

God's
Sanctuary
by the
Sea

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Concert
September 11, 2010
7:00 PM**

Seaside Currents

The Ant and the Contact Lens



Have you ever wondered why you are in a certain place at a certain time? Have you ever felt God was leading you to go somewhere or do something that seemed beyond your capabilities or appeared to make no sense? I have had a few of those experiences during the years. A church member was in my office just this afternoon sharing with me his experience of feeling led by the Spirit to go to a certain place, where he discovered that he could help a hurting person in the community find information and hope. Had he hesitated fifteen minutes, the hurting person would not have been there. In the midst of the Spirit's leading though, we may brush off the guidance as foolish or a waste of time and energy.

I read a story several years ago about a woman named Brenda, and an experience she had while rock climbing. In spite of her fear, she made the decision to join a rock climbing group in an outing. She put on the necessary gear, took hold of the rope, and started up the face of the rock. Finally she got to a ledge where she could catch her breath. But while hanging/standing on the ledge, her safety rope snapped, striking her in the eye and knocking out a contact lens.

Now she was both frightened and operating with blurry vision. So she prayed to the Lord to help her find her contact lens. When she got to the top of the cliff, a friend examined her eye and clothing for the lens, but could not find it. Despondent, she sat down with the rest of the group to wait for others who were still climbing up. She said she looked across the mountain ranges and remembered the Bible verse, *The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth*. She prayed, "Lord, you can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and you know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally they walked back down the trail to the bottom of the cliff. There they found a new group of climbers who were just starting out. One of them shouted, "Hey you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" he explained that an ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it. The sun glinting off of it drew his attention.

Brenda said that her father, a cartoonist, made a drawing depicting the incredible story. He drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what you want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

Maybe we could use this prayer for our own lives. "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But if you want me to carry it, I will."

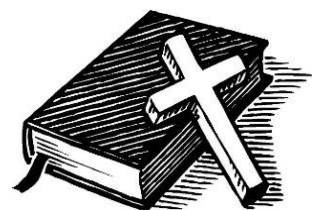
May God bless you and guide you in whatever load you are carrying. Remember that we are all strengthened in the Body of Christ in our gathering, so I'll look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Mary Jane

(From The Ant and The Contact Lens, a true story recorded by Josh and Karen Zarandona.)

Jesus said, "Not one (sparrow) will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father."

Matthew 10:29



Each member when joining the church is asked "Will you support SUMC with your prayers, presence, gifts and service?" We celebrate our ministries and events in this issue of the Seaside Currents.

Many of our members and friends remain on the prayer list for a longer time as they cope with health and personal issues. These names are printed monthly in our newsletter. The list of new names printed in the Sunday bulletin will be updated each week. Please provide the office with an update of both prayer lists. Please remember each in your daily prayers

O radiant God, in the midst of tribulation, suffering, crippled hope and shattered dreams, stand by these Your servants until they are well once more.

Members:

Marguerite Ballenger
 Bill & Ginnie Barb
 Julie Burton
 Mary Genes
 Bruce & Linda Bowden
 France Broom & mother—
 Frances Rogers
 Sandy & Nick Casiato
 Kemp Causey
 Nadine Cybyske
 Betty Ann Dustin
 Karen Gaddy
 Barbara Gravely
 Virginia Gross
 Naomi Harder & family
 Paula Hernandez
 Jeanne Horton
 Crystal & Tabitha Huggett
 Gil & Kathy Johnson

Margaret Jones
 Sarah Justice
 Aedan Klein
 Charles Lefler
 Edith & Jim Linke
 Ralph & Kim McClerman
 Dottie McVaugh
 Pat Nutter
 Betty Oakes
 Shirley Owen
 Dale & Joan Powell
 Prayer Warriors
 Lois Puls
 Betty & Clifford Pursey
 Seaside UMC Staff
 Dot Sellers
 Wayne & Lynn Shoemaker
 Carlene Stanley

Stephen Ministers
 Glen Starnes
 Bea Walters & family
 Garl Wiles
 John & Clair Winship
 Jack Zachary

Serving Our Country:

Marcus Barber
 Jeffrey Beck
 Charles Conry
 Greg Cox
 Sgt Dennis Dustin, Jr
 Ian Gerdes
 Capt Greg Jenkins
 Simone Kamil
 Mark Miller
 Justin Oliver
 Aaron Pait
 John Reider
 John Rogan
 David Rothenberger
 Matthew Scheff
 Garrick Shelton
 Adam Steelman
 Jordan Thaymes
 Christopher Verost

Friends:

