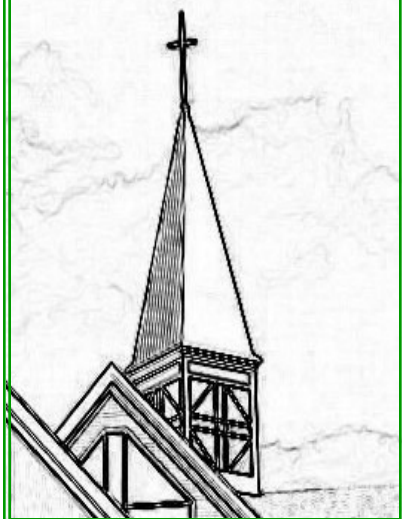




*God's Sanctuary
by the Sea*



UPCOMING
EVENTS

Jan 8
Stroke Survivors Begins

Jan 11
25th Anniversary Serv.
10am

Jan 12
UMW Prayer Breakfast

Jan 15
Quilt Guild

Jan 26
Church Council Meeting
& Orientation

Feb 13—May 15
Grief/Share

Feb 17
Shrove Tuesday

Feb 18
Ash Wednesday

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Here's a little quiz for you: Are the following statements **true or false**?

1. Using your spiritual gifts is very draining and may even cause burnout.
2. God has given us spiritual gifts mainly to enrich our own lives.
3. You need to achieve a very high level of spiritual maturity before God endows you with spiritual gifts.
4. Spiritual gifts inevitably lead to spiritual pride.

As you probably already determined, the statements are all false.

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts that God uses to help others see and experience Jesus' love. Many of us, however, have never unwrapped or discovered our spiritual gifts.

Beginning January 7th you can participate in a course on spiritual gifts: *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*. You can sign up and embark with others on a journey of discovery and ministry in this 9-week course developed by Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, founder of the Stephen Ministry program and author of many books, including the best-selling *Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life*, as well as the *Journeying through Grief* series.

This course is biblically based and answers questions such as these:

- To whom are spiritual gifts given?
- What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?
- How can I be sure that I have a particular spiritual gift?
- What does the Bible say about each spiritual gift?
- What is the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit?

The course will conclude in week 9 with a Ministry Celebration, which will affirm the efforts and accomplishments of course graduates and assist individuals in exploring their interests and involvement in gifts-related ministries. The cost of the materials is \$16.00.

Sign up for this exciting opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. You'll find a sign-up sheet in the Gallery. I'll be teaching the course, and I hope you will join us!

Blessings,
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:

Kay Arace & family
Linda Baker
Mary Benese
Phyllis Billingsly & fam
Tom Birmingham
Bruce & Linda Bowden
Ann & Lafayette Bowman
Bill & Lillian Bright
Frances Broome
Harry Clatterbuck
Linda Clayton
Bill & Ginny Coats
Lisa Crumlish
Richie Damato
Perry Day
Tom & Jeanne Deacon
Family of Letha Douglas
Marge Duffy
Ken & Mary Eaton
Marilyn & Bob Eronimous
John Farr
Family of Catharine Farrington
Pearl Frink
Betty Geesey & family
Grief/Share
Joe Gronastaski
Susanne Harris
Paula Hernandez
Tom Herncane
Gene & Lorraine Hoge
David Hooks Jr
Tabatha & Crystal Huggett
Gil & Kathy Johnson Family
Sandy & Gary Kershner
Sandy & Bruce Kertcher
Anne & Justin Klein
Bernice Lewis
Del Little & family
Donna Lloyd
Family of Eddie Loflin
Leo Macon
Walt & Marion Martens
Janet McComb
Susan McDonald
Diane Middleton
Betty Oakes
Phil Parker
Carolyn Powell
Bev Pheiffer
Prayer Warriors
Betty Pursey
Jack & Kathy Scalise
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
Gaylee Strickland
SS Volunteers & Students
Bud Sweetman

Members Continued:

Connie Thompson & family
Mildred Trenchard
Ruby Trouw
Tommy & Eleanor Tucker
UMYF & Leaders
Kitty & Steve White
Bev, Mande & Mike Williams
Bob Wiltbank
Marybeth & Jim Yeager
Family of Caroline Young
Marcia Zachard & family
Helma Zukas & family

