



Seaside Currents

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When the Time is Ripe

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children." *Galatians 4:4-5*

One of my favorite ideas in Scripture is that which is captured in the notion of the "fullness of time" above. You see it in many places in Scripture, of course. When speaking of Jesus birth, Luke writes "when her time had come..." In the second chapter of John, Jesus chides his mother saying, "my time is not yet come." In Romans 5, "...at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." And again in Romans 8, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now. "Talk about the time being "ripe!"

This is more than a simplistic notion of "God's timing is always perfect." It is a reflection of the farmer or the skilled craftsman patiently watching, reflecting, waiting and, most of all, neither rushing nor neglecting their role in the process.

At Christmas, I was given a copy of Steven Johnson's *How We Got to Now*. In the book and the related PBS series, Johnson does a masterful job of tracing the roots and effects of six innovations that "Made the Modern World." In some ways he is attempting to explore the answer to the proverbial "chicken and egg" puzzle by showing how the development of a fundamental technology like transparent glass opened the door to a thousand other developments that we depend on daily which could not possibly have come to be without this unique substance which is little more than melted sand (of course, one could equally make the case that glassmaking technology was first dependent upon the development of furnaces which could exceed 1000 degrees...but I digress). Nevertheless, Johnson is correct that in technology and life, timing is everything.

Which brings me to the cross and the fantastic growth of the early Christian Church. In Disciple Bible Study recently, we happened upon a discussion of the empires that affected the early Christian movement. The Greeks, under Alexander the Great and his successors sustained their empire by fostering the use of the Greek language for commerce and the spread of ideas. The Romans are remembered for the magnificent system of roads that traversed the known world and made travel, trade and mail possible, reliable and safe. The early church benefitted from these developments in powerful ways. The common Greek language allowed the spread of the faith from Palestine to Asia Minor and Southern Europe without having to overcome difficult language barriers. And roads were the key to the travel (and the letters) of Paul, Peter, Barnabas and others who spread the Gospel far beyond its Palestinian homeland.

What if Jesus had been born a century earlier? The Roman roads would have been largely undeveloped. Two centuries earlier and a local dialect of Aramaic and Hebrew would have been the language of the church—slowing its adoption beyond Palestine. A century later and the nation that nurtured a young Jesus and his disciples would already have been destroyed and gone.

There are many miracles in the history of our faith from Abraham to now. But when we do some reflection, it seems that no miracle is any more amazing than that they happened when they did. Like a ripe apple, God chooses his time in such a way as to allow his work in the world to be effective. May God be at work in your life in just that way

Scott

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Upcoming Events

April 2
Holy Thursday
7 PM

April 3
Good Friday
Noon & 7 PM

April 5
Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service 6:45am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am
Worship Services
8, 9:30 & 11am

May 2
UMM Annual Golf
Tournament

May 3
"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"
Presented by
Joyful Noise Choir

May 19
UMW Game Day
@ Ryan's N. Myrtle Beach

June 11
Annual Conference
Wilmington, NC

June 15-19
VBS

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:

Phyllis Billingsly
 Art & Barb Bowden
 Bruce & Linda Bowden
 Ann & Lafayette Bowman
 Don & Daphne Bridwell
 Frances Broome
 Harry & Louisa Clatterbuck
 Barb Cunningham
 Ton & Jeanne Deacon
 Marge Duffy
 Marilyn & Bob Eronymous
 Terry Featherstone
 Liz & John Franz & family
 Alicia Gillen
 Grief/Share
 Stephen Harris & family
 Susanne & Steven Harris
 Katharine Hayes
 Paula Hernandez
 Tom Herncane
 Gene & Lorraine Hoge
 David Hooks, Jr
 Tabatha & Crystal Huggett
 Gil & Kathy Johnson
 Nancy Jack
 Judy Keill & family
 Sandy & Gary Kershner
 Bruce & Sandy Kertcher
 Anne & Justin Klein & family
 Bernice Lewis
 Donna Lloyd
 Leo Macon
 Bill Magee
 Susan McDonald & family
 Doug McKeever
 Pat & Dave Mowery
 Betty Oakes
 Sandra Palmer
 Phil Parker
 Carolyn Powell
 Bev Pheiffer
 Prayer Warriors
 Betty Pursey
 Ted Russell
 Jack & Kathy Scalise
 Vern & Sylvia Schwanke
 Gerald & JoAnn Scott
 Seaside UMC Staff
 Susan Seidel
 Dot Sellers
 Randy Shuford
 Charity & Larry Smith
 Jimmy Smith
 Stephen Ministers
 Marge Stone
 Danice & Connie Stout
 SS Volunteers & Students
 Mildred Trenchard
 Ruby Trouw