Aedan Brown
 Tony, Sandy Abatiell & family
 Aunt Sue
 Baby Ellie & parents
 Dawn Baldwin & Tillman Ivey
 Family
 Evan Barberis
 Jennifer Beckham
 James Blankenship
 H.C. Causey
 Linda & Bill Chambers
 Jim & Darlene Cooper
 Deborah Delsorby
 Joan Dufford
 Scott Dufford
 Bobby Eckhard
 Bishop Marion Edwards
 Aimee Frink
 Riley Gentry
 Jackie Gano
 Ethel Gaunt
 Debra Goetz-Poynter
 Kimberly Granada
 Jeanne Hall
 Heather
 Ken Hartman

Pat Hooker
 Bessie Hundley
 Terry Ikner
 Patrick Inman
 Emie Isberg
 Irwin Jones
 Kelly
 Matthew King
 Maxine King
 Wende Leonard
 Magdalena
 Penny McCombie
 Betty J McPherson
 Joe O'Keefe
 Philip Pappas
 Michael Pazillo
 Linda Petty
 Rose Phelps
 Charles Phillips
 Joe Polanski
 Paula Pontreloi
 Lee Powell
 Jack Rice
 Janis Richmond
 Mike Riccio
 Marilyn Riordan
 Sheryl

Phillip Stavonovic
 Dottie Stout
 Ken & Dixie Tweenty
 Alex Tyson
 Ulrich family
 Ernest & Patsy Ward, Sr.
 Doug Woodwell
 Jane Williford
 Brian Willis
 Yorkey family
 Un-churched friends & family
 All those separated/divorced
 All unemployed
 All victims of violence
 Our Nation



As you can see, our monthly prayer list is continually growing. Please help us out by keeping us updated. Unless we hear from those requesting prayer, we would like to remove names after one month. Please contact Milly Houger - mbhouger[at]mc.net / phone 579-2603 or Marlen Mapes mjmapes[at]mc.net /phone 575-6007.

Worship Attendance

	8:00	9:30	11:00
July 4	136	185	142
July 11	140	200	159
July 18	124	179	172
July 25	116	181	175

Sunday School Attendance

July 4	46
July 11	43
July 18	55
July 25	40

Newsletter Deadline

Sept 10

FORMAT

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Send articles to:

**Jack DeGroot
bjand3@atmc.net**

Please include your name and telephone number, in case there are questions.

Check out the web site:

www.seasideunitedmethodistchurch.org

Pearl Bracelet



Anne Doern is currently offering Japanese pearl bracelets with the symbol for breast cancer in the middle. They are fresh water pearls from Tokyo, Japan. (She has been dealing with this Pearl Shop since 1995 and has first hand knowledge of the quality of these pearls). The bracelets were made expressly for "Styling For a Cure in Brunswick County" to be held at Seaside UMC in October. For a donation of \$20. you can have your bracelet now, you don't have to wait until October.

Fifty percent of all donations will go to raise money for women in Brunswick County to have free Mammograms and Pap smears and to allow for follow up care, if needed. The other fifty percent goes toward the cost of the bracelets. This will be a wonderful benefit to so many women.

Contact Anne Doern at 575-3375 to order your bracelet.

Lectionary Bible Readings

September 5

Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1: 1-21
Luke 14: 25-33

September 12

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

September 19

Jeremiah 8: 18-9
Psalm 79: 1-9 or Psalm 4
1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13

September 26

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31



Wanted

Clear 2 liter bottles, washed and ready to use for craft projects with the Children's Choir. Please see Geri Piazza, telephone # 579-6466, if you have any questions. Please leave them in the choir room.

Thanks so much,
Kathryn Parker

Thank You

Words don't seem adequate for the thanks to all my Seaside UMC family for the prayers, cards, visits and food during my recent illness. It is such a blessing to feel so loved and cared for.

In Christian love and thanksgiving,
Maxine Nance

Bible Studies

If you have not join a Bible Study for this fall, short-term studies will be offered throughout the year. Watch the Sunday bulletins for announcements. In the meantime, remember that the Bible was formed as it is for God to speak to us. Continue to read the Scriptures each week and open yourself up to hear what God has to say to you.

The Happy Hearts

The "Happy Hearts" group will be changing their meeting time to luncheon sessions. Dates and locations will be announced in the Sunday bulletins. If you would like to join this widows group, give Lomie Lou Bazemore a call at 620-9666.

Welcome New Members

Jack & Mickie Borders unite with SUMC by transfer of membership from St. James Episcopal Church.

Carolyn "Gene" Parson unites with SUMC by transfer of membership from Hinshaw St. Baptist Church, N. Wilkesboro, NC

Timothy J Gilman unites with SUMC by Profession of Faith.

Baptisms

Logan Klein was baptized on August 8. He is the son of Justin & Anne Klein, brother of MacKenzie & Aedan Klein and grandson of Susan & Bill McDonald.

