

## RESIDENT ALIENS: LIFE IN THE CHRISTIAN COLONY

One of the most discussed theological books of the last quarter century is the subject of this year's Convocation and Pastor's School at Duke. The title is, *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony*, and it has just been reissued on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its publication.

The book, written by professors Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon offered a profound challenge to the ways in which the church has accommodated itself to its culture, particularly in the North American context of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century—in other words, the way WE have accommodated OURSELVES as a church to OUR culture (not to put too fine a point on it).

Hauerwas and Willimon call us to return to the unique practices of the church, which only make sense if we take Jesus' incarnation, life, death and resurrection seriously.

The day before I left for Convocation, I preached a sermon on Jean Vanier, founder of the L'Arche communities. I wanted to do one of our sermon series Sundays on Vanier—and on that Sunday in particular—because in so many ways he exemplifies the kind of practice that *Resident Aliens* would call us to follow. Vanier and L'Arche approach the issue of mental disability not as a problem to be solved or an illness to be cured. Rather, the L'Arche communities see people living with such disabilities as sons and daughters of God, as in need of love and acceptance and grace as any of the rest of us. Therefore, L'Arche assistants model the love of God with the same kind of promise that God makes to his people through all ages: "I will be with you." Not "till the end of my shift," not "till something better comes along," and not even, "until you get better and can take care of yourself." L'Arche represents a profound commitment of time and presence that does not make sense in a world that does not know what to do with a "problem that we cannot fix." Vanier recognizes that loneliness is one of the things that plague us most profoundly in the world today. And the solution is the promise of God that "I will be with you" is the only permanent and complete solution. L'Arche and the church join God in living out that promise.

In the late 80s I visited with an elderly woman who's father was a physician at the turn of the last century—before vaccines, and before penicillin. She had one of his medical schoolbooks on the coffee table. I had an opportunity to browse through its pages while she fixed us coffee. What struck me was the instructions related to the care of someone with pneumonia—an often fatal disease before the age of antibiotics. It talked about the bedside vigil, ways to soothe the fever and comfort the patient while waiting for the "crisis" to pass. Mentally, I contrasted those instructions with the behavior of a surgeon I had recently witnessed walk into a patient's room after a surgery and announce that the patient had cancer and there was nothing more that he could do. He turned on his heel and walked away and did not visit the patient again.

Hauerwas tells clergy that we are privileged to be present in people's pain and their death. To do that, we must be formed as a people of prayer. To be present in that way requires that we rely on the God who says I will be with you and is so committed to that promise that he was willing to die on the cross in order to fulfill it. That's the only way such a practice makes sense.

Scott

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2nd  
Daylight Savings  
&  
CROP Walk

November 5th  
Managing Diabetes

November 9th  
Strength for Service

November 19th  
Surviving The Holidays

November 23-29th  
National Bible Week

November  
Hanging of the Greens  
TBA

November  
Christmas Tree Sales  
Thanksgiving Week

December 7th  
Seaside Christmas

December 14th  
Christmas Cantata  
"Three Gifts"  
4 and 7 pm

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:**

Linda Baker  
 Bruce & Linda Bowden  
 Ann & Lafayette Bowman  
 Bill & Lillian Bright  
 Frances Broome  
 Harry Clatterbuck  
 Linda Clayton  
 Bill & Ginny Coats  
 Marg Comer  
 Perry Day  
 Tom & Jeanne Deacon  
 Marge Duffy  
 Ken & Mary Eaton  
 Marilyn & Bob Eronimous  
 Terry Featherstone  
 Geraldine Floyd  
 Grief/Share  
 Donna Groenke  
 Pat Haniquet  
 Susanne Harris  
 Paula & Daniel Hernandez  
 Tom Herncane  
 Gene & Lorraine Hoge  
 Tabatha & Crystal Huggett  
 Gil & Kathy Johnson Family  
 Sandy & Gary Kershner  
 Donna Lloyd  
 Family O Ted Loop  
 Walt & Marion Martens  
 Janet McComb  
 Diane Middleton  
 Lorraine Norman  
 Betty Oakes  
 Phil Parker  
 Carolyn Powell  
 Bev Pheiffer  
 Prayer Warriors  
 Betty Pursey  
 Debbie Sain-Bissett  
 Jack & Kathy Scalise  
 Church & Betty Scott  
 Gerald & JoAnn Scott  
 Seaside UMC Staff  
 Susan Seidel  
 Dot Sellers  
 Randy Shuford  
 Dale Schutt & family  
 Charity & Larry Smith  
 Jimmy Smith  
 Mel South  
 Stephen Ministers  
 Marge Stone  
 Danice & Connie Stout  
 SS Volunteers & Students  
 Bud Sweetman  
 Dawn Thompson  
 Mildred Trenchard  
 UMYF & Leaders  
 Ed & Lorraine Usher