Friends

Family of Patricia Abbruzzi
Herman Anderson
Carol Androski
Mary Androski
Carolyn & Tom Arney
Laurel Ayers
Wilson, Dawn & Thomas Baker
Paul Bart and family
Zach Bernier
Len Best
Bob Billups
Alvin & Bonnie Brookshire
Ray Brown
Lindy & Dave Bruce
Ed Bye & Family
Richard & Susan Canipe
Mona Kay & Bill Carter
Linda & Bill Chambers
Children of the World
Denise Cooley
Jim & Darlene Cooper
Corey
Joann Curry
Caleb Davis
D'Avolio family
Divorce Care Group
Matthew Duncan
Scott Dustin
Tommy Edwards
Etta Erickson
Mark Foley
Barbara Thayer Foster
Jackie & Bill Gano
Family of Dan Gentile
Judy Goodman
Calvin Green
Lincoln Grossman
Charlie Guerreri
Wayne Haigler
Mack & Patti Hannah
Rhonda Hester
Family of Susan Hoover
Cindy Hryniewiecki
Carol Jenkins
Jerry Jordan
Pam Keever
Claire & Benjamin Keiwart
Michael & Mary Kinslow
Karen LaValle
Johnny Lawson

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Johnny Lawson
Nathan Leckey & family
Leslie
Jack Levine
Todd Linebery
Jim & Jane Love
Marg Macy
Brian Marsh
Karsen McGee
Dottie McVaugh
Jeff Miller
Kathryn Murphy & Berwin Inman
Jo O'Keefe
Our Nation & Our World
Judy Patterson
Gretchen Presley
Bethany Pucchiera
Preschool Teachers
Lucas Ramsey
Family of Rick Ramsey
Veronica & Patrick Reddy
Joe Rinaldi
Mae Robinson
Brian Schenck
Alvin Shuford
Nellie Shuford
Donna Leigh Sotomeyer
Midge Sparks
Caitlin Spinnato
Phillip & Jennifer Stavonovic
David Stroud
Danny Tanner
Robert Touzeau
Victims of Violence & Abuse
Christian & Shannon Viera
Elsie Walsh
Alice Weber
Jack Whitley, Jr
Phil Wiles
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:
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mjmapes@atmc.net
phone 575-6007
Candie Meier—
candiem1@gmail.com
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**

January 4

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 11

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 18

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 25

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

**FOOD PANTRY REPORT
NOVEMBER**

Seniors— 184
Adults— 439
Children— 337

Total served— 960

Total families served—265

November was a very busy month at our food pantry. We typically average serving around 50 families each week. In November we averaged 66, and anticipate serving more as the holidays and winter months approach. Your support to this outreach mission of our church is always appreciated.

**MEMORIA &
HONORARIUMS**

In Memory of:

Granpa Tucker
Given by:
Ray & Wanda Wiltbank

In Memory of:

Vita Zukas
Given by:
Hemla Zukas

In Memory of:

Julie Burton
Given by:
The Paffords

In Memory of:

Charlie Little
Given by:
Garland Edgar & Betty Conley
Gene & Helen Maye
Anne Moell
Mike & Calvert Klopp
The Spring Valley Golf Group
Bill & Lillie Little
Thomas & Megan Lawson
Daniel & Frances Pearman
Donald & Marvelyn Headrick
Mildred Richardson
Evan & DeLane Haren
Ray & Wanda Wiltbank
Edmond & Jane Bye
Marshall & Donna Mize



Our Food Pantry and all others in Brunswick County are experiencing an increased number of families and individuals who need food during the months of November and December. Please consider donating extra money to support and restock our Food Pantry.

As a member of Seaside, I want to thank Ann Pike and her committee who work tirelessly every Monday & Tuesday to serve those needing help in our community.

