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September 2016

"Show me your ways, God, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4

Welcome Home Scotia UMC

September is the month that we Methodists celebrate Homecoming. The tradition is to celebrate everyone coming home from their summer travels and activities and settling in for another academic year or at the least a more routine schedule.

As we settle back into our routines and students return back to school, let us begin this year with a blessing.

Back to School Blessing

By The Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton
Bless my paper and my pen.
Guide my spirit deep within.
Help me think and help me play
This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
Keep my tongue to speak your words.
Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,
May God's excellence be shown!
Keep me strong to reach the prize
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near
May I hold God's precepts dear.
To do my best at every task;
For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part
As I lift my mind and heart.
As I study, work, and pray,
Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.
May learning be your greatest desire!

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Wesley's Wisdom

From John Wesley's Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America – Evening Prayer
“O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.” Amen.

Worship Schedule

Acolytes

9/11 Nicole Holloway, Zoey Flansburg
9/18 Hailie St. John, Aaliyah Pone
9/25 Emily St. John, Kayden Graves

Sound

9/4 Bob Hatt
9/11 Don Smith
9/18 Mark Cieslak
9/25 Dave Read

Ushers

9/4 Martha Hatt, Sue Sykes
9/11 Irene & Chuck Coburn
9/18 Sue Sykes, Meg Sykes
9/25 RoyAnn Rogerson, Martha Hatt

Social

Don & Marcia Smith
Sally Dean, Deb Cieslak
Longs, Curriers
O'Sullivan, Charlene Vice

Counters

Clarence Mosher, Steve Wesley

Liturgists

9/4 Sharon Sharrow
9/11 Janet Daly
9/18 TBD
9/25 Deb Elliott



Next Newsletter deadline is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th**.

Please email any announcements or upcoming events to scotiaumoffice@gmail.com

Thank you!

Office Update: I will be away the week of Sept. 12-16, celebrating our 31st anniversary – and also attending my church district conference where my husband will be ordained! God is doing amazing things. – Cynthia
(Pat & Dick Knapp, faithful volunteers ☺ will be checking on the mail and phone messages that week.)

SUMC IN MISSIONS

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

SICM Summer Meal Program – Thank you to all who volunteered!

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, Sept. 20th 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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- ❖ The new Sunday School year begins on **September 11th** and we are very excited!
- ❖ The younger class will begin the year by learning the story of Moses & the Ten Commandments while the Middle School will study the Parables of Jesus.
- ❖ The High School will be studying the life of the Apostle Paul.
- ❖ Once a month, we will have a combined class focusing on a Service Project. Specific project information will be forthcoming.
- ❖ It's going to be a great year...see you all on the 11th!



The Tuesday Bible Study will re-convene at 9:30 am on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room beginning **September 13**. Carl Shepard will lead the study this year and we will begin with *a study of Jesus and the Gospels*. This study looks at the gospels from the lenses of authorship, audience, literary style, and the author's intent in writing. We will also look at the background for the gospels - the economic, religious, and political settings in which the authors wrote.

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume the next night, **September 14 at 7:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. This year 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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Church Office Hours will revert back to normal schedule after Labor Day.

- 9/7 Trustees Meeting 7 pm**
- 9/8 Choir Practice 7:30 pm**
- 9/11 Homecoming Sunday**
- 9/13 Tues. morning Bible Study resumes 9:30 am**
- 9/14 Wed. evening Bible Study resumes 7:00 pm**
- 9/20 Regional Food Bank, 2:00 pm**
- 9/21 Finance Meeting 7 pm**
- 9/25 Worship/Welcoming meeting after service**
- 9/26 Admin. Council meeting 7 pm**

Coming Soon! - 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. More details will be available soon.