**Members Continued:**

Kitty White  
 Bev, Mandee & Mike Williams  
 Marybeth & Jim Yeager  
 Family of Caroline Young

**Friends**

Patricia Abbruzzi  
 Herman Anderson  
 Carol Androski  
 Mary Androski  
 Carolyn Arney  
 Wilson, Dawn & Thomas Baker  
 Brendon Bennett  
 Zach Bernier  
 Len Best  
 Bob Billups  
 Donald Bradley  
 Ray Brown  
 Meghan Bucci  
 Ed Bye & Family  
 Richard & Susan Canipe  
 Mona Kay & Bill Carter  
 Linda & Bill Chambers  
 Children of the World  
 Denise Cooley  
 Cooper Family  
 Libby Copeland & family  
 Joann Curry  
 Caleb Davis  
 Keller Davis & family  
 D'Avolio family  
 Divorce Care Group  
 Scott Dustin  
 George & Ro Edwards  
 Etta Erickson  
 Mark Foley  
 Helen Forbes  
 Barbara Thayer Foster  
 Jackie & Bill Gano  
 Dan Gentile  
 Judy Goodman  
 Calvin Green  
 Charlie Guerreri  
 Wayne Haigler  
 Mack & Patti Mannah  
 Kalani Haynes  
 Danny Helderman  
 Patsy Hendrix  
 Rhonda Hester  
 Norma Hewitt  
 Carol Jenkins  
 Claire & Benjamin Keiwart  
 Michael & Mary Kinslow  
 Karen LaVale  
 Johnny Lawson  
 Nathan Leckey & family  
 Jack Levine  
 P.J. Lewis  
 Jim & Jane Love  
 Marg Macy

**Friends Continued:**

Taylor Madison  
 Brian Marsh  
 Karsen McGee  
 Dottie McVaugh  
 Barbara Mears  
 Jeff Miller  
 Leigh Ann Morse  
 Family Of Alfred Munger  
 Kathryn Murphy & Berwin Inman  
 Jo O'Keefe  
 Our Nation & Our World  
 Paula & family  
 Family of Jim Perry  
 John Pheiffer  
 Amanda Plummer  
 Preschool Teachers  
 Rick Ramsey  
 Veronica & Patrick Ready  
 Joe Rinaldi  
 Mae Roberson  
 Lewis Rowles & family  
 Nellie Shuford  
 Donna Leigh Sotomeyer  
 Midge Sparks  
 Caitlin Spinnato  
 Phillip & Jennifer Stavonovic  
 Danny Tanner  
 Becky Temple  
 Victims of Violence & Abuse  
 Christian & Shannon Viera  
 Elsie Walsh  
 Alice Weber  
 George Weber  
 Jack Whitley, Jr  
 Phil Wiles  
 Garl Wiles, Jr  
 Jennifer Wyatt  
 Clement & Anna May York

**Serving Our Country:**

Alex Blust  
 Brad Borders  
 Matthew Bronson  
 Chad Bryson  
 Oliver Clayton  
 Jeremy Courtney  
 Dodge Dustin  
 Charles Kelley  
 William (Willy) Mabry  
 Marschal Martens  
 Aaron Pait  
 Zachary Rushing  
 John Vernaue  
 Christopher Wallace

**Prayer Warriors**

Unless we hear from those requesting prayer, we will remove names after one month.

Please contact:  
Marlen Mapes—  
 mjmapes@atmc.net  
 phone 575-6007  
Candie Meier—  
 dandcmeier@atmc.net  
 phone 575-3531  
Freddie Tatum—  
 fetatum@atmc.net  
 phone 579-1187

All Members & Friends in Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes or in Home Care

All friends & family members un-churched

All those experiencing Separation or Divorce

All those un or under employed

**LECTIONARY BIBLE  
READINGS**

**November 2**

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

**November 9**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 16**

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123 or Psalm 76  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**November 23**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

**November 30**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37



**FOOD PANTRY REPORT  
AUGUST**

Seniors—181  
Adults—424  
Children—241

Total served—846

There were 5 Tuesdays in September, which accounts for the greater number of recipients. On average we served 53 families each week.

