

Upcoming Events

Tree of Hope

**Christmas Tree Sales
Begin
Nov. 22**

**Christmas Cantata
December 11
4 & 7 PM**

**Christmas Eve Services
5 & 7 PM**

**Christmas Day
(1 service)
10 AM**

**New Years Day
(1 service)
10 AM**

**Annual Half Marathon &
Run/Walk for Food
January 7th**

Special Note

**January Newsletter
Deadline
December 10th**

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Waiting in Advent

We are familiar with waiting, aren't we? We wait at the doctor's office, at the pharmacy and at the traffic light. We wait for gas prices to go down, for the economy to turn around, and for the weather to warm up again. We wait for our spouse's attitude to change (not likely to happen, by the way), for things to get better, for our children to finally grow up and act like adults... and on and on it goes. It seems we are always waiting for something.

Advent is all about waiting, anticipating. It may be difficult for us to think about waiting for Christmas to come. After all, the Christmas commercials on TV and radio have been blaring for weeks now. Christmas decorations started going up in the stores before Halloween. But waiting is good, for in waiting we are reminded that with each passing day we are renewed in the Lord. The psalmist said, "I wait for the Lord...and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning."

In this hectic and sometimes frenzied season of Advent, we must learn to be intentional about slowing down, taking time to watch and wait again for the coming of Christ. How can we experience the coming of Christ again, in the midst of so much activity?

We meet Christ again in the celebration of the Eucharist, holy communion shared in the congregation. We meet Christ again in listening to lovely music in the sanctuary. We meet Christ in times when we find forgiveness in our hearts, when we lay down our burdens and hurts and worries, knowing that God is mighty to heal and to make us whole. These and other encounters can be "means of grace" when Christ shows us anew His mercy and love.

It is hard to stay focused on this Advent season when the world is pulling us in so many different directions: with gifts to purchase and wrap, with cards to send, with parties and lists and decorating and meal-planning. But try this year to notice those around you who need the love and joy of Christ in their lives. There are so many who, especially this time of year, are feeling lonely and sad. There are those who need the gift of your time, perhaps your listening ear or a word of hope and encouragement.

Step out in faith this Advent. Be renewed in your spirit by focusing on others rather than self. Make bold plans to be the hands, feet and voice of Christ to those who are hurting, and then with compassion carry out those plans. This could be your best Advent yet!

See you this Sunday!

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:

Bill Adams
Reggie Addington
Hershel Allen & family
Peter & Bianca Alvarez
Jane & Jim Boone
Bruce & Linda Bowden
Ann & Lafayette Bowman
Martha Boyd
Frances Broome & her mother
Frances Rogers
Dina Braddy
Barbara & Thack Brown
Julie & Ches Burton
Sandy, Nick Casciato & fam.
Kemp & Brenda Causey
Emily Clark
Nadine Cybyske
Tom Deacon
Pat & Chuck Denney
Bobby & Anne Eckard
Karen Gaddy
Donnie Haigler
Paula & Daniel Hernandez
Joyce & Jim Hilgenberg
Carol Horchler
Crystal & Tabitha Huggett
Yvonne & Harvey Hundley
Gil, Kathy Johnson & family
Carol Jones
Sarah Justice
Sandy Kershner
Aedan Klein
Jim Linke
Charlie Little
Jay & Diane Middleton
Katherine Patton
Dale & Joan Powell
Prayer Warriors
Lois & Tom Puls
Betty Pursey
Seaside UMC Staff
Susan Seidel
Dott Sellers
Stephanie Shytle
Jack South
Midge Sparks
Carlene Stanley
Glen Starnes
Stephen Ministers
Nancy Thomasson
Mildred Trenchard
UMYF & Leaders
Frank & Nancy Verost
Richard Walker
John & Clair Winship
Jack & Marcia Zachary

Friends:

