



August 2015

*“This is life eternal, that they might know Thee
the only true God.” John 17:3 KJV*

Our Journey on the Train of Life

This past month for me has been filled with a heaviness as I've received news from several folks who are navigating some pretty serious health issues on this journey we call life. Some of them have journeyed beyond this life to a life everlasting.

As I reflect on my journey, my thoughts keep going to a story about a train. This story came from a colleague of mine. He did not write it. It was given to him by one of his congregants. After reading it, he felt compelled to share it with others. I now would like to share it with you.

“The Train” by Fred Boyd

At birth we board the train and meet our parents, and we believe that they will always travel by our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train. They will be significant – siblings, friends, children, and maybe even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum within us. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they have vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectation, hellos, goodbyes and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is this: we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So we must live in the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel further on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

**In Christ's Love,
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Worship Schedule

Liturgists

8/2 Marcia Smith
8/9 Rob Currier
8/16 Andrew Currier
8/23 Stephen Long
8/30 Deb Elliott

Sound

Don Smith
Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt
Don Smith

Greeters

8/2 TBD
8/9 Byam family
8/16 Read family
8/23 Holly Russo
8/30 Breslin family

Ushers

Bob & Meredith Van Vorst
Lisa & Dave Read
Fiona Goodell, Holly Russo
TBD
RoyAnn Rogerson, Sue Sykes

Social

8/2 Shelly Graves, Carol Graves
8/9 TBD
8/16 TBD
8/23 Sue Sykes, Sally Dean
8/30 Tim Keegan, Islana Lugo

Counters

Tim Keegan, Clarence Mosher
Martha Hatt, Steve Wesley
June Pelham, Wendy Liebl
Dean Goodell, Steve Wesley
Pat Knapp, Jill Wesley

The Women's Group will meet on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm, to kick off the fall schedule with a covered dish dinner at Debbie Cieslak's new home. Don Smith and his dogs will entertain us, demonstrating basic commands and retrieving skills. More information in the next Carillon. -Sue Sykes, 377-3861, ssykes12302@outlook.com

"Camping with Christ" We are mid-week into our mini Vacation Bible School for our Kindergarten through 8th grade students in the evenings of August 4, 5, and 6 from 6 pm to 7:45 pm. Bible lessons, crafts, games and snacks.

"Kids Helping Kids" Service Project - As the current school year comes to a close and we start to anticipate a new school year starting soon, we are excited that the children of Scotia United Methodist Church will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for some children in need at a few local elementary schools. More information to come...

SUMC IN MISSIONS

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the SICM summer lunch program. It has been another year of good weather, great fellowship and happy children. Again thank you all for volunteering. Next we are scheduled to prepare the food and serve it at Collins Park during the week of August 4-7.

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, AUGUST 18th**.

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.



Enjoy the last summer month of August!!

**Church Treasurers Report
31-May-15**

	2015	
	May 2015	Total thru 5/31/2015
Individual Contributions	\$10,739	\$52,826
Building Use/Rent	\$1,700	\$7,675
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$50	\$92
Other Designated Giving	\$0	\$370
Total Operating Receipts	\$12,489	\$60,962
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,718	\$32,547
Church Operations/Program	\$831	\$3,271
Parsonage Expenses	\$365	\$3,858
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$891	\$3,778
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$700	\$6,884
Church Building-All Other	\$569	\$6,565
Apportionments	\$2,074	\$10,370
Benevolences	\$0	\$171
Total Operating Expenses	\$12,149	\$67,443
Surplus (Shortage)	\$341	-\$6,481

There was a surplus of \$341 for the month of May 2015.
Total for the year through 5/31/15 is a shortage of (\$6,481).

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

Calendar

8/2 Communion Sunday
8/3 Trustees Meeting 7 pm
8/10 RC Parent Orientation
8/17 RC Classes Resume
8/18 Food Pantry 2 pm

Office Schedule for July/August: Wednesdays 8-4, Thursdays 8-12.

**Church Treasurers Report
30-Jun-15**

	2015	
	<u>June</u>	<u>Total thru</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>6/30/2015</u>
Individual Contributions	\$11,619	\$64,444
Building Use/Rent	\$790	\$8,465
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$657	\$748
Other Designated Giving	\$0	\$370
Total Operating Receipts	\$13,065	\$74,027
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,530	\$39,076
Church Operations/Program	\$307	\$3,578
Parsonage Expenses	\$231	\$4,089
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$357	\$4,143
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$271	\$7,155
Church Building-All Other	\$511	\$7,067
Apportionments	\$2,074	\$12,444
Benevolences	\$76	\$246
Total Operating Expenses	\$10,356	\$77,800
Surplus (Shortage)	\$2,709	-\$3,773

There was a surplus of \$2,709 for the month of June 2015.
Total for the year through 6/30/15 is a shortage of \$3,773.

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