Special thanks to  
The Knights of Columbus,  
Ocean Isle Beach Property Owners  
Association,  
Calabash Presbyterian Church,  
Calabash Lions Club,  
and our Seaside family for their  
generous support of this outreach  
mission of our church.

**MEMORIA &  
HONORARIUMS**

***In Memory of:***

Bill McDonald  
***Given by:***  
Susan McDonald

***In Memory of:***

Marvin Braddy  
***Given by:***  
Susan McDonald

***In Honor of:***

Ed Gore  
***Given by:***  
Susan McDonald

**OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD  
SHOEBOXES  
DUE NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

On Sunday, October 26th, there was an Operation Christmas Child brochure in the Sunday bulletin providing details on how to fill a shoebox. Your gift-filled shoebox can be placed under the table outside Fellowship Hall. This is a mission program in which everyone can participate. These boxes need to be brought to the church by Sunday, November 16th. The Outreach Committee thanks you for your participation in this project. Please call Carol Matthews, 575-4267, if you have any questions.



**ATTENDANCE  
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sept 7	124	168	173
Sept 14	139	189	149
Sept 21 (one service)	388		
Sept 28	123	171	140

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sept 7	42
Sept 14	48
Sept 21	no classes
Sept 28	51

**WARM WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW MEMBERS:**

Doug & Linda Bohman joined SUMC Sunday, September 14th. They join by transfer of membership from Vernon UMC, Vernon, NJ. .

Contact Doug & Linda at:  
1424 Courtland Place NW  
Calabash, NC 28467  
Doug Cell: 201-341-5207  
Linda Cell: 973-534-0747

Ken & Debby Wensel joined SUMC Sunday, September 14th. by transfer of membership from New Life FMC, Endicott, NY.

Contact Ken & Debby at:  
1009 Coleto Creek Lane  
Carolina Shores, NC 28467  
Ken Cell: 607 240 9501  
Debby Cell: 607 761 8451

Alicia Gillen joined SUMC on October 12th by transfer from Temple Baptist Church, New Bern, NC.

Contact Alicia at:  
7120 Channel 1, SW  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
Cell 393-7100

Ed & Kathy Keller joined SUMC on October 19th by transfer from Asbury UMC, Allentown, PA

Contact Ed & Kathy at:  
6605 Sidbury Ln, SW  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
Tele 579-9290  
Ed's Cell 610 554 8657  
Kathy's cell 610 297 5153

Wade & Ginny Goynes joined SUMC on October 19th by transfer from First United Methodist, Ashland, PA

Contact Wade & Ginny at:  
111 Windsor Cir SW  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469  
Wade's cell 570 594 1448  
Ginny's cell 570 590 4634

**CROP WALK**  
**2014**

Church World Service (CWS) will be holding the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday,

November 2, 2014, to fight hunger for people globally and locally. Last year, Seaside's participation was excellent and we would like to invite even more people to join in.

The Crop Walk itself is a relatively short walk, beginning at Calvary Baptist Church in Shallotte, and following along Main Street to the Eastside World Outreach Church otherwise known as the "purple" church, and returning to Calvary. Last year, we promoted sponsorship of church members, including staff members, who volunteered to walk and we need even more people to walk with us this year. There is a trophy for the church in South Brunswick County who raises the most money in donations!

Please visit the Crop Walk information table in the Fellowship Hall between services October 26 & November 2nc. You will find information about CWS—who and how they help across the world. The SBIC food pantry in Shallotte is the local recipient of funding from CWS. Come join us in the fun, good exercise, and the knowledge that you are helping fight hunger worldwide.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the time and effort you took to honor Ed during his Memorial Service. Our family appreciates so much the outpouring of love and support shown by all of you. The phone calls, the visits, the wonderful food, the Memorial gifts, the cards, the beautiful flowers and especially the prayers.

We want to thank Scott and Mary Jane for all of their love and support and for the wonderful words spoken. Thank you Kathryn and the choir for singing the special song that was one of Ed's favorites. I don't think the choir has ever sounded any better.