Tony, Sandy Abatiell family
Val & Mark Andrews
Evan Barberis
Paula Beck
Beckham & Yingling family
Zach Bernier
Betty Blake
Grace Bolger & Mildred
Holmquist
Janet Bonekemper
Mona Kay Carter
Linda & Bill Chambers
James Chestnut
Carla Clark
Jim & Darlene Cooper
Betsey Crovo
Caleb A. Davis
Phil Davis
D'Amico family
Divorce Care Group
Scott Dufford & family
Joe Duncan
Bed Edwards
Eileen
Frances Fuller
Jackie Gano
Gavin
Judy Goodman
Megan Griffiths-Powell
Jeanne Hall
Brandon Hayden
Tonya Helton
Mark Hester
Norma Hewitt
Pat Hooker
Sarah Horton
John Huggins
Terry Ikner
Bob Jones
Dare Joyner
Wilford Kallmeyer
Gaye Keenan
Nina Kessler
Gregory Kirk
Gavin Lane family
Patti Lewellen
Lisboa family
David McAdams
Julie & Neil McCall
Betty J. McPherson
Marcia
Al & Mary Lou Messick
Jo O'Keefe
Heather Parks
Bobbette Parsons
Lynda Petty
Charles Phillips

Brenda Quackenbursh
Carolyn Reece
Jack Reed
Marilyn & Ed Riordan
Shirley Roberts
Greg Rorech
Bob Rowley
Norma & John Rumble
Kathy Scalise
Dick & Betty Schillinger
Patty Scholl
Alex Schultz
Carol Seaman
Sidney
David, Ruth, Mary Sigafos
Kassandra Snyder
Milly Space
Allen Stanley
Phillip Stavonovic
Marcia Sweatt
Ted
Adam Barda
Walter
Ernest & Patsy Ward, Sr
Julia Brook Welch
Philip Wiles
Brian Willis
Betty Wood
Brent Wyant
Jayne York
Shenida Youngblood
Bill Zanzallari
All friends & family members
un-churched
All experiencing separation or
divorce
The Un & under employed
Victims of violence & abuse
Our Nation & Our World
Victims of natural disasters.

Serving Our Country:

Marcus Barber
Adam Barnes
Jeffrey Beck
Matthew Bronson
Chad Bryson
Sarah Cassabone
Oliver Clayton
Charles Conry
Dark Horse 3rd Bat, 5th Marines
Sgt Dennis Dustin, Jr
Kyle Everett
Torrey Gasch
Ian Gerdes
Johnny Lawson
Nick Linehan
Lisa McGill
Brandon Meier
Mark Miller
Justin Oliver
Aaron Pait
John Reider
John Rogan
Matthew Scheff
Garrick Shelton
Jordan Thaymes
Michael Warmack

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

Lectionary Bible
Readings

December 4

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2
Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 11

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24

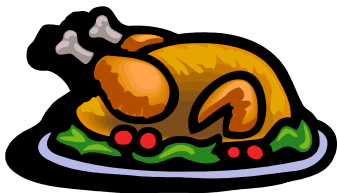
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

December 31

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46



The SBIC food pantry is also raising moneys for 125 Christmas Turkey boxes that will feed a family of 4-5 people in need in the South Brunswick area.

For a \$20 donation, you can provide a complete Christmas dinner of a 12-14 pound frozen turkey, 2 cans each of yams, corn & green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls & a pumpkin pie.

Donations may be sent to SBIC Treasurer, PO Box 1461, Shallotte NC 28469 with "turkey box" written on the memo line.

Memorials & Honoraria

In Memory of:
Catherine Cauley
Given by:
Dr. Shirley Owen



Thank You

Dear Friends,

I wonder if everyone at Seaside Methodist knows that the wonderful gourmet chefs we have in our church keep the freezers filled with dishes they have created, and provide meals for shut-ins as well as for members who fall ill. What a marvelous treat, to be lifted toward wellness by these gracious chefs. I certainly appreciate being a recipient of such a bountiful, heart-warming blessing.

Thank you for the delicious cartons of special meals that were brought to me by Jim and Cathy Story, June Donley, and Diana Strickland after the flooding caused by a storm, during eye surgery due to cancer, and then after the accident that tore open my leg—all within eleven months!

May God add his richest blessings to everyone at Seaside Methodist Church, a very *giving* place.

Love to all,

Dorothy S. Sellers

Welcome
New Members



Donald and Linda Baker
Joined by profession of
Faith

Donald and Linda Baker
959 Sandpiper Bay Drive
Sunset Beach, NC 28468
Tel: 910 575 8312

Len and Barb Bernauer joined by transfer from Washington Crossing UMC, Washington Crossing, Pa.

