

God's  
Sanctuary  
by the  
Sea

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# Seaside Currents

## *Help in the Midst of Struggles*



Spring is in full swing now, the flowers are blooming, and the days are warmer—so why are so many of us depressed? About 20% of all suicides occur within the 65 and older age group, higher than any other age category. The National Institutes of Mental Health tell us that in any given one year period, 9.5% of the population, or about 18.8 million Americans suffer from a depressive illness. So how do people cope? One really bad way is by smoking and/or drinking. Alcohol lowers dopamine and norepinephrine levels in the body, which relate to our depression. Alcohol temporarily blunts the feelings of depression. But as a drug, alcohol depresses the brain and nervous system. And while some new research suggests that cigarettes actually slightly and temporarily raise these levels of neurotransmitters involved in the regulation of mood, this means that you would need to continue to smoke in order to keep the levels raised. In fact, it is suggested that this is why more depressed people smoke than others, because of the temporary respite they receive from their depression while smoking. But like any other drug, the 'fix' doesn't last. You must return to the drug again and again to maintain the 'high.' Then there is another important factor to consider for all ages, but especially for older persons. Folic acid deficiency contributes to aging brain processes and an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia. According to Andrew Weil, well-known nutrition and wellness expert, alcohol use can lower levels of folic acid in the body.

It's important for us to stay attuned (or become attuned) to our mental state as we age, and seek help from others when feeling depressed. I believe that God has given us persons trained as counselors, psychologists, therapists and psychiatrists who can help us cope with life's difficulties. I also believe that our God is big enough to handle our tears, our screams, our anger and sadness, and anything else we may feel. Hold tightly to the words of Psalm 46:

*God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.... The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

Use this checklist to determine if you or someone you know is suffering from clinical depression. If 5 or more of these symptoms have lasted for more than 2 weeks, tell your doctor as soon as possible.

- Feelings of sadness and/or irritability
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed
- Changes in weight or appetite
- Changes in sleeping patterns
- Feeling guilty, hopeless or worthless
- Inability to concentrate, remember things, or make decisions
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Restlessness or decreased activity noticed by others
- Thoughts of suicide or death

Knowing the signs of clinical depression can assist you in talking with your doctor. If you are feeling depressed, know that you can get through the difficult times. God will help you, and we at Seaside Church are here to help you as well. Don't withdraw from your church or worship, for here we gain strength and encouragement from God and from one another. It's not a bad thing to need or to reach out for help. What is truly tragic is when all the resources are available, but not utilized by those who need them. There is hope and healing, so reach out. And know that brighter days are ahead. Thanks be to God for God's blessings, help and encouragement!

Mary Jane

***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:**

Art Bowden  
Bruce & Linda Bowden  
Annn & Lafayette Bowman  
France Broom & mother—  
Frances Rogers  
Mary Lee Bruton  
Julie Burton  
Sandy & Nick Casiato  
Kemp Causey  
Emily Clark  
Nadine & Ron Cybyske  
Anne Echard  
Mickey Fletcher  
Karen Gaddy  
Ed, Bernice & Cierra Gray  
Virginia Gross  
Everett & Cherri Hanna  
Paula & Daniel Hernandez  
Joyce & Jim Hilgenberg

Jeanne Horton  
Crystal & Tabitha Huggett  
Gil, Kathy & Sherry Johnson  
Carol Jones  
Sarah Justice  
Sheila King  
Aedan Klein  
Jim Linke  
Miriam Marks  
Ralph & Kim McClernan  
Shirley Owen  
Phil Parker  
Bev Pheiffer  
Dale & Joan Powell  
Prayer Warriors  
Lois Puls  
Betty & Clifford Pursey  
Seaside UMC Staff  
Dot Sellers  
Lynn, Jamie Shoemaker fam.

Jackie South  
Midge Sparks  
Carlene Stanley  
Glen Starnes  
Stephen Ministers  
Nancy Thomasson  
UMYF (Youth Group)  
Wilson family  
John & Clair Winship  
Gwen & Don Wiseman  
Sandy & Lynn Wood  
Jack Zachary



**Serving Our Country:**

Marcus Barber  
Jeffrey Beck  
Matthew Bronson  
Sarah Cassabone  
Charles Conry  
Dark Horse 3rd Bat, 5th Marines  
Sgt Dennis Dustin, Jr  
Kyle Everett  
Torrey Gasch  
Ian Gerdes  
Capt Greg Jenkins  
Simone Kamil  
Johnny Lawson  
Nick Linehan  
Lisa McGill  
Brandon Meier  
Mark Miller  
Justin Oliver  
Aaron Pait  
John Reider  
John Rogan  
David Rothenberger  
Matthew Scheff  
Garrick Shelton  
Adam Steelman  
Jordan Thaymes  
Christopher Verost  
Michael Warmack

**Friends:**

Tony, Sandy Abatiell & family  
Ed Adams  
Steve Alber  
Gladys Allen  
Sue Allen  
Val & Mark Andrews  
Dr B  
Baby Ellie & parents  
Evan Barberis  
Helen Batchfield  
Paula Beck  
Jennifer Beckham & family  
Betty Blake  
Betty Carnevale  
Jackie Carpenter  
Lowel Carr  
Mona Kay Carter  
Sue Cassabone  
Catherine Cawley  
Linda & Bill Chambers  
Charlene Childers  
Joe Coffey  
Lisette Connor  
Jim & Darlene Cooper  
Daniel Cornell  
Troy Daniels  
Betsy Crovo  
Crystal  
Troy Daniels  
Stephen Dodds  
Scott Dufford & family

