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Scotia UMC

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***“He has made everything beautiful in its time...”
Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV***

Turn! Turn! Turn!

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Life is full of turns and transitions that are beautifully exhausting! In the month of October as the world around us transitions into a new season, the church around us transitions into a new form. A change in the seasons is something we know and understand. A change in leadership from full to part time can be confusing, difficult and stressful. I want to help relieve some of that stress by outlining part of what this transition looks like.

As a part time pastor for the church, I am appointed to serve you roughly 20 hours a week. Half of this time, 10 hours, is taken up in planning,

preparing, and providing the church with a weekly worship service. The remainder of hours can be spent in weekly committee meetings, making phone calls, answering emails, filling out conference paperwork, developing new ideas for children and youth ministry, attending church events on and off site, providing pastoral care to our community (just to name a few) and will vary depending on the week! Given the many tasks to be done in a small amount of time, my office hours are limited. When time allows I spend an hour or two in my office on Wednesdays between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm. If you need to see me in person, please make an appointment with Cyndy so I can arrange my office hours around our meeting time.

This is a significant transition for everyone but from what I've experienced over the last few months, you all are handling each turn beautifully even in your exhaustion from the adjustment. God be with you till we meet again.

**In Christ's Love,
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Worship Schedule

Liturgists

10/5 Rob Currier
10/12 Dean Goodell
10/19 David Read
10/26 Holly Russo

Sound

Bob Hatt
Don Smith
Mark Cieslak
Dave Read

Greeters

10/5 Chris & Christopher Caffery
10/12 Long family
10/19 Read family
10/26 Steve Wesley

Ushers

Holly Russo, Sally Dean
Holly Russo, RoyAnn Rogerson
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RoyAnn Rogerson, Deb Cieslak

Social

10/5 Marcia Smith
10/12 Sarah Caterina
10/19 Sue Sykes
10/26 Judy Swain, Kim Huhtala

Counters

Wendy Liebl, Jill Wesley
June Pelham, Clarence Mosher
Martha Hatt
Judy Swain, Tim Keegan

The Women's Group -Will meet on October 13th at 7:00 p.m. Our own Martha Hatt will be speaking on, "Experience of Peruvians Living in a Foreign Country," along with her sister Celina Bergquist (Sweden) and Grandma Hurtado.

Attention Committee Leaders: Please email your current meeting dates or any changes, times and locations to scotiaumoffice@gmail.com We are organizing our monthly calendars to accommodate the increased building use and it would be helpful to have this information each month. Thank you for your cooperation!

Roast Beef Dinner – Jim Spence has done a marvelous job with the Roast Beef Dinner in previous years. This year will be the last one he is able to do so we need two families to step up and assist him for this year's dinner on Nov. 8th. This is the perfect opportunity to learn all the details for a successful dinner with an experienced leader still in place. Please send an email to the church office to volunteer or speak with Jim directly. Thank you!

BAKERS NEEDED! Judy Swain is asking for pie bakers for the roast beef dinner on Nov. 8. Please call her at 372-1512 or e-mail at kswain3@nycap.rr.com to tell her the kind of pie and also how many pies you'll be donating. Thank you!

If you have announcements of future meetings or events here at SUMC, please email them to scotiaumoffice@gmail.com for the **November newsletter** by **October 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, Oct. 21st**.

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.

Celebrations & Prayers

Prayers for Fran Brown for health issues and also for Richard & Linda Lewis. Continued prayers for Sue Peterson. Prayer for Lynn Flansburg's mother, Melody who is in the hospital in ICU.

Building Use

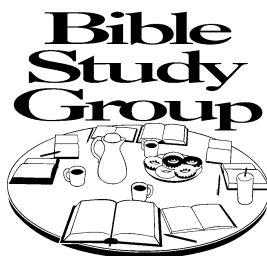
Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjust to increased building use with Mekeel Christian Academy and Regina Caeli Academy. The benefits are two-fold: addition to our budget to help our constant weekly expenses and the satisfaction of knowing the church building is being used to instruct children in Christian teachings and principles.



Sunday School Announcements

Please join us for our **1st Annual Halloween Party on October 25th** from 4-7. There will be games, crafts, pizza and maybe even a few surprises. Be on the look out for invitations going out soon.

The children of SUMC are going to be organizing a drive for Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Currently, we are looking to collect empty shoeboxes and what better time to do this than during back-to-school shopping season! Please bring any available shoeboxes to Room 3 (Sunday School classroom). And look out for more information about this exciting mission opportunity soon- "Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift."