Len and Barb Bernauer
1128 Treyburn Ct. NW
Calabash, NC 28467
Tel: 910 287 5648

Vern and Sylvia Schwanke joined by restoration from Merrimacport UMC, Merrimac, Ma.

Vern and Sylvia Schwanke
1856 Camelot Drive
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Tel: 910 579 7866

Worship
Attendance

	8:00	9:30	11:00
September 4	135	171	166
September 11	130	223	147
September 18	10:00 Only		349
September 25	152	174	147

Sunday School
Attendance

September 4	NA
September 10	45
September 18	NO CLASSES – COUNTRY FAIR
September 25	46



Stephen Ministry—Three Times Blessed

Often the care someone receives during a crisis moves many care receivers to train as Stephen Ministers. An example of this is Joseph, who wandered the streets of Houston alone, shortly after moving there. A few weeks earlier he had moved to Houston with his family. He had been a partner in a law firm, and gave up his practice to move back to his wife's hometown and work for her family's company. Shortly thereafter he was served with divorce papers.

He found himself in a new city where he knew practically no one. No Job. No wife. No kids, at least temporarily. He states, "It was a great personal crisis." In his wanderings he saw the steeple of First Presbyterian Church, where he had been married. He spoke with the associate pastor, who provided a Stephen Minister.

For 18 months Joe's Stephen Minister walked with him as he weathered the divorce and started to rebuild his life. He then decided to take the Stephen Ministry training. Joe says being a Stephen Minister has helped him to listen to people differently. It has given him skills that he can use as a parent. Skills he uses in his personal relationships as well as in his career as an attorney.

Because of his experiences as a Stephen Minister, he decided to take the next step. That led him to attend a Leaders Training Course in St. Louis. For many, serving as a Stephen Minister isn't the end. Not all care receivers desire to be Stephen Ministers and not all Stephen Ministers want to be Stephen Leaders. Like most who have taken all three steps, Joe wanted "to equip others to bring life-changing care to hurting people."

Stephen Ministry is a way for the church to extend God's love, compassion, and grace. Stephen Ministry does a great job of equipping gifted laypeople of the church to extend that care.

UMW Reading Program

By the time you receive this December Seaside Currents, there will be 15 new titles on the shelves! You will also find the updated lists of books that count (2007-2012). The 2006 books will be moved down to the "ineligible" shelf.

The program is slightly different this year with a new category being added...*Leadership Development*. Plan 1 needs one book from each category. That's right, you must read 5 books this year. Plan 2 remains at 10 books with 2 from each of the 5 categories.

Don't forget to pick up the eligible list and a record sheet, AND a book to get you started! If you have any questions about this year's program, don't hesitate to call me.

Happy Reading!
Marie Wilcox (575-1076)



"Songs of Seaside"

Silent Night, Holy Night, All is calm,
All is Bright...

"All is Calm, All is Bright." I hope you will join us on Sunday, December 11th for the Seaside UMC Choir Christmas Cantata at 4 or 7PM. Free tickets are available in the church office. Reservations for the nursery are also being taken. I urge you to come early because we are changing the prelude portion and you won't want to miss a thing! This will be our most exciting Christmas cantata ever! Bring your family and friends. A love offering will be received following the cantata with the proceeds going to BFA and the Methodist Children's Home.

I hope you will also make plans to begin this Christmas season by coming to *A Seaside Christmas Celebration* on Sunday, December 4th. The musical program will begin in the sanctuary at 5:30PM. This will be an intergenerational event! Bring a favorite food to share and following the program we will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall to feast and celebrate! This is for EVERYONE!

Don't forget that we are offering 2 Christmas Eve services this year. The 5PM service will be led by our Praise Team and feature the children. The 7PM service will be led by the Sanctuary Choir and will end with candlelight. Both services will offer communion.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday this year so we will have only one service for each at 10AM. What better way to begin Christmas and the New Year than to be in the house of the Lord.

What a wonderful time December is and what exciting opportunities to celebrate our Savior's birth. May each of you be blessed with the spirit of Christmas and march into the new year following the Light.

