



The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church



APRIL 2023

Pastor's Message

Greetings to all as the calendar flips from March to April and the promise of new life, new growth and increasing light in each day. I can already see the early flowers popping out at the parsonage, and around the church. Trees are beginning to bud, and the grass seems a bit greener each day. I have even begun to hear more and a wider variety of birds chirping, just one more sign that God's creation is once again renewing, as it does every year. As I considered what I could share with you this month, I realized I am excited about the coming of Spring and the new growth I am seeing in the world.

But I am also excited about what is coming for Scotia UMC in the season ahead. Our calendar is filling with opportunities. Some, like our monthly Community Breakfast and Salvation Army Lunch programs have been ongoing since I arrived; as has the weekly meditation group that meets on Wednesday evenings. But as I look at the coming calendar now, I see a Chicken BBQ, a Rummage Sale, possible "work days" to help get our building prepared for the season – and more things in discussion that lie ahead. I am excited to be part of these upcoming events for the first time, and I hope that you are excited to take part in these opportunities as well, either by attending, or by volunteering to help support these efforts.

A church filled with such opportunities and people sharing them are signs of life and growth for a congregation. A church that connects with its community is one that is truly doing the work Christ set before us when he gave the Great Commission; telling his followers to go and spread the Good News. As we enter this season of new life, may we extend the love of this congregation into the community, not only welcoming anyone who visits, but inviting others to explore and join us on our journey - to find a place of community and love at Scotia UMC that can bring a light and new growth to their life. May we be an Easter People who believe, and seek to share, in Joy of that first Easter, not just that morning, but every day throughout the year.

Pastor Dang

The Women's Group Annual RUMMAGE SALE will be held this year on FRIDAY, MAY 5, & SATURDAY, MAY 6. We will be accepting donations from April 16 thru May 3rd. Your donations can be left in the first classroom on the right. Please keep in mind that your donations should be **gently used & clean**. We **cannot accept dirty, stained or torn clothing and linens**. We will also be looking for donations of baked goods and soups. We will start setting up on Friday, April 28 through Thursday, May 4th. Volunteers are needed!



Meetings & Events

Meditation group meets every Wednesday at SUMC from 5:30 PM to 7 PM.

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

Community Breakfast will be held **on APRIL 15th outside. From our last time:**



donations from Hannaford.

Trustees—Wed. April 5th at 7:00 pm

Finance -Tues. April 25th at 6:30 pm.

Admin. Council -Tues. April 25th at 7:00 pm.

Admin. Professionals Day –Wed. April 26— for all those tireless office workers :)

April Birthdays

4/6 Mary Lou Keenan

4/6 Philip Benner

4/17 Karen DeSorbo

4/18 Judy Dudley

4/23 John Burhmaster

4/26 Stephanie Cook

4/29 Bob Van Vorst

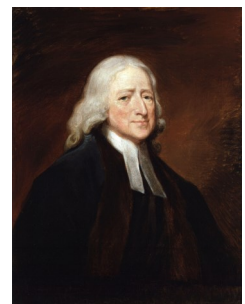
4/30 Dale Brown

**A Happy and Blessed
Birthday to you all!**



Wesley's Wisdom

“I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions.”





Church Treasurer's Report 02/28/2023

	YTD
	<u>Feb-23</u>
Individual Contributions	\$17,472
Building Use/Rent	565
Fund Raising/Interest Income	44
Total Operating Receipts	\$18,081
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$13,911
Church Operations/Program	807
Parsonage Expenses	3,786
Church Building - Repairs/Safety	(105)
Church Building - Utilities/Water	4,424
Church Building - All Other	2,618
Apportionments	316
Benevolences	(80)
Total Operating Expenses	\$25,677
Shortage	(\$7,596)

There is a year to date shortage of \$7,596 as of 02/28/23.

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



Crop Walk 2023

I am looking into something new as a group fundraiser for the Cropwalk. More information will be coming soon. Everyone can be involved in some way. Walking is one way to connect with others in the community, being a 'Spirit walker' is another way. Let me know how you would like to participate! Thanks in advance for being part of our **C**ommunity **R**esponding to **O**ver – come **P**overty!- Sue V.V.

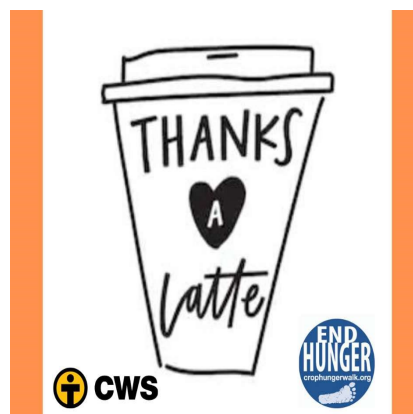
CROP WALK Page Link: This will bring you to our area Crop hunger walk page. The Schenectady's Phil Grisby Memorial CROP Hunger walk:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/schenectadyny>

CROP WALK Page: Here you can register yourself for OUR TEAM and receive online donations. Click on the above link and put SCOTIA UMC in the search box or scroll down the page to see all the teams and click on our team. Follow the instructions from there. FYI -You do not have to put in the birthdate, that part may be skipped over.

Thank you for your participation!

The Phil Grisby Memorial CROP Hunger Walk will take place on **Sunday, May 7th at 1:00 pm.**

Susan V.V.—SUMC SICM Delegate Crop Walk recruiter.



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Living Journey offered by Sherri Mackey - Open from **Thursday, April 6th at noon through Saturday, April 9th at noon**. The Bible offers us a description of Jesus' spiritual journey through his life. While Lent has been a time of reflection and preparation, Easter is the culmination of Jesus' earthly journey. The same stages of spiritual development which Jesus experienced in his lifetime are much the same as we encounter as humans navigating our personal spirituality. Come take a walk through seven important components of Jesus' spiritual journey and explore parallels found along your own path. The experience will engage your senses, your imagination, and your desire to be closer to the Divine within! You may want to bring a journal and pen with you to record your thoughts and emotions along the way. This is designed to be a quiet/silent self-guided time lasting on average about 1 hour.



THANK YOU

Scotia UMC,
Thank you so much for
the recent food dona-
tion. The Scotia Food
Pantry volunteers
appreciate all you do for
the families in our
community.

Sincerely,
Eileen Quick, volunteer

Maundy Thursday -
Covered Dish Dinner/
Worship Opportunity at
Scotia UMC, beginning at
6 pm. Please sign up on the
lists with name and number
attending.

**Good Friday Worship
Service - 7 pm at Alplaus
UMC.**

**EASTER Sunday April 9th
at 11:00 am.**

