

MARCH 2020

Scotia UMC

When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake.

19 Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

21 Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Matthew 8:18-22

The above passage from Matthew is challenging. And it is not about wildlife—nor is it really about the death of a father. It is about letting go of the past—letting go of an old identity.

At this time of the year, as the church, we must remember, following Jesus means participation in the resurrection, in the new state of things. Our church, in fact the Church in general, is being reborn, re-created right now. It is up to us, to each one of us, to let go of the old state of things, to let go of the old identity, "let the dead bury the dead" so to speak, so that we may consciously participate in the resurrection. Are we willing to let go?

Peace,
Chris

Sunday School

The Sunday school classes have begun Easter lessons as they walk with Jesus, studying and learning the events of Holy Week.

We are also planning the annual Children's Easter party which will be on Saturday, 4/4 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. There will be egg coloring, an egg hunt, games & make your own ice cream sundaes. Save the date!

Thursday Morning Bible Study –

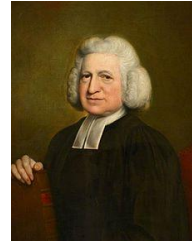
from 9:30 -11:00 in the Fireside Room.

Pastor Chris will be leading the group

through a study on the current lectionary readings.



Wesley's Wisdom



"Bear up the hands that hang down, by faith and prayer; support the tottering knees. Have you any days of fasting and prayer? Storm the throne of grace and persevere therein, and mercy will come down." ~ **John Wesley**

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

3/1 Clarence Mosher
3/8 Sean Flansburg
3/15 Wendy Liebl
3/22 Rick Frederick
3/29 Deb Elliott

Social

Belinda Wagner
Tim & Mai Keegan
Jill & Steve Wesley
Deb Lelievre & family
Robert & Kim Pryor

Ushers & Greeters

3/1 Sue Sykes, Holly Russo
3/8 Lisa Bassler, Kim Huhtala
3/15 Cait Drysdale, Chris Caffery
3/22 Laurie Bishop, Deb Cieslak
3/29 Deb Cieslak, Holly Russo

CALENDER & EVENTS

3/7 Change clocks at end of day- SPRING FORWARD!
3/21 Community Breakfast CANCELLED
3/22 UMCOR Sunday Offering
3/24 Finance Meeting 7 pm
3/25 Admin. Council Meeting 7 pm

UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the humanitarian relief and development agency of UMC. Your donation supports administrative costs to ensure a response in times of crisis.

The Free Community Breakfast event will now take place the third Saturday morning of every month from 8-11 am. The bake sales and soup sales will take place in the odd months because thanks to our dedicated bakers and soup makers we have enough money from those donated goodies to pay for the groceries for more breakfasts. March breakfast has been cancelled due to virus concerns.

Holly Russo, Mission Team member.

The Women's Group will kick off the Spring season with a meeting on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. At 7:00 pm, we will move over to the Loomis Room where Carol Jordan, our Instructor, will present "Painting with a Purpose." Each person will be provided with instructions, materials, including paint, brushes & an 8" x 10" canvas. No previous painting or art experience is needed. Come, bring a friend and enjoy a good time. Refreshments will be provided. Cost \$5.00 per person. Please notify either Meredith Van Vorst or Sue Sykes if you will be painting (so the instructor brings enough supplies). All are invited.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

The CROP Hunger Walk is coming up the **first Sunday in May.** SiCM hosts the CROP WALK in order to raise funds to support hunger fighting efforts. Not only do the funds raised help our communities at home, but communities around the world as well.

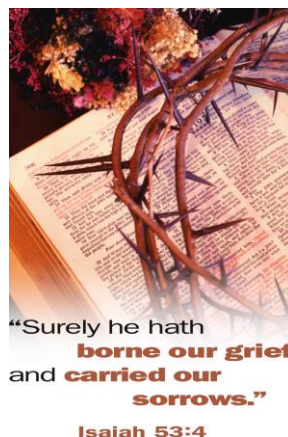
Holy Week Events next month:

Palm Sunday – April 5th at 11:00 am.

Maundy Thursday – 6:00 pm at SUMC. Bring a meal to share. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Faith UMC has an invitation to join with us.

Good Friday Service – combined service at Faith UMC, 2:00 pm.

Easter Sunday – April 12th at 11:00 am.



31-Jan-20

	YTD
	<u>Jan-20</u>
Individual Contributions	\$10,826
Building Use/Rent	3,115
Fund Raising/Interest Income	3
Other Designated Giving	-
Total Operating Receipts	\$13,945
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,870
Church Operations/Program	559
Parsonage Expenses	805
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	1,078
Church Building-Utilities/Water	694
Church Building-All Other	1,092
Apportionments	332
Benevolences	150
Total Operating Expenses	\$11,579
Surplus	\$ 2,366

There is a surplus of \$2,366 as of 1/31/20.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,

Please check your emails weekly during this time of virus concerns. We are trying to be wise with any scheduled events and necessary cancellations. A good time to stay home more and be in prayer!