Thanks to Linda Ladrack for honoring Ed's wishes and singing that beautiful song he loved so dearly.

Love and Hugs,  
The Ed Gore Family



**"SONGS OF SEASIDE"**

**"Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19**

The Joyful Noise Children's Choir will sing Sunday, November 2nd at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. They are learning the names of Jesus' disciples and what it means to be a disciple. I hope you will enjoy their songs about the disciples and encourage them with your presence.

**Yes**, tickets will be available for the Christmas Cantata on Monday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come by the office and pick up your free tickets! Let your family and friends know and make plans to join us on December 14th for a fabulous cantata, *Three Gifts, Our Christmas Offering*.

Our Jubilee Handbell Choir will participate in the Capitol Area Handbell Festival in Raleigh on November 7-8. We are excited to join with other handbell choirs under the direction of Michael Helman. We are looking forward to learning and having loads of fun!

Don't forget we will celebrate another 25th Anniversary Sunday on Nov. 16th with Pastor Liz Roberts joining us for all 3 services. The choir is singing a "surprise" anthem for Liz . . . one of the songs we sang at her wedding! We look forward to sharing this time of celebration with her!

On Friday, Nov. 21st, the SUMC Instrumental Ensemble and Harmony will share their music with residents of Autumn Care in Shallotte. Thank you to those members for taking time to bring music to nursing home residents in our community.

**CALLING ALL MEN**: November is a month with 5 Sundays, so you know what that means. November 30th is Lomie Lou's 5th Sunday Men's Choir. Meet us in the choir room at 10:40 for rehearsal. This will be the first Sunday of Advent! What a great way to start the Advent season as we prepare for Christmas!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I am so thankful for all of you and appreciate your kindness and generosity to the Music Ministry of Seaside UMC. Blessings to all!  
With a voice of singing,  
Kathryn

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT  
& SPECIAL GIFTS**

Donor Story to  
Avoid Capitals Gains Tax

John and Judy had made solid investments in securities and built a sizable portfolio. They were happy their investments had increased substantially in value, but they were also worried that their capital gains tax would be sizeable.

They had supported the work of their church with regular giving over the years, so they were interested in giving some of their nest egg to their church. Through a friend they learned that they could make a gift of the appreciated stock to the church and avoid the capital gains tax. They were thrilled to learn that after transferring their portfolio to a Charitable Remainder Trust, the Trust would sell the stock tax-free.

Judy liked the fact that the trust would provide them with income during their retirement years. If something happened to John, she would be taken care of for the remainder of her life. In addition, the total amount of the gift could be taken as a tax deduction!

When Judy passes, the church would have the remainder to continue God's work, which is what John and Judy wanted as their legacy.

They thought that perhaps if more couples in retirement knew about Charitable Remainder Trusts, they might want to establish one also!  
How about you?

**THANK YOU**

Abundant thanks for the prayers, messages, calls and concern during my recent and thankfully brief respiratory episode. I could feel the loving arms of my Lord comforting as I panicked when I couldn't catch my breath and knew I was being surrounded with prayer. It is so wonderful to have such a caring and faithful church family.

With much love,  
Bernice Lewis

**25TH ANNIVERSARY  
MISSIONS AT SEASIDE**

November 16th

Church Missions displayed in  
the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Liz Roberts will preach at all  
3 services.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, November 10th, at 10 a.m. in the parlor. For more information contact Carol Matthews, 575-4267.

The M&M (Mary and Martha) Circle—formerly known as the Mary Magdalene Circle—will meet on Friday, November 14th, at 10 a.m. in Room 210. All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact June Donley, 575-5467, or Cathey Casalini, 508-6953.

The FIGS (Friends in God's Service) Circle will meet on Monday, November 17th, at 7 p.m. Carol Matthews and Bernita Magee, co-chairs of the Outreach Committee will brief us about the Teddy Bear and Prayer Shawl Ministries. For more information, contact Pat Melvin, 287-7090, or Barb Bernauer, 287-5648.

The FIGS Circle have tentative plans for a Christmas Luncheon on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Clark's Restaurant in Little River. Part of the program will be an exchange of Christmas ornaments. All women of the church are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Pat Melvin, 287-7090, or Barb Bernauer, 287-5648.

