

APRIL 2022



If there is to be resurrection, there must be crucifixion. In order for there to be renewal, there must be an ending. Christians often interpret the crucifixion simply as a tragic event. And this leads to playing the blame game—to looking for a bad guy—to an “us vs them” mentality. Historically, many Christians blamed the Jews—and *this was tragic*. But crucifixion is not tragic if it leads to renewal, to a new state of things. Through the crucifixion we die, which enables us to be born anew. That is not tragic. We don’t need to look for the bad guy. A simple prayer of thanks will do.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

Calendar

Women’s Group - Monday, April 11th, 7 pm
Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 14th
at Faith UMC, 7:00 pm

Children’s Easter Party - Friday, April 15th
from 11 am - 1 pm.

Good Friday Service at SUMC - April 15th -2 pm
Easter Service with coffee hour afterwards -
April 17th.

Farewell Celebration for Pastor Chris on June 12th Please contact Deb Elliott,
deb Elliott58@gmail.com or text 518-339-2341 if you
are able to help plan this event in collaboration with
Faith UMC.

APRIL LITURGISTS

4/3 Holly Russo
4/10 Clarence Mosher
4/17 Christina Rock
4/26 Carol Deulio

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/6 Mary Lou Keenan
4/6 Philip Benner
4/10 Teddy Cieslak
4/17 Karen DeSorbo
4/18 Judy Dudley
4/18 Anthony Peconie
4/23 John Burhmaster
4/26 Stephanie Pelham Cook
4/29 Bob Van Vorst
4/30 Dale Brown

On April 24th, the **Sunday School class** will be putting together “Hygiene Kits” to be donated to UMCOR, currently being directed to Ukrainian refugees. Any excess kits will be used for disaster relief in the U.S. and the world. If you’d like to donate items for the kits, please leave in the Sunday School classroom no later than April 24th. The following link provides information on the items needed for the kits (we must use these items only): <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>



Wesley's Wisdom

“Whosoever will reign with Christ in heaven,
must have Christ reigning in him on earth.”

— John Wesley

From the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Doug Mackey was appointed by the Upper NY Conference to serve part time for Scotia UMC and part time for Faith UMC commencing on July 1, 2022. Rev. Mackey is currently serving as the Associate Pastor at Burnt Hills UMC. Ministry is a second career for Doug having worked for 30 years as an archeologist prior to obtaining a Masters in Divinity at Drew Theological School. He was ordained as a Methodist minister in 2015 and served in the Syracuse area before coming to Burnt Hills in 2018. Doug grew up in the Methodist church and has extensive experience in youth fellowship, social justice, community engagement, and Safe Sanctuaries. Doug, and his wife Sherri, have three grown children and a few grandchildren.

For more information contact SPPRC members: Steve Wesley, Wendy Liebl, Judy Dudley, Sean Flansburg, Holly Russo, Clarence Mosher, and Deb Elliott.



Rummage Sale & Food Donations -No luncheon this time, but a make, bake and take baked goods and soup sale May 6&7. Containers-pint and quart size (for soup/chilli) will be available in the upstairs kitchen. Please label your food item. Sandwich Baggies - will also be provided for all baked goods: cookies, brownies, muffins. Breads and pies should be covered with plastic wrap. All items must be labeled. There will be a sign-up sheet at church for your name and your food donations. All foods should be brought to the church by Thursday, May 5th. PLEASE - we need everyone's support to make this sale a success - thank you! - Judy Swain

Time to start cleaning out your closets; our RUMMAGE SALE will happen this year on Fri., May 6, from 9AM to 3PM and on Sat., May 7, from 9AM to 1PM with a bag sale @ Noon. This year we will feature homemade soups and a bake sale. Please consider making something for this part of the sale. Workers will be needed to help set up ahead of the sale, during the sale, and afterwards to clean up and bag all leftovers for the City Mission. Consider asking your teens to help us with the bagging; they seem to enjoy this "adventure" & we certainly appreciate their help. Thank You - The Women's Group

Church Treasurer's Report
02/28/22

	YTD <u>Feb-22</u>
Individual Contributions	\$20,150
Building Use/Rent	4,230
Fund Raising/Interest Income	<u>1</u>
Total Operating Receipts	\$24,381
Wages & other employment expenses	\$15,318
Church Operations/Program	929
Parsonage Expenses	3,209
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	200
Church Building-Utilities/Water	4,181
Church Building-All Other	2,575
Apportionments	335
Benevolences	<u>262</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$27,009
Shortage	(\$2,628)

There is a year to date shortage of (\$2,628) as of 02/28/2022.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Anne Heller at cheller001@nycap.rr.com.

Crop Walk is Sunday May 1st.

Search Crop Walk 2022 and join the team by looking in the search box for SCOTIA
UMC. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/schenectadyny>