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Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement that I begin ministry with you as Pastor. I look forward with anticipation of what God will do through us, in us and with us in the years ahead. The challenges of ministry are daunting. None of us can accomplish alone what we can together. May each of us embody daily our membership vows of offering our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to the in-breaking of God's Kingdom here on earth.

My husband Steve and I want to especially thank you for your radical hospitality in welcoming us, Galen (5) and Desmond (2), and making this pastoral transition as smooth as possible. I'd especially want to thank Rev. Dana Carroll for her cooperation and good advice.

Additionally the members of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, the Board of Trustees and the staff have each gone above and beyond in facilitating the transition, refurbishing the parsonage and answering countless questions. We are extremely appreciative to them and to all of you who volunteered countless hours helping to ease the transition.

As we begin our journey of faith together I invite you to observe the following practices for the next six weeks. First, pray for the church and its leadership daily. Pray for our discernment of God's will in leading and serving among you. Second, bring and wear your name tag in church. I love getting to know people's names and wearing your name tags is an easy way for us to be introduced. I hope by the time we receive communion in September, I will be able to call you by name.

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Mon. 6:30 pm Tues. 8:00 pm Wed. 7 pm Thurs, 6:30 pm NA group meets on Sundays at 7 pm.

Third, invite someone to church. Tell them how Christ has made a difference in your life. I'd encourage you to invite someone who either does not attend church or hasn't for a while. Then trust the Holy Spirit and God's prevenient grace to nurture the seeds of faith you've sown somewhat extravagantly. I know these practices may seem strange at first. They take us out of our comfort zones. They require courage, commitment, intentionality and consistency. But if we do them together, God will reveal some amazing truths! We'll discover our love of God, our neighbor and ourselves broadening and deepening! And that I think will be pleasing to the one who calls us all friend!

Blessings, Pastor Megan rev.megan@gmail.com home: 688-9515



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Welcome

Summer 2011

Wecome to Pastor Megan

The Staff Parish Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Pastor, Megan Stowe, and her family. Pastor Megan joined our Scotia family on July 1, 2011. She comes to us from Shenendehowa United Methodist Church where she served as Associate Pastor for five years. Megan received her Masters of Divinity in May of 2004 from Boston University School of Theology. While studying in Boston Megan met her husband, Steve Stowe. Megan and Steve have two sons, Galen and Desmond. Galen will be entering kindergarten this fall at Sacandaga Elementary School while Desmond will be attending nursery school. I know you will all join me in extending a warm Scotia welcome to Pastor Megan and her family.

Missions

Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry - Congratulations for a job well done. Over the last three months we have collected over 100 pounds of food, \$456.70 and one cloth children's book. Thank you, thank you one and all.

As you know we collect for the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, both food and cash, during service on the **second and fourth Sundays each month**. There are baskets in each corner of the sanctuary for food donations anytime. Cash will allow the food pantry to buy from the Regional Food Bank at reduced prices as well as fresh items and those items they run short of. The pantry will use anything we donate but they can always use peanut butter, jellies, juices, pasta sauces and pasta.

Regional Food Bank - A great opportunity for fellowship with others from our church and a group from Bank of America. On the second Tuesday of each month we go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products from various stores. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return around 4:30. No long term commitment, join us whenever your schedule allows. Our next trip is **TUESDAY**, **August 9th**.

SICM Summer Lunch Program - Once again we have the opportunity to feed the hungry children at Hillhurst Park on Campbell Avenue in Schenectady. We will serve prepared lunches **July 18 - 22**. There is a pavilion so we will be shaded this year. We need 4 people each day.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for anything, please contact Dick Knapp (393-5737 or <u>rknapp5@nycap.rr.com</u>) or anyone on the Mission Team.

The Carillon

Liturgists

- 7/3 Deb Elliott 7/10 Marcia Smith 7/17 Ken Swain 7/24 Sarah Read 7/31 Kathleen Koessler
- 8/7 Martha Hatt
- 8/14 Dick Santella 8/21 Chas Trigler
- 8/28 Steve Wesley

Sound

- 7/3 Bob Hatt 7/10 Todd Lavery 7/17 Mark Cieslak 7/24 Dave Read 7/31 Bob Hatt
- 8/7 Todd Lavery
- 8/14 Mark Cieslak
- 8/21 Dave Read
- 8/28 Bob Hatt

Greeters

- 7/3 William & Judy Dudley
- 7/10 William & Judy Dudley
- 7/17 Don & Marcia Smith
- 7/24 Bob Hatt
- 7/31 Bob Hatt
- 8/7 Dick & Pat Knapp
- 8/14 Wendy Liebl, June Pelham
- 8/21 Clarence & Jackie Mosher
- 8/28 Dick & Pat Knapp

Ushers

- 7/3 & 7/10 Aimee & Steve Warfield
- 7/17 RoyAnn Rogerson & Michele Swain
- 7/24 RoyAnn Rogerson & Wendy Liebl
- 7/31 RoyAnn Rogerson & Dean Goodell
- 8/7 Judy Matthews, Elsie Maddaus
- 8/14 Judy Matthews, Lisa Bassler
- 8/21 Martha Hatt, Sue Sykes
- 8/28 Martha Hatt, Mikaela Potter

Monthly Calendar



Fellowship

- 7/3 Sue Sykes
- 7/10 Fiona & Dean Goodell
- 7/17 Jill Wesley
- 7/24 Lucy Brady
- 7/31 Deb Elliott

8/7 Fran Brown 8/14 Pat Knapp 8/21 Charlene Vice 8/28 TBA

Prayer Request

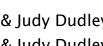
A funeral service was held for Virginia Campbell on Sat. July 9th. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

2nd Annual Golf Outing

We are still looking for a Chairman or Co-Chair for this year's golf outing. Last year's outing was a great time for exercise, fellowship and even made some \$\$\$ for your church.We do not want this to be a one and done experience. Please see Mark Cieslak if you are interested.