Bobby Eckhard  
Kimberly Emery  
Frank Fitzpatrick  
Ron French  
Gano, Jackie  
Gavin  
Robert Giberna family  
Judy Goodman  
Thomas Grady  
Kimberly Granada & Kathy Wood  
Marcia Graves family  
Voyt Guy  
“H”  
Jeanne Hall  
Eden Hawkins  
Hermet family  
Hewett, Norma  
Pat Hooker  
John Huggins  
Heather & Allan Hundley  
Terry Ikner  
Susan Kimmer  
Amy & Jim King  
Ashley King  
Wayne King  
Amelia Kingenburger  
Patti Lewellen  
Susan Long  
Jackie Lowe  
Julie & Neil McCall  
Jim McCarthney  
Sharon McFarland

Betty McPherson  
Wendy Medlin  
Gail Meier  
Irven Milliken  
Jo O’Keefe  
Linda Petty  
Rose Phelps  
Charles Phillips  
Kenneth Reid  
Marilyn Riordan  
Kitty Richardson & family  
Shirley Roberts  
Dan Roland  
Bob Rowley  
Dr Irma Scarlette  
Judy Scruggs  
Alex Schultz  
Marcie Snyder & family  
Molly Space  
Phillip Stavonovic  
Tina Tarpey & family  
Adam Varda  
Cecelia Volk  
Ernest & Patsy Ward Sr  
Julia Brook Welch  
Brian Willis  
Un-churched family & friends  
All those experiencing separation/divorce  
All those Unemployed  
All victims of violence & abuse  
Our Nation  
Egypt & all Arab States  
Victims of earthquake in Japan



Unless we hear from those requesting prayer, we would like to remove names after one month. Please contact Milly Houger—[mbhouger\[at\]atmc.net](mailto:mbhouger[at]atmc.net) / phone 579-2603, Marlen Mapes—[mjmapes\[at\]atmc.net](mailto:mjmapes[at]atmc.net) /phone 575-6007 or Candie Meier—[dandcmeier\[at\]atmc.net](mailto:dandcmeier[at]atmc.net) / phone 575-3531.

## Golf with a Mission

Are you new to the area or a new member at Seaside UMC? Would you like to join a small group of women and have fun at the same time? "Golf with a Mission" is the group for you! We welcome any level of playing experience. Maybe you've just begun to play and want to get more experience, but feel too intimidated to join a regular golf league. We play nine holes of golf on Thursday afternoon at a local golf course and then meet inside the clubhouse afterward.

Our "Mission" is to welcome new players, enjoy one another's company and have a time of fellowship. There is a yellow sign-up sheet in the gallery which I collect on Monday morning so that I can make our tee times for Thursday. You do not have to play every week. You can play as often as you feel comfortable.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 575-8221 or email me at [jebrooks@atmc.net](mailto:jebrooks@atmc.net). Give us the opportunity to welcome you to a new group of friends.

EllaMae Brooks,  
Golf Coordinator

## Worship Attendance

	8:00	9:30	11:00
March 6	131	186	172
March 9 Ash Wednesday			161
March 13	122	170	161
March 20	146	242	185
March 26 Praise Team Concert			174
March 27	142	183	145

## Sunday School Attendance

March 6	21
March 13	37
March 20	49
March 27	50

## Memorials & Honoraria

### In Memory of:

Wayne Shoemaker

### Given by:

Marvin & Dina Brady

### In Honor of:

Melody McNeill's Birthday

### Given by:

Colleen & Don McGregor

## Lectionary Bible Readings

May 1

Acts 2:14  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20: 19-31

May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

May 15

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

May 22

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

May 29

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

## Church Keys

We are rekeying the front door of the church. Anyone who has a key to the front door needs to come into the office and see Darcie Kleino to fill out a new key request form. As of May 9th your current key will no longer work, so please get your key request in as soon as possible. Darcie's hours are Monday-Thursday 8AM—2PM. Have a great day,  
Darcie

## Inlet View Bar & Grill Singles Dinner

Seaside UMC Singles will meet for dinner at 5:30PM on Thursday, May 19th at the Inlet View Bar & Grill located at 1800 Village Point Road, Shallotte, NC. A sign up sheet for this outing is the Gallery.

## Welcome New Members

Unite by transfer of membership:

Larry & Nancy May from Cranford UMC, Lorton, VA.

Bill & Margaret Hawkins from N. Myrtle Beach Baptist Church, N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Jim & Pat Linnell from Newtown UMC, Sandy Hook, CT

Associate membership:

Phil & Rosemary Connell with St Andrews UMC, Spring Lakes, NJ.

