



# The Carillon

Scotia United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Pastor's Message

**I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
Isaiah 43:19 (NRSV UE)**

**Greetings** to you all as we come up to September, Labor Day Weekend, a return to school for many and our Annual Homecoming Time! At the same time we look forward to these, many are sad to see the unofficial “end” to summer. The transition from August to September is one that annually marks a shift in our routines and the beginning of new experiences. In this column, I hope to share with you some of the things that will be happening soon, as well as seek to elicit your thoughts on possible “new things” we can do in the months ahead. The first thing I want to share with you all – are the plans for homecoming this year. **September 10th** will be the day, when Sunday School kicks off again, and we will enjoy our annual gathering/ Cookout after worship. Jill and Steve Wesley will be serving as our hosts and Grillers. We thank the Women’s group for providing the meat and supplies – and all those who have (or will) sign up to bring other dishes. Let’s pray for weather that will allow us to enjoy this welcoming opportunity with all. Along with the start of Sunday School, I am also looking to host a confirmation class this year, probably starting in October. I ask anyone with friends or family that might be interested in being part of the class, to let us know soon, so that planning for the class can happen. There has also been some interest in creating a new Bible or book (or even video?) study opportunity! That is great news. The first step in accomplishing this is to find out what times might work and what any specific interests might be. Please let me know in the coming weeks if you are interested and where your interests lie as we seek to “Renew our minds.”

Early in October, I hope to once again host a “**Blessing of the animals**” event. Those who attended last year had the wonderful opportunity to not only have their pets blessed, but to meet some other 4 legged members and friends of our community and enjoy the fellowship that was offered. Remember to invite your friends and family to join us if they are interested. I also want to let you all know that Sherri and I will be away for a week later in the month, taking a bit of vacation. While I am away, Pastor Kristy at Alplaus UMC has agreed to be available for any Pastoral needs that may arise, while Deb Elliot will be working to cover our worship time for that week.

I began this piece with a quote from Isaiah 43:19 that is one I often find uplifting and hopeful –that God is about to do a new thing. As we move into the season ahead, I see the potential for such new things to happen right here at Scotia UMC, and I look forward to exploring them with all of you.

*Pastor Dang*



## Meetings & Events

**Communion Sunday Sept. 3rd**  
**Trustees Meeting Sept. 7th at 7:00 pm**  
**Homecoming Sunday and Cookout—Sept. 10th**  
**Women's Group Meeting Sept. 11th at 7 pm**  
**Community Breakfast Saturday Sept. 23rd**  
**Finance meeting -Tues. Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm.**  
**Admin. Council meeting -Tues. Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm.**

## September Birthdays

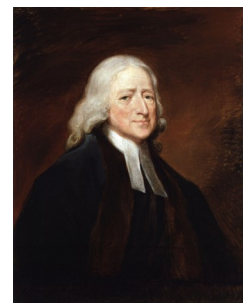
9/2 Timothy Keegan	9/15 Mikaela Potter
9/3 Belinda Wagner	9/24 Eileen Quick
9/4 Shannon Cooper	9/26 Louie Powell
9/7 Ron Potter	9/28 Ken Handy
9/8 Sue Van Vorst	9/29 Chad Spence
9/9 Norma Burns	

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



## Wesley's Wisdom

**"I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you."**





## Church Treasurer's Report 06/30/2023

Church Treasurer's Report	
06/30/2023	
	YTD <u>Jun-23</u>
Individual Contributions	\$54,986
Building Use/Rent	3,650
Fund Raising/Interest	
Income	3,159
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$61,795</b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$41,282
Church Operations/Program	2,846
Parsonage Expenses	4,517
Church Building—Repairs/Safety	(101)
Church Building - Utilities/Water	7,248
Church Building - All Other	6,449
Apportionments	949
Benevolences	(610)
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$62,581</b>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>(\$786)</b>

There is a year to date shortage of \$786 as of 06/30/23.  
 If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,  
 please contact Anne Heller at [cheller001@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cheller001@nycap.rr.com).



# Church Treasurer's Report 07/31/2023

	YTD <u>Jul-23</u>
Individual Contributions	\$64,272
Building Use/Rent	8,120
Fund Raising/Interest Income	3,162
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$75,554</b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$48,162
Church Operations/Program	3,274
Parsonage Expenses	4,201
Church Building - Repairs/Safety	200
Church Building - Utilities/Water	7,629
Church Building - All	
Other	7,158
Apportionments	1,107
Benevolences	(740)
<b>Total Operating</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$70,992</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$4,562</b>

There is a year to date surplus of \$4,562 as of 07/31/23.

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# American Red Cross Blood Drive

Scotia United Methodist Church  
201 N. Ten Broeck St.  
Scotia NY 12302  
Loomis Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023  
12:00 PM—6:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767  
Or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code:  
Scotia UMC

Fall into giving blood Oct. 1-20 and get \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

See [rcblood.org/together](http://rcblood.org/together)

## Scotia United Methodist Church

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scotiaumoffice@gmail.com

Pastor Doug Mackey  
E-mail: pastdm@gmail.com



## Salvation Army luncheons

On July 12th we served 86 meals to some very hungry people. Thanks to all who did food prep and/or served -no one went away hungry. That was the largest number of people we have served in over the last 12 months. In December 2021, Centre Glenville UMC joined forces with Scotia UMC and we started providing meals at The Salvation Army on a monthly basis.

Members of both congregations have been serving and/or doing prep work ever since. Thank you everyone. The Salvation Army also wants to thank everyone who has been involved in the last 12 months. Recently they presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation thanking us for 606.5 volunteer hours and serving 788 meals. It is posted on our bulletin Board.

So, once again thank you, we could only do this with the continued help of everyone. If anyone would like to join us to serve or assist with the food preparation please contact Dick Knapp (518-393-5737). Your commitment is only month to month.



## MORE ACTIVITIES

### **The Women's Group**

SEPTEMBER 11th, 7 PM - Mark your calendars, ladies, for the fall kick-off Women's Meeting. An exciting program has been planned. Chris Darby-King, a chair yoga instructor, will be the presenter. Breath awareness and guided relaxation will be some of the exercises offered in helping to promote mental and physical well-being. So...wear comfortable, loose clothing and come prepared to have an enjoyable, fun evening. Gents are welcome too! A business meeting and refreshments will follow.