**11:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CLASS FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 4th, the class will begin a study of Adam Hamilton's new book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*. The six-week format will be DVD presentations and class discussion. Adam has chosen what he thinks are the most important questions we ask about the Bible, its origins and means. For Hamilton, the issue is how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life changing and life giving. The class meets in room 210, 11:00-12:00 Sunday mornings. You do NOT have to sign up for the class. Karen Gaddy will be the facilitator.

**Coming in December:**

"The Purpose of Christmas" Facilitated by Stefanie Riley, Director of Formation and Program.

## **STOP HUNGER NOW**

Seaside UMC had five representatives participate in the Stop Hunger Now program on Saturday, September 27th at Whiteville UMC in Whiteville. Our small group of five, working alongside many others—all in white hairnets—packaged 25,000 meals in less than four hours for shipment to Liberia to help in the Ebola crisis.

Looking around the room it was many different individuals working with a common cause. It was the sound of happy conversation and the mixture of people of various ages doing assigned tasks that made the flow of the assembly line turn into a smooth process beginning with unloading the truck, combining the ingredients for the individual bags and ending with a finished meal being sealed and shrink wrapped onto pallets and then loaded back into the truck.

For the workers it was less than four hours on a Saturday morning. For the recipients it will be nourishment for body and spirit. The two most frequently heard comments as we departed were: "It was good to be part of this," and "When can we do this again?"

In addition to the hours worked and through the generosity of several individuals and a donation from the UMW we were able to take a monetary donation for Stop Hunger Now to help defray the cost of shipping these meals to Liberia.

Thanks to Carolyn and Bob Hankins and the many others at Whiteville UMC who worked hard to organize this and whose efforts made it so successful. Thanks to JoCarol Allen, Isabelle Waldron, Karen Gaddy and June & Ron Donley who represented Seaside UMC in this wonderful and worthwhile project. Perhaps if a StopHunger Now event is in our are again we can take our church bus loaded with workers to participate. To learn more about Stop Hunger Now you can go to: [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)

## **STRENGTH FOR SERVICE SUNDAY**

Sponsored by Health and Wellness

Join us on November 9<sup>th</sup>, for **Strength for Service Sunday**. *Strength for Service to God and Country* is a book of daily devotionals, first printed in 1942, for millions of military service personnel, at home and in the battle field. It's being re-printed today under the aegis of United Methodist Men and is distributed to those in the military, scouting, firefighters, police, paramedics and other service personnel. Books will be available for purchase or you may purchase to benefit others after each service on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **PROVIDENCE HOME**

Interested in getting involved in a Ministry that benefits the children of Brunswick County and was born right here at Seaside UMC? Seventeen years ago, Seaside UMC made history in Brunswick County when Providence Home, a non-duplicated essential Emergency Service, opened its doors.


Providence Home, Brunswick County's only Emergency Teen Shelter, provides safe and nurturing shelter, at no cost to the families, for youth, ages 10-17, who, through no fault of their own, are faced with an emergency or crisis and cannot remain with their families.

Outside of the support and generosity of the many communities, churches, civic organizations, and businesses in Brunswick County, the primary funding source for the operation of Providence Home is the 3 Sheltered Treasures Thrift Stores, located in Ocean Isle Beach, Calabash, and Southport.

How can you get involved in this wonderful Ministry you ask? Providence Home is looking for Board Members and/or Thrift Store Volunteers with a passion for the protection of Brunswick County Youth!

If you would like more information, contact Board President Jamie Shoemaker.

Be A Walker  
A Sponsor  
A Volunteer



**SHALLOTTE/  
SOUTH  
BRUNSWICK**

**CROP HUNGER WALK**

**Date:** November 2, 2014  
**Time:** . Registration: 2 p.m.  
Opening Ceremony: 2:30 p.m.  
Walk at 2:40 p.m.  
**Location:** Calvary Baptist Church, 623 Village Road, Shallotte, NC.  
**Contact:** Contact Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe or Bill Grothe,  
CROP Hunger Walk Chairpersons, at 910-575-1247.

**Daylight Savings Time—November 2nd (turn clocks back 1 hour)**

**SEASIDE**  
**METHODIST**  
**YOUTH**

October has been a fantastic month for our Seaside Youth Fellowship! We have traveled with

Jesus as we have studied his words for us today, made new friends, eaten a LOT of yummy food, and played some games that have made us laugh and grow closer to one another.

