

May

2013

Scotia UMC

Welcome Spring!

The Scotia United Methodist Church

Woman's Group will be sponsoring a

Spring Rummage Sale

Friday, May 3rd 9 am – 3 pm

Sat. May 4th 9 am – 1 pm

Bag Sale at Noon on Sat.

Lunch available both days.

Coffee & donuts in the morning.

**The funds will help with ministries in
our church and in our local community.**

May Calendar

5/2 Kingdom Builders meeting 8 am

5/3 & 5/4 Rummage Sale

5/4 Funeral 2 pm

5/5 Capt. Campaign meeting after service with
Free Soup & Chili lunch. Rev. Rarich, speaker.

5/6 Trustees meeting 7 pm

5/13 Women's Group 7 pm

5/17 Rehearsal 5 pm / 5/18 Wedding 4 pm

5/19 Pentecost & Miracle Sunday

5/20 Finance meeting 6 pm

5/21 Food Bank 2 pm

5/26 Peace with Justice Sunday

5/27 Memorial Day / Admin. Council 7 pm

Upcoming events

Pentecost and Miracle Sunday are May 19th

Annual Conference is May 30-June 1

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

5/5 Dave Read
5/12 Marcia Smith
5/19 Clarence Mosher
5/26 Scott Brady

Ushers

5/5 Steve & Amiee Warfield
5/12 RoyAnn Rogerson, Fiona Goodell
5/19 Deb Cieslak, Holly Russo
5/26 RoyAnn Rogerson, Fiona Goodell

Sound

5/5 Bob Hatt
5/12 Don Smith
5/19 Mark Cieslak
5/26 Dave Read

Greeters

5/5 Meredith & Howard Maloy
5/12 Fran Brown, June Pelham
5/19 Shirley & Ken Sebis
5/26 Judy Matthews, Elsie Maddaus

Nursery

5/5 Lisa Read
5/12 Steve Wesley
5/19 Sue Sykes
5/26 volunteer needed

Counters

5/5 Dick Knapp, Judy Swain
5/12 Pat Knapp, Clarence Mosher
5/19 Ken Handy, Michele Swain
5/26 June Pelham, Wendy Liebl

Social Hour

5/5 Sally Dean, Pat Knapp
5/12 Men's Group
5/19 Judy Matthews, Wendy Liebl
5/26 Don & Marcia Smith

Nursery

5/5 Lisa Read
5/12 Steve Wesley
5/19 Sue Sykes
5/26 volunteer needed

Women's Group

All women are invited to come to the Woman's Group meeting on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Tom Eagan from Scotia Relief Association which is a volunteer organization with donations given directly to the needy of our community. Our group sends a donation to this organization yearly. Come one, come all & bring a friend! Refreshments will be served. A special thank you to everyone who brought donations for the Battered Women's Shelter last month.

Crop Walk - May 5, 2013

Crop Hunger Walk 2013 to end hunger one step at a time is coming to Schenectady on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Teams will meet at Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Street for registration at 12:30 p.m. The walk will start from the church at 1:30 p.m. with neighbors of different ages, faiths, and backgrounds walking to take a stand against hunger in our world globally and locally. 25% of the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks benefit the communities where they take place by supporting local food banks, pantries, community gardens and other hunger fighting initiatives. Information is available on a table in the Loomis room. Donation forms are available. Call Deb Cieslak at 372-5562 or e-mail at dcies204@aol.com if you would like to sign up for the Crop Walk.

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, May 21st. 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.

Box Tops for Education - Box tops for education can be found on some cereal boxes, yogurt containers and numerous other containers. If you are not giving yours to a school, please drop them off at church and we will donate them to local schools.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for any of the above, please contact Dick Knapp (393-5737) or knappster933@gmail.com or anyone on the Mission Team.

Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing is welcome to participate in the prayer shawl group. We have a good supply of yarn. Contact Pat Knapp 393-5737 or knappptyme@covad.net

Weekly Bible Studies

Tues. Morning Bible Study 9:30 am / Thurs. Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Future Events – mark your calendars!

May 11- 9:30 am Church grounds clean up day

May 19 – Miracle Sunday!

Prayers & Celebrations

Prayers for Sue Peterson, Owen and Jenn Breslin, Shirley Sebis, Michele Swain & Nancy Cooper all recovering from surgery.

Sympathy to the family of Ilah Belden, who died April 29, funeral on May 4th at 2:00 pm at Scotia UMC.

Congratulations to Chloe Elizabeth Cook, who will be baptized on May 19. Her parents are Stephanie and Justin Cook. Great-grandma is June Pelham.

On May 26, we celebrate **Peace with Justice Sunday**, one of six special offerings in the United Methodist Church. Your **Peace with Justice Sunday** gifts change lives in places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence. United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. It aids disciples, young and old, who are indeed changing lives and changing the world, inspired by Christ's gospel of love and liberation. One such example is helping people in the Congo to go through reconciliation after the recent Civil War.

What do you think of our worship services?

