

March

2013



Holy Week Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday March 24 10 am service

Come join us in waving palm branches and hearing the Passion story with new ears.

Maundy Thursday Pot-luck supper, Seder & communion service March 28, 6:30 pm

RSVP's requested so we have enough tables and food prepared. Please bring a dish to share. We'll remember why this night is different from all other nights and remember Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Good Friday, March 29, 7 pm

Combined service with Eastern Parkway and Alplaus UMC's here at SUMC. A combined choir will be offering a special anthem and the North Ten Broeck players will be providing a skit. The Good Friday Cross Walk will be meeting at First

Reformed, Scotia at 9:30 am and walking through the village to the different churches and ending at SUMC.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 am.

Come and celebrate that Christ has risen! We will also be celebrating Charlotte Bulla's 100th birthday at coffee hour with a reception in the fireside room!



Turn your clocks ahead on Sat. evening March 9th.



**FLAME CONCERT SAT. MARCH 16th 7:00 pm
\$10.00 per person**

**Invite your friends & family!
Tickets available from Mark Cieslak or
Martha Hatt.**

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

3/3	Mikaela Potter
3/10	Sean O'Sullivan
3/17	Sue Sykes
3/24	Don Smith
3/31	Jill Wesley

Ushers

3/3 Sheila & Nicki Holloway
3/10 Holly Russo, RoyAnn Rogerson
3/17 Sean & Lynn Flansburg
3/24 Sean & Lynn Flansburg
3/31 Ken & Michele Swain
3/31 Amiee & Steve Warfield

Sound

3/3 Dave Read
3/10 Bob Hatt
3/17 Don Smith
3/24 Mark Cieslak
3/31 Dave Read

Greeters

3/3 June Pelham, Don Smith
3/10 Tim Keegan, Sue Sykes
3/17 Irene & James Coburn
3/24 Fiona Goodell, Belinda Wagner
3/31 Fiona Goodell, Elsie Maddaus

Social Hour

3/3 Debbie Cieslak, Laurie
3/10 Sally Dean, Holly Russo
3/17 The Reads
3/24 The Fitches
3/31 Kim Huhtala & friends

Nursery Volunteers

3/3 Nancy Cooper
3/10 Alissa O'Sullivan
3/17 Kim Huhtala
3/24 Sue Sykes
3/31 Volunteer needed

Counters

3/3 Ken Swain, Judy Matthews, Frank Hopper
3/10 Ken Handy, Judy Swain. Frank Hopper
3/17 June Pelham, Wendy Liebl, Frank Hopper
3/24 Dean Goodell, Jill Wesley, Frank Hopper
3/31 Clarence Mosher, Michele Swain, Frank Hopper

Women's Group

On Monday, March 11th at 7:00 pm the Woman's Group will be hosting their monthly meeting. Our speakers will be Lu Ann Santa Barbara & Wendi Gapczynski from the Battered Woman's Shelter who will speak on Domestic Violence. We are hoping for a great turnout so come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Men's Club Church-Wide Breakfast Sunday, March 10th

The Men's Club will hold a breakfast for the congregation after church on Sunday, March 10, 2013. The "all-you-can eat" breakfast menu consists of pancakes - regular, blueberry, chocolate chip or Swedish (like crepes), scrambled eggs (with cheese, if you wish), bacon, sausage, applesauce and coffee, tea or milk and cranberry or orange juice. Come join Chefs Spence, Huhtala, Schad and Smith and the whole Men's Club gang for a scrumptious breakfast. Adults are \$8.00 and children 5 or older are \$4.00. The funds gathered from the breakfast will go to a worthy project of the church.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering March 10th

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world. United Methodists relate to **One Great Hour of Sharing** by supporting UMCOR's ongoing work, responding in times of disaster and telling the story of UMCOR's ministry.

Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Angels Among Us

Marian McKiernan stands in her 1890-era home in Middleburgh, N.Y., gazing at photos taken on Aug. 29, 2011 — the day after Hurricane Irene sent muddy river water swirling through the town. As windows broke under the weight of water, mud and debris cascaded into her home.