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

Thursday evening Bible Study - will begin at 7:00 pm on October 2nd. This will be a study of the four gospels looking at who wrote them, when they were written, and how they were written - and the implications of the differences in how the stories were told. For planning purposes, please let me know [umc-carl@nycap.rr.com] if you would like to participate.

Carl Shepard

Quilt Show – to benefit the Middleburgh Library October 10-12. Friday and Saturday hours are 10-5, Sunday 12-3. The library is located at 323 Main Street in Middleburgh, NY. The Scotia UMC Quilt Group will be attending on Saturday and leaving the church parking lot at 9:00 am for anyone interested in joining us. Everyone is welcome.

Church Treasurers Report
(YTD=Year to Date)
Favorable (Unfavorable)

	August YTD	YTD Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Prior Year YTD Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Operating Income				
Individual Contributions	\$97,413	-\$392	\$4,776	Actual includes \$2,000 designated operating donation to cover over budget costs for the church building
Investment Income	\$344	-\$93	-\$97	
Building Use/Rent	\$5,070	\$395	\$3,470	Mekeel/Regina Caeli
Fund Raising	\$1,941	\$591	\$567	Special Vintage Sale in 2014
Grant from Conference	\$5,000	-\$1,333	-\$1,333	
Total Operating Income	\$109,768	-\$832	\$7,383	
Operating Expenses				
Wages	\$47,265	\$3,845	\$2,400	Change to part time Pastor(s)
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$13,517	\$2,483	\$1,156	Change to part time Pastor(s)
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$2,134	\$138	-\$150	
Church Operations	\$2,834	-\$187	-\$98	
Church Program	\$1,397	-\$432	-\$476	Prior W due to additional person attending conference, Budget W temporary
Parsonage-Repairs	\$5,757	-\$4,197	-\$5,520	Due primarily to plumbing, tile, pest control & garage door repairs
Parsonage-All Other	\$3,689	\$192	\$4	
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$9,612	-\$4,662	-\$4,015	Due primarily to heat system repairs and safety enhancements
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$9,609	-\$534	-\$798	Probably due to increased building use with new tenants
Church Building-All Other	\$5,751	\$861	\$2,154	Property Insurance
Apportionments	\$15,943	\$0	\$968	Allocation decrease by Conference
Benevolences	\$343	-\$43	\$40	
Total Operating Expenses	\$117,850	-\$2,536	-\$4,334	
Gain/-Loss	-\$8,082	-\$3,369	\$3,049	
Capital Campaign Donations	\$8,926			\$8,204 pledged in 2013, \$622 of new money
Capital Spending	\$2,975			Replastering of church ceiling and architect fees for building assessment
Loan Interest Expense	\$1,347			
Capital Bank Loan Balance	\$22,646			
Capital Pledges Receivable	\$18,021			

Half Time Pastor

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- ³⁵₁₇ Preside in all aspects of worship to include preaching, communion, and baptism.
- ³⁵₁₇ Research, prepare, and provide a sermon each Sunday except for those where the assistant to the pastor presides which will be coordinated between the two parties.
- ³⁵₁₇ Provide the secretary, music director, and person hanging the hymn numbers with weekly information for creating and preparing the necessary worship materials.
- ³⁵₁₇ Pastoral presence at weekly Committee meetings and others as necessary.
- ³⁵₁₇ Visitation of hospitalized, home bound and nursing home members as needed.
- ³⁵₁₇ Assist in church programs to include education & youth ministry, bible study and others as appropriate.
- ³⁵₁₇ Preside at funerals, memorial services, and marriages for congregants and their families.
- ³⁵₁₇ Pastoral SUMC representative at local, district, and annual conference functions.
- ³⁵₁₇ Assist in research, preparation, and submittal of required administrative documentation to district and conference offices.

Work Hours:

- ³⁵₁₇ Twenty hours per week

Assistant to the Pastor

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- ³⁵₁₇ Plan and lead a visioning process with the pastor and church members to include outreach to the surrounding community.
- ³⁵₁₇ Participate in church programs such as bible study, youth ministry, and others as appropriate.
- ³⁵₁₇ Responsible for planning and conducting Sunday service once every four to six weeks as arranged with the pastor.
- ³⁵₁₇ Assisting with special services during Lent and Advent.
- ³⁵₁₇ May be asked to participate in visitation of hospitalized, homebound and nursing home members as needed.
- ³⁵₁₇ Assist the pastor with various duties as requested.

Work Hours:

- ³⁵₁₇ Ten hours per week