Is the amazing musical talent what draws you to Scotia UMC? Is it the creative altar designs made by the Huhtalas? Is it the friendliness of the congregation, especially the greeters and ushers? The way the liturgists explain the scriptures and tie in where they've seen God at work in the past week? Or the message of the pastor? Our Worship committee is participating in a program with the General Board of Discipleship to look at ways our worship services are successful and ways we can be even more intentional about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. I would ask that you pray for us as we enter into a time of discernment and learning. We are beta-testers for a program that will be rolled out nationally in the coming year. We are a diverse group of pastors and laity representing all five of our jurisdictions in the United States, from Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, New York, Oklahoma, Washington State, Texas, Wyoming and Louisiana. It was an honor to be chosen as a guinea pig site.

This summer we are being invaded!

Over 70 youth and adults from all over New England will stay in our church home and work throughout Scotia, Rotterdam, and Schenectady to assist people in yard work, painting, & building handicap accessible ramps. If you know someone who could use the assistance of the youth from UM ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth), please let me know. Part of our assistance as the host church is providing 6 drivers on June 1st to assist the site managers to travel to each of these mission sites. Are you willing and able to give up a Saturday to drive people around Scotia, Schenectady and Rotterdam? You will receive a free lunch in return. The youth are staying at our church on July 14-20. There will be other ways to get involved as the time gets closer, but I encourage you to start praying for these youth and the people they will affect here in Schenectady County. Thanks!

Children's Day – June 2nd

We need to know names of second graders and high school seniors for Children's Day which is coming up on June 2nd. Please let Pastor Megan know or leave a note in the office mail slot. Thank you!

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NEWS FLASH . . .

LOCAL CONGREGATION BECOMES SERIOUSLY ILL AFTER EATING 238 ROAST BEEF DINNERS IN ONE YEAR!

Well, it could happen! As I have pondered how we could raise \$150,000 in the shortest possible time, I have come up with two choices.

CHOICE # 1 TIME SPAN: 1 YEAR

- Put on 238 Roast Beef Dinners. 5 Dinners per week, average profit =\$640 (We'd make much more at the beginning, much less later on)

OR

- Conduct 150 rummage sales. 3 per week. Average profit = \$1,000 (We would eventually have to sell everything in our houses)

OR

- Have our Youth wash 30,000 cars at \$5 per car.

(We would have the cleanest cars & the most burned-out youth in town!)

OR

- any combination of the above.

CHOICE #2 TIME SPAN: 1 DAY

Have a **MIRACLE SUNDAY** & together give \$150,000 in one offering!

Kidding aside, we will certainly do some fund raisers along the way, but I think you can understand why I fully support our Miracle Sunday event. It's the right way to go and the right time to do it. I hope to see you at our service (10:00 am) this Sunday and on May 19th, Miracle Sunday.

EXPECT A MIRACLE! !

Pastor Megan

P.S. Enclosed you will find a Miracle Sunday offering envelope which you may use to offer your gift. There will also be envelopes available at the church.

FINANCE REPORT

2013	March Month	Budget Variance Month-B/(W)	March YTD	Budget Variance YTD-B/(W)	To Prior Year Variance YTD-B/(W)
Operating Income	\$16,328	\$2,973	\$41,254	\$1,261	\$1,481
Operating Expenses	<u>\$16,317</u>	<u>-\$557</u>	<u>\$46,064</u>	<u>\$2,923</u>	<u>-\$876</u>
Gain/(Loss)	\$11	\$2,416	-\$4,810	\$4,184	\$605
Capital Spending (Net of Insurance & Donations)	\$1,400	-\$1,400	\$1,400	-\$1,400	-\$1,400

March Month

- * March income was greater than budget due primarily to individual contributions. March was a five Sunday month and was budgeted more like a four Sunday month.
- * March expenses were worse than budget primarily due to the \$984 church furnace boiler condensate pump repair.

March Year to Date

- * Year to date income was greater than budget primarily due to individual contributions offset by a building use rent shortfall of \$545.
- * Year to date expenses were better than budget due primarily to a \$1,747 positive budget variance for Church utilities and a \$2,030 positive budget variance for church snow plowing services offset by a \$1,069 negative budget variance for church repair.

March YTD compared to Prior YTD

- * Operating income YTD was \$1,481 greater than for the same period last year due to individual contributions. YTD thru March, there were 13 Sundays in both 2012 and in 2013.
- * Expenses March YTD were more than March YTD last year primarily due to church utilities costing \$778 greater than last year and the purchase of a new computer costing \$218 to replace the ailing church office computer.

Capital Spending

- * Great news!! Insurance covered all but the \$1,000 deductible for the new parsonage boiler thanks to Clarence Mosher's tireless efforts in dealing with the insurance company. The parsonage furnace boiler had cracked and stopped working and therefore needed to be replaced. .
- * Efforts have begun to work on the church capital campaign related projects commencing with a 10% \$400 payment to the architect who had been hired to design the replacement roof over the education wing.