

JULY/AUGUST  
2014

# Scotia UMC

## Summer 2014

*"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go." - Psalm 32:8 KJV*

Greetings Scotia United Methodist Church,

For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, please let me introduce myself. My name is Margaret Currier and I have been appointed by the Bishop of Upper New York Annual Conference to serve as your pastor. I come to you from Jonesville United Methodist Church where I served as Associate Pastor for the last two years. Prior to serving at Jonesville I served as Student Pastor for the First United Methodist Church of Schenectady; as Mohawk Youth Cluster Coordinator for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and as the UMC Regional Youth Director for the Greater Schoharie area in the Oneonta District of Upper New York Annual Conference. Before answering my call to ministry I was self employed and worked professionally as an Actors Equity Association (A.E.A.) Production Stage Manager for various arts organizations in Washington, D.C., the area my husband, Rob, and I moved to after receiving our Bachelor Degrees from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. In 2001, we moved back to the northeast to attend graduate school. Rob received his Master's degree from UAlbany and I graduated with my Master of Divinity from the Theological School at Drew University.

I spent the first part of my childhood living in Lenox, Massachusetts with my younger brother, mother, and father and the later part of my youth living in Picayune, Mississippi with my younger brother, mother, step-father, two step-brothers. Upon graduation from high

school in 1989, I joined the U.S. Army National Guard and after graduation from boot camp and advanced individual training I moved back to Massachusetts to begin my studies at Berkshire Community College.

I became a member of the United Methodist Church over 25 years ago at the First United Methodist Church of Picayune, MS where I actively participated in youth group attending spiritual retreats held throughout the Southern United States from Lake Junaluska, NC to the Colorado Mountains and choir tours that traveled anywhere from the mountains of Georgia to the panhandle of Florida.

As an adult, I have been very active in the life of the church serving the conference as a Co-Convener for the Critical Questions Team, the district as an Equalization member, and in the local church as a member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Worship Committee, and Chair of Safe Sanctuaries. Currently I serve the conference as a member of the Worship Committee for the Annual Conference gathering; and when I'm not serving as your pastor, I serve as a New Faith Communities planter, an exciting new initiative of the Upper New York Annual Conference. Ask me about it!

I currently reside in the village of Castleton-on-Hudson, NY with my husband Robert and three children, Everett, Andrew, and Rebecca. We look forward to making the transition to the church parsonage and the Scotia community very soon and want to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who is helping to make this transition possible.

Also, a thank you to all who have attended service this past month for wearing your name tags, it helps me put a name with a face and get to know you better. My family and I have enjoyed worshipping with our new church family over the last few weeks and are very excited to explore what ministries God is calling us to do in the upcoming year.

God be with you 'til we meet again,  
Pastor Margaret

## **Worship Schedule**

### **Liturgists**

7/6 Deb Elliott  
7/13 Belinda Wagner  
7/20 Karissa Graves  
7/27 Jenn Breslin  
8/3 Martha Hatt  
8/10 Kaleb Graves  
8/17 Steve Wesley  
8/24 Clarence Mosher  
8/31 Julie Morey

### **Sound**

Dave Read  
Bob Hatt  
Don Smith  
Mark Cieslak  
Dave Read  
Bob Hatt  
Don Smith  
Mark Cieslak  
Dave Read

### **Nursery**

RoyAnn Rogerson  
Stephen Long  
Martha Hatt  
Judy Swain  
Sheila Holloway  
Tim Keegan  
TBA  
Fiona Goodell  
Sue Sykes

### **Greeters**

7/6 Long family  
7/13 Fran Brown  
7/20 Stark family  
7/27 Steve Wesley  
8/3 TBA  
8/10 Smith family  
8/17 Clarence Mosher  
8/24 Jodi Stark, Jaime Stark  
8/31 TBA

### **Ushers**

Sue Sykes, Addie Sykes  
Martha Hatt  
Belinda Wagner, Pat Zych  
Kim & Dave Huhtala  
Sheila Holloway, Nicole Holloway  
RoyAnn Rogerson, Holly Russo  
Martha Hatt, Holly Russo  
Handy family  
Jennifer Breslin, Cameron Breslin

### **Social**

7/6 Read family  
7/13 Marcia Smith  
7/20 Wesley family  
7/27 Breslin family  
8/3 Janet Daly  
8/10 Pat & Dick Knapp  
8/17 Knapps  
8/24 Knapps  
8/31 Knapps

### **Counters**

Tim Keegan, Dick Knapp  
Pat Knapp, Dean Goodell  
Wendy Liebl, Jill Wesley  
June Pelham, Clarence Mosher  
Judy Matthews, Martha Hatt  
Judy Swain, Tim Keegan  
Dick Knapp, Wendy Liebl  
Dean Goodell, Pat Knapp  
Jill Wesley, June Pelham