Congrats! - to Dylan Elliott and Zachary Harrison on their recent high school graduation.





Helping to Make the Parsonage a Home

The Trustees (and the congregation) would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who helped fix up the parsonage. Many, many, many volunteer hours. It was unbelievable! There was so much to get done... and we did it!

It really started last fall when the old partitions in the basement were knocked out, the grunge cleaned up and the basement walls sealed and painted. The grade entrance stairs were mended. Over the last several weeks, the trim, doors, back porch, bathrooms, radiator covers and kitchen were repainted. The basement stairs were repainted and new treads put on. The old basement refrigs. removed. The house was thoroughly cleaned. The old torn living room, stairs and master bedroom rugs were removed. The 1st floor hardwood floors were sanded and refinished. The stairs and second floor hardwood floors were resealed. The electric was brought up to code for safety. Lights and fans repaired. Venetian blinds put up. The brush trimmed and weeds pulled. The siding and entry way washed. The broken dishwasher, shower heads and the kitchen faucet were replaced. Windows were washed inside and out. The broken gutters replaced. The locks re-keyed. The old rusty stove replaced. Contractors supervised. And more!!!

Thanks to Brian Cieslak, Nancy Karm, Tim Keegan, Dick and Pat Knapp, Stephen Long, Howie and Merry Maloy, Clarence Mosher, Bob Van Vorst, Charlene Vice, Belinda Wagner, Steve Warfield and Jill and Steve Wesley.

Summer Lawn Care

Due to the limited hours of the sexton, the congregation will need to continue to mow the lawn at the Church. The lawnmower is kept in the shed on the property and the key to the shed is available. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board by the Loomis Room for sign ups per week. If it gets too hot then maybe mowing will not be necessary but since fertilizer and grass seed were added this Spring we are hoping for a nice green lawn. Either call the office or sign the sheet directly. Thank you.

HOBBY NIGHT Calling all those with a

Hobby! On <u>Mon., September 12, 2011, @</u> <u>7:00 PM</u> in the Loomis Room, the Woman's Group will host our 1st Hobby Night. If you have a hobby you would like to showcase, give Sue Sykes a call, 377-3861 to register. Each hobby will have a place/table reserved to display your hobby. We would like you to talk about your hobby, how you got started, etc. This event is open to everyone but you need to register beforehand. Registration deadline Sept. 4th.

A Note from Dana

My goodness! What a party! Whew! It was great to have my family with me, and to see old friends I hadn't seen in 20 years. Listening to everyone's stories was a trip. I didn't remember half of those things they said I did. Thanks to you all for coming and helping me celebrate. Thanks to Marcia and everyone who helped put it together. The food was great; the people were fabulous. And thanks for your wonderful gifts - for the Memory Book and the gift certificate to Faddegon's Nursery. And thanks for your generous donation to my charity, the United Methodist effort against Human Trafficking. Over \$1000! You really made a difference in the world! You have been a wonderful congregation. I treasure your friendship.

"Etta's Legacy" Quilt - Etta Poulin, a long-time member of this church, had many

talents and wore many 'hats'. She sang in the choir, served as Worship Chairman, Communion Steward, chairman of Hanging of the Greens, and in charge of the Rummage Sale. She worked tirelessly at the Annual Fall Bazaar. She belonged to Craft Group run by Dot Denham. The group created a huge variety of items sold at the Christmas Crafts booth and at coffee hours during the holidays. She was active in the Scotia Methodist Women's group, formerly the Apprentice Group.

June Pelham brought two boxes she had stored in her basement from Etta's estate to our class one Saturday morning. The first box held Dresden Plate squares. In the second box we discovered a whole quilt top of redwork squares. Redwork is an embroidery technique using one color of embroidery floss (red, blue or black primarily) done in backstitch, usually on muslin or pillowcases or the edges of sheets. Etta created these squares in the 50's or early 60's according to some preliminary research, but put them away, forgotten. We were reluctant to clean the stains off and decided to present them as is.

Pat Knapp carefully separated all of the squares and Judy Swain, Debbie Cieslak and I chose 25 of the florals to create "Etta's Legacy". This quilt is donated to the church from the Scotia Methodist Women's group as a tribute to Etta's memory.

"Etta's Legacy" will be part of a series of wall hangings offered by the Piecemakers Quilt Guild as well as members of the congregation. If you would like to let us borrow a quilt, please let one of us know. -Holly Russo, SUMC Piecemakers

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