Candie Meier

**ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:00 9:30 11:00

Nov 2	151	224	165
Nov 9	149	176	135
Nov 16	161	171	163
Nov 23	136	180	146
Nov 30	135	155	178

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 2	46
November 9	46
November 16	63
November 23	48
November 30	xx

THANK YOU SEASIDE

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone for their support and participation in the Operation Christmas Child project. On Tuesday, November 18th, 130 shoeboxes were taken to Shallotte Presbyterian Church, the local drop off location.

THANK YOU

Tommy & Eleanor Tucker wish to thank the congregation for its care and support in the passing of "Grandpa" Sanford Tucker on November 11, 2014. He loved visiting SUMC and receiving lots of hugs from friends here.

Tommy & Eleanor

BEREAVEMENT TEAM



Do you know that Seaside Church has a Bereavement Team? Do you know that you, as a church member, are a part of this Team? Both Men and

Women!

A few years ago, the Worship Committee saw a need to form a Bereavement Team. This committee was assigned to assist the Pastor/s in preparation for memorial services in our church and sanctuary. Anne Doern is chair of the Bereavement Team, Lomie Lou Cooke is assistant chair, and Lynn Shoemaker is head of the reception/meal groups.

The Bereavement Team is made up of "ALL OF SEASIDE'S MEMBERS." There are several groups with two chairpersons. The number of groups grows as our membership grows. Therefore, it may take a long time before any group is needed more than once in a church year.

The Bereavement Committee offers to the bereaved family, only ONE of the following:
1—a reception of punch/cookies in the Fellowship Hall of our church
2—a meal for the family, taken to the home of the deceased

When your group is called to help, if you do not want to cook, please remember, you can go to your local grocery store and purchase the items needed.

When it is your turn to serve, please know that this is one of the special ways we show love for others at a time when we need each other most!

Blessings,
Anne Doern
Lomie Lou Cooke
Lynn Shoemaker

THANK YOU CHOIR



On behalf of the S.T.A.R.S. program, we would like to thank the Choir and Choir Officers for your support of S.T.A.R.S.

through your generous Christmas Cantata donation. Your contribution to the program will make a difference in children's lives this summer.



"SONGS OF SEASIDE"

"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song" Psalm 149

A new year . . . 2015 . . . a new song! May we find new ways to continue to worship and praise our God! Maybe this is the year that you decide to join our choir or one of the ensembles? We welcome new members to come join us on **Thursday, January 8th at 6:00PM** in the sanctuary as we prepare for a new choir year. Is this the year we can count on **you**?

I hope you are as excited about our final 25th Anniversary celebration as I am! I can't wait for **Sunday, January 11th** as we join together as one congregation in one service at 10:00AM to celebrate Seaside UMC and welcome our Bishop! It will be a wonderful celebration of music and Word. The choir will sing accompanied by Ed Gunther on trumpet, the Jubilee Handbells will play the piece which was commissioned by Tim Waugh for our 25th Anniversary Celebration and there will be lunch following our service. What a celebrations! Mark your calendars and join us!

2015 Rehearsal Schedule:

- Jubilee Handbells will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 7th at 5:30PM.
- Seaside Classical Ensemble will resume rehearsal on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00PM.
- The Joyful Noise Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 14th at 4:30PM.
- Sanctuary Choir Officers will meet Thursday, January 15th at 6:00PM.
- Seaside Instrumental Ensemble will resume rehearsals on Sunday, January 18th at 5:00PM.

Thank you to all who participate in our Music Ministry and to all who so generously support us!

Happy New Year!
With a voice of singing,
Kathryn



GARDEN OF DISCIPLES

Have you noticed? There is color and blooms in the Seaside Garden of Disciples. The development of the original site plan for the Garden was under the leadership of Bob Redmond. His plan integrated a wide variety of plants that were specifically chosen to provide year-round interest. Some of the plants included in the plan are Burford holly, camellia, centipede grass, crape myrtle, Encore azalea, gardenia, Indian hawthorne, Japanese maple, lantana, loropetalum, Parson's juniper, nandina, roses, sasanqua and others. Because of our growing zone, we have a number of these plants in bloom now. For our members formerly from Northern states, this is a real treat! Come and stroll through our Garden to see the colorful berries on the holly and the nandina, the camellia blossoms, and perhaps a stray azalea or rose bloom. It will make you wish for spring. You will appreciate even more God's brush stroke of beauty in our very own Garden.