We especially want to extend a "Thank You" to the congregation for supporting our Pancake Breakfast. We received \$ 1018. in donations. These donations will help supplement the costs of our upcoming trips, gatherings and mission projects. Your support makes all the difference in the world to our youth as our youth strive to make a difference in our world!

Our month concluded with our own S "Boo" MC Halloween Party. We had a great time carving pumpkins, winning candy and prizes and even watching *It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!* The youth also served as volunteers at our Trunk or Treat celebration, helping the little ones with the games and trick or treating.

We are gearing up for our trip to Pilgrimage in Fayetteville in early November. It is sure to be a great time of worship, Bible study, community building and maybe even some fun thrown into the mix. Please keep our teens in your prayers November 7-9, and ask God for safe travels and that God's power and Spirit would move our teens into a closer relationship with Christ through our journey to Pilgrimage.

*If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in our youth ministry, please contact Stefanie Riley at [sriley@seasideumc.org](mailto:sriley@seasideumc.org) or 910-579-5753.*



November 2nd

**Special Note**  
**Beginning Jan. 2015 the**  
**newsletter deadline will be**  
**the 15th of each month.**  
**December**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
**November 10th**



We began our fifth cycle of GriefShare on September 5<sup>th</sup> and

now have eleven participants actively involved. With each cycle our groups seem to form bonds quickly and support one another. This cycle will run through December 12<sup>th</sup> and our welcome mat is always out for those who wish to join us. We meet on Fridays in the Choir Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" will be offered on November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. This video seminar features interviews with top Christian experts on grief and recovery topics and testimonies from people who have experienced the holidays after bereavement. Small group discussion of the materials presented during the video will follow. Registration is required so we can order books for everyone. There is a \$4.00 fee to cover the cost of the participant book/devotional. To register, or if you have further questions, you may call Milly Houger – 910 579-2603 or Jim McNeill – 910 579-2405.

### **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

While we are all enjoying a beautiful fall season, I am thinking ahead for a change and looking for those of you with the gifts of writing and speaking.

First, we will be looking to schedule the Scripture Readers for 2015. Some of our readers have moved away so we do have opportunities available for anyone who would like to participate in our service of Worship in the coming year. If you feel called to do so, please let your lay leaders know.

Secondly, as we have for several years, we will be participating in the Lenten Devotional booklet. Members of the Churches in our area submit writings based upon scripture selected for the season. It is a wonderful way to reach out with thoughts, feelings, experiences and inspirational messages to many people. Let us know if you would like to share your gift of the written word.

Last, but not least (why do people always say that?), we invite you to join with us on Laity Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. All services will be conducted with lay participation only.

Do you have gifts to share? Don't hide your light under a bushel . . .

From your Lay Servants: Pat Linnell, Art Bowden  
Dina Braddy and Gene Allen

**NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK AND THE HYMNAL**  
**NOVEMBER 23 – 29, 2014**

*By Dean McIntyre, excerpts – Christian Formation*

National Bible Week in the United States is annually observed from Sunday to Sunday of Thanksgiving week. It has been so observed since 1941 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first national proclamation. In the sixty-six years since, every president has issued a national proclamation, as have many governors and mayors, with U.S. senators and representatives also reading celebratory speeches into the Congressional Record.

At the local level, there are banquets and speeches. It has become as much a civil occasion as it is an observance in the church.

The emphasis in the local church has always been to encourage reading and study of the Bible and learning of biblical history and content. Our *United Methodist Hymnal* has a section called "The Book of the Church: Holy Scripture," numbers 594-603. Here's what the hymnal has to say about the Bible:

- \*594, "Come, Divine Interpreter": This Wesley hymn (text only) opens this section of the hymnal and asks God to give us eyes to read and ears to hear the "mystic words," so that we can understand and obey them, so that we will be blessed and reign triumphantly with God.
- \*595, "Whether the Word Be Preached or Read": This poem appeared with 253 texts in Wesley's 1783 *Scriptural Hymns*, a collection on the Old and New Testaments. It articulates Wesley's belief that following the words of Scripture is not enough—it must be accompanied with faith and Spirit-led actions in order to lead to "eternal gain."
- \*596, "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word": The Bible replaces our lack of knowledge, sense, and sight with unclouded truth; and Jesus' spirit works "all good within us."
- \*597, "For the Spirit of Truth": This African prayer asks for deliverance from not facing new truth, contentment with half-truth, and thinking we know all truth.
- \*598, "O Word of God Incarnate": Scripture guides our way in every age and shows the way to Christ for the whole world.
- \*599, "Break Thou the Bread of Life": Often confused as a Communion hymn, this text uses the image of the Bible as the "bread of life" to be opened (broken) as Christ broke loaves beside the sea; and as Jesus often blessed bread for physical nourishment, so do we ask him to bless the truth that we find in Scripture, also to our nourishment, to the end of bondage, and to our finding peace.
- \*600, "Wonderful Words of Life": Scripture contains "wonderful words of life" to be sung again and again by the believer, offered in love to the sinner, offering pardon and peace to all.
- \*601, "Thy Word Is a Lamp": Jesus and God's word show us the way to follow, relieving our fear, and offering a close presence till death.
- \*602, "Concerning the Scriptures": This prayer from The Book of Common Prayer acknowledges that God has provided the Bible for our learning and attaining everlasting life in Jesus.
- \*603, "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire": This Wesley hymn is really an exposition on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Stanza two speaks of the Spirit's moving the prophets to write and speak; and it is the Spirit who enables human understanding of the divine truth of Scripture.

Singing ABOUT Scripture, of course, is neither the same as nor a substitute for actually READING it. National Bible Week encourages us to do both.

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

CREATIVITY AND FAITH class will begin November 5th and run for 6 weeks. The class will meet 5:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday evenings in room 207. Kathy Duckworth is the facilitator.

Together, as a group, you will explore a variety of scriptures from the Old and New Testaments and other written resources to inspire your creativity. Each person will work in your own favorite medium, i.e., acrylic painting, watercolor, colored pencils. You will work on your own artwork or writing, to enhance your understanding of the evening reading. Some of the focus will be on Advent scriptures. You will discuss your "interpretation/creations" in a non-judging way to better understand the artist's perspective. Kathy's hope is to allow creativity to flow in an open setting with fellow Christian "artists." Beginning artists are welcome!



# **Making a Big Difference in Managing Diabetes**

**Presented By  
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- Worked for Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Center
- Worked for Diabetes Treatment Centers of America and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, NJ.

**Transform YOUR life with a Few  
Simple Choices**

November 5, 2014

3 pm

In the sanctuary

No Fee

No Registration required

Sponsored by The Health and Wellness Committee

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<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daylight Savings Clocks back 1 hour</i></p> <p>Worship Serv 8, 9:30, 11 11 School Class</p> <p>Crop Walk 2pm 7 AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1:15 Disc. I 3:30 Straighten up 4:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts &amp; UMM &amp; Inv. To the OT</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 &amp; 5 GED 10 Fd Pantry &amp; Staff Mtg. &amp; Forgiveness 1:30 Worship Plan 3:30 Tutoring 5 Comm. Mtg 6 Stephen Min. &amp; Classic Ens. 6:30 Divorce Care &amp; Sharing God's Word</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 Disciple II 10 Christ. Art &amp; Women Study 1 Stephen Leadders 1 &amp; 3 Tutoring 3 Yoga 4:30 Joyful Noise 5 Creativity/Faith 5:30 Handbells 6 Christian Believ. 6:30 Praise Team &amp; Numbers</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 &amp; 5 GED 9 Staff Mtg 10 Living w/ Grief 3 Tutoring 4 SPRC 5:30 Mid Serv Choir 6 Sanctuary Choir 6:30 CA and</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 Yoga 1:30 Grief/Share</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 Prayer Warriors</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>Worship 8, 9:30 &amp; 11 11 School Class 5:30 UMYF 7 AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1:15 Disciple I 3:30 Straighten Up 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 Church Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 &amp; 5 GED 10 Fd Pantry, Staff Mtg, 1:30p Worship Planning 6:30 Divorce Care</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>29</p>
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# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## **November 1**