Address Changes & Additions

Jack & Mickie Borders
P.O. Box 6690
164 Edgewater Circle
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Tele: 575-6379
E-mail: mickie_56@hotmail.com (M)

Carolyn "Gene" Parsons
Timothy J Gilman
9058 Landing Dr. SW
Calabash, NC 28467
Tele: 575-0180



In Memory of Robert Harder

Given by:

- Doug & Judy Keill
- D.B. & Mary Snyder
- Nancy Jack
- Laura Araujo
- Tom & Lois Puls
- Rock Living Trust-Gail R Rock
- Wayne & Carol Matthews
- Al & Nancy Seibert
- Marvin & Dina Braddy
- Marilyn & Robert Schenck
- Martha & Michael Hetrick
- Sandy & Lynn Wood
- Lock & Mary Ann Newlin
- Mary Bruton
- Carrie & Garl Wiles
- Joy Ellis
- Dr. Shirley Owen
- Nancy Thomasson
- Teresa Castro
- Kenneth & Sadie Harder
- William & B.K. DeHaan
- Lowell & Marie Wilcox
- Frank & Nancy Verost

In Memory of Camille Yorkey

Given by:

- Dorothy Sellers



Bar-B-Que Dinner

SOO-EE, SOO-EE, CALLING ALL PIG LOVERS!
 Once again, Mike and Bev Williams will be hosting their annual Bar-B-Que dinner to raise additional funds for the Country Fair. This dinner will be held at their home on 303 Shoreline Drive East on Saturday night, October 9th and Sunday night, Oct. 10th, beginning at 6:00 PM (The original announcement stated that the dinner would be held on Oct. 8th and 9th, but due to an already scheduled wedding event at the church on Oct. 8th, the dinner has been rescheduled for Oct. 9th and 10th). Mike will smoke the pig and Bev will prepare the rest of the meal, which will feature down-home Bar-B-Que with your choice of sauces, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, tea, lemonade, or coffee. The price for the meal is \$15 per person. ALL the money from the sale of the tickets will go to the church Country Fair fund, and Mike and Bev will provide the food, service, and location. Tickets can be purchased from Mike and Bev or through the church office. Your tickets can also be charged to your Master Card, Visa, or Discover card, but this transaction must be handled through the church office. Seating is limited to 50 people per evening, so make your reservations early. Last year was a sell-out and we hope to have a sell-out this year, and, despite last year's rain, a good time was had by all.



“Songs of Seaside”

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

This verse from Joshua came to my mind as I was thinking about our *Red, White & Blue concert*. Times are hard and often frightening in our country. It's easy to be frightened and scared. But Joshua is reminding us that God walks with us each and every day wherever we go. I hope you will come to this concert ready to be inspired and renewed as we sing songs of hope, courage and patriotism. We need to lift up our American "heroes" and each other and what better way than standing together and showing what we believe and asking God to bless America, again?

The *Red, White & Blue Country Fair Kick-Off Concert* will be held on Saturday, September 11th at 7PM. There is only one concert so there will be no tickets needed...first come, first seated. We are planning for an overflow crowd with seating and live-feed in the Fellowship Hall. Doors will open at 6:15PM. We have a special guest soloist, guest conductor for the band, a large choir, and our very own children's choir participating. We will be saluting our military (and veterans) and honoring those who serve us on a daily basis (our firemen, police, etc.). There will also be a time of remembrance for the victims of 9/11. Please invite your family and friends for a wonderful night of singing and blessings.

Because of the *Red, White & Blue Concert* and the Country Fair, most choirs and ensembles will begin regular rehearsals in October. If you are interested in joining a group, please let me know. **See you September 11th, at 7PM**

With a voice of singing,
Kathryn

*God's love is like an island
 In life's ocean vast and wide—
 A peaceful, quiet shelter
 From the restless, rising tide!*

Psalm 55: 8

*I would haste to find me a shelter from the raging wind
 and tempest.*

Always

*Let God's love and His everlasting arms offer security
 and shelter.*

Health and Wellness

Sheila King, Director

Lay Visitation Team Needs You!

The Lay Visitation Team is a group of volunteers who give their time and talent to serve GOD. Individuals who are sick and ailing are blessed by these visitors. But more important, they are blessed by their actions. They bring prayer to a member who has just been diagnosed with cancer or who has just lost a loved one, a smile to the man or woman in a nursing home who has no family close by, even a loaf of bread for a coffee break while visiting. But as God reminds us in *Luke Chapter 10: 29-37*, telling us the story of the Good Samaritan, and asking, *And who is my neighbor?* Are you going to pass over someone in need? Will you be a visitor, offer a prayer, or take a meal after a hospital stay, or just visit with a smile?

