

September 2022

# Scotia UMC

Greetings!

I hope that everyone has had a great summer. It has been a busy one for me since I arrived at Scotia UMC! Over the last two months (has it really gone that fast!) I have spent time at both Scotia and Faith UMC working to learn who is who, who is involved in which ministries, learning (a little) about each location and the surrounding areas and overall, just seeking to get comfortable in our new surroundings. That is never an easy thing to do, but it is an essential part of being able to serve you and your community. In the weeks ahead, I hope that those of you that I have not had a chance to meet yet will seek time to connect with me and begin to build what I hope will be lasting relationships. For everyone, I look forward to learning more about each of you, about what your life is like, and what are your hopes and dreams for the future, both in life, and for Scotia UMC.

These times of new relationships can often be times of great joy, as well as time of wariness. Questions are bound to arise – Who is this new guy? What will he do different? Will his preaching interest me – will it keep me awake? - and so many more. I look forward to exploring all of your questions with each of you, and I want you to know that my door will always be open for conversation, questions, and just to explore your own faith journey as well as mine.

I want to leave you with this simple “Covenant Prayer” which John Wesley shared with the early Methodists. It is a contemporary version (so no Thees and Thous) but it is consistent with the version Wesley used.

It is a prayer I often share at the beginning of a new year, or a new journey, as a reminder that we are all in relationship with God, wherever our journey may take us. I hope you find it meaningful as well.

*God of Love and Grace - 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.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your  
glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.*

*Paster Dang*



## Wesley's Wisdom



Justification, Wesley held, is the work God does for us. The new birth is the work God does *in us*. In his words, "I believe the new birth to be an inward thing; a change from inward wickedness to inward goodness; an entire change of our inmost nature from the image of the devil...to the image of God; a change from the love of the creature to the love of the Creator; from earthly and sensual to heavenly and holy affections, - in a word, a change from the tempers of the spirits of darkness to those of the angels of God in heaven." (Journal, September 13, 1739)

### SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

9/4 RoyAnn Rogerson  
9/11 Belinda Wagner  
9/18 Steve Wesley  
9/25 Clarence Mosher

### FLOWERS

9/4 RoyAnn Rogerson  
9/11 Jill Wesley  
9/18 Joan King  
9/25 Holly Russo

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

We are looking forward to beginning Sunday School classes on Homecoming Sunday, 9/11/22. We'll start the year by updating some of our bulletin boards and reviewing the Ten Commandments. We'll be learning about how doing our best to follow the commandments can help us live a meaningful and loving life. Throughout the year, we will also be looking for ways to spread God's love and our assistance to those in need. It's going to be a great Sunday School year!

Homecoming Sunday - September 11<sup>th</sup> - a picnic will be held after worship in the Loomis Room. Please check with Jill Wesley for the sign-up sheet.

*August 11, 2022 Congregants of SUMC: Thank you so much for the food donation. The Scotia Food Pantry volunteers appreciate all you do to support the families that we serve. Sincerely, Eileen Quick, Volunteer*

**Church Treasurer's Report**  
**06/30/22**

	<b>YTD</b>
	<b><u>Jun-22</u></b>
Individual Contributions	\$63,465
Building Use/Rent	12,965
Fund Raising/Interest Income	2,992
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$79,422</u></b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$45,055
Church Operations/Program	3,134
Parsonage Expenses	3,473
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	866
Church Building-Utilities/Water	7,613
Church Building-All Other	5,925
Apportionments	1,004
please contact Anne Heller at <a href="mailto:cheller001@nycap.rr.com">cheller001@nycap.rr.com</a> .	
Benevolences	985
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$68,057</u></b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$11,365</b>

There is a year to date surplus of \$11,365 as of 06/30/22.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,

**Church Treasurer's Report**  
**07/31/22**

	<b>YTD</b>
	<b><u>Jul-22</u></b>
Individual Contributions	\$71,002
Building Use/Rent	15,415
Fund Raising/Interest Income	<u>2,995</u>
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$89,412</b>
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	\$51,796
Church Operations/Program	3,774
Parsonage Expenses	3,473
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	866
Church Building-Utilities/Water	7,911
Church Building-All Other	6,613
Apportionments	1,172
Benevolences	<u>1,457</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$77,062</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$12,350</b>

There is a year to date surplus of \$12,350 as of 07/31/22.

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please contact Anne Heller at [cheller001@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cheller001@nycap.rr.com).

## **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

9/5 Labor Day  
9/11 Homecoming Sunday and Picnic  
9/12 Women's Group 7 pm  
9/17 Free Community Breakfast  
9/24 Funeral 11:00 am (Campbell)  
9/27 Finance 6:30 pm  
9/27 Admin. Council 7 pm  
Wednesdays - Meditation Group, Fireside Room 5-7 pm

OFFICE NOTE: This month, I have reached my 20-year mark of working at SUMC! Does not seem possible... -Cyndy ☺

## **COMING EVENTS**

***Invitation to join Alplaus UMC*** (1 Brookside Place, Alplaus NY 12008) as they begin a study of the book: ***Joshua in a Troubled World*** by Joseph F. Girzone (2006) on Tuesday 9/13, at 11am. Please contact Pastor Kristi via phone or text at Pastor Kristi 838-200-8601 if you would like to join the study or have any questions. She will send out discussion questions weekly via text or email.

The Fall Albany District Meeting of ***United Methodist Women*** is Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Newtonville UMC, 568 Loudon Rd., Latham. Registration begins at 8:45 am. There will be Fellowship Time from 9-9:30 am. Tara Barnes, Senior Editor of RESPONSE Magazine, will help us through the transition from United Methodist Women to United Women of Faith. She'll tell us what we need to know, what we need to do and how to do it. There will also be a Business Meeting, Worship Time, Communion Service, and Installation of Officers. **Please register by Sept. 26.** To learn more, [click here](#). To view and download the registration form: [click here](#).

**Save the date! *Fourth District Day* to be held Oct. 22 at Saratoga Springs UMC**

The Adirondack and Albany District Day, "Informed to Transform," will be held from 8:30 AM to 3 PM Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Saratoga Springs UMC, 175 Fifth Ave., Saratoga Springs. A variety of workshops and discussions will be offered. More details will be shared later this summer.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES - UPPER NEW YORK ZOOM TRAINING DATES -**

**3.5 hour Basic Training** (for all Clergy, & anyone working with children, youth or vulnerable adults)

**Saturday, 11/5**

**9am - 12:30pm**

Registration Opens

10/5 Midnight

Register at:

<https://uny-ss-basic-nov5.eventbrite.com>

**Training of Trainers - TOT** (to become a church or district Safe Sanctuaries trainer in the UNY Conference. Must have completed Basic Training prior to taking the TOT Training.)

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 9am - 12:00pm** - Registration Opens September 22, 2022 @ Midnight

Register at: <https://uny-ss-tot-oct22.eventbrite.com>