### **Birthdays:**

Don McGregor

### **Anniversaries:**

Teddy & Vickie Acton  
Larry & Marie Vazzana

## **November 2**

### **Birthdays:**

Ken Doern

George Baumgartner

Patsy Wilson

### **Anniversaries:**

Joe & Ginny Cox

## **November 3**

### **Birthdays:**

Teresa Zuber

Kim Dusenbury

Jan Barr

Renee Long

### **Anniversaries:**

Joseph & Lois Santini

## **November 4**

### **Birthdays:**

Tom Singleton

Charles Little

Gerald Scott

Lorraine Norman

Mary Lombardi

Taylor Thomas

## **November 5**

### **Birthdays:**

Linda Bowden

Tom Ward

Al Troisi

Bill Hawkins

## **November 6**

### **Birthdays:**

Tom Puls

Cherri Hanna

Linda Herncane

John Holleman

Jay Stewart

Junius Stewart

### **Anniversaries:**

Tom & Deb Coyte

## **November 7**

### **Birthdays:**

Jack Borders

Scott Wilson-Parsons

Peter Macon

### **Anniversaries:**

Joe & Suzanne Sewell

Harry & Louisa Clatterbuck

## **November 8**

### **Birthdays:**

George Hoefler

Bernice Lewis

Sally Jones

Sarah Edwards

### **Anniversaries:**

Don & Mary Ann Collier

## **November 9**

### **Birthdays:**

Carol Sloper

Maxine Nance

## **November 10**

### **Birthdays:**

Jean Howard

Barbara Kosanke

Jane Boone

Joseph Schukal

Donald Haniquet

Brenda Causey

William Crews

### **Anniversaries:**

Jack & Judy Davis

Don & Cathy Casalini

## **November 11**

### **Birthdays:**

Gerry Hartman

### **Anniversaries:**

Bruce & Linda Bowden

## **November 12**

### **Birthdays:**

Bernice Gray

Marcia Zackary

Bernice Wilkinson

## **November 13**

### **Birthdays:**

Tommy Lloyd

Pat Melvin

## **November 14**

### **Birthdays:**

Gary Kershner

Kay Lloyd

Bill Morrow

Jeness Dearborn

Doug McKeever

## **November 15**

### **Birthdays:**

Judy Keill

Roger Rawley

Sean Henderson

### **Anniversaries:**

Harvey & Yvonne Hundley

## **November 16**

### **Birthdays:**

Jan Wright

Ronda Sale

George Nance

## **November 17**

### **Birthdays:**

Bob Schenck

Andrea Edge

### **Anniversaries:**

Bob & Carol Aspey

## **November 18**

### **Birthdays:**

Anne Doern

Carol Loop

Linda Ladrack

### **Anniversaries:**

Chuck & Pan Ellis

Terry & Mary Featherstone

Richard & Teresa Young

Ralph & Alice Eckley

## **November 19**

### **Birthdays:**

Thelma Randolph

Bill French

### **Anniversaries:**

Leo & Candie Macon

Gerald & Jo Ann Scott

## **November 20**

### **Birthdays:**

Joey Boslet

Katelyn Straub

### **Anniversaries:**

Tom & Cathi Birmingham

## **November 21**

### **Birthdays:**

Bill Sale

Diane Hoefler

Kitty White

### **Anniversaries:**

Terry & Beverly Britt

## **November 22**

### **Birthdays:**

Kathy Wood

Thomas Parsons

## **November 23**

### **Birthdays:**

Brian Robbins

Madonna Rawley

### **Anniversaries:**

Butch & Terri Hamilton

Fred & Neta Snediker

## **November 24**

### **Birthdays:**

Glenn Hess

Greta Cartrette

## **November 25**

### **Birthdays:**

Gaye Kerr

Marilyn Lefler

Donald Baker

Mary Jordan

Stephanie Saunders

## **November 26**

### **Birthdays:**

Virginia Loester

Jack Brooks

Bonnie Dieffenbauger

Daniel Hernandez

Carol Grace

## **November 27**

### **Birthdays:**

Dick Lloyd

Martha Matlock

Vite Zukas

Katherine Hayes

Helen Cotter

John Henkel

Michele Johnson

Kristine Johnson

### **Anniversaries:**

Vincent & Elaine Worth

Locke & Mary Ann Newlin

Vern & Sylvia Schwanke

Bill & Pat French

## **November 28**

### **Birthdays:**

Lois Santini

## **November 29**

### **Birthdays:**

Debbie Straub

Dale Schutt

Irma Walters

Kimberly Stanley

Colt Varner

### **Anniversaries:**

Arthur & Kathleen Hahl

## **November 30**

### **Birthdays:**

Rick Joyner III

