



# The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church



MAY 2023

## Pastor's Message

Greetings to all as we enter the month of May. The last few weeks have been a bit rain soaked, but I look forward to the days being bright and sunny – remembering the old adage that April showers bring May flowers. As I look around I already see plenty of tulips and other early flowers blooming, displaying their colors and reminding us of the beauty of God's creation. The church will be bustling in the days ahead with a number of activities happening to help us shake off the dark days of winter and inviting the surrounding community to join us as we serve them. Just this week, preparations for the Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday have brought a great deal of life to the building. The sale on Friday and Saturday will provide us plenty of opportunities to welcome our neighbors and show them the love of God that we seek to share with the world. Then on Sunday, several of our folks will be participating in the annual CROP Walk to fight hunger, here in our community and across the world. In a few weeks we will be hosting both an in person community breakfast and a drive through Chicken Dinner to help provide meals in the community. If you have not experienced the breakfast yet, you are invited to join us as we serve this free meal to community members and have the opportunity to interact with them over a wonderful breakfast.

We do all of these things, and more, as our Christian and Methodist response to Christ's call on our lives! This past Sunday, we read part of Acts 2 in worship, and heard about the early days of the Church. Days in which the community shared in all things, worshipped together and sought to show the surrounding world that following Christ meant living life in a different, intentional way that sought the good of everyone. The message for the morning began to examine both what they Way might be, and to introduce the Social Creed and Social Principles of the United Methodist Church which are one aspect of how we can live into that Way. While the Principles and the Creed are more extensive than I can present in the limited space here – I do want to share with you a few words from that reading from the Book of Acts that I think summarize what they are all about. Let us Praise God and have the Goodwill of all the people in our hearts. (Acts 2:47).

I find that to be a concise summary of how Christ calls us to live our lives. May the world come to know we are Christians by the love that we show to all, by the invitations we send to share in that love and by the work that we do encourage goodwill for all people, regardless of their history, origin, faith, or any other way that humans have devised to erect barriers between people. Blessings to all.

*Pastor Dang*



## Meetings & Events

**Trustees Meeting May 4th 7:00 pm**  
**Rummage Sale May 5 & 6**  
**CROP WALK Sunday May 7th**  
**Women's Group Monday May 8**  
**Chicken BBQ Friday May 19**  
**Community Breakfast Saturday May 20**  
**Ladies Banquet Sunday May 21**  
**Finance -Tues. May 23rd at 6:30 pm.**  
**Admin. Council -Tues. May 23rd at 7:00 pm.**  
**JUNE 18th—Children's Sunday**

## May Birthdays

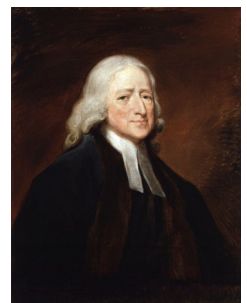
5/7 Bart Sykes	5/25 Ken Handy
5/10 Kris Raffan	5/29 David Powell
5/17 Sally Dean	5/29 Samantha Cooper
5/17 Daegan Connors	
5/25 Mary Connors	

**A Happy and Blessed**  
**Birthday to you all!**



## Wesley's Wisdom

“It is good to renew ourselves, from time to time, by closely examining the state of our souls, as if we had never done it before; for nothing tends more to the full assurance of faith, than to keep ourselves by this means in humility, and the exercise of all good works.”





## Church Treasurer's Report 03/31/2023

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	YTD <u>Mar-23</u>
Individual Contributions	\$25,720
Building Use/Rent	1,970
Fund Raising/Interest Income	46
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$27,736</b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$20,754
Church Operations/Program	1,249
Parsonage Expenses	7,332
Church Building—Repairs/Safety	106
Church Building - Utilities/Water	5,977
Church Building - All Other	3,928
Apportionments	474
Benevolences	(18)
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$39,801</b>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>(\$12,065)</b>

There is a year to date shortage of \$12,065 as of 03/31/23.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information, please contact Anne Heller at [cheller001@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cheller001@nycap.rr.com).