## Address Changes & Corrections



Larry & Nancy May  
6952 Cambria Ct SW  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
Tele. 579-5576

Bill & Margaret Hawkins  
987 Palmer Dr  
Carolina Shores, NC 28467  
Tele. 579-9640

Jim & Pat Linnell  
7821-2 High Market St  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468

Phil & Rosemary Connell  
5 Sage Court  
Carolina Shores, NC 28467  
Tele. 579-7520

## Happy Hearts

We have a very special program for May. Please plan on joining us at the Meeting for Happy Hearts on Tuesday, May 17th at 12NOON at the church. Everyone should bring their own sandwich, as usual. Joanne Pope, who has the shop, A Frame or Two, is going to demonstrate framing and all the marvelous things that can be framed.

Lomie Lou



**Stephen Ministry**  
**Christ Caring for People through People**

Stephen Ministries is a not-for-profit Christian education organization that has been around since 1975, when Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, began to multiply the care giving in his congregation in St. Louis, Missouri. With a staff of about 45 clergy and lay at their headquarters in St. Louis, they carry out the mission to help congregations "equip God's people for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12). At the present time more than 10,000 congregations are enrolled in this international ministry. They represent more than 150 denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 24 other countries. Many congregations have had Stephen Ministry going strong for 20 or 30 years. Stephen Ministry congregations range from fewer than 100 members to more than 10,000. Stephen Ministry gives lay people with gifts for care giving an opportunity to use their gifts in meaningful ministry to others.

**2011 UMM Golf Tournament June 25th**

Our United Methodist Men are glad to announce that our annual Golf Tournament will be held this year at Sea Trail on the Maples course on June 25 at 9AM. The entrance fee for each player will be \$67.00, which is the same price as last year.

As many of you know the UMM has two fund raisers each year that provide the funds that we distribute to organizations, mainly locally, but also some that are far-reaching. Due to an excellent golf tournament and very successful Christmas sale, we will be able to contribute \$15,000 this year compared to \$9,000 last year. Hopefully, we will have another very good tournament this year so that we can continue assisting the organizations that assist the needy within our community.

Within our church we provide funds for our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, one-time scholarships for our active members and active non-members, and provide turkeys to needy members at Thanksgiving. We also have a line item in our budget for the food pantry. We take up an offering at each meeting for the food pantry. Within our community we give funds to Hope Harbor, Providence Home, Brunswick Family Assistance, Communities in Schools, Teddy Bear Ministry, Paws Place, and Cat Tails. Last year at Christmastime we provided United Methodist Devotional books to members of our military. The UMM gives ten Christmas trees to our UMM group and provides decorations for these trees that are then given to the Methodist Children's Home for foster families. As you can see, our organization provides assistance to persons here and abroad.



**"Songs of Seaside"**

**"Take Me Out to the Ballgame.**  
**Take Me Out with the Crowd!"**

That's what we're singing around the choir room this May! Mark your calendars NOW for 2 special baseball events:

On Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00PM, our children's choir will present the musical, *Sermon on the Mound*. They have worked so hard and are so excited about the music and drama! I hope each of you will make a special effort to come out and support our youth! It's going to be an exciting musical that will delight you, entertain you, surprise you and maybe even teach you as the children show us how to "put on the armor of God." You'll even get to see Ruth Babe, Mr. Oscar Meyer, and Casey from Mudville. There are also some very cute dandelions that will dance their way into your hearts. So don't miss this wonderful production!

On Friday, May 27th, the Soaring Angels will be singing the National Anthem at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans game. Call Chris at the ticket sales office for information about reserved seating. We'd love to see a large number of Seaside people cheering us on and enjoying a fun baseball game and maybe some hot dogs and Cracker Jacks™! See you there!

Have you heard that the Brunswick County Big Band is doing a concert at Seaside UMC? It will happen on Saturday, May 14th at 7:30PM. Watch the newspaper and Sunday bulletins for more details but plan to come out and enjoy this wonderful group!

Thanks to the many who participated in the Easter Cantata! It certainly took a village to put that together and I thank everyone who helped! I appreciate that I can always count on our church members and dedicated choir members! Good job to all!

Yes, I know you are already asking about Red, White & Blue! Well, all I can say at this time is that it is going to be DIFFERENT! And FUN! So, keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins and next month's newsletter for more details! But in the meantime, get your red, white, and blue outfits ready and practice your favorite patriotic songs!

With a voice of singing,  
Kathryn



**Men's 5th Sunday Choir**

On Memorial Day Weekend the Men's 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Choir will sing songs to honor our troops. What a tribute it will be!

Lomie Lou

## ***Health and Welfare***

Sheila King, Director

910-579-5753 or e-mail nurse\_medic\_king@hotmail.com

### **Spiritual Fitness Assessment**

As a Christian health professional, I want my congregation members to be healthy as possible. This assessment will allow me to talk to individuals about the relationship between faith and health.

It will be used as a tool, in a fitness/health education setting, to capture beliefs (Mary Jane and Scott will assist in this), attitudes, and the practices/ behaviors of a person.

This survey will be used to show me what topics I need to address in the future at Seaside. I hope to improve overall health and to be able to have a positive impact in helping people make health related behavioral changes.

This study will also help demonstrate the importance of spiritual health with regard to physical well being. Research has shown faith benefits relate to many areas—cancer, hypertension, heart disease, and overall health. Faith positively affects physical ailments as well as psychological, psychiatric, and substance abuse dependencies. In fact, research shows that often, the most important factor is religious belief.