Since then, thanks to volunteers, McKiernan has been repairing her house and regaining a sense of normalcy. She arranges photos on stacks of new drywall that soon will go up. "I'm starting to feel like myself again," she said.

McKiernan is just one of many flood survivors who express gratitude for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and others.

"These volunteers not only fix houses," said Jack Hill, project manager for the Upper New York Annual Conference. "They also fix people's lives just by showing up to help."

Church Building Projects

As you may have heard, Scotia United Methodist Church has several major building projects that we'll be working on this spring, summer and fall. In order to fund these maintenance projects, we are having a Capital Improvement Campaign starting on March 17th and culminating with a Miracle Sunday on May 19th. Just what are we raising money for, you might be wondering? Well, the roof over the Christian Education wing and the masonry where that wing attaches to the original church building have some significant damage that we need to address. There are also several incidents that happened in January and February which we will have to roll into the Capital Campaign, the deductible for when the water pipe burst in the hallway near the stairs to the church basement, the leaking condensator pipe in the Pie Room and the broken boiler at the parsonage. Along with this Capital Campaign is a desire to make sure we are doing the preventative maintenance (and including money for it in the budget) so we will not need to keep doing capital campaigns every five to ten years.

FINANCE REPORT

2013	January <u>Month</u>	Budget Variance <u>Month-B/(W)</u>
Income	\$12,545	-\$2,657
Expenses	<u>\$15,273</u>	<u>\$1,812</u>
Gain/(Loss)	-\$2,728	-\$845
Capital Spending (Net of Donations)	\$0	\$0

January Month

- * January income was less than budget due primarily to a \$2,686 shortfall in individual contributions received for the month.
- * January expenses were better than budget due primarily to \$1,265 positive variance for Church snow plowing. Only \$135 was spent on Church snow plowing in January. Church utilities were \$880 better than budget. The budget for snow plowing and utilities was based on 2011 actuals as 2012 was an unusually warm year. Safety expenses were greater than budget primarily due to the replacement of old fire extinguishers.

January compared to the prior January

- * Income for January was \$4,576 less than January last year. Individual contributions were \$4,436 less than last January. This January was a four Sunday January and last January was a five Sunday January. The Sunday total individual contributions average about \$2,700 per week so about \$2,700 of the year over year can be explained by the difference in the number of Sundays in the month.
- * Expenses for January were less than last January by \$1,444 primarily due to \$1,225 in church roof repairs last year. However, due to the recent plumbing issues it can be expected there will be substantial unbudgeted church repairs in the coming months.

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, March 19th. 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

For info on Prayer Shawl group contact Pat Knapp 393-5737 or knappptyme@covad.net

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

Girl Scout Sunday is March 10th

We will honor our Girl Scouts, asking any current or former Daisy or Girl Scouts, or leaders to please come and be recognized.

CALENDAR

3/4 Trustees 7 pm

3/9 Spring Forward

3/10 Church-Wide
Breakfast/ Girl Scout
Sunday

3/11 Finance 6 pm

3/11 Women's Group
7 pm

3/16 FLAME! 7 pm

3/19 Food Bank 2 pm

3/24 Palm Sunday

3/25 Ad Council 7 pm

3/27 AA Dinner 7 pm

3/28 Maundy Thurs.
Dinner at 6:30 pm

3/29 Good Friday
Combined Service 7 pm

3/31 Easter

Weekly Bible Studies

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

Prayers

Prayers for the family of Evelyn Pelham, long time member who died on Thursday Feb 21 and for the family of Mildred May who died on February 6.

Congratulations

to Kathryn Diana Flanders Schmidling, (daughter of Bernard Schmidling and Karen Flanders) who was baptized on February 17, 2013.

Celebrate the joy of our custodian Claude Dutcher on the birth of his new baby granddaughter, Sadie Virginia Dutcher.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has supported the Upper NY Conference as it aids flood survivors, first with more than 2,000 cleaning buckets, then with grants totaling \$120,000.