

NOVEMBER
2021

Scotia UMC

As many of you are aware, the SUMC Women's Group voted unanimously to postpone the annual rummage sale due to COVID restrictions and concerns. Unfortunately, this has caused a shortfall in funds that the group normally uses for Christmastime donations to various causes supported by the Women's Group. These are wonderful causes that the Women's Group has been proud to support over the years. We are asking for help from our church family in continuing this tradition of giving in 2021.

If you'd like to help us make a Christmastime donation to a cause listed below, please place your check payable to Scotia Methodist Women in the offering plate by December 12, 2021. To specify a cause you would like your donation to go to, list it on the memo line of your check. Otherwise, we will allocate the contributions to all of the causes. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

City Mission of Schenectady
Scotia Relief
Gateway-Longview Foundation
Schenectady Inner City Ministry
Joan Nicole Prince Home
Youth for Christ
Albany Maritime Ministry
Things of My Very Own, Inc.
STEP UP

Sunday School

The Sunday School class completed their lesson series on Proverbs in October learning what Proverbs teaches us about choosing our words wisely, making good choices, love and being a good friend.

During the month of November we will explore the parable of the Prodigal Son. The class will also be putting together a Thanksgiving Basket for the South End Children's Cafe (an organization that assists children/families dealing with food insecurity)

In preparation for Advent/Christmas, we will also be learning about Chrismons and making our own to decorate the class Christmas Tree.

As in years past, SUMC will be participating at the Holiday On The Avenue celebration on December 5th. Stop by to get a free donut & cider, a Christmas ornament craft for the children and to say Hello!



Wesley's Wisdom



"Wesley was convinced that genuine Christian ministry, doing good to all in the name of Christ, gave attention to the whole person, body and soul. He exhorted his people to do the same." John Wesley Holiness of Heart & Life by Charles Yrigoyen. Jr.

November Liturgists

11/7 Royann Rogerson
11/14 Belinda Wagner
11/21 Wendy Liebl
11/28 Sean Flansburg

CALENDAR & EVENTS

The Free Community Breakfasts will take place the third Saturday morning of every month from 9-11 am. The next breakfast will be Nov. 20th.

All Saints Day & Communion - November 7th.

Women's Meeting -Monday November 8th in the Fireplace Room for meeting and installation of officers.

The month of November is our **Stewardship time**. This is the time when we make our financial commitment to our church. Your commitment will allow us to continue to have this place of worship, peace and guidance. Stewardship letters will be sent out soon, containing your pledge cards. Your pledge cards can be placed in the offering plates any Sunday. Or, if you would like to consider using direct deposit, please see Pat or Dick Knapp for a form to have your pledge direct deposited via 1st National Bank of Scotia.

Thanksgiving -Thursday November 25th.

Christmas Eve Services:

Outside service at 5:30 pm. Dress warm, we will have the camp fires burning...

Inside service at 11:00 pm.

Church Treasurer's Report
09/30/21

	YTD
	<u>Sep-21</u>
Individual Contributions	\$77,495
Building Use/Rent	13,475
Fund Raising/Interest Income	3,242
PPP Loan Forgiveness	<u>13,672</u>
Total Operating Receipts	\$107,884
Wages & other employment expenses	\$65,173
Church Operations/Program	4,696
Parsonage Expenses	11,738
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	3,313
Church Building-Utilities/Water	5,493
Church Building-All Other	8,213
Apportionments	9,962
Benevolences	<u>992</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$109,579
Shortage	(\$1,695)

There is a shortage of (\$1,695) as of 09/30/21.

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