The assessment does not require a person's name. It is confidential, however if you would like to include your name you may. There will be a box with the assessments in it on the table in the Fellowship Hall. I want to thank you ahead of time for your response.

BIBLE VERSE: Scripture of Encouragement

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*  
Philippians 4:13

BIBLE VERSE: Scripture of Heart

*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.* Proverbs 4:23

BIBLE VERSE: How to Deal with Stress

*If we love God's word the result is a great peace.* Psalm 119:165

BIBLE VERSE: Our responsibility to care for our body

*And so dear Brother and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable.* Romans 12:1

Thank you, and God Bless

### **Child Safety Day**

Saturday, May 14, 2011 9AM-1PM

Sunset Beach Police Dept

Sunset Fire Dept

Ocean Isle Beach Police Dept

Brunswick County Fire Marshall Office

Brunswick County Health Dept: Jennifer Miller

Brunswick County Emergency Medical Services

Our great officers will do car seat checks and Jennifer Miller will be on hand to provide information on how to get a car seat. Children will be able to experience what it would be like if there was a fire and learn what to do in that event. They will have paramedics standing by to show everyone their EMS trucks and Police departments will display their vehicles as well. So come and get your car seats checked for proper installation and learn about public safety.

**SAVE OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES**  
**THINK SAFETY!**

### **Upcoming Events At Seaside**

**May 14**

Child Safety Day

Brunswick County Big Band @ Seaside

**May 22**

Continuing Vision Sunday

**June 20-24th**

Vacation Bible School

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We will meet on Monday, May 9th, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Look forward to seeing you there.

Carol Matthews—575-4267

Freddy Tatum—579-1187

### **UMW Reading Program**

To all UMW reading participants: All yellow record sheets need to be turned into me by August 1st. If you have completed your reading, please place the sheet in the UMW mailbox with my name attached. If you have questions, please call me at 575-1076.

Happy Reading!

Marie Wilcox

## **Purpose of United Methodist Women (UMW)**

The organized unit of 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.

When you join the UMW you are joining a global community of women—nearly one million strong—who are committed to the same purpose and have a passion to change the world around them. Any woman who commits herself to the Purpose of the UMW (above) and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be a United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

At Seaside UMC we have four UMW Circles. They are:

Mary Magdalene (M&M) led by Sherry Blalock, 579-6211 and Ginny Coats, 575-0845. Their missions are related to Education and Interpretation.Z

Seekers, whose special mission is Spiritual Growth is led by June Donley, 575-5467 and Isabelle Waldron, 579-8118.

Friends in God's Service (FIGS) is our Social Action circle led by Wanda Wiltbank, 287-5553 and Dell Little, 579-9858.

Thank God for Friends (TGFF) circle, who do not meet, but help with special projects throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining one of the above circles, please contact the leaders above and find out more about their mission and when they meet. Also you are invited to our Unit meetings, which include women from all the circles. We meet four times a year.

### **Annual UMW Tea and Spiritual Retreat**

Each January the UMW has an annual luncheon/ tea for its UMW members and guests, where all the women dress up and wear their finest hats. We have the installation of our new UMW officers and sometimes a fashion show. It is a great way to start off the New Year.

In November of each year we have a three-day UMW Spiritual Retreat where we go and stay on Ocean Isle Beach in homes right on the beach—thanks to a very generous church member. We have an outside minister and a Seaside lay leader lead us in this spiritual journey for three days. It is wonderful. The dates for this year are November 1, 2 and 3. More details will follow.



## **Seaside UMYF**

The youth completed their "To Save A Life" study and have a new understanding of how to reach out to the hurting and lonely in the world around them.

The upcoming months will be very busy with lots of activity! Please mark your calendar to participate in the following events.

If you have prepared a Snack Supper for the Youth you are cordially invited to attend the:

"Snack Supper Appreciation Dinner"

Date: 5/15/11

Time: 5:30PM

Place: Fellowship Hall

Prepared - Served by the Youth

Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Camino 540-0003 by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The youth will also be participating in VBS June 20—24<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> they will hold a "Car Wash" beginning at 10AM. Your participation in this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

Plans are also in the works to attend Summer Camp at Lake Junaluska July 17—21. The youth will be working with other youth on missions projects within the community. If you are interested in providing scholarship money please see Scott or Mary Jane.

### **May Youth Schedule**

- 5/1/11 5PM—6:30PM Regular meeting at Church
- 5/8/11 No UMYF Mother's Day
- 5/15/11 4PM (Dinner 5:30)  
Snack Supper Appreciation Dinner
- 5/20/11 8PM—8AM (Meet there)  
Planet Fun Lock-in \$20 + Food
- 5/22/11 5PM—6:30PM Regular Meeting at Church
- 5/29/11 5PM—6:30PM Regular Meeting at Church

### **Thank You**

The UMW and UMM would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with our second Day of Caring. We helped nine church members with yard work and other assorted chores around their homes and we worked around the church, washing windows, trimming scrubs, weeding and cleaning the Memorial Garden, and preparing lunch for the volunteers. It was a wonderful day and your "labor of love" was much appreciated by the church members.

## Ways to Give by Scott Wilson-Parsons

There was a time not so long ago when church offering plates were passed down our pews to be filled with cash and loose change. Through the latter half of the last century, the convenience of check writing began to surpass cash as the preferred means of giving. Today a relatively small percentage of weekly gifts are in the form of cash.

