

# THE CARILLON



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## Children's Sunday June 5th

Please join us for a special Children's

Sunday on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

The children of SUMC will be participating

in the worship service that day.



**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Once again, we will be participating in the Scotia Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 18th from 9 am to 5 pm. Please start cleaning out your attic and garage looking for all those treasures that you really could not live without and get them ready to drop off at the church on the evening of the 17th or early in the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY we all look forward to your support on the 18th working the sale. Please see Mark Cieslak with any questions or to lend your support.

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Mon. 6:30 pm

Wed. 7 pm

Tues. 8:00 pm

Thurs, 6:30 pm

NA group meets on Sundays at 7 pm.

## Altar Flowers

**When you are planting your garden throw in some seeds for us!**

Think about planting some flower seeds for the church altar this summer. Zinnias, Dahlias, Cosmos, all these flowers will look beautiful in church. When you have a bouquet ready, call Deb Cieslak 372-5562, and let her know.

## Thank you

To Marcia Smith & Elsie Maddaus for filling in as speakers on Dana's vacation.  
To Elsie for office help.

To all those who helped at the Rummage Sale.

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

It has been a pleasure to spend the last three years with you. Thank you for your generous spirit and your gracious hospitality. I will miss your energy and your love. You have meant more to me than you will ever know.

I will be retiring July 1, but continuing to live in Glenville. It's time for me to explore the next chapter of my life, and I'm not sure what that will be. To begin with, I will be doing a little photography and a little art at SCCC. Then I will go from there.

Your new pastor, Rev. Megan Stowe, is enthusiastic and looking forward to meeting you. I know you will love her, and she, you. As you begin this new walk together, I will pray for you. God is already out there ahead of all of us, beckoning us into an exciting new future. Godspeed.

Love,

Dana

### Scotia Food Pantry

Here at Scotia UMC we support the Scotia Food Pantry. For the coming month they need small jars of jams, jellies, and peanut butter, juice, spaghetti sauce/tomato sauce, pasta/macaroni/rice, tuna/canned meat, canned fruit and canned vegetables. An even more efficient way to support the Food Pantry is through monetary gifts. They can purchase items for 16 cents a pound at the Regional Food Bank, which is much cheaper than we can buy food.

The children will push a grocery cart down the aisle on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during worship. You may place your food gifts in the cart and your money gifts in the piggy bank.

### Nursery School

Scotia United Methodist Co-op Nursery School will be closing at the end of the school year and will not re-open in the fall. We would like to thank the members of the church community for their dedicated support this school year. Thank you for understanding and please accept our deepest regrets.

-SMCNS Board of Directors

## Liturgists

6/5 Children  
 6/12 TBA  
 6/19 RoyAnn Rogerson  
 6/26 Holly Russo

## Sound

6/5 Bob Hatt  
 6/12 Todd Lavery  
 6/19 Mark Cieslak  
 6/26 Dave Read

## Greeters

6/5 Michele & Ken Swain  
 6/12 Darlene & Raymond St. Amour  
 6/19 Cindi & Kenneth Handy  
 6/26 Cindi Handy & Elsie Maddaus

## Ushers

6/5 Kenny Handy  
 Nickolai Swain  
 6/12 Holly Russo  
 Fran Brown  
 6/19 Scott Brady  
 Lucy Brady  
 6/26 Ken Swain  
 Michele Swain

## Acolytes

6/5 Nickolai Swain, Kenny Handy  
 6/12 Tyler Cooper, Trevor Cooper  
 6/19 Zachary Swain, Belle Warfield  
 6/26 Madeline Handy, Kenny Handy

## Fellowship

6/5 Pat & Dick Knapp  
 6/12 Deb Elliott, Sally Dean  
 6/19 Women's Group  
 6/26 Don & Marcia Smith

## Monthly Calendar

1	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
5	Children's Sunday	10 am
6	Trustees Meeting	7 pm
13	Scotia Methodist Women	7 pm
15	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
19	Father's Day	
20	Finance Meeting	6 pm
21	First Day of Summer	
26	Dana's Party	4:30 pm
27	Admin. Council	7 pm

**Save the Date!** A retirement party is being planned for Dana on June 26, 2011. The party will be held here at our church from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Members have been invited from all the churches that Dana has served during her twenty five –year career as a pastor. The evening will start with appetizers at 4:30 PM followed by dinner at 5:30 PM. Entertainment will begin at 7PM. More details will follow at a later date. Hope to see everyone there!

### Missions

Regional Food Bank– Meet at SUMC parking Lot at 2:00 pm on Tues. June 14<sup>th</sup>.

July 18 through July 22 for the Summer Lunch Program @ Hillhurst Park.

Peace with Justice offering –June 19<sup>th</sup>, to support ministries in the DRC, the US and worldwide.



## Greetings from the new District Superintendent

Amazing, is it not, how one phone call can change one's life, one's direction, one's perspective on ministry. Thus it was as Bishop Matthews called in January of this year asking me to consider serving as the District Superintendent of the Albany District. The call was unexpected and it filled me with an array of mixed emotions and feelings. In the end, after periods of silence, prayer, and conversations, I told the Bishop I would accept the invitation and to the best of my ability fulfill the position and the ministry as a district superintendent. Of course, this was before the "c" word entered my vocabulary as I diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in mid-February. I have and continue to fight the good battle against it and received very good news from my dr. last week about my progress and recovery; which is very encouraging. Coupled with that is the wonderful support I have received from colleagues and churches in the district which has filled my days wonderfully more than you know.

Needless to say, all of the above has helped me feel more confident about the decision that I made and I thank everyone for their concern and encouragement. I was asked not long ago what I would hope to bring to the district (besides a Rembrandt print in every parsonage...it is that art history training coming out!!) Simply put, I take my cues from Paul Tillich who reminds us that "the first duty of love is to listen." We have an excellent model for that approach to leadership and ministry in the life and teachings of Jesus the Christ, thus I think it would be a good place for all of us to start as we begin this ministry together.

I want to be attuned to where you think we have been, where we are now, and where you think we should be headed. In the light of our new annual conference beginning, listening and respect for one another's ideas and opinions are an imperative.

Although I have not served in the Albany district and not entirely familiar with its geography, I will look to you for your help in getting acclimated to the uniqueness that is Albany. My predecessor, Rev. Dr. James Fenimore, whose shoes I could never fill.... (quite literally) has shared with me some of the strengths and the areas of growth that will be helpful to address as we begin our ministry together. I am sure you are, as I am, thankful in a myriad of ways for Jim's ministry in the district.

During my tenure, I will seek to serve you as we serve each other. I will make mistakes and I will ask your forgiveness and forbearance ....know that you have mine as well. I rather like the adage that reminds us that real friends who, when you make a fool of yourself, do not think you have done a permanent job. There will be times in our ministry when such an understanding will be helpful for all of us.

I bring, in Christ's name, intent to the position for the things that need to be done, which I think should not preclude humor, hospitality, and a spry energy to the tasks before us. I ask your help and your prayers as we begin this adventure together.

Christ has called us to this ministry. Samuel Ullman states that "to give up on enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." Let us move forward in this new adventure knowing that the enthusiasm, our tradition, and the blessings of our God will ever be with us as we serve, and seek, and learn together.

This is a prayer for my life ... and mine for yours.  
Blessings, *Rev. Dr. Brolin C. Parker*

Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor – prepared by Robert Crossman

1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
3. Invite church members individually to send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
4. Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the ground work for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.
5. Plan for the transition. Occasionally important welcoming gestures are missed with everyone thinking someone else is handling these details.
6. Appoint a specific liaison person to whom the pastor can go for help and information during the transition.

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