages &amp; other employment expenses</b>	\$44,462
<b>Church Operations/Program</b>	5,790
<b>Parsonage Expenses</b>	1,767
<b>Church Building-Repairs/Safety</b>	6,768
<b>Church Building-Utilities/Water</b>	8,690
<b>Church Building-All Other</b>	5,840
<b>Apportionments</b>	11,516
<b>Benevolences</b>	633
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>\$85,465</u>
<b>Surplus</b>	\$ 10,307

There is a surplus of \$10,307 as of 8/31/19.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,  
please contact Mary Connors at [mechardball@yahoo.com](mailto:mechardball@yahoo.com).