Members Continued:

Eleanor Tucker
 UMYF & Leaders
 Judy Wallace
 Kitty & Steve White
 Bev, Mandee & Mike Williams
 Gene Williams
 Marcia Zachary

Friends

Sue Amyx
 Herman Anderson
 mary Androski
 Ron & Jim Aspy
 Bart Family & Patrick Ready
 Zach Bernier
 Len Best
 Bob Billups & family
 Chris Borelli
 Gerogia Bland
 Alvin & Bonnie Brookshire
 Lindy & Dave Bruce
 David Burton
 Richard & Susan Canipe
 Aiden Carper & family
 Mona Kay & Bill Carter
 Linda & Bill Chambers
 Children of the World
 Ralph Cigliano
 Pepper Cooley
 Jim & Darlene Cooper
 Corey
 Lisa Crumlish
 Caleb Davis
 Divorce Care Group
 Matthew Duncan
 Scott Dustin
 Tommy & Michelle Eckert
 George & Ro Edwards
 T.W. Edwards & family
 Tom Eshelman
 fam of Denise cooley
 Fam/Friends of Joann Curry
 Fam of John Dufford
 Fam of Esther Earp
 Fam of Michael Kinslow
 Fam of Jack Levine
 Fam of P.J. Lewis
 Fam of Alfred Munger
 Fam of David O'Sullivan
 Fam of Carolyn Pace
 Fam of Daniel Peters
 Fam of Rick Ramsey
 Fam of Carianne Roe
 Fam of Joey Scalzo
 Fam of David Stroud
 Fam of Kathryn Young
 Pat Fitzpatrick
 Mark Foley
 Tom Fowler
 Jackie & Bill Gano
 Calvin Green

Friends Continued:

Wayne Haigler
 Mack & Pattie Hannah
 Peter & Charlene Hawryluk
 Rhonda Mester
 William Hickman
 Bruce Hinson
 Cindy Hryniewieck
 Carol Jenkins
 Wendell Jensen
 Jerry Jordan
 Natalie July & family
 Clair & Benjamin Keiwart
 Arnold Kleiber
 Johnny Lawson
 Nathan Leckey
 Libby & family
 Marj Macy
 Mary & Frank Malkin
 Brian Marsh
 Barb & Jim McCartney
 Dottie McVaugh
 Kurt Meehan
 Jean Miller
 Patty Norwood
 Jo O'Keefe
 Jill Oliver & family
 Our Nation & Our World
 Susan Pope
 Preschool Teachers
 Veronia Ready
 Donna Riley
 Mae Roberson
 Dick & Betty Schillinger
 Alvin & Nellie Shuford
 Sean Schwanke
 LuAnn Self
 Ed & Carol Sheets
 Alvin Shuford
 Debbie & Jim Siegler
 Donna Leigh Stomeyer
 Midge Sparks
 Phillip & Jennifer Stavonovic
 Ina Steen & family
 Lenny Steinert
 Cody & Jennifer Stepp
 Eunice & Mel Studley
 Bud Sweetman
 Danny Tanner
 Diana van der Velden
 Victims of Violence & Abuse
 Virginia Villa
 Elsie Walsh
 Laurie Walsh
 Alice Weber
 Nancy Whitfield
 Jack Witley Jr
 Britni Willard
 Phil Wiles
 Doris Windham
 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
 Chistopher Wallace

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

All friends & family
 members un-churched



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All those experiencing
 Separation or Divorce

All those un or under
 employed

Lectionary Bible Readings

April 5

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

April 12

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 19

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 26

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Food Pantry Report

February

Seniors— 76
Adults— 213
Children— 142
Total served—431

Total families served—122
Families served weekly—39



Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt Seaside UMC

Easter Sunday

10:30 AM

Thank You

From Outreach Committee

A big and loving thank you to all who supported Not Your Mama's Bake Sale, held Sunday, March 8th. Because of your generosity, \$2509.00 was raised to support the SUMC food pantry and the SUMC music ministries. The Outreach Committee is deeply appreciative.

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I want to thank the Pastors and those of you who shared your concerns, called, sent cards and visited since my back and hip problems began. I am especially thankful for your prayers.

