

April

2013



## **Chicken Dinner & Bake Sale**

**The Scotia United Methodist Church**

**Woman's Group will be sponsoring a**

**Chicken Dinner and Bake Sale**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

**\$10.00 per person**

**\$5.00 per child**

**Takeouts will be available**

**The funds will help with ministries in  
our church and in our local community.**

### **Calling All Bakers!**

I am looking for baking volunteers who will make a 9x13 cake for the chicken dinner dessert. If you could let me know either by [e-mail -kswain3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kswain3@nycap.rr.com) or phone- 372-1512, I'd really appreciate it.

Thank you! - Judy Swain

Also – bakers are needed to bring donations to the bake sale on the same day. Please contact Darlene St. Amour or RoyAnn Rogerson if you are able to help out.

### **Upcoming events**

Pentecost Sunday and Miracle Sunday are May 19<sup>th</sup>

Annual Conference is May 30-June 1

Our Annual Conference delegate cannot attend this year. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Megan.

## Worship Schedule

## Liturgists

4/7 Wayne Wagner  
4/14 Belinda Wagner  
4/21 Stephen Long  
4/28 Martha Hatt

## Ushers

## Month of April – Dick & Pat Knapp

# Sound

4/7 Bob Hatt  
4/14 Don Smith  
4/21 Mark Cieslak  
4/28 Dave Read

## Greeters

4/7 Clarence Mosher, Sally Dean  
4/14 Ken & Cindi Handy  
4/21 Robert & Meredith Van Vorst  
4/28 Barbara Blum, Elsie Maddaus

**We need volunteers for the nursery each Sunday – please contact Pastor Megan or Tina Stoddard. Thank you!**



## Women's Group

Monday, April 8, at 7:00 pm

Our Woman's Group is proud to present Vanessa Chambers, a YOGA instructor from Schenectady. Vanessa will come & talk to us about YOGA: breathing techniques and postures and connecting them to a spiritual level. All women are invited & encouraged to bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

## Quilts & Hugs

Because of your generous donations, we rarely need to buy material for baptismal quilts. The material is stored upstairs and when we are notified of an upcoming baptism we first check our stash of completed quilts. If we don't have anything appropriate we bring the material out and go to work. Lately we've been working assemblyline fashion and at least six of us worked on the last batch. Everyone brought quilts home to do the hand-sewing. 100% cotton material will always be welcome and if you do decide to add to our stash, please check the tightness of the weave. Not all 100% cotton material is quilt quality. Scrap quilts use a variety of prints with no two quilts alike or exactly the same size. Just like our congregational family.

Thank you all for helping us make the “hugs” we wrap around our newest family members. – Holly Russo

And all the quilters: Debbie, Melissa, Darlene, Judy, Julie, Pat, & Pastor Megan

## Crop Walk - May 5, 2013

Crop Hunger Walk 2013 to end hunger one step at a time is coming to Schenectady on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Teams will meet at Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Street for registration at 12:30 p.m. The walk will start from the church at 1:30 p.m. with neighbors of different ages, faiths, and backgrounds walking to take a stand against hunger in our world globally and locally. 25% of the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks benefit the communities where they take place by supporting local food banks, pantries, community gardens and other hunger fighting initiatives. Information is available on a table in the Loomis room. Donation forms are available.

Call Deb Cieslak at 372-5562 or e-mail at [dcies204@aol.com](mailto:dcies204@aol.com) if you would like to sign up for the Crop Walk.

## Schenectady Inner City Ministry

**WHAT:** April's SICM Assembly

**WHEN:** TUESDAY April 9, 2013 (6:45 pm for refreshments and 7 pm meeting)

**SPEAKER:** The Superintendent of Schenectady schools, Laurence Spring.

**WHERE:** The First Reformed Church in Schenectady

## Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for the family and friends of Frances Cole who passed away March 16.

Prayers of sympathy for the family and friends of Virginia Crotty who passed away on March 23.

Prayers of healing for Owen and Jennifer Breslin as they recover from surgery.

