



November 2017

Scotia United Methodist Church

201 No. Ten Broeck St., Scotia NY 12302

Liturgists

11/5 Wendy Liebl

11/12 TBA

11/19 Sean O'Sullivan

11/26 Stephen Long

Sound

Dave Read

Bob Hatt

Jim Coburn

Mark Cieslak

Ushers

11/5 Martha Hatt

11/12 Nikki & Kevin Margas

11/19 RoyAnn Rogerson, Clarence Mosher

11/26 Carole Jacobson, Sue Sykes

Greeters

11/5 Holly Russo, Darlene St. Amour

11/12 Martha Hatt, Holly Russo

11/19 Irene & Jim Coburn

11/26 Jill & Steve Wesley

Counters: Martha Hall, Jill Wesley

Social: 11/5 Sue Sykes, Meg Sykes

11/12 Mai & Tim Keegan

11/19 Sean & Alissa O'Sullivan

11/26 Zach Long, Steve Long

Wesley's Wisdom

John Wesley, Holiness of Heart and Life, page 51-52

"To be a Methodist, it is essential to be united with other Christians, worship and pray with them, care for them, and join with them in ministry to the world. In Charles Wesley's words, their prayer should be 'Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear; let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other's care. ("Jesus, United by Thy grace," The United Methodist Hymnal, 561)"

Margaret's Musings

Give Thanks!

Give thanks, with a grateful heart. Give thanks, to the Holy One.

Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks! – Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)

November is a month of giving thanks, giving thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives. When living in a society that teaches us to focus on what we don't have, it's good to stop and remember what we do have and be

thankful.

We begin the month of November with endings. On the first Sunday in November the United Methodist Church recognizes “**All Saints Day**” during worship service. We set aside this Sunday to thank God for all the saints we’ve had in our lives as we remember those who have gone on before us to life eternal. It is a time when we remember those who took up the task and walked in the ways of God. We give thanks.

“In our end is our beginning..” The second Sunday of November also marks the end of our Stewardship Moments. On **Consecration Sunday, November 12th**, we will consecrate our commitments of giving. We then will begin the process of preparing our budget and our programs for next year based on all of your wonderful commitments of time, talents and treasures. In making a commitment to give in the coming year, we make a difference in the lives of our children, our youth, and the adults of our church because our commitment helps support the programs and the mission of our church. We give thanks.

November then ends in a celebration of thanks as we gather at our tables for **Thanksgiving**. Most of us will gather at those tables with loved ones – children, adults, young, old, newborn, lifelong, friends, family. Wherever we find ourselves this year on this day of thanks let us remember the many reasons we have to give our thanks to God. Give Thanks!

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Margaret Currier

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The Halloween Party was a great success! The children's costumes were wonderful and the pumpkins they decorated were beautiful. A special thank you to the teens of the church who helped with the games.

We will be having a Thanksgiving celebration on 11/19 during class.

We continue to study the women of the Bible and look forward to taking an in depth look at Mary, the mother of Jesus during the Advent/Christmas season.

Save the date for the annual *Children's Christmas Decorating Party* on 12/9/17!

Monthly Calendar

11/4 - Roast Beef Dinner & Next to New Sale

11/5 - All Saints Day

11/6 - Trustees Meeting 7 pm

11/7 - Election Day

11/10 - Veteran's Day

11/11 - Building Use

11/12 - Consecration Sunday (Giving of our Time, Talents, & Treasures)