With love,  
Danice Stout

## Save The Date!

### Country Fair Clothing Spring Fling

June 13  
10 am—3 pm  
Seaside Grounds

Details: New and gently used women's, men's and children's clothing will be for sale at great prices!

Food will be available for sale!

Put the date on your calendar—  
You won't want to miss it

**May 2015  
Newsletter  
Deadline  
April 15th**

## Attendance

### Worship

|        | 8:00 | 9:30 | 11:00 |
|--------|------|------|-------|
| Feb 1  | 146  | 197  | 159   |
| Feb 8  | 164  | 179  | 176   |
| Feb 15 | 109  | 192  | 137   |
| Feb 22 | 149  | 202  | 156   |

### Sunday school

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Feb 1  | 67 |
| Feb 8  | 60 |
| Feb 22 | 54 |
| Feb 26 | 53 |

## Warm Seaside Welcome

To:



Welcome to Nancy Matzek who joined Seaside Sunday, March 8th by transfer of membership from Poughkeepsie UMC, Poughkeepsie, NY.

You may contact Nancy at  
1230 Fence Post Lane  
Carolina Shores, NC.

Home/Cell: 914-474-2604  
Email: nmmatzek@verizon.net



Tony & Bernie Iannotta joined Seaside March 15<sup>th</sup> by transfer from St. Brendan's Catholic Church, Shallotte, NC.

Contact Tony and Bernie at:  
7527 Dunbar Drive SW  
Sunset Beach, NC 28468  
Home Phone: 579-1694  
Tony Cell: 508-5570  
Bernie Cell: 508-5238  
Email: aliannotta@yahoo.com

## Health and Wellness

### Stroke Support Group

The Stroke Support Group will have a program on Therapeutic Horseback Riding at its next meeting on April 9th at 1:30pm at Seaside United Methodist Church. Hippotherapy is an established therapy that promotes cognitive function, emotional well-being, and physical skills while riding specially trained horses. It has been shown to be very effective in people who have had strokes, head injuries or cerebral palsy. It can improve balance, muscle strength, joint mobility, and sensory perception. Kim Niggell from Coastal Therapeutic Riding will be presenting this valuable program. Please join us.

### Garden of Disciples Committee

It's spring and the Garden of Disciples Committee is looking for additional volunteers to maintain one of the most beautiful pieces of Seaside's property—the Garden of Disciples. We have a dedicated core of volunteers and committee members but are looking to expand our small but hardy crew.

The Garden is a place where one can go to reflect while sitting on a bench and observing nature. It's quiet . . . a place to think. It's beautiful . . . a place to take in. It's reverent . . . a place to reflect upon our church's vision, *"A vital community, encountering Jesus Christ, and living abundantly through service to God and Neighbor,"* and to think about concrete ways that we can help to fulfill that vision through our ideas, work and service. Seaside recognizes that one of the great gifts that we at Seaside have to share is significant diversity. We come from many different places, represent many backgrounds, and have many different talents. You may have had experiences that would be a perfect match for the needs of the Garden of Disciple Committee, or maybe you would like to reach out and volunteer in an area that you have not experienced before. Either way, we want you!

If you are interested in volunteering in any way on the Garden of Disciples Committee, please call Gerry Strickland at 910-209-1089. You may have talents that are applicable that we have not even considered. Call Gerry and see how you can be a part of the team. We welcome volunteers.

*In simple humility, let our gardener God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life. James 1: 21*

## Music Ministry



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

"He is risen! He is risen indeed!" Happy Easter! Spring has finally arrived and is much welcomed! So many exciting things are happening in the Music Ministry program! Here are a few that I hope you will put on your calendars and enjoy:

April 2 - Maundy Thursday service @ 7:00

April 3 - Good Friday services @ Noon and 7:00

April 5 - **EASTER!**

May 3 - Our children's Dessert Theater entitled, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30. More details to come!

May 24 - **RED, WHITE & BLUE!** 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. Plan to join us as we celebrate Memorial Day Weekend and remember those who have given their lives in service to our country.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Easter Cantata and to those of you who supported us with your presence. We are truly blessed at Seaside UMC!

With a voice of singing,  
Kathryn

### **"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

**May 3 at 5:30 pm**

Presented by  
Joyful Noise Children's Choir  
as they  
Sing & Act out the stories of Jesus!

Desserts & drinks will be available  
Donations welcome!