## Celebrations

We celebrate the birth of Anika DeSorbo on April 1st, daughter of Karen & Dave DeSorbo, granddaughter of Mark & Debbie Cieslak.

We celebrate the baptism of Galen Schad on April 7th, parents Megan Stowe & Stephen Schad.

## FINANCE REPORT

2013	February <u>Month</u>	Budget Variance <u>Month-B/(W)</u>	February <u>YTD</u>	Budget Variance <u>YTD-B/(W)</u>
Operating Income	\$12,380	\$945	\$24,925	<b>-\$1,712</b>
Operating Expenses	<u>\$14,473</u>	<u>\$1,668</u>	<u>\$29,746</u>	<u>\$3,480</u>
Gain/(Loss)	<b>-\$2,093</b>	\$2,613	<b>-\$4,821</b>	\$1,768
Capital Spending (Net of Donations)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

### February Month

- \* February income was greater than budget due primarily to individual contributions.
- \* February expenses were better than budget due primarily to \$960 positive variance for Church snow plowing. Only \$280 was spend on Church snow plowing in January.
- \* Church utilities were \$666 better than budget.

### February Year to Date

- \* Year to date income was less than budget primarily due to the timing of receiving individual contributions and to the Flame concert budgeted for February instead of March.
- \* Year to date expenses were better than budget due primarily to a \$1,546 positive budget variance for Church utilities and a \$2,225 positive budget variance for church snow plowing.

### February YTD compared to the prior YTD

- \* Operating income YTD was \$2,986 less than for the same period last year. Individual contributions received were \$2,305 less than for January and February last year. This was primarily due to the timing of the receipt of the contributions. There were nine Sundays in January and February last year and only eight Sundays in January and February in 2013. March will be a five Sunday month in 2013.
- \* Expenses YTD were \$1,606 less than for January and February last year primarily due to \$1,225 in Church roof repairs last year and apportionments less in 2013 by \$400 YTD.
- \* The net loss YTD was \$1,380 worse than last year primarily due to fewer Sundays in January and February compared to last year.

## Native American Ministries Sunday April 14th

**Your special offering will “support Native American ministries within the annual conference, provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology, strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural and urban congregations, ministries and communities.”**

## SUMC IN MISSIONS

### **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, April 16th. A good opportunity for fellowship with other church members and helpers from Bank of America.

### **Scotia-Glenville Food**

**Pantry** collections for food and cash, during service the **2nd and 4th Sundays each month**. Cash will help purchase fresh items locally and from the Food Bank and those items in short supply. Useful items: peanut butter, jellies, juices, pasta sauces, pasta.

### **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. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Knapp 393-5737 or [knappster933@gmail.com](mailto:knappster933@gmail.com)

For info on Prayer Shawl group contact Pat Knapp 393-5737 or [knappptyme@covad.net](mailto:knappptyme@covad.net)

Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate. We have a good supply of yarn.

We are having a church-wide Capital Campaign Meeting on **April 14th** after church in the Community Room. A FREE breakfast will be served.

## CALENDAR

- 4/1 Office Closed
- 4/2 Trustees 7 pm
- 4/6 Capt. Campaign meeting 10:30 am
- 4/7 Communion Baptism
- 4/8 Woman's Group 7 pm
- 4/11 Worship mtg. 6 pm
- 4/13 Chicken Dinner Bake Sale
- 4/14 Capt. Campaign Brunch & meeting 11 am
- 4/16 Food Bank 2 pm
- 4/22 Admin. Council 7 pm
- 4/27 Men's Club 8 am
- 4/27 Parsonage Grounds Spring Cleaning

### ***Weekly Bible Studies***

***Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am / Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm***

Tuesday morning Bible Study is studying our favorite Psalms.

Thursday evening Bible Study will start again on April 11th, finishing up our study on the "Gospel of Judas."

### **Future Events – mark your calendars!**

**April 27- 9:30 am** Parsonage grounds clean-up day

**May 11- 9:30 am** Church grounds clean up day