With a voice of singing,
Kathryn

Seekers Circle

Seekers Circle will be celebrating Christmas at a luncheon on Tuesday, December 13th, at 12 noon at The Grill Restaurant in North Myrtle Beach. There will not be a gift exchange but we will be collecting money for a donation to the Food Pantry. Please join us for a fun time! If you need more information, please contact June Donley, 575-5467 or Isabelle Waldron, 579-8118.

Giving Makes Mission Possible

Each year when we make our Pledge to Mission, we are helping to fulfill the purpose of both the United Methodist Women and the Women's Division through Mission Giving. This is the foundation for all mission work. It is a way for us to express our faith. Your contribution enables a full and consistent response to human need, on a broader scale than we could accomplish alone, especially the *needs of women, children and youth*. It affirms the wholeness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a commitment to its proclamation in word and deed.

The total program of United Methodist Women and the Women's Division is mission. This includes:

- Individual growth
- Spiritual enrichment
- Education for mission
- Social issues awareness
- Leadership development
- Schools and workshops

Financial support for all mission

True to our Wesleyan heritage, mission cannot be solely charity but involves empowerment and advocacy for social change.

United Methodist Women are strong advocates for institutions and programs empowering and improving the lives of women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. Our money provides the basics we take for granted such as food, shelter, and education, as well as advocacy for employment, healthcare and human rights for many living on the margins of society.

In addition to supporting the larger Women's organization, on the local level, we at Seaside support agencies such as Hope Harbor, Methodist Home for Children, Providence Home, WARM and Communities in Schools along with many others. Some of the ongoing programs we also sponsor are Food Pantry Breakfast/Lunches, Common Threads and Day of Caring. We also continue our ongoing Prayer Shawl and Teddy Bear Ministries. Truly the Women at Seaside are making a difference—won't you join us if you are not already a member?

As the United Methodist Women (UMW) close out 2011, we would like to remind those who have not paid their pledges, to please do so by December 31. If you are a member of the UMW and did not have an opportunity to make a pledge this year, you may still make a donation by December 31. No amount is too small! As we approach the New Year and our Annual Pledge Service, it is also time to prayerfully consider what you can pledge for the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support!

"...their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving..."

Women's Day By The Sea

February 25, 2012

Seaside United Methodist Church is honored to host its 4th Annual Women's Day By The Sea on Saturday February 25, 2012. The day will begin at 8:30AM with a continental breakfast; the program starts at 9AM with a break for lunch and concludes in the sanctuary at 2:30PM. The fee for the event is \$25 and is open to all women.

Our guest speaker this year is Virelle Kidder. For over twenty-five years Virelle has been writing and speaking about the love of God. A full-time writer, Virelle once hosted her own daily radio talk show in New York's capital district. Now living in Florida, she is still focused on encouraging women on their spiritual journey. She is the author of six books including her newest releases, *Meet Me at the Well* and *The Best Life Ain't Easy*. Virelle served for many years as a contributing writer for *Today's Christian Woman* and she is widely published in several national magazines including *Decision*, *Pray!*, *Journey*, *HomeLife*, *Tapestry* and others.

Lisa Trover, our soloist, comes to us from Ohio. A Moody Radio personality, Lisa loves to encourage women through conferences, songwriting for Lifeway Workshop and her daily radio program. Lisa is a founding member of the Circle of Friends leadership team and has also contributed to projects produced by national ministries NEED HIM and American Family Radio. Lisa has also just released her new book, A Place to Belong, Out of our Comfort Zone and Into God's Adventure.

Registration begins December 1, 2011 and forms are available on-line at seasideumc.org. Brochures can be obtained at many local churches or by calling Seaside United Methodist church at 910-579-5753.

FIGS Circle

The Unit Meeting of the UMW was held on Monday, October 17th. The FIGS Circle hosted the event with a casserole dinner. Over 50 ladies attended the meeting, which included several UMW members from Camp UMC. Our guest speaker was Martha Worsley, a volunteer with the MATCH Program (Mothers and Their Children). This program is an interfaith organization created to address the needs of children and their incarcerated mothers. The women who attended Monday evening donated a total of \$503 to this wonderful program. For information regarding this program, please contact Martha Worsley at 919-819-7018 or director@prisonmatch.org.



*From the Desk of...
The Health & Wellness Director*

2011 is quickly drawing to a close!

We've had a busy year and we're counting our blessings for all the things we have to be thankful for.