But even this pattern is beginning to change. Increasingly, regular givers are giving through electronic means such as automatic online bill-payment systems offered by most banks. Systems for credit/debit card giving and online giving in churches are becoming more and more common. A few churches are even installing ATM-like machines so that worshippers may make contributions with the swipe of a card on their way in or out of the building. Hard to imagine that we once thought of giving by check as a “convenience.”

While Seaside is a good way away from installing an ATM, there are some alternative ways of giving that can add both convenience and, sometimes, provide an extra tax benefit. Here are three:

Online Bill Pay: Set up “Seaside United Methodist Church” as a payee in your bank’s online Bill Pay system. Provide the church address and phone number. Use your name or your giving envelope number as the account number. You can make a one-time payment or set up a recurring, automatic payment schedule. The bank will mail your check to the church on the schedule you provide. Set up a separate bill-pay for the Operating Fund and the Building Fund to ensure proper credit.

Gifts of Stock: The gift of appreciated stock is one of the most tax advantaged but under-utilized ways to give. If you paid \$100 for a share of stock that is now worth \$200, selling the stock will create a taxable capital gain of \$100. Giving the stock will create a deductible charitable contribution of \$200 and no capital gains tax will be charged (saving between \$15 and \$35 per \$100 of gains depending on circumstances). Transferring stock is as easy as contacting your broker and providing appropriate account and routing numbers. Contact the church office for more information.

IRA Rollovers: The IRA Charitable Rollover, a part of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010, allows donors at age 70 to exclude from their taxable income any IRA funds up to \$100,000 that have been withdrawn and transferred to a charity when filing a tax return. These gifts can be counted as part of a required minimum distribution. Like the stock gift, IRA Rollovers provide substantial tax savings to the donor. Again, contact the church office for more information.

Rev. Scott Wilson-Parsons



## **Meet the Son At Vacation Bible School**

**June 20th to the 24th  
9 am to Noon**

**This is the place to:**

- **Meet up with Jesus**
- **Look Up to Jesus**
- **Fire Up for Jesus**
- **Open Up to Jesus**
- **Join Up with Jesus**

**Volunteer Now to be part of this  
great experience!**

**Call Sherry Blalock for details  
579-6211**

**PLEASE NOTE  
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DATES**

**June and July  
(Vacation  
Edition)**

**Newsletter  
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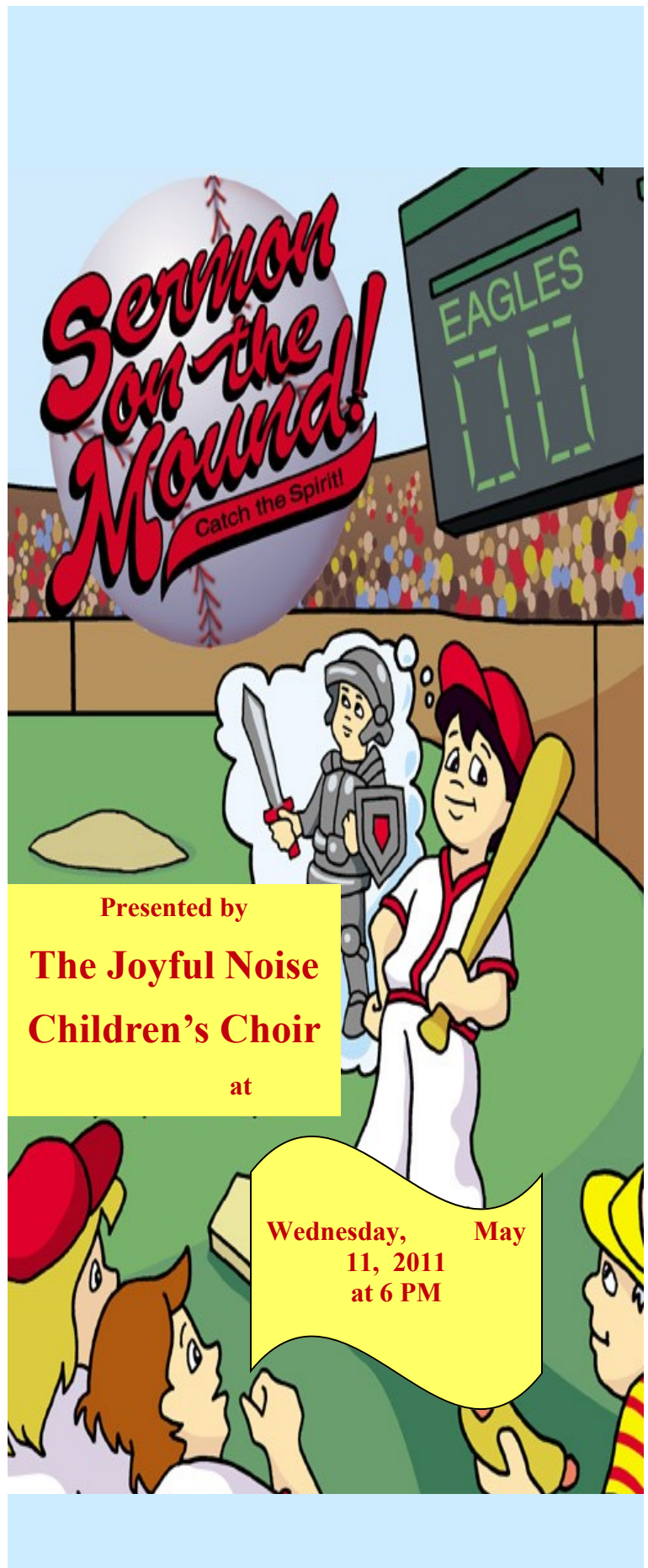
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**May 10th**