Currently I have openings to fill from September to December of 2010. Please give me a call, if you would like to join us. I am also looking for volunteers to fill the 2011 calendar.

Please email me at nurse_medic_king@hotmail.com or call me at the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alzheimer and Diabetic Meetings for September are cancelled due to the Country Fair.

Coordinator Needed

If anyone would like to be a coordinator for the following support groups please send me an email or let me know. My email is: nurse_medic_king@hotmail.com There is an underscore line between nurse and medic and medic and king.

Alzheimer Support Group—meets the third Thursday of the month

Diabetic Support Group—meets the second Tuesday of the month.

Fibromyalgia Support group—still in the planning stages.

October, November, and December

- Breast Cancer "Stylin' for a Cure"
- Lifeline Screening October 13th
- Grief Support—Contact Jean Roney (Lower Cape Fear Hospice) registration is required 754-5356
- Loss for the Holidays—November 10th 3-5PM and December 8th 3-5PM

Medical Equipment

If anyone has any medical equipment they are not using, please return it as soon as you can. If you return equipment make sure you let me know or leave a note in my box. Medical equipment has been found in front of the closet door and as I don't know who returned it, I am unable to take the name of the person returning it off the list. Please let me know if you have returned equipment in the last 3-4 weeks.

God Bless and thanks
Sheila

Identity Theft

Get Free Security Freezes:

A security freeze stops credit reporting agencies from releasing any information about you to new creditors without your approval which can stop identity thieves from getting new credit in your name. This is free online: More information at www.ncdoj.gov

Get Free Yearly Credit Reports:

You are entitled to one free credit report from each of the three nationwide credit bureaus every year. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228

Protect Your Social Security Number:

Don't carry your social security card in your wallet. If you have to give your SS# then ask what the number will be used for and who is using it, and how it will be kept confidential. Don't print or put your SS# on your checks.

Destroy Private Information You Don't Need:

Shred your outdated tax records, credit card applications, old financial statements, insurance forms, etc. Erase hard drives from copiers, computers and printers. Learn about free shred-a-thons in your area. Get email alerts @ncdoj.gov by providing your county, or check the events calendar at www.ncdoj.gov

Monitor Finances:

Limit the number of credit cards. Watch billing cycles on the credit cards you have and review your statements.

Beware of Scams and Fraud:

Never give your personal information to strangers who call, even if they tell you they are a charity or government official. Sign up for the national DO NOT CALL REGISTRY at 1-888-382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov to cut down on unwanted calls from telemarketers. Check references for door-to-door salespeople, and for home repair offers and other unsolicited quotes or offers. Sign up for alerts about news scams at alerts@ncdoj.gov or by visiting www.ncdoj.gov

This information is very helpful to people of all ages.





Day of Caring

We've been having a great time of growth and fellowship this summer! From whitewater rafting, enjoying the beauty of Lake Junaluska and the NC mountains, welcoming new members with a "kidnapping" and lock-in, to helping with Vacation Bible School, and swimming together—it's been a blast! Last Sunday MJ brought random items from home, and the youth came up with "Ad Slogans for God" for each item. Examples: "God protects us in life like a cell phone screen protector protects a phone;" "God is like a pencil with an eraser—He erases the bad stuff from our lives," and "God shapes our lives like we shape play dough."

Thanks to all the adults who supported the car wash and bake sale earlier this summer, and to all those folks who prepare our Snack Suppers for MYF each week. We appreciate your support of our activities! A new sign-up sheet is in the Gallery, if you'd like to volunteer to fix a meal one Sunday evening.

Our group is growing and growing—check out "Seaside United Methodist Youth" on Facebook!

If you're in grades 6-12 and aren't receiving emails about youth stuff, please send your email address to maryjane@seasideumc.org. We want everyone to be included!

My door is open—if you have time, come on over! Enjoy the last few days of freedom, before school starts again!

Peace,
MJ

BOOKS: WESTERNS

WANTED!

BOOKS
Read or Revived!

For the Country Fair BOOK NOOK ... Savvy?

We need a *posse* of gently used, resalable Fiction, Non-Fiction and Children's books—and Westerns!

Turn them in yourself, or call the church *deputies* for a scheduled apprehension. You have 'til sundown, Pilgrim!



Dear Men & Women of Seaside,

The United Methodist Men and Women are excited to announce that we are planning a day of caring for November 3rd, followed by dinner and devotions in the Fellowship Hall. Our purpose is to help our church members or regular attendees who might want or need some assistance in performing chores around their homes. We now have a sign-up sheet in the gallery and we have identified work areas as follows:

Outdoor work—pruning, weeding, raking

Minor repairs—dripping faucets, smoke detectors, nails to be fixed on decks, loose lights or switches

Painting—touch up indoors or out

Window washing—indoors and out

Cleaning—fall type

Cooking—make ahead meals

We hope that you will be as excited about this as we are and that lots of you will join us in this very worthwhile endeavor. If you only have an hour to donate that's great, or if you can work all day that's wonderful. So look for the green sheet in the gallery and fill it out!