## Crop Walk 2023

**CROP WALK Page Link:** This will bring you to our area Crop hunger walk page.  
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/schenectadyny>

Here you can register yourself for OUR TEAM and receive online donations. Click on the above link and put SCOTIA UMC in the search box or scroll down the page to see all the teams and click on our team. Follow the instructions from there. FYI -You do not have to put in the birthdate, that part may be skipped over.

Thank you for your participation! The CROP Hunger Walk will take place on **Sunday, May 7th at 1:00 pm.** -Susan V.V.—SUMC SICM Delegate Crop Walk recruiter.

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**Women's Group**—Kristy Wanmer , a physical therapist, will do a presentation on balance. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Women's meeting on **Monday, May 8th at 7 PM.**

### **Chicken BBQ on Friday, May 19- Brownies needed!**

We will be providing a brownie for dessert to go along with the chicken dinner. We have ordered 230 dinners this time and will need at least 240 brownies just in case any break. They should be cut in approximately 2 inch squares and packaged in a snack bag to hand out with dinners. I will have snack plastic bags available in the kitchen if you would like to pick some up.

I will have a sign up sheet in church for volunteers or you can text me at [518-429-9998](tel:518-429-9998) or email me at [dcies4183@aol.com](mailto:dcies4183@aol.com) if you can volunteer. I will be at church from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 18th in the upstairs kitchen. Thank you! Deb Cieslak

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 : The Women's Group Annual **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on  
 : **FRIDAY, MAY 5 from 9-3 & SATURDAY, MAY 6 from 9-1 with a**  
 : **bag sale at noon.**  
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: We will be looking for donations of baked goods and soups. For  
 : more details please check the last page. We will start setting up on  
 : Friday, April 28 through Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are need-  
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### Bake Sale/Rummage Sale May 5th and May

**6th** -All baked goods should be pre-packaged when brought in. Example: Cookies and brownies should be packaged with six cookies or twelve. Soup will be sold in pint or quart containers. Containers available in the upstairs kitchen for pick up. Please make sure your items are labeled and if they contain nuts. They can be dropped off at the church kitchen between 9 am to 3 pm on Thurs. May 4. Any questions, call or text me at [518-429-9998](tel:518-429-9998). -Deb Cieslak

**Save Sunday, May 21** at 4:30 at Faith UMC for our Ladies Banquet of Chicken Casserole. The theme will be "Little House on the Prairie" and Laura Ingalls Wilder. All ladies from Faith UMC and Scotia UMC are invited. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for children 5-12 and under 5 are free. Please register by signing up on the bulletin board or call the Faith office at 518-393-2520 or Betsy Ryan at 518-377-5635 by Mother's Day. If you would like to share some old toys or quilts for people to look at before the meal, you may bring them to put on the table reserved for sharing.



## MORE ACTIVITIES

Our second annual **"Drive Through" Chicken dinner is Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>** starting at 4:30 till sold out. Mark your refrigerator calendars, tell your friends and neighbors (even the neighbors you don't like).

More details to follow as we get closer to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there. Yes, this is going to be an EPIC night!

### S-G Food Pantry

Your donations to our Bottles-for-Bread campaign have averaged 1,200 containers per month through April. (1,200 containers x 4 months = 4,800 containers.) @ 5 cents per container = \$240.00 This shows what a can here or a bottle there can add up to. People have asked if someone can stop at their house to pick up one or more bags of bottles. Yes, just let the church office (372-9575) or Dick Knapp (393-5737) know to

make arrangements.

Please remember that the SNAP benefits can only be used to purchase FOOD They always ask for toilet paper, paper towels, soap, oral and hygiene products. For May please consider donating paper towels. All donations are greatly appreciated. We will be collecting on the second and fourth Sundays, (May 14 and May 28). On behalf of the S-G Food Pantry and our church thank you for your support. —Dick Knapp

