

SUMMER 2016

Scotia UMC

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"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." - Romans 8:14

"World Falls" by Indigo Girls

I'm coming home with a stone, strapped onto my back
I'm coming home with a burning hope
turning all my blues to black.
I'm looking for a sacred hand to carve into this stone.
A ghost of comfort, Angel's Breath,
to keep this life inside my chest.
This world falls on me, with hopes of immortality.
Everywhere I turn, all the beauty just keeps shaking me.

Now, I woke up in the middle of a dream,
scared the world was too much for me. Sejarez said,
"Don't let go, just plant the seeds and watch them grow."
I've slept in rainy canyon lands, cold drenched to my skin.
I always wake to find a face to calm these troubled lands.
This world falls on me with hopes of immortality.
Everywhere I turn, all the beauty just keeps shaking me.

Now, I'm running to the end of the earth.
And, I'm swimming to the edge of the sea.
And, I'm laughing under a starry sky.
This world was meant for me. Don't bury me, carry me.

I wish I was a nomad, an Indian, or a saint.
The edge of death would disappear,
leave me nothing left to taint.
I wish I was a nomad, an Indian, or a saint.
Give me walking shoes, feathered arms,
and a key to heaven's gate.
This world falls on me with hopes of immortality.
Everywhere I turn, all the beauty just keeps shaking me.

My husband Rob came to me several weeks ago to say that he had volunteered to provide the offertory music for worship service one week during the summer months. I was both happy and surprised at the news.

So I asked him what he would be providing for us. He said he was going to play the guitar and sing.

Now, Rob has just recently taken up guitar lessons and hasn't been at it for long so I said, "Oh, really? What song?" To which he replied, "The Indigo Girls, World Falls." I didn't recognize the title at first so I went home and looked it up. When I did, I found that I knew the song very well. I guess I just never knew the title!

As I reacquainted myself with this tune, I realized I was hearing it with a different ear this time around and I found it to be very uplifting. So, now, I share it with you. I hope it provides you the same.

In Christ's Love,
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Wesley's Wisdom

From John Wesley's Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America – Morning Prayer
 “O God, who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom
 standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom;
 Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy
 defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.”

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

8/7 Dean Goodell
 8/14 Marcia Smith
 8/21 Sue Sykes
 8/28 Clarence Mosher

Sound

Bob Hatt
 Don Smith
 Mark Cieslak
 Dave Read

Ushers

8/7 Meredith & Bob Van Vorst
 8/14 Don & Marcia Smith
 8/21 RoyAnn Rogerson
 8/28 Sue Sykes, Megan Sykes

Social

Carole Jacobson
 Sue Sykes
 TBD
 Don & Marcia Smith

Counters

Dick Knapp, June Pelham



During the summer that little rascal SOMEBODY ELSE snuck back into the building and left lights on in empty rooms again. Our National Grid bill is high enough as it is without SOMEBODY ELSE'S help making it even higher. Lights were left on downstairs in the Community Room, the bathrooms, the sanctuary and there was no one in sight. Hall lights are left on when not needed, downstairs and up. Lights have been left on in the Fireside Room as well. One of the issues I've observed is members not knowing the location of the light switches or how to shut them off for various parts of the building. Another issue is that lights are left on by children who are not taught to shut lights off when leaving a room or who can't reach the switches if they have been. Instead of getting an adult to help, the lights are just left on. SOMEBODY ELSE will shut them off. We need to be a little more alert so we can keep SOMEBODY ELSE out of the church building and keep the National Grid bill manageable. Thank you! – **Holly Russo**

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 – Scotia United Methodist will serve meals the week of August 15th-19th at Collins Park. This program serves children, ages 18 and under. Thank-you to all who signed up to volunteer! The ice cream social in recognition of the summer meal program volunteers will be announced at a future date. Please direct any changes/questions/concerns to Meredith Van Vorst following worship service.

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.

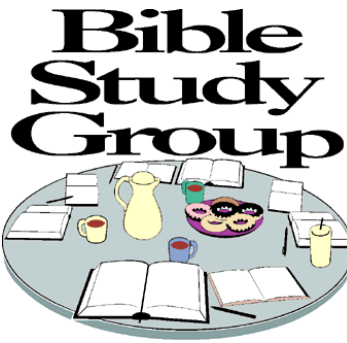
Regional Food Bank – We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, August 16th at 2:00 pm to volunteer at the Food Bank.

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.

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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.

Outline of the Study

1. the historical Jesus and why that is NOT the study for us
2. the importance of the resurrection experience, as it colors all Christian writings about Jesus
3. Context - understanding the world in which Jesus lived and the gospels were written
4. Literature of the time - how the gospels are both like and distinct from contemporary writings
5. More context - Jesus as remembered in the early church
6. The gospels as written oral tradition and Paul's strong effect on them
7. Why were gospels written?
8. The synoptic problem
9. The gospel of Mark
10. The gospel of Matthew
11. Luke-Acts - the two volume set
12. Acts
13. the gospel of John

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.

AUGUST CALENDAR

8/1 Trustees Meeting 7 pm

8/3 RCA Interview Day

8/7 Communion Sunday

8/10-11 RCA Tutor Training

8/12 RCA Parent Orientation

8/14 Worship/Welcoming Meeting after service

8/16 Regional Food Bank – meet at SUMC parking lot at 2:00 pm

8/22 RCA classes resume

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

Church Treasurers Report
30-Jun-16

	2016	
	June	Total thru
	<u>2016</u>	<u>6/30/2016</u>
Individual Contributions	\$ 10,073	\$62,733
		9,69
Building Use/Rent	495	6
		9
Fund Raising/Interest Income	568	60
		(47
Other Designated Giving	-	8)
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 11,136	\$72,911
Wages & other employment expenses	\$ 6,506	\$39,696
		3,13
Church Operations/Program	476	7
		4,16
Parsonage Expenses	702	4
		3,59
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	826	2
		5,16
Church Building-Utilities/Water	324	7
		3,83
Church Building-All Other	(136)	6
		13,30
Apportionments	2,142	1
		3
Benevolences	123	13
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 10,962	\$73,205
Surplus	\$ 175	\$ (294) Shortage

There was a surplus of \$175 for the month of June 2016.
Year to date shortage through June 30, 2016 is (\$294).

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

Enjoy the last fleeting days of summer!