Our Loss and the Holiday program was well-attended in November. Anyone who missed this class can sign up for the Wednesday, December 14th class from 3-5PM. Holidays are difficult when you've lost a loved one. Jean Roney of Lower Cape Fear Hospice will lead the session. Information on the class is provided below.

Our CPR/AED class is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3rd (See the announcement on the following page). We are asking that the ushers from all of the services please try to attend one of the classes. We feel that this will add additional support to the health and wellness of our congregation, and eventually we'd like to have *all* our ushers certified; however, the class is open to anyone wishing to attend. There will be another class in January for anyone who is unable to attend the class in December. There is a sign-up sheet outside the Health & Wellness office. Please note if you've been certified in the past two years or if this is your first certification. Thanks in advance for your participation in this very important, life-saving certification.

If anyone has borrowed equipment from the medical closet and are no longer using it, please return it to the church as soon as possible so that others may borrow it during their rehabilitation period. We are especially in need of wheelchairs. Don't forget to tell someone that you've returned the equipment so your name can be taken off the list. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

December Schedule:

- December 3rd CPR/AED classes
- December 14th Loss and the Holidays
w/ Jean Roney of Lower
Cape Fear Hospice

Alzheimer and Grandparents Support Groups

will continue to meet at their usual times.

Yoga will also continue on Monday at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise notified.

Blood Pressure checks are the second Sunday of the month.



Loss and the Holidays



Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCare Center Bereavement Services presents *Loss and the Holidays*, a one-session workshop for adults experiencing grief during the holiday season, from 3 to 5PM on Wednesday, December 14th, at Seaside United Methodist Church.

Grief group discussions include understanding the grief process; coping with loss; defining realistic expectations for the holidays; and suggestions for creating new holiday traditions.

The workshop is free, and donations are appreciated. Pre-registration is required. Call 754-5356 by November 4th to register. Please leave your name, phone number, date and place of the workshop you wish to attend.

Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter is a nonprofit agency that provides health care and comfort to people with life-limiting illness; support and counseling to families; and education to the community in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties.

Jean is also going to begin a new Grief Support Group in January. This will be held at Seaside UMC and will last approximately 4—6 weeks. More information will be available regarding dates and times as soon as they can be finalized. Check the weekly bulletin announcements and the January newsletter for information on how to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Roney, (910) 754-5356 or email her at: jean.roney@lcfh.org

CPR/AED Class



The Church will offer a CPR/AED (defibrillator) class on Saturday, December 3rd. It will take about 4—5 hours. If you haven't been certified in the past 2 years, you'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30—1:30 and if you just need recertification (you have been certified within the past 2 years), that class will be held from 2:30—5:30 on the same day. The cost has been reduced by borrowing the books, so they'll have to be returned after the class. Cost is \$20 and that includes the CPR/AED card. Books are available for pickup in the Nurse's office Tues. through Thurs. Any questions, call Carol Sigafos at 579-5753.

Stroke

What is Stroke? A stroke occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is suddenly interrupted or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts, spilling blood into the spaces surrounding brain cells. Brain cells die when they no longer receive oxygen and nutrients from the blood or there is sudden bleeding into or around the brain. The symptoms of a stroke include sudden numbness or weakness, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble with walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; or sudden severe headache with no known cause. There are two forms of stroke: *ischemic*—blockage of a blood vessel supplying the brain, and *hemorrhagic*—bleeding into or around the brain.

How do you recognize a Stroke? Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. You can usually recognize a stroke by asking the person three simple questions:

S – Ask the individual to SMILE.

T – Ask the person to TALK and Speak a simple sentence coherently (i.e., ask what the date is? Or who the president is).

R – Ask them to raise both arms.

There is also a new sign of a stroke—ask them to stick out their tongue. If the tongue is “crooked,” or if it goes to one side or the other, that is another indication of a stroke. If the person has trouble with any of these tasks, call the emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Is there any treatment? Generally there are three treatment stages for stroke: prevention, therapy immediately after the stroke, and post-stroke rehabilitation. Therapies to prevent a first or recurrent stroke are based on treating an individual's underlying risk factors for stroke, such as hypertension, atrial fibrillation, and diabetes. Acute stroke therapies try to stop a stroke while it is happening by quickly dissolving the blood clot causing an ischemic stroke or by stopping the bleeding of a hemorrhagic stroke. Post-stroke rehabilitation helps individuals overcome disabilities that result from stroke damage. Medication or drug therapy is the most common treatment for stroke. (anticoagulants) and thrombolytics.