*We will be publishing a  
combined*

*June and July issue of  
Currents.*

*The deadline for the  
August issue will be July  
10th*





## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### May 1

**Birthdays:**  
Frank Digh  
Tom Coyte  
Phil Parker

### May 2

**Birthdays:**  
Ellene Schwartz  
Margie Rawson  
Lynn Manza  
Kristin Day

### May 3

**Birthdays:**  
Ron Melvin  
Lorraine Hoge  
Rueline Lewis  
Juanita Adams

### May 4

**Birthdays:**  
Mildred Trenchard  
Betty Ann Dustin  
Bill DeGroot

### May 5

**Birthdays:**  
Tom Hercane  
David Gundrum  
Zachery Shytle  
Olivia Miller

### May 6

**Birthdays:**  
Jerry Marsh  
Carrel Sourwine

### May 7

**Birthdays:**  
Becky Spainhour  
Stanley Rigby  
Dylan Humphreys

### May 8

**Birthdays:**  
Carl Vann  
Carrie Wiles  
Tyler Hucks  
**Anniversaries:**  
Alan & Kathy Thompson

### May 11

**Birthdays:**  
Glenn Starnes

### May 12

**Birthdays:**  
Virginia Gross  
Dina Braddy  
Tony Martin  
Marilyn Policastro  
Jackie South  
Linda Rothenberger  
**Anniversaries:**  
Melvin & Jackie South

### May 14

**Birthdays:**  
Peg Frankford  
Donna Dornfeld

### May 15

**Birthdays:**  
Frank Irby  
Jan Bohlinger  
Jackie Fazekas  
Joseph DiMaio

### May 16

**Birthdays:**  
Willard Allen  
J.P. Knott  
**Anniversaries:**  
Randy & Sharon Thompson

### May 17

**Birthdays:**  
James McCombs  
Sapphire Mahoney  
**Anniversaries:**  
Fletcher & Kelly Frink  
Dave & Maryann VonHausen

### May 18

**Birthdays:**  
Pat Mowery  
Nancy Ward  
Donna Allen  
Shirley Walsh  
Paula Hernandez  
Alexandria McClernan  
**Anniversaries:**  
Jim & Jane Boone

### May 19

**Birthdays:**  
Linda Smith  
John Scott  
Jack DeGroot  
Paul Matthews

### May 20

**Birthdays:**  
John Torlone

### May 21

**Birthdays:**  
Jake Yarbrough  
Richard Ruehle  
John Difloure  
Howard Hobbs  
**Anniversaries:**  
John & Jayde Difloure  
Nate & Jan Cantrell

### May 22

**Anniversaries:**  
Bill & Lilly Little

### May 23

**Birthdays:**  
Doug Keil  
**Anniversaries:**  
Steve & Renee Long  
Ed & Dinah Gore

### May 24

**Birthdays:**  
Mandee Williams  
Dawson Miller  
**Anniversaries:**  
Adam & Tammy Humphreys

### May 25

**Birthdays:**  
Everett Hanna  
Milly Houger  
Dick Fickes  
Liz Franz  
Tim Ludlum  
**Anniversaries:**  
Jim & Kristi Varner

### May 26

**Birthdays:**  
John Gaddy  
**Anniversaries:**  
Dutch & Mary Koehn  
Larry & Jan Barr

### May 27

**Birthdays:**  
Fred Yarbrough  
Susan Yarbrough  
Cheryl Hair  
Michael Dolbow  
**Anniversaries:**  
John & Sybil Apsega

### May 28

**Birthdays:**  
Nancy Camino  
Cecelia Digh  
Neta Snediker

### May 29

**Birthdays:**  
Denise House  
**Anniversaries:**  
Dave & Dina Hooks

### May 30

**Birthdays:**  
Laura Giles  
**Anniversaries:**  
Dan & Nicole Forrest

### May 31

**Birthdays:**  
Mike Martin  
Claire Cheney





## **UMW Local Missions**

- Teddy Bear Ministry is where we make bears for abused children, children who have lost their home to fire, etc. The bears are given to Brunswick Hospital, local fire departments, EMS Units, Hope Harbor Home and Sheriff's Departments.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry is where women in our church crochet or knit shawls for people who need comforting and for special occasions.
- A breakfast meal is made each quarter for recipients of the Food Pantry.
- Day of Caring is twice a year where we assist our elderly and ill church members with yard work and other assorted chores around their homes.
- "Ditty bags" are made and filled with lotions, shampoos, combs, brushes, etc. for women and children at Hope Harbor Home.
- We assist the Seaside Preschool with special projects, such as making cookies.
- Common Threads, where we make pillow cases for hospice and AIDS patients.
- We donate Christmas tree ornaments each year to the Methodist Home for Children to decorate the trees that are donated by the Seaside UMM.