Spring will be here before we know it and even more of our plants will be in bloom. We know that some members want to volunteer in a meaningful way, are gardeners and/or want to help others appreciate the beauty of the garden—if this is you, call Gerry Strickland ([910.209.1089](tel:910.209.1089)) to be placed on the Garden of Disciples work calendar. In order to keep the garden beautiful and available for those who wish to be close to loved ones or reflect in solitude, we need interested people to weed, to clean up debris, and just to keep an eye on the garden. If you are interested in helping maintain the Garden of Disciples we'd like to put you on the calendar. Please call Gerry and we'll get you scheduled.

Carolyn Hirst-Loucks

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2: 15

THE UNWRITTEN YEAR

Another year stretches before us, a chance to make up for all of the things we didn't do in 2014 and an opportunity to become better at being Christians. Our day planners are all clear, no smudges or notes or crossed off appointments yet. The days, the weeks, the months can all be anything we choose. Barring illness or accidents, we can go forward in 2015 with a positive attitude and a promise to grow in our faith.

Faith can sometimes choke us up, bring tears to our eyes and render us incapable of speaking. This is because it reaches so deeply into our souls that we cannot grasp its true meaning in ordinary words. The truth of Jesus Christ is overwhelming to all of us. We struggle to understand how we can be so loved when we are so unworthy. And once again, we are given another year, another chance, and another stretch of time to fill with charity, faith, hope, love, and Christ-like actions.

What is Jesus' day planner like? Forgive our sins . . . comfort us in loss . . . hold us when we stumble . . . love us no matter what. His to-do list is never ending. His goal is never changing. His love is all encompassing. For us, the New Year is a challenge and a wish to truly fulfill our purpose in this life. For Jesus, it is business as usual, and that is the blessing of our lives, that we will always have another chance at experiencing Christ in our lives. We will be able to share Jesus with others and witness our faith whenever and wherever we can.

In 2015, I hope that we have more opportunities to grow in faith and that our day planners contain notes about miracles, kindness, indescribable joy, and the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Pat Linnell
Lay Leader 2014

FEBRUARY 2015
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
JANUARY 15TH

TAKE THEM A MEAL

Takethemameal.com

The Health and Wellness Committee has decided to utilize a website, www.takethemameal.com, to manage long-term meal needs. When a family unit has a medical crisis and is unable to provide meals for themselves long-term, please inform Stefanie Riley. Nancy and Doug McKeever will receive your request from her and will utilize the "Take Them A Meal" website to manage scheduling volunteers. If you receive an email from "Take Them A Meal," please open and follow the instructions if you wish to participate. The website is very user friendly! We did a trial run with Mary Jane and Scott and it worked beautifully, so we look forward to providing this ministry to others in our congregation who may benefit from meal assistance during times of medical needs.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRAYER BREAKFAST MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

As United Methodist Women, let us start the New Year by continuing what a handful of women began over 140 years ago. Come out and celebrate with us in the Fellowship Hall. The Seekers Circle will host the breakfast. There is no cost for the breakfast and believe it or not you do not need to bring a "dish." We will install new officers for 2015 and have our pledge service.

UMW is a faith-based organization and **membership shall be open to any woman who actively chooses to become involved and to participate in the global mission of the church. All women of the church are invited to join us**—come out and learn more about UMW and see if you would like to become a part of this important group of women who bear witness to a mission, which supports women, children, and youth who are disadvantaged.

There is a sign-up sheet in the gallery. If you need more information do not hesitate to contact Naomi Harder, 579-5318, or Ginny Coats, 575-0845.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT & SPECIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE

The mission of this committee is to provide education and estate planning assistance, and to oversee the management and investment planning of estate and other special gifts for the purpose of furthering the work of God's kingdom through Seaside United Methodist Church.