Questions? Contact your UMM and UMW representatives.

Harold Blalock,
President United Methodist Men

Jane Boone,
President United Methodist Women



Art Classes

Christian Artists will be starting a new class for beginners in September. Of course, the class is not just for beginners . . . everyone is welcome! If you have any previous experience painting, please consider joining us. You can help some of our new painters by sharing some "tricks of the trade!" We learn so much from each other! It's a great way to get to know some of our members better, and also make new friends in the community. We meet on Wednesdays at 10AM. Classes are free and you don't have to have any tools to start. Geri Piazza and Bill Poe will be more than happy to get you started. If you have ever had even the slightest desire to try painting, come and join us . . . you'll probably surprise yourself! If you have any questions, call Geri (575-0200) or Bill (579-8492).

United Methodist Women

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UMW Executive Meeting, Wednesday, September 8, 1PM
Unit Meeting—Monday, October 18
Day of Caring—November 3

What is the Purpose of United Methodist Women (UMW)?

The UMW is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Our PURPOSE helps us to know who we are, whose we are and for what purpose we have organized. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life. The four mission emphases reflected in the PURPOSE are: Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Education and Interpretation, and Membership Nurture and Outreach. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this Christian UMW's organization?

At Seaside United Methodist Church (SUMC) we presently have four Circles under the auspices of the UMW. They are:

Mary Magdalene (M&M), Education and Interpretation
Circle Leaders: Sherry Blalock, 579-6211 and Ginny Coats, 575-0845

SEEKERS, Spiritual Growth
Circle Leaders: June Donley, 575-5467 and Isabelle Waldron, 579-8118

FRIENDS IN GOD'S SERVICE (FIGS), Social Action
Circle Leaders: Bernice Lewis, 200-2737 and Maxine Nance, 754-1200

THANK GOD FOR FRIENDS (TGFF)
Circle Leaders: Daphne Bridwell, 575-6901 and Bonnie Sorice, 575-4075

Why not call one of the UMW listed above and come join us in serving God?

Habitat Lunches

Thank you to Pat Melvin and all the UMW who have been providing lunches for the Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity crews. The UMW provided lunches for 27 crewmembers in July. Fifteen of the crew were young church members from Lynchburg, Virginia who were here to supplement the regular volunteers for a day of sheetrock work. If you are interested in helping provide lunches for the crewmembers in the future, please call Pat Melvin on 287-7090. This is a wonderful mission for our community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 13th at 10AM in the Parlor. See you there!

Carol Matthews-575-4267
Freddy Tatum-579-1187



Red Bird Mission

Save your Campbell Soup labels and General Mills box tops for the Red Bird Mission. The Mission, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing spiritual, educational, health, and community outreach ministries. They reach out to underserved populations living in remote, mountainous areas where three economically distressed Kentucky counties, Bell, Clay and Leslie, border each other. The Red Bird Mission School, which had to close last year due to financial problems, will reopen for the 2010-11 school year, due to the aggressive fund raising efforts of the new director, Dr. Taylor Collins. We, at Seaside helped with the fund raising effort by giving 1031 Campbell Soup labels and 466 General Mills box tops to the Mission last year which provides money used for their programs. Thank you and let's try to give even more labels and box tops this coming year!

FIGS Circle

The FIGS will meet September 13th at 7PM in the Parlor at the church to prepare for the October Unit meeting. We will firm up the menu and hopefully determine what we would like for decorations.

Bernice Lewis

M&M (Mary Magdalene) Circle for September

The next Circle Meeting will be held in room 210 at 10AM on September 10, 2010.

The M&M Circle continues to carry out God's mission with our vision of Education and Interpretation. Through education, we learn what His plan is for us and how we are to apply it to our lives and to the lives of the members of our community. Our partnership with the Communities in Schools program continues to be a great way to show our community outreach.

The M&M's will be collecting school supplies of our adoptive school, Shallotte Middle, in Shallotte, NC. We will also be collecting Snickers candy bars for rewards for high achievement of students during the school year. Prayer partners with the Shallotte Middle School staff will continue as we support them for their work with the students.

Campbell Soup labels and education box top rewards are also collected to help provide educational support to the Redbird Mission School.

The reading program is highly encouraged for members, it's to attain a certificate of achievement for the United Methodist Women's Program. Individual study, group study and the application of the knowledge gathered keep us moving forward to fulfill God's mission.