We give candy bars and school supplies to our Communities in Schools program.

If there is anything on the above list of local missions that you would like to help with, please contact one of the circle leaders above or Jane Boone, UMW President, 287-4937.

## **UMW Unit Meeting and Salad Luncheon**

We urge you to come out with an open and receptive heart on Monday, May 9th, to hear our wonderful guest speaker, Pam Rose, from the Carousel Center for Abused Children, a non-profit agency. She will share with us some eye opening stories about the needs of abused children in Southeastern North Carolina (some right here in Brunswick County). Many of us have heard Pam speak and she will capture your attention and will pull at your heartstrings when she relates her experiences with these young ones who need our help.

We will begin our regular UMW Unit Meeting with a salad luncheon at 11:30AM. The Seekers Circle will be your hostess and though there is no charge for the lunch we will be accepting free will donations to be given to the Carousel Center.

All women of the church are invited. Please come! There is a sign-up sheet in the gallery so that we may have an idea of how many women we will serve. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call June Donley at 575-5467 or Isabelle Waldron at 579-8118.

## **So Long and Thanks to My Family at Seaside**

It has been a blessing to be part of this congregation, from the beginning when we were in the current Fellowship Hall, to the present and beautiful new sanctuary. I have been blessed by the people I have met through Bible Study Classes, the UMW, committees I have been on, and in all the activities in which I have participated. You are a very special congregation.

My faith has grown through the above and I am a much stronger Christian and person for having been here. Plus I have gotten much more comfortable at public speaking due to the many opportunities I was afforded!

I want to thank everyone who attended my good-bye luncheon, and especially Wanda Wiltbank and my friend Ginny Grant at Brunswick, for all the hard work they did in setting it up. It was a very special event and made me feel truly loved. I appreciate all the good wishes expressed to me, one of which was the beautiful prayer shawl made by Marie Wilcox, as well as all the contributions made in my name to UMW missions, which is a great gift that will continue to multiply as blessings to others.

We will meet again in this life or the next and I look forward to both. In case any of you get to the Phoenix, AZ. area, please look us up:

Pat & Jack Burke  
13157 W. Nogales Dr.  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
[PatBurke48@gmail.com](mailto:PatBurke48@gmail.com)

As I leave, I continue to pray for Seaside and your mission here in Brunswick County and elsewhere. And I ask that you pray for us as we seek to find the place where God wants us to be.

In His Name,  
Pat Burke

## **Food Pantry**

**Please remember that our Food Pantry needs donations. This is a very difficult time for many families in our community. With the number of people out of work and the cost of gas and other daily living needs rising, our Food Pantry is feeling the crunch.**

**Please prayerfully give to this necessary ministry at Seaside.**

## **BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!**

In the novel, *Gone with the Wind*, Scarlett says, "I'll think about it tomorrow."

Oh, Fiddle-dee-dee, Scarlett, we need books—  
TODAY!

The Country Fair Book Nook desperately needs books in good condition, *saleable* current Fiction—hardbacks and paperbacks, also Non-fiction and Children's books, and puzzles, too!

Drop them off at the church or call the church office for a scheduled pick-up. Give, so Scarlett, "... will never go hungry (for books) again

## **Adult Bible Studies**

How many of you have traveled this year? Have you used a map or gone really modern and followed directions on a GPS? Traveling and vacations can be lots of fun and sometimes the roads we find ourselves on, either on purpose or by accident, can lead to adventures of their own. I really like having a map handy, even when I'm listening to the voice in my GPS. When I'm not traveling down the state highways, I'm traveling on life's highway. That highway requires a different "road" map.

*"My favorite map for my life is the Bible. But if I'm studying about wandering in the wilderness, it matters not to me where the Sinai desert is. What matters is that I'm lost, and I'm comforted that God is with me. If I'm on the road to Calvary, suffering with Christ, the exact location of that journey doesn't matter. What matters is that I'm with Christ and he's with me. When I travel down any road, I know that God is before me, beside me, behind me, and above me. I know this because I have learned about who God is and who I am by studying the Bible"* By Beth DeLong, Upper Room April 12, 2011.

Finding that all important peace and joy in your life's journey with your brothers and sisters is much easier when a good relationship with God is forged through studying His word. That's what Bible Study is all about, finding that relationship and gaining strength to face what happens in our day-to-day life.

We have Adult Sunday School classes each Sunday—two classes at 9:30 and one at 11 AM year around. Just drop in and begin on any Sunday. We will also be offering short and long term Disciple Studies beginning next fall. Sign up will be in August.

Coordinators,  
Candie Meier  
Kathy Thompson  
Gene Allen



## **Outreach**

What can I say; our Church Family is soooo generous! Because of each one of you who supported the Praise Team Concert and the spaghetti dinner, we were able to raise over \$2,500 that will go to CCPI (Central Conference Pension Initiative). The help behind the scenes was nothing more than miraculous! There are so many wonderful people to thank. Without each and every one of you we could have not pulled this off. Thank you to our wonderful chef Rick Cardinale and his able assistant Bernice Lewis and to Cathy Story and her amazing kitchen "posse," all of you who did the grunt work of setting up and braking down, the ushers, those who baked all the delicious desserts and made pots of spaghetti—you all did a great job, and Outreach thanks you! Of course the main focus of the evening was The Praise Team. What a glorious way to Praise the Lord! Lynn Wood did an outstanding job and each and every one in the group added their own special flavor. The music was "rockin' " the house. The testimonies were heartfelt and moving. A big THANK YOU to each and every one of you!

