

# The Carillon

May 2012

SUMC

Scotia United Methodist  
Church

## Spring Rummage Sale

**Come and discover some  
great treasures!**

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm**

**Sat. May 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 1 pm**

**Bag Sale at Noon on Sat.**

Lunch will be available on both days  
with coffee and donuts in the  
morning.



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## Woman's Group



**Monday May  
14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m.**

Jean Cook, from the  
Master Gardener  
Speakers' Bureau  
(Cornell Cooperative  
Extension) will be the  
special speaker.

Jean will discuss  
several important  
topics: **Spring**

**gardening tips,  
controlling weeds in  
the garden & tending  
to roses.**

Everyone is welcome,  
including the men. We  
are hoping for a good  
turnout for this event  
so please mark your  
calendars!

### Special points of interest:

- Special Woman's Group meeting open to all
- General Conference
- Heavy Metal Sat. & June Garage Sale

## General Conference 2012

I have been selected as a page for General Conference 2012. As a volunteer position each of the volunteers are expected to pay their own way to and from the conference, room and board. I found the event to be one of the most important to my spiritual formation. Where else can you worship with United Methodists from around the globe? Where else can you receive Holy Communion from a Bishop of the Philippines and hear sermons from the Bishop of the Congo? The first woman pastor I ever encountered was there with me four years ago. We were paired up to wash each other's feet, which was a truly humbling experience. I've run into Natalya (the seminarian who was working at the church in Moscow, Russia when I first heard the call to ordained ministry) during worship services. These life changing events remind me that the best thing about being a United Methodist is that we are connectional. I always joke that I have to behave because someone always knows me. We are accountable to one another and in relationship with one another.

-Pastor Megan

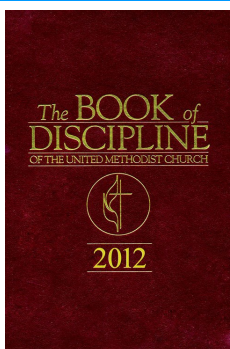
### The Book of Discipline & The Book of Resolutions

From April 23-May 5, Rev. David Smith will be covering any and all pastoral emergencies.

Besides the worship and fellowship opportunities at General Conference, there is the important work of reshaping *The Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions*. There are approximately 1400 petitions, many of which are similar in nature that need to be looked at, perfected, approved, tabled or rejected. Pages work long hours during the 10 days and many stay to watch parts of the conference when they are not working (I found it hard to pull myself away and made a point to celebrate Holy Communion every day with Bishops). It is also a good time to network with members of our new Upper NY Conference and to celebrate the diversity of the Connection.

What I brought back from my two previous visits to General Conference was an appreciation for the World-wide nature of our Denomination, new music and creative visuals to help set the stage for worship, my beautiful quilted stoles, friendships with many clergy and laity throughout the world, a desire to bring important programs such as Nothing But Nets to my congregation, to share information about what the Women's Division is doing to our local UMW group and to prepare the congregation for how some of the legislation passed will affect our local church going forward. I attended the past two General Conferences (2004 & 2008), which have been both the hardest and best learning about what it means to be church. I cannot wait to go back!

**NOTE:** While I am gone April 23-May 5, Rev. David Smith will be covering any and all pastoral emergencies. While I am down in Tampa, FL, I ask that you keep me, the other delegates from Upper New York, and the General Conference in your prayers. If you are technologically savvy, you can watch portions of the General Conference online at <http://www.gc2012.umc.org> and there is even an app for monitoring legislation. Blessings, Pastor Megan



## Worship Schedule

### Liturgists

5/6 Bob Dieterich  
5/13 Mark Cieslak  
5/20 Marcia Smith  
5/27 Sheila Holloway

### Sound

5/6 Mark Cieslak  
5/13 Dave Read  
5/20 Bob Hatt  
5/27 Need volunteer

### Greeters

5/6 Sally Dean  
Howie Maloy  
5/13 June Pelham  
Judy Matthews  
5/20 Clarence Mosher  
Judy Matthews  
5/27 Clarence Mosher  
Judy Matthews

### Ushers

5/6 Mark & Debbie  
5/13 Cieslak  
5/20 Martha Hatt  
Fiona Goodell  
5/27 RoyAnn  
Rogerson  
Fiona Goodell

### Coffee Hour

5/6 Sue Sykes  
& family  
5/13 Men's Group  
5/20 Amiee Warfield  
Sheila Holloway  
5/27 Judy Swain  
Michele Swain

## Missions

### Food Pantry

Food and cash collected during service on the **second and fourth Sundays** each month.

### Regional Food Bank

Volunteers, please meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 pm on **TUESDAY, May 15th.**

Contact Dick Knapp 393-5737 or [rknapp5@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rknapp5@nycap.rr.com)

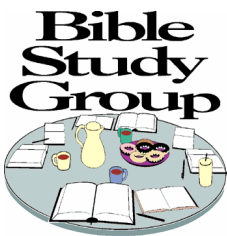
## Heavy Metal Sat.

