



Scotia

United Methodist Church

Summer 2017

Worship Schedule for August 2017

Liturgists

8/6 Holly Russo
8/13 Sue Sykes
8/20 Stephen Long
8/27 Fran Brown

Sound

Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt
Jim Coburn

Counters

Judy Swain, Jill Wesley

Ushers

8/6 Rob Currier, Everett Currier
8/13 Steve Long, RoyAnn Rogerson
8/20 Clarence Mosher, Sue Sykes
8/27 Steve Long, Dick Knapp

Social

8/6 RoyAnn Rogerson, Sally Dean

8/13 Sykes family

8/20 Long family

8/27 Coburn family

Wesley's Wisdom

"Wesley believed that the Christian life demands not just temperance but also self-denial and sacrifice. We cannot give in to habits that move God from the center of our lives and damage our spiritual and physical welfare." -John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life, pg. 54)

PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 8-4. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the parsonage at 688-9515.

**September will be here before you know it - any important dates for our church calendar? Please send them to scotiaumoffice@gmail.com
Thanks!**

In case you haven't heard- you are loved and appreciated here at SUMC!

A Note from Pastor

Fellow Christians,

We are still in the heat of summer and, unfortunately, the heat of hatred. Before you read the following, I ask that, if you are able, you sit in a quiet place to read it and to prayerfully consider the message given by two influential leaders of the Christian faith. My prayer is that you find some strength, hope, and peace from their words.

From the desk of Bishop Mark J. Webb: Response to Charlottesville

August 13, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Having just returned this morning from some time away with limited access to news, my heart breaks upon reading the reports of what occurred in Charlottesville, VA on Saturday, August 12th. This is evil fully manifested. As the Church of Jesus Christ, we must stand strongly against this kind of hate and racism. I urge you to pray and continue to seek ways to be the hands and feet of Christ. Through your actions and your words boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. This is a spiritual matter, plain and simple. May we remember that Christ calls us to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin. Christ calls us to accept the freedom and power God gives to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. And Christ calls us to confess him as Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as Lord, in union with the church which he has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

Let us confidently offer the light of Christ, as it alone will pierce the darkness within our world.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Mark J. Webb

From American Magazine – The Jesuit Review: A video talk from Fr.
James Martin, SJ

August 13, 2017

“How many white supremacists consider themselves Christians? Probably the majority of them. But supremacy is the precise opposite of Jesus's message. In the Gospels, Jesus asks us to love one another. To place other's needs before our own, even to die for one another. The idea of supremacy is absurd to Jesus. Jesus tells us explicitly, that we are never to lord power over others, and that we are to be one another's servants. The idea that anyone is less than because of his or her race, is likewise antithetical to Jesus's message. In Jesus's time, the Samaritans, that is, people from the region of Samaria, were avoided, despised, and even shunned, by the majority of the Jewish people. Yet Jesus not only speaks to a Samaritan woman, and reveals his divinity to her, he also makes a Samaritan the hero of one of his parables. That's the person we know as the Good Samaritan. Jesus even encounters a Roman centurion, someone completely outside of his religion, speaks with him, heals his servant, and praises his faith. So for Jesus, there is no us and them. No-one should be made by the community, into an other as white supremacists do to non-whites. There is only us. Racism goes against everything that Jesus taught. It promotes hatred, not love; anger, not compassion; vengeance, not mercy. It is, therefore, a sin. Christian white supremacist, is an oxymoron. Every time you shout, "White power," you might as well be shouting, "Crucify Him." And any time you lift your hand in a Nazi salute, you might as well be lifting your hand to nail Jesus to the cross. And, lest you miss the point, your Savior is Jewish.” – *Fr. James*

Family of Scotia UMC, may we move forward in our days, our lives, living out the call that “hate has no home here.”

God be with you till we meet again,
Pastor Margaret

The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteer Group

Certificate of Appreciation Presented to:

Scotia United Methodist Church

In recognition of your ministry to the hungry in our community during
the July 2016 thru June 2017 program years your group

Served delicious meals 6 times

Provided 392 volunteer hours

Served 684 meals

Thank you!

Majors Michael & Cathy Himes

**Social Services Staff and our guests that are fed by you at the soup
kitchen.**

**Summer Lunch Program at Collins Park in Scotia - Week of
August 14-18.**

NOTE: We are trying a new format for the newsletter but it has a
serious learning curve. Please be patient with any errors or glitches.
Click on the display images button when you receive this email to
show any clip art.

Thank you!

**Youth please save these Monday evening dates for Gatherings
(gr. 6-12) from 6:30-8pm**

September 18th

October 30th

November 13th

December 11th

January 8th

February 12th

Everyone Please Save this Date - 5 October 2017

Clergy and Laity gather with Bishop Mark Webb

Clergy

When: Thursday, October 05, 2017 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Where: Shenendehowa UMC, 971 Route 146, Clifton Park NY 12065

Laity

When: Thursday, October 05, 2017 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Where: Shenendehowa UMC, 971 Route 146, Clifton Park NY 12065

Homecoming Sunday September 10th -Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church for Homecoming Sunday on September 10. Pastor Margaret will be blessing the backpacks to help each of you have a productive and enjoyable school year.

Trustees Meeting Sept. 11 at 7 pm

Worship Committee meeting Sept. 17 at 11:30 am

Staff Parish Relations Meeting Sept. 24 at 11:30 am

Bring your garden's finest to church on Sept. 24

Administrative Council Meeting Sept. 25 at 7 pm

The Women's Group will kick off their fall season on Monday, September 11, at Debbie & Mark Cieslak's home on 34 Country Fair Lane, Scotia starting at 6:00 p.m. All women are invited to bring a dish to share. Dessert will be provided. If anyone would like to carpool, we will meet in the church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. For the program we will discuss where we were on 9/11/01. Please RSVP to either Debbie Cieslak @ 372-5562 or Sue Sykes @ 377-3861 no later than Friday, September 8, 2017.

Regional Food Bank Volunteers - continue to meet the 3rd Tues. of the month at 2 pm in parking lot.

Bible Studies will resume the 2nd week of September.

