

MARCH 2022

Scotia UMC

If the only prayer you said was thank you that would be enough.

---Meister Eckhart

The language of Lent can be tough. Picking up our cross and denying self might sound a little intimidating. But take heart. Lent can also create in us a well-spring of gratitude. Through the cross and self-denial, we realize our true identity in Christ. We let go of what Thomas Merton called the “false self’s” sense of separation and brokenness and we live into the “True Self’s” deeper connection with God, with one another, with all of creation. In short, we come to know “life more abundantly” (John 10:10). How can we not offer our thanks to God?

Peace,

Pastor Chris

MARCH LITURGISTS

3/6 Deb Elliott
3/13 Steve Wesley
3/20 Rick Frederick
3/27 Carla Hastings

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/3 Dave Ericson
3/5 Rupert Pratt
3/6 Howie Maloy
3/11 Jennifer Rudolph
3/12 Charlene Spence
3/12 Sue Sykes
3/14 Brian Liebl
3/16 Eliza Cieslak
3/19 Wendy Liebl
3/22 Benjamin Peconie
3/31 Anika DeSorbo

Calendar

March 2- Ash Wednesday
March 6 - Communion Sunday
March 12 - Spring forward - turn clocks one hour ahead at end of day
March 14- Women’s Meeting 7 pm
March 19 - Free Community Breakfast
March 20-FIRST DAY OF SPRING! ☀



Wesley's Wisdom



“God grant that I may never live to be useless!”

— John Wesley, How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer

Scotia Methodist Women - All women of the congregation are invited to attend the March meeting of the SMW on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss the upcoming Rummage Sale and the need for volunteers to help set up on that Friday and Saturday in May and to help clean up. Anyone interested in giving us your input or to volunteer, is invited to do so before the meeting. Please email Martha Hatt or Royann Rogerson. There will be a business meeting followed by refreshments. The meetings are held in the Fireside Room. Please join us!

The Easter Plant Sale - Cost of 6" plants will be \$12.00 each. Plants available for sale will be tulips, daffodils, lilies, hyacinths, and mums. Plants can be specified to go to a shut in or you can take your plant home after Easter service. If someone does not want a plant but would like to make a donation to the church, checks can be made out to the Scotia United Methodist Church. Please note on check: "donation" only. All orders must be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, March 22nd. Any questions, call Deb Cieslak @ 518-429-9998 or email dcies4183@aol.com

Easter Flowers - please return this form if you would like to order flowers in memory or in honor of someone on Easter morning. Form with check must be received in church office no later than **Tuesday, March 22, 2022.**

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

Or in Honor of _____

6" pots for \$12.00 each: ____ Tulips ____ Hyacinths ____ Lilies ____ Daffodils

6" pots for \$12.00 each: ____ Mums (specify yellow or white)

____ Please check here if you would like your flowers to go to a shut-in after service.

____ Please check here if you can deliver flowers to a shut-in after Easter service.
(church member or a friend or family member)

____ Check here if you would like to take your plant home after service.

____ Check here if this is a donation only and you don't want a plant.

Church Treasurer's Report
01/31/22

	YTD <u>Jan-22</u>
Individual Contributions	\$10,390
Building Use/Rent	2,130
Fund Raising/Interest Income	<u>0</u>
Total Operating Receipts	\$12,520
Wages & other employment expenses	\$7,659
Church Operations/Program	534
Parsonage Expenses	3,209
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	108
Church Building-Utilities/Water	2,152
Church Building-All Other	1,288
Apportionments	167
Benevolences	<u>262</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,379
Shortage	(\$2,859)

There is a year to date shortage of (\$2,859) as of 01/31/2022.

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

Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine - The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. If you'd like to support the relief efforts, you can write your check payable to SUMC and write "Ukraine" on the memo line. The church will then send the donations to UMCOR. Thank you.