## SUMC IN MISSIONS

**Check your calendar, we are scheduled to serve lunches at Hillhurst Park the week of July 21 – 25 and at Collins Park the week of August 11 – 15. Sign-up sheets are available. Please volunteer for only one day each week so everyone gets a chance to help. Thanks for your support.**

**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.

**Regional Food Bank** – On the third Tuesday of each month everyone is invited to go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return around 4:30. Our next trip is **TUESDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry** collections for food and cash, during service the **2nd and 4th Sundays each month**. Cash will purchase fresh items locally & from the Food Bank. Current needs: personal hygiene products, soap, shampoo, toilet paper etc.

**Bottles for bread** – Please place your clean **returnable** bottles in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds go to Scotia Food Pantry.

**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.

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](mailto:knappster933@gmail.com) or anyone on the Mission Team.

Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate in the prayer shawl group. We have a good supply of yarn. Contact Pat Knapp 393-5737 or [knappptyme@covad.net](mailto:knappptyme@covad.net)

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**Summer Office Hours**-For the months of July and August, office hours are Wednesday from 8-4 and Thursday from 8-12. As needed, please leave a message on the answering machine so we may return your call. Thank you!

## Celebrations & Prayers

**Congrats** - Graduating seniors are Jimmy Brady, Shannon Cooper, Aaron Keegan, Sabrina Long and Abby Russell. Second graders receiving Bibles were Ian Caterina, Galen Schad, Kaylee O'Malley, and Olivia Graves. Others receiving Bibles were Skyler O'Malley, Isiana Lugo, Zoe Caterina, Jaime Stark, Hailie St. John, and Emily St. John.

### Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful surprise party. It was a wonderful expression of your love and appreciation. I never worked in any one place for more than three years; you are very special people - there's no other way I could have stayed for this long otherwise.

I love you all. -**Oded Ben-Ami**

**Church Treasurers Report**  
**(YTD=Year to Date)**  
**(B=Better,**  
**W=Worse)**

	<u>May</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Variance</u> <u>YTD-B/-W</u>	<u>To Prior Year</u> <u>Variance</u> <u>YTD-B/-W</u>	
<b>Operating Income</b>				
Individual Contributions	\$62,588	\$3,547	\$2,088	Actual includes \$2,000 designated operating donation About \$1000 of the related costs are in Church building expenses
Investment Income	\$332	\$42	\$40	
Building Use/Rent	\$3,150	\$45	\$2,115	Mekeel Nursery Rent
Fund Raising	\$1,016	\$231	\$35	
Grant from Conference	\$4,167	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$71,253</b>	<b>\$3,865</b>	<b>\$4,278</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Wages	\$31,566	\$213	-\$635	Prior year W due to Salary increases
Pastor Salary Supplements	\$9,542	\$458	-\$86	Temporary Budget B due to timing
Employment Taxes & Insurance	\$1,293	\$2	-\$66	
Church Operations	\$2,244	-\$288	-\$68	Due to \$354 purchase of new phones for church office
Church Program	\$1,036	-\$130	-\$384	Prior W due to additional person attending conference
Parsonage	\$5,073	-\$363	-\$1,980	Budget W due to \$327 over in repairs
Church Building	\$19,380	-\$1,660	-\$4,061	Prior year W due to \$1,887 in repairs Budget W due \$1,854 over in repairs offset by Snow removal \$821 Budget W also due to \$378 for new fire extinguishers
Apportionments	\$9,964	\$0	\$605	Prior year W due to \$4,435 over in repairs offset by property insurance \$1,549
Benevolences	\$202	\$23	\$9	Prior W also due to \$408 snow removal and \$817 utilities.
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$80,300</b>	<b>-\$1,745</b>	<b>-\$6,666</b>	Prior year B due to allocation decrease by conference
<b>Gain/-Loss</b>	<b>-\$9,047</b>	<b>\$2,120</b>	<b>-\$2,388</b>	
Capital Campaign Donations	\$8,588			\$7,966 pledged in 2013, \$622 of new money

Capital Spending	\$2,475
Loan Interest Expense	\$705
Bank Loan Balance	\$25,460
Capital Pledges Receivable	\$18,359

Replastering of church altar area ceiling

***Thank you for continuing to mail in your pledges and donations when you are out of town and missing services because of summer vacation.  
We greatly appreciate your support!***

***Thank you to all who have worked on the church building and parsonage the last few months.***



### **September is Coming!**

If you have announcements of future meetings or events here at SUMC, please email them to [scotiaumoffice@gmail.com](mailto:scotiaumoffice@gmail.com) for the **September Newsletter** by **August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!