Do YOU know what your Outreach Committee does? In the next few months we will have *Outreach Moments* during some of the Sundays services. I think you will be quite surprised at our scope and where we are planning to go. Stayed tuned!

Just for today, say hello to a perfect stranger, it will make you both smile!

As always, in God's love,  
Barb Bowden

## **Country Fair**

We have been getting several auction items, but we are in need of a lot more yard sale items. When you start your spring cleaning, please remember to bring by or to call to have your items picked up so that we can sort and price as much as we can before the hot weather arrives.

We still need jewelry and Colleen needs as much time as possible to clean and make repairs—a box is in the Gallery labeled *Jewelry*, just drop it off.

Linda McPherson will be our event leader for the Children's Programs this year. This event will take place on Saturday morning of the Fair—a big welcome to her this year!

Wanda and Ray Wiltbank have agreed to be the new event leaders for the Food Court this year while Dave is on vacation. I'm sure all of us look forward to seeing them maintain the high standards of our Food Court and to produce great tasting burgers, hot dogs and sausages. Welcome Wanda and Ray!

It's never too late to volunteer for any of the events. Talk to any event leader or Mike and Bev Williams to get signed up.

## **Basic Lay Speaker Training**

**Saturday, May 14; 8:30-4:30**

**Whiteville UMC, 902 Pinckney St., Whiteville**

**Cost is \$15.00 per person for lunch. Please bring BIBLE, notepaper, pen & copy of 2008 Book of Discipline if available.**

## **Advanced Lay Speaker Training**

**November 12, 2011; 8:30-4:00  
Location to be determined**

## **Divinity Student assigned as Field Education Intern at Seaside**

In January of this year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee decided once more to pursue an opportunity provided by Duke Divinity School through the Duke Endowment. Each summer, over 200 divinity students are assigned in churches across North Carolina. They will serve 10 week terms doing ministry in the local church and connecting the lessons in the classroom with practical experience in ministry. Students are supervised and evaluated by pastors and by a panel of lay persons called a "Lay Training Committee." Students receive the benefit of contextualized education as well as additional tuition support from the Duke Endowment if the placement is in an eligible congregation (such as Seaside). The summer term is scheduled to begin May 29 and concludes August 7.

Our student, Adam Darragh, is a Master of Divinity student just completing his first year at Duke University. Adam was born just outside of Jacksonville, FL and is a part of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. He received a degree in Religious Studies at Stetson University with a minor in music. He has a great interest in the Arts in the church--particularly music and drama. He even has a written a play that is slated to be "workshopped" at a conference this summer. Adam plans on pursuing ordination in the Methodist Church, and is very excited to have the opportunity to serve and get to know everyone this summer.

During his time among us, Adam will be living with Guy and Nancy Camino.

Please be in prayer for Adam as he prepares for his arrival here. Take a moment to contact and welcome him to Seaside. Adam may be reached via email at [adam.darragh@duke.edu](mailto:adam.darragh@duke.edu).

## **Upcoming Dates from Director of Health & Wellness**

**Road to Recovery:** June 6th, 1—3 pm  
Volunteer Drivers must have:

- A vehicle
- A valid drivers license
- Safe driving record

If you have a car, free time and would like to transport ambulatory cancer patients to and from their treatments, this program is for YOU!

All those who have transported our church members in the past are asked to join us, also.

RSVP to Sheila King, 579-5753 Tuesday—Thursdays 9—5 or email nurse\_medical\_king@hotmail.com.

**Lifeline Screening:** June 9, 2011  
Sponsored by Coastal Surgery Specialist

Pre-registration required: 1-800-324-1851

**Grief Classes**  
Offered by Lower Cape Fear Hospice  
May 4-June 8 3-5PM  
July 27—August 31 3-5 pm

Pre-registration required—NO WALK INS!  
Call Jean Roney 754-5356

**Grief for the Holidays**  
Nov 9th 3-5 PM  
Dec 14 3-5 PM  
Pre-registration required—NO WALK INS  
Call Jean Roney 754-5356

## **Look Good, Feel Better! Relay For Life**

**Location:** South Atlantic Radiation Oncology  
545 Ocean Hwy, West  
Supply

**When:** 3rd Monday of each month at 3 PM  
**Register:** Call Jennifer Eiler at 262-9000

This program is provided free to all women currently undergoing cancer treatment. It helps women improve their appearance and self image by teaching them hands-on beauty techniques to overcome the appearance related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. A trained cosmetologist will lead cancer patients in a group setting through a twelve step skin care and make up program as well as a demonstration of how to use wigs, turbans, scarves and hats. Each patient will get free make up.

From Sheila:

I have been asked to oversee the First Aid Station at Annual Conference and will be away from noon June 14-18, 2011 in Raleigh.

Melody McNeill will be available to assist in my place. She can be reached at 910-393-9367