



The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message

Greetings to all, and a request for forgiveness that this month's newsletter is late. Much has been and will continue to be happening at SUMC in recent weeks. As I began to prepare a column for submission, the world was shocked to see the violence erupt in Israel, and I felt that something about that needed to be shared. This morning I remembered a statement from the UMC College of Bishops, which I realized said much of what has been on my mind. I have chosen to share much of that message with you instead of my typical column this month. I hope you find this selection from that letter helpful as you wonder: What can be done about this tragedy?

United Methodist Church Bishops condemn violence in the Middle East, call for prayer and action

- Oct. 9, 2023

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)

In a world already consumed with political unrest and conflict, the recent attacks by Hamas against Israel only add to the reality that the prophetic words from Isaiah are needed now more than ever.

As a people who pray for and work toward peace, we in the United Methodist family are appalled, and dismayed by the animosities and inhumane actions undertaken by Hamas. The declaration of war on the part of Israel as a result is also deeply saddening. In just a few hours since this latest outbreak of violence more than 1000 people have died.

We condemn the Hamas militants who have killed and captured civilians, women and children in Israel. We equally decry the deaths of innocent civilians, women and children caught in the crossfire of the Israeli retaliation in the Gaza Strip.

Our own Book of Resolutions (2016) states clearly, "We seek for all people in the Middle East region an end to military occupation, freedom from violence, and full respect for the human rights of all under international law."

As a result, today we call on all United Methodists to renew a deepened commitment to pray for those who have been injured, abducted, or killed, and to deepen our prayers for those who have suddenly lost a loved one.

The power of and belief in our intercessions cannot be underestimated. Pray for those who are providing support and care for those directly affected. More than that, pray that God's peace will permeate throughout the land and in the hearts of all those who are initiating this conflict. . . .

Friends, we are called to be a people of prayer, a people of hope, and a people of action. Our role should never be minimized, especially in a time when global conflicts are emerging with more frequency. As we watch the news unfold, let us not delay in moving into meaningful responses.

Most of all, let us remain a people of hope who look to the fulfillment of those prophetic words by Isaiah. *We look to the days when: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. In that day, the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. (Isaiah 11:5-6)*

May it be so. May it be so. /Amen.

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton /President – Council of Bishops /The United Methodist Church



Meetings & Events

World Communion Sunday Oct. 1st
Blessing of the Animals Oct. 3rd 5:30 pm
Trustees Meeting Oct. 5th at 7:00 pm
American Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 pm
Women's Group Meeting Oct. 9th at 7 pm
Community Breakfast/Bake and Soup Sale Saturday Oct. 21st
Finance meeting -Tues. Oct. 24 at 6:30 pm.
Admin. Council meeting -Tues. Oct. 24 at 7:00 pm.
CHARGE CONFERENCE—Nov. 5th 3:00 pm Rotterdam UMC

October Birthdays

10/3 SEAN ELLIOT	10/11 ADMIN. ASSISTANT	10/21 SAMANTHACOOPER
10/5 BETH KOESSLER	10/12 MARION GOODRICH	10/22 TYLER SPENCE
10/6 ZACH LONG	10/16 MICHELLE POTTER	10/23 SABRINA LONG
10/8 BRYAN ZYCH	10/19 LYNN FLANSBURG	10/24 SEAN FLANSBURG
10/8 MELISSA POTTER	10/20 DAVID BUHRMASTER	10/30 BARBARA BLUM
10/8 BONNIE BARNER	10/20 MADELINE HANDY	10/30 ELLEN RUSSO
	10/21 LINDA FLYNT	

Wesley's Wisdom

“But though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry, because *I never undertake any more work than I can go through with perfect calmness of spirit.*”





Church Treasurer's Report 08/31/2023

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YTD
Aug-23

Individ.Contributions	\$73,497
Building Use/Rent	8,120
Fund Raising/Interest	
Income	3,165

Total Operating

Receipts \$84,783

Wages & Other

Employment

Expenses	\$54,525
Church Operations/ Program	4,266
Parsonage Expenses	3,635
Church Building -	

Repairs/Safety	197
Church Building -	

Utilities/Water	7,906
Church Building - All	
Other	7,995
Apportionments	2,913
Benevolences	(750)

Total Operating

Expenses \$80,687

Surplus \$4,095

There is a year to date surplus of \$4,095 as of 08/31/23.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Anne Heller at cheller001@nycap.rr.com.



We will be having a **Bake/Soup Sale on Saturday, October 21 at our Eat-In Community Breakfast.** Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can bake or make a soup for this fundraiser. Pint and quart containers will be available in the upstairs kitchen. All soups should be labeled with the kind of the soup on the container. Baked goods should be prepackaged before dropping off to the church. Cookies and brownies should be packaged by the half dozen or dozen. By prepackaging baked goods, it eliminates extra handling. Any item with nuts in it should also be labeled for allergy safety purposes. I will be at the church on Friday, October 20 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm for drop off of items. If you have any questions, email me at dcies4183@aol.com or call or text me at 518-429-9998. Thanks for your help in making our sale a success! Deb Cieslak

Mark Holley who prepares lunches for the Scotia Reformed Church, is preparing 100 Thanksgiving meals for Scotia-Glenville families in need of a holiday dinner. **Our Women's group** worked on several hundred Blessing Mix bags to add to the food boxes at our meeting on October 9th. Also, we are asking church members to bake a pumpkin and/or apple pie for this undertaking. A sign up sheet is on the church bulletin board. If you know anyone else who would be willing to bake, their pies would certainly be appreciated too! Deadline for pie collection is Monday, Nov. 21(time to be announced) This is an excellent opportunity for us, as a local church, to be involved in this very worthwhile collaborative endeavor...and it is our hope we receive your full support!



**HAPPY
FALL!**

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FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the Scotia-Glenville food pantry through Bottles-for-Bread, food and monetary donations. With the increase in families coming to the food pantry our support is greatly appreciated and needed. During service we will be collecting for the food pantry on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. However, you can bring in your “bottles” any time and put them in the red container near the kitchen. If you have too many bottles to bring in, call Dick Knapp (518-810-6569) and arrangements can be made for pickup.

The Food Pantry appreciates everything you care to donate. Please keep 2 things in mind. (1) Most families using their services consist of 1 or 2 people so regular sized items are more appropriate than “Family Size” items. (2) Those on assistance can use their SNAP (Supplementary Nutritional Assistance Program) benefits **ONLY FOR FOOD!** They **can not** purchase toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, soap, personal hygiene and other everyday needs. They can only purchase food. With that in mind, we are asking that you consider bringing items that they can not buy with their benefits.



MORE ACTIVITIES

The Women's Group Next Month -Monday, November 13th

Our Admin. Assistant will be sharing a sneak peak of her publishing journey with Bold Vision Books and two co-authors. Her new release, ***Aging Fabulously- 52 Devotions Sure to Give You a Faith-Lift***, will be available for purchase at \$20.00 each. This will make a great Christmas gift and will save on shipping costs by buying directly. If you'd like more info, check it out on Amazon for a preview.

The book is filled with wit, wisdom and practical Sassy Suggestions, focusing on the benefits of aging, gaining experience and still moving forward, knowing God has a plan and a purpose for our lives. Cynthia will speak shortly on a few things she learned through publishing and how to find your way through the marketing end of it all. Mark the date!