This past year we have concentrated on getting the word out to the congregation that we exist and are available to help anyone who is interested in giving to the church either now or later. To this end, we have reached out to the congregation in the ways listed below:

- Produced an information video that was played before the beginning of all three services. At the end of the video, the congregation was invited to come to the gathering room to ask questions of committee members who had a table set up with assorted pamphlets relative to giving.
- Established a presence on the church's web site where details of the work of the committee can be obtained.
- Wrote multiple educational articles and/or hypothetical stories about ways of giving and saving taxes at the same time. These were published in the monthly *Currents* newsletter, and some were also put on the web site.
- Obtained a supply of informative pamphlets (free) from the United Methodist Foundation, and have them available on the information table in the gathering room.
- Established a giving "Recognition Program" that includes the design and production of recognition name boards which are now available for display at the appropriate time. We have also established a Gifting Direction Document and Gifting Authorization Form.
- A committee member attended a United Methodist Foundation Meeting in Garner and learned valuable information relative to the Funds where our gift money is invested.

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Cycle 5 of GriefShare concluded on December 12th. We had from 6 to 12 participants each Friday. Some of our group members had multiple losses they were struggling with, some came just a month or two after their loved one died and others waited six months or a year. The greatest reward for the facilitators of GriefShare is seeing the progress our group members make and watching them minister to each other.

We also had two sessions of Surviving the Holidays, one before Thanksgiving and the other before Christmas. Many of the participants have signed up for cycle 6 of GriefShare, which begins on Friday February 13th with registration and orientation.

If you have lost a loved one and are struggling with your grief, we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us on February 13th when we will be starting Cycle 6 of GriefShare.

More information about GriefShare can be found on our church website. Or, you may call Milly Houger 910 579-2603 or Jim McNeill 910 579-2405.

S.T.A.R.S.

Four months have gone by since our 2014 STARS graduated on August 15th. Since then we've seen them and their families at functions here at Seaside or at Jessie Mae. Seven of our families attended Trunk or Treat and a few of our STARS participated in our Advent workshop. As a result of the STARS program, three older siblings have joined our UMYF Youth Program, all attending the Youth Pilgrimage in November.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the nine week award ceremony at Jessie Mae and could not have been more proud of our STARS. Through your efforts this past summer, these children have grown so much. Every one of our students received an award for something...and some were acknowledged in multiple areas. A large number of them were recognized for A or A/B honor roll, citizenship medals (Rotary), Terrific Kid Award (Kiwanas), art, music, etc. As many of the parents attended the ceremony, we had an opportunity to catch up with their progress.

In early 2015, we will meet with the Jessie Mae administration to review progress on our 2014 students and begin discussion on student selection for 2015. Stay tuned for information on the 2015 program...it promises to be another exciting summer with S.T.A.R.S. Meg Good

HOW DOES STEPHEN MINISTRY WORK?

Pastors, church staff or lay leaders attend a one-week course taught by the Stephen Ministries St. Louis Faculty to learn how to implement and direct Stephen Ministry in the congregation. These leaders then return to their home church to implement the ministry and recruit Stephen Ministers. Those Stephen Ministers then receive 50 hours of training on Christian caregiving. Training topics include listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality, and ministering to people in specific situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief, financial burdens or loneliness.

After the Stephen Ministers are commissioned, Stephen Leaders link them with care receivers—those people who need emotional and spiritual care. The benefits for the care receivers are having someone to talk to, to walk alongside with during life's crises (both big and small) and to help make the journey a little easier. If you are going through an emotional or spiritual struggle, Stephen Ministry is here to meet those needs. Many people are unsure about seeking care and wonder if a strong person would need to ask for care. God sent us to help one another and Stephen Ministry is one of the ways that God provides that care.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT CONTINUED FROM PG 6

She learned that the Foundation is currently undergoing a revamp of their fund management software. We expect that when it is completed, we will be able to get better information and quicker reporting, and that will be a great help to us in managing our funds.

Bequests, endowments, and Special Gifts received from members who wish to leave a Legacy of Love is a way to sustain the growth of our church community and to help assure God's work is continued in the future.

As we begin the new year, if you are contemplating a gift of any sort to the church, please contact any member of the Permanent Endowment & Special Gifts Committee....they can help you through the process. Committee members are Ralph Gardner, Mike Hetrick, Bob Eronymous, Erdeen Zimmerlee, Art Bowden, Gene Steadman, Jim Story, and our Pastors.

