

THE CARILLON



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Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who helped in the two Christmas Eve services that were held at SUMC.

From those who assisted as ushers and greeters to those who helped decorate and set up the fellowship hour – your help is deeply appreciated.

May God richly bless the new year of 2011 at Scotia United Methodist Church as we seek to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

Annual Winter Reunion

Emmaus & Chrysalis

Saturday, Jan. 8th

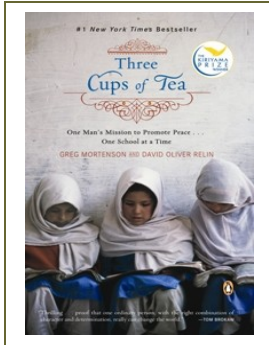
Music, worship, potluck at Rutland VT UMC from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Carpool from SUMC parking lot at 8:45 am. Contact Meredith Van Vorst for more information, 370-0489.

Youth Group Bowling on January 30th

The Scotia Clergy Association is planning to start a joint Youth Group among all the churches in Scotia. The first event will be an afternoon of bowling and pizza. We will start at the Scotia Bowling Lanes and then move to the Lutheran Church for pizza. More information to follow. Please put this on your calendar.

Tuesday Morning Group

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group will be reading the book, "Three Cups of Tea." Come and join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.



Box Tops for Education and Campbell Labels-

Yes, we are still collecting Campbell Labels and Box Tops for Education for Sacandaga Elementary School here in Scotia. This past December 328 labels and 242 box tops were turned in. Thank you all for your support. Collection containers are throughout the church.

Healing Circle

By Oded Ben-Ami

Blessings,
Healing has been an inseparable part of my life since 2006. Finding myself in debilitating pain, with no help from either mainstream or alternative health practitioners, I was forced to help myself.

Thousands of hours spent in studying ancient and nonconventional medicine, meditating, preparing special meals, discovering and cultivating mental abilities and more, led me to a complete recovery within a period of several months. Other health problems which I had prior to 2006, disappeared as well.

I was in such awe at my success through the knowledge that I gained, that I decided to continue my studies of healing.

This knowledge that is given to me, is for the well being of everybody, not only myself, and it is now time for me to help others.

Physical, mental and emotional health problems are all one and the same. They all emanate from the same place and can be all healed using the same way.

I am initiating a healing circle, that I will host every week. The healing circle is my way of giving out empowering tools for self healing through oral teachings, ancient practices and guidance through a variety of mental practices. It will allow a regular time and place for those who will otherwise take little or no action for their own well being.

If you feel that you may be interested in joining the healing circle, or if you have questions, please call me. My phone number is: 393-3617

Shalom
~ Oded

Liturgists

1/2 Ken Swain
 1/9 Scott Brady
 1/16 Sheila Holloway
 1/23 Stephen Long
 1/30 Clarence Mosher

Sound

1/2 Mark Cieslak
 1/9 Dave Ericson
 1/16 Bob Hatt
 1/23 Todd Lavery
 1/30 Mark Cieslak

Greeters

1/2 Barbara Blum, Tim Keegan
 1/9 Barbara Blum, Elsie Maddaus
 1/16 Barbara Blum, Fiona Goodell
 1/23 June Pelham, Sally Dean
 1/30 Elsie Maddaus, Fiona Goodell

Ushers

The Wesley
 Family

Acolytes

1/2 Zachary Swain, Nickolai Swain
 1/9 Tyler Cooper, Trevor Cooper
 1/16 Belle Warfield, Leanne McMurray
 1/23 Madeline Handy, Kenny Handy
 1/30 Zachary Swain, Nickolai Swain

Fellowship

1/2 Sue Sykes
 1/9 Marcia Smith
 1/16 Beth Koessler
 Barbara Blum
 1/23 Jill Wesley
 1/30 Wendy Liebl, Sally Dean

Monthly Calendar

Monday, Jan. 3rd	Trustees	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 4th	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 10th	Scotia Methodist Women	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11th	Cancer Support Group	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 17th	Finance Committee Staff Parish Committee	6:00 p.m. 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 24th	Administrative Council	7 p.m.

A Piece of History from Holly Russo

Twenty years ago, shortly after Ellen and I started coming to SUMC, we saw a notice in the bulletin about something called Hanging of the Greens. Mom sent me down to find out what it was all about. I walked into a beehive of activity, all under the direction of a tiny woman named Etta Poulin, who was Worship Chairman. Live greens were being cut up, tied up and hung up. The railing had pine boughs woven in between the bars and decorated with artificial poinsettia. Etta gave me a job and not long after she came up to me and told me that she'd been watching and decided she was giving the decorating job to me so it would be one last hat she had to wear. We had live trees, so tall that you needed the big ladder to reach the top for the lights and decorations. Back then, those very special decorations were only handled by certain people and to be chosen was deemed an honor by the guardians of the ornaments.

Members were hosting refreshments in the Fireside Room and in the Loomis Room, kids were making Advent wreaths, ornaments and Advent logs. We all went downstairs together for a potluck dinner and then back up for a concert put on by the children with dessert after in the Fireside Room. Two seasons later, we went to artificial greens to make clean up a bit easier. We still had live trees but the mess was only in one spot. I remember when Jim Farrell, our Interim Pastor and his wife Ruth came to this event. Jim took his chair and faced it into the sanctuary so he could see everything.

The Hanging of the Greens as a day of celebrating Advent ended after the first Holiday on the Avenue. Attendance had dwindled and we started the Open House instead. Due to expense of heating and the possibility of weather conditions, we chose not to participate this year in the Open House event.

I'm sorry that all these events have ended but times change and we move on. Two things have not changed: my enjoyment of decorating the church with my crew, and Kim and Dave Huhtala creating very innovative and beautiful centerpieces for the "birthday party" they put on between services on Christmas Eve, even serving an actual birthday cake as a reminder as to why we really celebrate this very special holiday.

Boxing Day – Sunday January 9th

We will be having our own version of Boxing day right after the service on Sunday the 9th . We will be taking down and putting away the Christmas trees and the white poinsettias.

We will also be vacuuming and cleaning out the pews. Please plan on spending some time right after church on the 9th.

Thank you!



New Office Hours

Due to the recent budget cuts, the church office hours have been adjusted to:

Tuesdays, 8:00–4:00

Wednesdays, 8:00–4:00

Thursdays, 8:00 –1:00