The Teddy Bear Ministry is an ongoing mission of supplying stuffed bears to emergency personnel for children who are in crisis or have sustained a trauma. The knitted afghans for the New Babies Ministry is a to give a caring gift to a new baby born to a church member or a child that is being baptized in the church.

Please come join us and invite a friend.

Circle Leaders: Sherry Blalock 579-6211
and Ginny Coats 575-0845

Meet Nancy Ward

Nancy Ward recently became an affiliate member of SUMC, retaining her membership in Southport where she and her first husband were active members. She met her "new" husband Tom, playing golf at Ocean Ridge on the Panthers Course. Both were widowed, living in Brunswick County, and had been targeted by Nancy's matchmaking friend from Lancaster, PA, where Nancy is originally from. Her friend, after watching Nancy go through four tough years, began talking about this guy "Tom," and then her friend finally made the magic happen by setting up a golf outing. Both Tom and Nancy had been happily married for over forty years to their spouses, were now retired, and had similar backgrounds. It wasn't long before they were both in a happy marriage again.

Nancy has two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren. Tom has two sons, both single. Tom, originally from New York, goes to the Catholic Church and often when you don't see Nancy at the early service, she's attending church with him.

When Tom and Nancy married they decided they wanted to live on a golf course and moved to this area. Nancy soon found a home at SUMC. She's been coming to our church for two and a half years. She has always been involved with the church; when her children were growing up, she and her first husband worked with the youth groups, greeted and did visitation, helped with the sacraments, organized "Dinner for Sixes," and cooked for funerals. Say hi to both Nancy and Tom when you see them at church functions.

Profiled by Jack DeGroot

United Methodist Men

The September UMM meeting will be held on September 13th since Labor Day is on the first Monday of the month. Men of the congregation are invited to join us at 6:30 for a meal, meeting, program and fellowship. We will go back to our usual first Monday night meeting schedule in October.

The UMM presented two scholarships on July 18th. The recipients were Mariah Milliken who is the daughter of Mike and Courtney Milliken. She was a 2010 graduate of West Brunswick High School and will be attending Cape Fear Community College this fall where she plans on playing volleyball. She would like to transfer to UNC-CH and get a degree in sports medicine and athletic training. The second recipient was Amanda King, the daughter of Ricky and Shelia King. She is a junior English education major at UNC-W. She plans on teaching high school English.

Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday (October 17), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events on October 17.

Rev. Scott Wilson-Parsons



Country Fair News

Our special month has finally arrived, and everyone and everything is about ready for the biggest event in our church year—THE COUNTRY FAIR. The dates are Friday and Saturday, September 17th and 18th. Mark your calendars now if you have not already done so. In case of rain, the optional dates are for the following week, September 24th and 25th. We pray that the weatherman will be on our side and deliver us a dry (and cool) weekend for this event. So many people have worked so hard for an entire year getting things organized for each booth. Church members, friends, and other interested individuals have been extremely generous in donating and collecting goods for us to sell. We have many nice items in every department—something for everyone. If you haven't had the opportunity to help organize, price, pick-up, create, decorate, clean, repair, or bake, please donate a few hours on Thursday, September 16th (or Thursday, September 23rd) to set up the booths. Workers will be at the church all day and can find a job for anyone. So please come out and help! The hours of operation for the Fair are 7AM until 8PM on Friday (so you can shop after you have had dinner), and 7AM until 2PM on Saturday.

The event begins the week before the Fair on Saturday, September 11th, with the Kick-off Concert, to be held in the sanctuary at 7PM. There will be no ticket reservations—first come, first served. The program, planned by Kathy Parker and Brenda Causey, is a spectacular salute to our local and regional heroes as we remember the events of September 11, 2001, on its 9th year anniversary. The choir, along with special guest soloist, Laurie Kelly, will present a program of inspirational music. This is one concert you will not want to miss, so bring your friends and family and come early to claim your seat. If for some reason you miss getting a seat in the sanctuary, you can come and sit in the fellowship hall for a satellite presentation of the concert.

Another part of the Fair that everyone enjoys is the food. On both Friday and Saturday mornings, beginning at 7AM, sausage biscuits, coffee and juice will be available outside the kitchen for a nominal fee. If you prefer something sweet, the baked goods booth will have a variety of muffins, cookies, Danish pastries, candies, breads, pies, cakes, etc. in every size, kind, and flavor. For lunch you may visit our grilling station and get a great hamburger, hot dog, or Italian sausage—try all three—with the availability of a variety of soft drinks. On Friday night, September 17th, you may feast at our annual dinner on fried chicken, green beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, rolls and tea for a cost of \$8 for adults, \$5 for young people (ages 6-18), and children 5 and under eat free. If you prefer to have dessert with your meal, you may also visit the baked goods booth for that “something extra.” Tickets for the Friday night meal are required. If you did not receive tickets in the mail, or did not purchase them at the special table on Sunday morning, August 29th, you still can get them by picking them up at the church office from Darcie or Carol any time during the days before the Country Fair, or by visiting the tables set up for the purchase of tickets on Sunday, September 5th and 13th. You may also purchase tickets at the door—no one will be turned away—just remember that it helps us to know how much to prepare if you purchase your tickets in advance.