PERSONAL CALLING STATEMENT

By CHRISTINE HARMAN, NCCUMC Christian Formation Coordinator

My life purpose is to live responsively to God's call and God's purposes. By taking delight in the Lord, His desires will become mine (Psalm 37:4) and in them I shall find fulfillment and joy. As my life unfolds, my gifts and values will enable me to live an abundant life (John 10:10) that is whole and centered in Christ.

My mission is to apply my God-given gifts of teaching, leadership, and administration through my ministry roles that focus on lay and clergy spiritual formation. I will also share my own enthusiasm for the Gospel and the Church to inspire others with whom I have contact.

As I live out my purpose, I am guided by these values:

- Living Faith: Faith that permeates my life, expressing itself in corporate worship and personal devotion
- Personal Relationships: Initiating, nurturing, and treasuring my roles and relationships for they are great transitory gifts
- Creativity: Exercising my creative gifts through a diversified means of personal expressions
- Lasting Change: Maintaining a commitment to principles and practices that enable people to achieve positive, permanent transformation
- Lifelong Learning: Expanding my knowledge, skills, and abilities toward ever-increasing effectiveness

My vision is to be considered a worthwhile contributor to creative processes that equip lay and clergy leaders of local congregations to grow in sanctifying grace and live as disciple-making disciples; So that...

- People are no longer content to be passive consumers of religion
- Churches take the risks to live beyond themselves
- Disciples of Jesus Christ are made for the transformation of the world.

Lord, as you have claimed me and called me, let it be done to me according to your will. Amen.

Article submitted by Seaside's Christian Formation Committee to start your New Year

SUMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GEARING UP FOR THE NEW YEAR!

After taking some time off for the Christmas season, the Seaside Youth Fellowship will begin meeting again beginning January 11th following the 25th Anniversary Celebration lunch. This first gathering will focus on a mission project of making scarves for children to help keep them warm, but will of course also include some sweet treats (can anybody say "Ice Cream?"). January's Bible study focus will utilize videos from "The Skit Guys," who use their talent for comedy and drama to present the Bible in ways that are both entertaining and enlightening. The students who went to Pilgrimage had the opportunity to see them perform live and laughs were had by all!

With the beginning of our Winter YF meetings we are looking for folks who would be willing to supply a snack supper for our kids on one Sunday evening in the upcoming months. A simple and small meal with drinks and a dessert is all that is necessary and Stefanie has great ideas for you if you are unsure of what to provide. If you are interested in signing up for one Sunday evening, please contact Stefanie.

The Youth Fellowship here at Seaside is growing, and in order to make this a successful ministry we are in need of volunteers who would be willing to serve on Sunday evenings simply by being present and assisting Stefanie. The goal is to have several volunteers in place so that they can serve on a rotating basis and be available once every 5 or 6 weeks. We are also always in need of trip/event chaperones and drivers. We have a great time with our kids and you too will be blessed by being a part of ministering Christ's gospel into their lives. If this is something toward which you feel God is leading you, please contact Stefanie. She would love to talk with you about getting involved!

Thank you for all of your support in 2014, we are looking forward to another great year!

Grace and peace,
Stefanie Riley



SPRING 2015 ADULT STUDY CLASSES **More class details and signup sheets in the Gallery**