The most popular classes of drugs used to prevent or treat stroke are antithrombotics (antiplatelet agents and

What is the prognosis? Although stroke is a disease of the brain, it can affect the entire body. A common disability that results from stroke is complete paralysis on one side of the body, called *hemiplegia*. A related disability that is not as debilitating as paralysis is one-sided weakness or *hemiparesis*. Stroke may cause problems with thinking, awareness, attention, learning, judgment, and memory. Stroke survivors often have problems understanding or forming speech. A stroke can lead to emotional problems. Stroke patients may have difficulty controlling their emotions or may express inappropriate emotions. Many stroke patients experience depression. Stroke survivors may also have numbness or strange sensations. The pain is often worse in the hands and feet and is made worse by movement and temperature changes, especially cold temperatures.

Look Good, Feel Better!

This is a program sponsored by the American Cancer Society, for women who are in various stages of cancer and/or treatment. This program offers step-by-step makeover learning sessions led by cosmetology professionals using products donated by the cosmetic industry. Each two-hour, hands-on workshop includes a 12-step skin care and makeup lesson, nail care techniques, and professional advice on how to deal with hair loss using wigs, scarves, hats, hairpieces, and other accessories.

Those who attend receive personal attention and take home instruction booklets and complimentary cosmetic kits in shades that match their skin tones. Each year, more than 50,000 individuals participate in small groups of five to ten that create a sense of support and community.

This program is held at the South Atlantic Radiation and Oncology building at 545 Ocean Highway W, Supply, NC 28462 (on Hwy. 17, next to the “old” Brunswick Community Hospital). If you have any questions, or to register, call Rachel Urban at 254-4870. The program meets the third Monday of the month from 3—5PM. All are welcome!

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a church at night. The church is illuminated from within, with several windows glowing yellow. A large, bright star with a long vertical trail is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the sky. The overall color palette is dark blue and purple.

“All Is Calm, All Is Bright”

Adult Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 11th

At

4:00 PM & 7:00PM

*Free tickets are available in the Church
office.*

*Please call the Church office at
910-579-5753 to make nursery
reservations.*

“A Seaside Christmas Celebration”

Sunday, December 4, 2011

5:30 PM Musical Program

6:15 PM Bring heavy hors d'oeuvre to share in the
Fellowship Hall



GOD BLESS YOU, AND HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	2	3 8:00 am CPR/AED training class 2:00 pm CPR/AED training
4 8:00 am Early Worship (Communion) 9:30 am Blended Worship 5:30 pm A Seaside Christmas Celebration	5 9:30 am Women's Day by the Sea 10:00 am Yoga 5:00 pm Communications	6 10:00 am WISP 12:30 pm Worship Planning Staff 1:30 pm Disciple I 6:00 pm Instr Ensemble 7:00 pm Classical Ens	7 9:00 am Disciple III 10:00 am Stephen Leaders 4:30 pm Joyful Noise 5:30 pm Jubilee Handbells 6:30 pm Presence of God 6:30 pm Praise Team	8 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	9	10 9:00 am Prayer Warriors
11 8:00 am Early Worship (Communion) 9:30 am Blended Worship 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Christmas Cantata 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata	12 10:00 am Yoga	13 12:30 pm Worship Planning Staff 1:00 pm Diabetes Support Group 1:30 pm Disciple I	14 9:00 am Disciple III 1:00 pm Nurture 3:00 pm Loss & Holidays 4:00 pm Exe Comm 4:30 pm Joyful r 5:30 pm Jubilee Handbells 6:30 pm Praise	15 1:30 pm Alzheimer's Support Group 4:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Mid Service Choir 8 & 11 Choir	16	17
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25 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship (With Communion) 5:00 pm Youth handbells 5:30 pm United Methodist Youth	26 9:00 am Disciple III 4:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir 5:30 pm Jubilee Handbells 6:30 pm Praise Team	27 5:30 pm Mid Service Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm 8 & 11 Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30	31