One new procedure that we have incorporated into this year's Country Fair, is the use of the credit card machine. Any purchases from any booths that are made at the Fair, or any tickets that are bought for the Friday night meal, may be charged to your Master Card, Visa, or Discover credit cards. You must present your card to be swiped at the time of purchase—no call in charges can be accepted. We hope that this will make it easier for you to pay one price than several little ones.

As time draws near, and as we all reflect on the many uses of the money generated from this fund raising event, let us all be in prayer that this be a cooperative, successful opportunity for our church and for our community. SEE YOU AT THE COUNTRY FAIR!

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction Committee is again asking if any members have a talent, service or item to donate to our Silent Auction part of the Country Fair. Already, members of our church have donated cottages, decorated cakes, paintings, household handmade items such as pottery and stained glass, and various services—detailing a car/truck or cooking a meal for eight. Thank you to all of you that have donated these items and services. It is not too late for others to join in and give of their talents.

Every year The Silent Auction tries to present the Country Fair shoppers with items, services or talents that we think they will bid on and use. This year, that is our goal again.

Thank you so much for your help in making our Silent Auction last year a great success. We hope to hear from members who donated their talent, services or items last year as well as adding new names to the list of donors for this year. Thank you so much.

Silent Auction Co-Chairwomen
Sandie Bell 910-579-3814

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 9 am Grandparents Sup. Gp 10 am Christian Artists 11:30 am & 3 pm Grief Support 6 pm Preschool Open House 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>2 7:30 am Tae Kwon Do 8:30 am T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 6 pm Preschool Open House 6-8 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>3 4:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 5 pm UMY</p>	<p>6 LABOR DAY <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 12 pm AIAnon</p>	<p>7 8:30 AM T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 9 am Preschool Begins 10 am Crafts & WISP 6:30 pm Divorce Care & Stephen Ministers 7 pm Nom. Comm.</p>	<p>8 9 am Grandparents Sup. Gp 10 am Christian Artists 11:30 am & 3 pm Grief Support 1 pm UMW Exe Meeting 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>9 8:30 am T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 11 am Kinderdance 6-8 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>10 10 am M&M Circle 4:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11 9 am Prayer Warriors <div style="border: 2px dashed red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">7 pm Red White & Blue Country Fair Concert</div></p>
<p>12 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">9 am Blood Pressure Check</div> 5 pm UMY</p>	<p>13 9 am ESL Tutoring 10 am Prayer Shawl Min 11 am SBL Group 12 pm AIAnon 1:30 pm Disciple 1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trustees & Outreach</p>	<p>14 COUNTRY FAIR</p>	<p>15 COUNTRY FAIR</p>	<p>16 COUNTRY FAIR SET UP 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>17 COUNTRY FAIR Dinner 5-7 pm</p>	<p>18 COUNTRY FAIR</p>
<p>19 <div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">10 AM One Service</div> 4 pm UMY</p>	<p>20 9 am ESL Tutoring 11 am SBL Group 12 pm AIAnon 1 pm Shell Seekers 1:30 pm Disciple 1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Finance</p>	<p>21 7:30 am Tae Kwon Do 8:30 am T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 6 pm Inst Ensem. 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7 pm Classical Ensem.</p>	<p>22 9 am Grandparents Sup. Gp 10 am Christian Artists 11:30 am & 3 pm Grief Support 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>23 7:30 am Tae Kwon Do 8:30 am T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 11 am Kinderdance 5:30-8 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>24 4:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 4 pm UMY</p>	<p>27 9 am ESL Tutoring 11 am SBL Group 12 pm AIAnon 1:30 pm Disciple 1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 7:30 am Tae Kwon Do 8:30 am T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 10 am WISP 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7 pm Nom Comm</p>	<p>29 9 am Grandparents Sup. Gp 10 am Christian Artists 6 pm Jubilee Bells 7 pm Praise Team</p>	<p>30 7:30 am Tae Kwon Do 8:30 am T'ai Chi 9 am & 5 pm GED 11 am Kinderdance 5:30-8 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA</p>		

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept 1

Birthdays:

Allan VanLuvance
Lin Watson
Pam Hardie

Anniversaries:

Jim & Cathy Story

Sept 2

Birthdays:

Ginnie Barb

Sept 3

Birthdays:

Yvonne Hundley
Gene Allen

Sept 4

Birthdays:

Marge Green

Sept 5

Birthdays:

Linda Perna

Anniversaries:

Jeff & Sonja Milliken

Sept 6

Birthdays:

Kathryn Patton
Joe Cox

Anniversaries:

Don & Betty Ann Duston, Sr.
Ron & June Donley
Dan & Lydia Lombard

Sept 7

Birthdays:

Joan Llewellyn

Anniversaries:

Gene & Lorraine Hoge
Marvin & Dina Braddy

Sept 8

Birthdays:

Perry Day
Victor DeLeCruz
Nicholas Godfrey
Ashley Walters
Tristan Williamson

Sept 9

Birthdays:

Buddy Boyd
Al Seibert
Carol Filkins
Sue Madison
Susan Carroll
Priscilla Thomas

Sept 10

Birthdays:

Don Bridwell
Pearl Frink
Marilyn Ford
Penelope Ham

Sept 11

Birthdays:

Michael Carter

Sept 12

Birthdays:

William English
Donna Lloyd
Carol Horschler
Jeanne Deacon
Barbara Day
Kim Bleecker
Chris Phelps

Anniversaries:

Mike & Martha Matlock

Sept 13

Birthdays:

George Geesey
Dot Robertiello
Becky Hewett
Aaron Payne
Samantha McClernan
Benjamin Helms

Anniversaries:

Marty & Marlene Biddle

Sept 14

Birthdays:

Dale Powell
Wanda Wiltbank

Anniversaries:

Steve & Brenda Bostian

Sept 15

Birthdays:

Michael King
Colleen Giles
Jessica Brinsfield

Sept 16

Birthdays:

Gloria Allen

Anniversaries:

Kemp & Brenda Causey

Sept 17

Birthdays:

Sharon Thompson
Julie Burton
Ginny Cox

Sept. 17

Anniversaries:

Dan & Mary Snyder
Dave & Candie Meier
Mike & Linda Pazillo
Ron & Pat Melvin

Sept 18

Birthdays:

Ron Ellecamp
Celese Morris

Anniversaries:

Bill & Fran Scheff
John & Vivian Myers

Sept 19

Birthdays:

Leo Macon

Sept 21

Birthdays:

Corby Tew
Margot Cate
Sara Thomas

Sept 22

Birthdays:

Don Dustin, Sr
Brian Houger
Ann Bowman
Bonnie Sorice

Sept 23

Birthdays:

Bob Eronimous
Jessica Boslet

Anniversaries:

Bob & Marilyn Eronimous

Sept 24

Birthdays:

Jeanie Dyke
Charles Hester

Anniversaries:

Glenn & Ginger Cannon

Sept 25

Birthdays:

Eva Martin
Steve Wray
Carol Matthews
Beth Woodley
Amanda Scherer
Sarah Hill

Anniversaries:

Richard & Doris Ruehle
Bruce & Joan Routzahn

Sept 26

Birthdays:

Carol Sigafos
Connie Cagle

Anniversaries:

Larry & Betty Lintz

Sept 27

Birthdays:

Mike Matlock
Carlene Stanley

Anniversaries:

Joe & Lynn Manza

Sept 28

Birthdays:

Fred Schwartz
Ann Pike
Roberta Marlowe

Sept 29

Birthdays:


Don Martin
John Sloper
Bill Bright, Jr.
Bill Bright

Susanne Fazekas

Sept 30

Birthdays:

Pat Bowers
Bill Billingsley
Eula Irby



Seaside United Methodist Church
proudly presents...

The **“RED, WHITE & BLUE”**
Country Fair Kick-Off Concert

on
Saturday, September 11, 2010
at
7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we
Salute our military,
Honor our local first responder heroes

Seaside UMC Singles

Seaside UMC Singles will venture to Little River, SC on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 where we will dine at the Billy the Kid's Seafood and Steakhouse located at 3456 Sea Mountain Highway. We'll meet there at 6:30 pm.

Please come a few minutes to greet everyone. There's a signup sheet for this outing in the Gallery.



SURPRISE!

Seaside UMC is Invited!!
To
Bob Redmond's
"SURPRISE"
60th Birthday Party

Linda Redmond and family...Alissa & Brad Redmond would love for you all to come and help surprise Bob in celebration of his 60th birthday! Please R.S.V.P. to Peggie York ASAP to let her know if you can attend, to help in planning. We would love to see you all again!! Funny gag gifts and cards are welcome! It will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, at their home on 23 Country Club Dr., Shallotte, 28470, from 4:30—7:00 pm. Please plan to attend!!