11/12 - Worship & Welcoming Committee Meeting after service

11/13 - Youth Gathering 6:30 - 8:00 pm

11/13 - Women's Group 7 pm

11/14 - Theology on Tap 7 pm at Mohawk Taproom & Grill

11/16 - Scotia Ministerium Monthly Lunch Group

11/16- Choir Practice 7:30 pm

11/19 - 26th Pastor Margaret on vacation

11/19 - North Ten Broeck Players give the message

11/21 - Regional Food Bank 2 pm

11/23 - THANKSGIVING

11/26 - Pastor Kathy Maker gives the message

11/26 - SPRC meeting after service

11/27 - Admin. Council 7 pm

11/29 - Finance Meeting 7 pm

The Women's Group will meet on **Monday, November 13**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Guest Speaker will be ***Karen Bradley, Director of the Schenectady County Public Library.*** Karen will speak about all the services and classes the library offers to our community at all NINE locations! Karen will also highlight some new initiatives the Library has undertaken. This program should interest ALL of us so we are extending an invitation to all the men to join us! Come to hear what Karen has to say & bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Since we do not meet again before Christmas, it is time for us to have our annual collection of gifts for the Women's Shelter at the Schenectady YWCA. Women's clothing, large sizes, is always needed.



Please keep the families of Margaret Huhtala and Ken Sebis in your prayers in their recent loss of loved ones.



"Let us be ever thankful for the church of our forebears, remembering those who founded it. Let us remember also those who during the succeeding decades maintained it, enlarged it, beautified it, and enriched it with their labors. let us dedicate ourselves to follow in their way.

If the Pilgrim Fathers, with so few temporal blessings to brighten their privations, could be so thankful, shall we not by prayer and supplication make known to God, and the world, our gratitude or our numberless blessings.

A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice - when we receive them, and when we remember them."

-Quick Quotes for Church Bulletins, Paul E. Holdcraft

Hello all Youth! We have received information about this year's Conference Youth Gathering for the East.

Inward '17 East

"Embrace" - New Name, New Focus. Join us at Calvary First UMC, Latham, NY on November 10 & 11. Great worship opportunities and activities will focus on a God-filled experience. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday.

It is being held from 6:45pm Friday, November 10th - 4pm Saturday, November 11th (Yes! It is a lock-in)

See Pastor Margaret to register and for more details.

America Recycles Day - Sat. Nov. 11th from 10 am to 2 pm at Schenectady County Community College in the College Rear Parking Lot near the Athletic Fields. For a list of acceptable items, please check www.ccewchenectady.org/recycling or call the Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-372-1622 x 264.

SICM Tuesday, November 7th at 7 pm -SICM Assembly with two guest presenters on the topic of 'Food Insecurity.' (This is the new name for 'Hunger.') Held at [1055 Wendell Avenue](#) in Schenectady, the Mt. Olivet Church and SICM site. Refreshments begin at 6:45 pm with the meeting at 7 pm; a short business portion will follow the presentations and discussion.

The SICM ASSEMBLY meetings/program are the first Tuesday's of each month. The program starts at 7p.m. and 6:45 pm gathering for refreshments. SUMC Church delegates and or pastor are on the roster to attend and anyone interested in learning about SICM or interested in attending the program presented is welcome. There is a business meeting agenda following the program for delegates and pastors. Visitors are not required to attend the business meeting but are welcome to stay. For more S.I.C.M. events/Info. go to the church bulletin board located at the Catherine street sanctuary entrance or please ask your church delegate S. Van Vorst.

Church Treasurers Report
30-Sep-17

	September 2017	Total thru Sep-17
Individual Contributions	\$8,623	\$83,237
Building Use/Rent	1,525	13,983
Fund Raising/Interest Income	152	1,820
Other Designated Giving	-	(84)
Total Operating Receipts	\$10,300	\$98,956
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,576	\$54,615
Church Operations/Program	815	5,417
Parsonage Expenses	534	5,850
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	427	4,659
Church Building-Utilities/Water	174	7,087
Church Building-All Other	756	6,691
Apportionments	2,080	19,169
Benevolences	101	454
Total Operating Expenses	\$11,462	\$103,942
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (1,163)	\$ (4,986)

There was a shortage of (\$1,163) for the month of September 2017.
The Year to Date shortage through September 2017 is now (\$4,986).

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