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 1

Birthdays:
Dawn Thompson
Gilbert Johnson

December 2

Birthdays:
Geri Piazza
Bob Arace
Marilyn Schenck
Sandy Payne

December 3

Birthdays:
Lorraine McConaghie
Lenora Cherry

December 4

Birthdays:
Michelle Difloure
Charles Gurreri
Betty Osborne
Robert Rivenbark

December 5

Birthdays:
Bob Eckard
Kathy Preston
Robert Dolbow
Anniversaries:
Walter & Marion Martens

December 6

Birthdays:
Byron Wauters
Isabelle Waldron
Judy Wallace

December 7

Birthdays:
Roger Crook
Audrie Young

December 8

Birthdays:
Marion Martens

December 9

Birthdays:
Charlotte Sweeney
Ruthie Cramer
Mary Jane Wilson Parsons

December 10

Birthdays:
Mary Bruton
Joan Rutzahn
Richard Walker
Judy Lynch
Sherri Shytle
Delane Chappell

December 10

Birthdays:
Emmie Young
Shawn Worth

December 11

Birthdays:
Laura Hosfield
Anniversaries:
Gaylee & Florence Strickland

December 12

Birthdays:
June Donley
Catherine Farrington
Louise Moseley
Ken Harris
Lomie Lou Bazemore
Phyllis Billingsley

December 13

Birthdays:
Bruce Bowden
Barbara Ayres

December 14

Birthdays:
Carley Coates
Alice Eckley
Betty Donovan
David Marlowe

December 15

Birthdays:
Ron McClellan
Anniversaries:
Greg & Phyllis Tucker

December 16

Birthdays:
Miriam Marks
Bruce Rutzahn
John Myers
Michael Hetrick
Anniversaries:
Henry & Judy Lynch

December 17

Birthdays:
Marge Comer
Janet Benton
Anniversaries:
Don & Gwen Wiseman

December 18

Anniversaries:
Tom & Linda Herncane

December 19

Birthdays:
Pat Lehman
Ronald Sorice

December 19

Anniversaries:
Wayne & Judy Smith
Justin & Amanda Wright

December 20

Birthdays:
Marguerite York
Sheila King
Anniversaries:
John & Liz Franz

December 21

Birthdays:
Frank Coates
Anniversaries:
Alan & Gail Hanna

December 22

Birthdays:
Betsy Russell

December 23

Birthdays:
Don Haigler
Tom Birmingham
Peggy McKay
Anniversaries:
Bill & Ronda Sale

December 24

Birthdays:
Michael Milliken
Courtney Milliken
Mickie Borders
Byron Nelson

December 25

Birthdays:
Ann Hucks

December 26

Birthdays:
Linda Pazillo

December 27

Birthdays:
Bev Phieffer
Sybil Apsega
Jeanne Williams
Anniversaries:
Jim & Marge Comer

December 28

Birthdays:
Barry Hartman
Greg Crecelius
Anniversaries:
Ron & Bonnie Sorice

December 29

Birthdays:
Allen Hick
Sandra Kertcher
Sherry Blalock
Anniversaries:
Randy & Sandra Shuford

December 30

Anniversaries:
Dick & Cindy Fickes
Brian & Milly Houger

December 31

Birthdays:
Vickie Acton
Anniversaries:
John & Sandy Payne

Outreach

I have to admit there are some people who read Computers For Dummies and evidently still don't get it I must be one. In October I wrote my article for *Currents* and sent it off never giving it another thought until I went to read November's issue of *Currents* and guess what, my article was NOT there! Unfortunately, it must be out there in computer waste land. It would help a lot if I could just remember exactly what I wrote but again, I fall short in the memory department. I will try for the high points!

Due to the busy holiday season we are holding off until January or February for Not Your Mamma's Bake Sale. We are starting a new feature in our newsletter from Outreach. It is *Spotlight On*. Each month we will feature one of the committees on Outreach to let you know what they do and how they work—maybe something will interest you enough to become involved. The first one was to be Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity (for November). For December it is the Free Store. So this will be a two for one article. From Steve Bostian, with Habitat:

“Brunswick County Habitat volunteers are expecting to complete their 37th house located just off Highway 130, near the Columbus County line, by the end of this year. After it is completed, they will start a house on property donated by Carolina Shores at 478 Acres Lane. The staff and volunteers are right on target to complete five houses in Brunswick County this Year.