We are holding another Heavy Metal Saturday on May 12<sup>th</sup>

Start saving up all your scrap metal and then drop off at the church **Sat. morn.** May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your participation in this fund raiser.

## June Village Wide Garage Sale

Once again this year we will be participating in the Scotia village wide garage sale. The date has not yet been determined but that should not stop us in accumulating all our "Treasures" to support our church. Watch for future date...



### Tuesday morning

**9:30-11am**

We are reading *Disciplines 2012* and studying the Wesleys.

All are welcome to join us for the morning study.

### Thursday evening

**study** will resume when Pastor Megan returns from General Conference.

## Finance Report

2012	March	March	Budget	Budget
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to</u>	<u>Variance</u>
			<u>Date</u>	<u>Year to</u>
				<u>Date</u>
Income	\$11,863.00	\$39,774.00	\$43,288.00	(\$3,514.00)
Expenses	<u>\$13,836.00</u>	<u>\$45,188.00</u>	<u>\$49,136.00</u>	<u>\$3,948.00</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$1,973.00)	(\$5,414.00)	(\$5,848.00)	\$434.00
Capital Spending	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

### March Month

- \* March income was \$3,550 short of budget due primarily to a negative variance related to the equitable compensation grant. This was budgeted at the same level as we received in 2011, however, we are receiving \$1,058 less per month than last year.
- \* March collections for the Food Pantry were \$143.08 and \$474 has been collected year to date.
- \* March expenses were \$2,118 better than budget due primarily to positive warm weather related church heating and snow plowing expense variances.
- \* The March loss variance was \$1,432 worse than budget.

### Year to Date

- \* Income year to date is short of budget primarily due to the less than expected grant money of \$3,175 YTD.
- \* Year to date expenses are positive to budget due primarily to \$4,595 church heating and snow plowing savings offset by church and parsonage roof repairs.
- \* The expenses are usually greater than income the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Income is pretty steady throughout the year, however, the expenses are highest 1<sup>st</sup> quarter due to heating, snow plowing and annual maintenance contracts.

### Comparison to Last Year

- \* The 2012 income YTD was \$1,768 better than 2011 income despite \$2,612 less Building Use income in 2012
- \* The 2012 YTD expenses were \$4,858 less than the 2011 due to the warm weather related expense savings.
- \* Overall, the church has done better year to date by \$6,626 this year as compared to last year.



The next  
deadline is  
May 20<sup>th</sup>  
for June  
newsletter.

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## March Craft Fair

We raised over \$1000 thanks to the combined efforts of Sue Sykes who provided lunch, Wendy Liebl who chaired the bake sale, Debbie Cieslak who sold craft supplies and craft kits that were just hanging around our houses collecting dust, and from the spaces 'rented' to the crafters by yours truly.

Thank you to Sue's crew and the volunteers who donated the food, Martha Hatt, Judy Swain, Judy Matthews and her granddaughter who kindly fattened us up with all the delectable baked goods you all donated, and to Pat Knapp who was dangerously persuasive with people who didn't realize they needed to learn a new craft from the recycled craft booth.

Thank you to my set-up and tear-down crews as well.  
Great job, everyone! – Holly Russo, Project Chair

### Monthly Calendar

May 3 Nat'l Day of

Prayer

May 4-5 Rummage Sale

May 6 Crop Walk

May 7 Trustees 7 pm

May 12 Heavy Metal Sat

May 13 Mother's Day

May 14 Woman's Group  
meeting 7 pm

May 15 Food Bank  
Meet at 2 pm

May 20 Baptism

May 21 Finance 6 pm  
Staff Parish 7 pm

May 27 Baptism  
Pentecost

May 28 Memorial Day

## Welcome to New Members

Congratulations to Jeff and Margaret Rivenburg, who joined Scotia UMC on April 1. We also welcomed into our church membership Amy & David Buhrmaster, Shannon & Tyler Cooper, Lindsay Dieterich, Abby Russell, Addie Sykes, & Bryan Zych on April 22. These eight were members of the Confirmation Class. We celebrated the baptism of Chase Jorgensen on April 8. If you have been attending here for a while or just a short time and feel that this is your church home, I'd invite you to come and talk to me about joining the church. Scotia UMC is also very happy to do baptisms and weddings.

### Special Sundays in May

We have baptisms scheduled on May 20 & 27. Pentecost Sunday is May 27. Pentecost is mentioned in Acts 2 as the time when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them the ability and the boldness to leave the Upper Room, spread the good news and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Pentecost is also considered to be the birthday of the church!

### May 3<sup>rd</sup> – National Day of Prayer

For local gathering info, email Steve Lalor at [splalor@gmail.com](mailto:splalor@gmail.com)