- **Disciple I**—"Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study"—Leader: Scott Wilson-Parsons. Begins Monday, January 5, 2015 1:15-3:30 p.m. for 16 weeks in room 210—**Limited enrollment.**
- **Disciple II**—"Into the Word Into the World" Leader: Scott Wilson-Parsons Class continuation—**no new sign-up available.**
- **Sharing God's Word**—Len Bernauer, facilitator, 6:30-8:00, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Beginning 1st Tuesday in February. Meets in the Library.
- **Confronting the Controversies**—Kim and Carolyn Loucks, facilitators, Wednesday evening for 7 weeks, 6:30-8:00, beginning April 8th, Room 210. Group study of tough issues done by Adam Hamilton. Issues include Separation of Church and State; Creation and Evolution in Public Schools; The Death Penalty; Euthanasia; Prayer in Schools; Abortion and Homosexuality.
- **Deuteronomy, An Inductive Study**—Lorraine Meehan, facilitator, Wednesdays, January 14-Feb.4 and Feb.18-March 4, 6:30-8:00pm, room 222 for 6 weeks. Continuing the love story between God and His elect and chosen people, Israel. The emphasis on spirituality and total commitment to Him through worship and obedience still teaches us today how we are to live as members of His elect and chosen bride, the Church.
- **God of the Possible**—Stefanie Riley, facilitator, starting Jan. 7th, for 9 Weeks, 10:00-11:30am Wednesdays, room 222. A study that will challenge you to think differently about events recorded in Scripture as well as things that have happened in your own life.
- **Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and your Spiritual Gifts**—Mary Jane Wilson-Parsons, facilitator, 8 Weeks, beginning, January 7, 6:30—8pm room 210. The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts to carry out God's work in the world. You will discover the unique gifts God has given you. You will explore opportunities to further develop and use your gifts in the congregation and community.
- **The God We Can Know**—Sue Amyx, facilitator, 7 Weeks, beginning February 19th, Thursday at 10:00-11:30am, room 114. You will explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in John. Such as "I Am the Bread of Life etc. This is a DVD and discussion format.
- **Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why**—Ken Doern, facilitator, using an Adam Hamilton DVD and class discussion format, Tuesday, 10:00-11:30am, starting January 6th, room 207. Explore 8 Christian denominations and faith traditions (including Methodism) Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith.
- **Introduction to the Labyrinth, a Spiritual Practice and Meditation Tool**—Sue Amyx, facilitator, on **Wednesday, April 1st, ONLY.** 6:30-8:30 in room 210 and the Fellowship Hall. Walking the labyrinth is a meditation tool that helps you focus on spiritual issues, healing and life issues. It gives you time to slow down , pray for what is important to you and to be grateful. In addition to the workshop, the labyrinth will be open to walk in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, March 31st through Friday, April 3rd for Holy Week.
- **Dave Ramsey Peace University Financial Seminar**—Frances Warner, Facilitator. Begins Monday, January 12th at 6:30pm, room 222 for 9 weeks. Cost is \$102.30 per family unit (includes \$93 course cost and \$9.30 shipping of materials)

This life-changing class taught by Dave Ramsey and the Financial Peace University teaching team on video will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future and give like never before. Even if you're already retired, this seminar will teach you new ways to budget and manage your finances to ensure even greater financial freedom in the years ahead. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

You must register online: at www.DaveRamsey.com—click on "classes" at the top, then "find a Class." You will then see Seaside United Methodist. Click on "More info and Sign Up," then to the right, click on "Register and Purchase"

Registration difficulty? Contact Stefanie at the church, 579-5753. Questions about the course? contact Sue Amyx.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January 1

Birthdays:

Cathi Birmingham
Linda Hester
Trip Purcell

January 2

Birthdays:

Hazel Forlidas
Marilyn Eronymous
Carl Gano
Ken Carlisle

January 3

Birthdays:

Don Wiseman
Tonia Jackson
Connor Humphreys
Anniversaries:
Art & Barb Bowden

January 4

Birthdays:

Henry Lynch

January 6

Birthdays:

Mike Williams
Mariah Brannon
Anniversaries:
Randy & Sue Bowling
Jimmy & Linda Smith
Roger & Madonna Rawley

January 7

Birthdays:

Judy Smith
Colleen McGregor
Harold Blalock
Tina Ward

January 8

Birthdays:

Larry May
Joey Matthews

January 9

Birthdays:

Jim Filkins
Steve White
Ellie Allen
Maggie McCrery

January 10

Birthdays:

Destiny Ashbrook

January 11

Birthdays:

Barbara Johnson

January 12

Birthdays:

Pat Nutter
Marlene Biddle
Frances Ludlum
Debbi Wallace
Samantha Welch
Alicia Gillen

January 13

Birthdays:

Carol King
Dave Preston
Ashley Cartrette

January 14

Birthdays:

Richard Craft
Christina Morrison

January 15

Birthdays:

Helen Doepper
Judy Myers
Robby Hord
Nicholas Norris

Anniversaries:

Darrel & Suzanne
Sourwine

January 16

Birthdays:

Dean Walters
Mike Bohlinger
Cheryl Francis
Anniversaries:
Bill & Kim Malec

January 17

Birthdays:

Decio Stone

January 18

Birthdays:

Andy Dusenbury
Rhonda Gore
George Cole
Tracy McKay

Anniversaries:

Ron & Adrienne Watts

January 19

Birthdays:

Kay Singleton
Deb Coyte

January 20

Birthdays:

Heydon Floyd

January 21

Birthdays:

Larry Vazzana

January 22

Birthdays:

Paul Miraglia
Jack Casey
Barbara Perrone
Scott Macon
James Manges

January 23

Birthdays:

Fletcher Frink
Ruth Bracey
Nancy Riedinger
Mike Straub
Kenny Kincaid

Anniversaries:

Frank & Mary Malkin

January 24

Birthdays:

Lafayette Bowman
Billy Whaley
Michael Thole
Daphne Bridwell
Karol Asbjornson
Anniversaries:
Don & Colleen McGregor

January 25

Birthdays:

Sally Neale
Connie Mattson
Peggy Stanley
Teresa Young
Dina Hooks

January 26

Birthdays:

Fred Bachl
Candie Meier
Deana Wren
Gena Best
Ryan Robidoux
Anniversaries:
Lee & Bonnie
Dieffenbaugher
Al & Camille Troisi

January 27

Birthdays:

Hershel Allen
Naomi Harder
Sandie Bell
Cynthia Moore
Madison Walters
Makenzie Klein

January 28

Birthdays:

Debbie Baumgartner
Gloria Waryas
Daryl Steen
Anniversaries:
Ron & Bobbie Kishbaugh

January 29

Birthdays:

Harry Clatterbuck

January 30

Birthdays:

Harvey Hundley
Deborah Hines
Anniversaries:
Bob & Marilyn Schenck
Jeff & Pam Smith

January 31

Birthdays:

Dottie Jones
Stuart Horton
Marian Collins
Bob Ludman

JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year Church Closed	2 Church Closed	3
4 <i>Worship Serv</i> 8, 9:30, 11 9:30 SS <i>Classes</i> 5:30 UMYF 7 AA	5 10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1:15 Disc. I 3:30 Straighten up 6 Financial Peace 6:30 Boy Scouts & UMM	6 9 & 5 GED 10 Fd Pantry & Staff Mtg. & Christianity Fam. Tree 1 UMW Missions 1:30 Worship Mtg 5 Comm. Mtg 6:30 Divorce Care & Sharing God's Word	7 9 Disciple II 10 Christ. Art & G- parent Sup. & God of Possible 12 Stephen Leaders 2:30 Living w/ Grief 3 Tutoring 5:30 Jubilee Bells 6:30 Spiritual Gifts, Praise Team	8 9 & 5 GED 10 Staff Mtg 1:30 Stroke Survivors 4 Perm End. & SPRC 5:30 AI Anon 6 Sanctuary Choirs 6:30 CA and	9 10 Yoga	10 9 Prayer Warriors
11 <i>25th Anniversary Service</i> 10 am 5:30 UMYF 7 AA	12 10 Yoga 11a SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1 Shell Seekers Bk 3:30 Straighten up 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 Outreach 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 Trustees	13 9 & 5 GED 10 Fd Pantry & Staff Mtg, BFA Mtg., Christianity Fam Tree 1:30 Worship Plan 4 Witness 6:30 Divorce Care	14 9 Disciple II 10 Christ. Art & G- parent Support, God of Possible 2:30 Living w/Grief 3 Tutoring & Health/ Wellness 4:30 Joyful Noise 5:30 Jubilee Bells 6:30 Deuteronomy, Spiritual Gifts & Praise Team	15 9 & 5 GED 10 Staff Mtg & Timeless Treasures 1:30 Alzheimer's 5:30 AI Anon 6 Choir Officers 6:30 CA and 8 & 11 Choirs	16 10 Yoga	17
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