“I am a retired electrician and now a Habitat construction volunteer. God has blessed me in many ways, and I am grateful. He has given me the ability and opportunity to learn a skilled trade, which has provided a good living for my family. I feel wonderfully fortunate that I can now give back to the community by helping families who are not as fortunate. Witnessing the gratitude of those who receive the Habitat homes and watching them put sweat equity in their future home is payment enough for me and the other volunteers.

“Please consider volunteering your time or donating money to help with this Carolina Shores Habitat House and the others that will follow. I assure you that everyone is welcome to help. We have skilled people to lead all phases of construction so you do not have to have a skill to be of service. Your personal rewards will be great. May God's blessings and guidance be with you as you consider this worthwhile project.”

Thank you so much Steve for this wonderful testimony about Habitat. I hope those reading this will pray and consider helping.

At this time of year we are all aware of our blessings and can see how fortunate we are, especially when we look around and realize that not everyone has what we have—not only at the holidays but all year round.

What do we do? At the holidays we tend to give more toward helping with meals. But that's a short-term solution. We feel good for the holidays by giving more or doing more. But what about the rest of the year? Sandie Bell had an idea. More like a burning desire! An I-will-not-take-no-for-an-answer-this-is-going-to-happen attitude! She wanted to start a Free Store. And so she did. “Edge of the Field” became a reality.

Leviticus 19:9-10

When you reap the harvest of your field, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyards: you shall leave them for the poor and the alien/ I am the Lord your God.

The message is pretty clear. We are required as Christians to share with others. The passage doesn't say, *if* you've had a particularly good year or *if* you are in a generous mood. It says YOU SHALL NOT reap to the edges of the field. Colleen McGregor spoke on Laity Sunday about Jesus showing us the greatest love by laying down his life for us. She also said that the Bible stresses that our love for others is a response to the love of Jesus for us. Jesus tells us to “love one another as I have loved you.” This is the philosophy behind the Free Store and Food Pantry. It defines us as Christians when we take care of each other. I am so proud to be a member of a church that enables us to reach out to others in Christian love. When we sang *They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love*, on Laity Sunday, I hope it touched your heart as it did mine. I thank all of my Christian friends for supporting the Food Pantry and the “Edge of the Field” Free Store—in His Love, due to the efforts of many, but especially Sandie Bell. It only takes one person and one idea to change things for the entire year not just a season. Thank you Sandie for all you do, you are greatly appreciated.

Remember the reason for the Season. Hope you and yours have a Blessed Holiday,

Barb Bowden

the journey

*forgiveness, restorative justice
and reconciliation*

Stephanie Hixon and Thomas Porter

SAVE THE DATE!

Wilmington District Spiritual Day Apart

Saturday, February 11, 2012
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Pine Valley United Methodist Church
3788 Shipyard Blvd.
Wilmington, NC

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult & Children

9:30 am

and

11:00 am

Seaside UMYF

First of all, thanks to everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast, it was a tremendous success and we enjoyed serving you!

Second, don't forget to order your Seaside T-shirt, polo shirt and hat. They are on sale in the Fellowship Hall between services. There are several colors to choose from and the cost is \$15 for T-shirts and hats, \$20 for polo shirts. They make great Christmas gifts!

As this year draws to an end we would like to thank our church family for all your support and prayers. We would also like to extend a special thank you to those who have provided snack suppers each week—you feed us well!

December Schedule

Date	Time	Program
12/4/11	5:30 – 7:00	Regular Lesson
12/11/11	No UMYF	Christmas Cantata
12/18/11	5:30 – 7:00	Christmas Party



8th Annual Ocean Isle Beach Bridge Run for Food Half Marathon & 5K Run / Walk

Saturday, January 7, 2012.

Proceeds benefit
South Brunswick Interchurch Council Food Pantry

Cost

\$40 for Half Marathon Run
\$30 for 5K Run / Walk.

Trophies are awarded by age groups & gender.

Sign up on the application form attached to the poster in the church

OR

Online at www.active.com

Even if you don't want to run or walk, you can help by becoming a volunteer.

Questions? Call Mary Pritchard 579-4684.