Proceeds go to:  
Seaside Music Ministry to help defray the cost  
of singing for the NC Annual Conference on  
June 11th in Wilmington

## RELAY FOR LIFE

### Seaside UMC Team

The American Cancer Society Relay for life is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. Today, with the support of thousands of volunteers like you, the American Cancer Society is helping save more than 400 lives a day. And we won't stop until we finish the fight against cancer! Please help us Fight the Fight.

Beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> thru April 26<sup>th</sup> we will be in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Stop by and give your support by sponsoring our team in one or more of these ways:

- Join the team and help raise money
- Sponsor a walker
- Purchase one of our items for sale: Dishrags, doll clothes, hats, scarf's etc.
- Tee Shirts (with special logo) sizes Small to XXL at \$12 - \$15 each
- \*Luminaries – Relay for Life, to go on the track May 1<sup>st</sup> at Brunswick High School or to line the church walk during the Easter Cantata – \$10 Each

\*Luminaries (bags containing votive candles) are transformed and illuminated after dark at every local Relay for Life event. Each luminary is personalized with a name, photo, message or drawing in memory or honor of a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer. Luminaries can also be dedicated in support of a Relay participant. Each luminary candle represents a person. They are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, coworkers, and so many others.

## Seaside Youth

March was a great month for our Seaside Youth Fellowship! The highlight was the Harbor District Youth Lock-In in Elizabethtown. We packed our sleeping bags and made our way to a night full of worship, games, food and snacks and a great time with other youth groups and their leaders. There was even a 1:00 a.m. Capture the Flag game outside in 20 degree temperatures! By the time we made our way home the next morning the students were sound asleep, and the leaders are still trying to recover! We also had some great Youth Fellowship meetings, including a St. Patty's Day party where we learned the true life lessons from St. Patrick including forgiveness, the importance of sharing God's word, and the practice of driving snakes (the things that are contrary to God's will) out of our lives.

April promises to be another month of great discipleship and fellowship as we will look at some of the characters in the New Testament that were a part of Jesus' ministry, and learn from those experiences in a way that others whom we encounter will see Jesus in us. We are also planning some fun upcoming events for the summer, so if you would like to serve as a leader or be a part of helping with any of these we would love to have you! Contact Stefanie at [sriley@seasideumc.org](mailto:sriley@seasideumc.org) for more information.

## PERMANENT ENDOWMENT AND SPECIAL GIFTS

### CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

Are you concerned about the possibility of the government taking a huge part of the assets you were planning to leave your heirs? There is a strategy available to pass assets to your family with significant estate tax savings while making a gift to your church. It is called a Charitable Lead Trust.

After your church receives income from assets in the trust for a period of years, the balance goes to your selected loved ones, with estate or gift taxes reduced or even eliminated.

The Lead Trust is an exceptional way to transfer property to your children or other heirs at minimal tax cost. It is ideal if you are willing to forgo investment income on an asset, but do not want to have estate taxes reduce the principal passed to heirs. With a Lead Trust, you carry out your philanthropic plans over the coming years and save on taxes.

### BENEFITS:

- Fund the trust during your lifetime or through your will.
- Support your church's mission through annual income payments.
- Reduce your taxable estate and potential gift taxes.
- Keep assets in the family.

Questions about giving a gift to SUMC? Talk to a member of the PESG or one of your pastors.

### At Dawn's First Light

At dawn's first light, my eyes can see  
God's glory and His majesty.

The sun ascends in eastern skies  
and golden sunbeams greet my eyes.

The air is sweet where clover grows,  
and dewdrops gleam on every rose.  
Songbirds are singing in the trees,  
and the meadow's filled with honeybees.

As I survey each sacred thing,  
my grateful heart begins to sing.  
At dawn's first light, praise God I see,  
His glory and His majesty!  
*By Clay Harrison*



## **United Methodist Men's News**

### **2015 Seaside United Methodist Annual Golf Tournament Hosted by Seaside's United Methodist Men**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015  
Panther's Run Golf Links  
Shotgun Start 8:30 AM  
Registration Begins 7:00 AM  
\$75.00 Entry Fee**

Our field of foursomes is almost full. Registration is no longer available on line. To register, please contact Wayne Matthews or Meg Good at the church office.

Local sponsors and door prizes are important to the success of our tournament. Forms for both are located in the Gallery. All proceeds support the local charitable organizations listed on the registration form.

#### **UMM Dinner Meeting**

March has been a very good month for the UMM. It began with a well-attended dinner meeting where we heard a thought provoking presentation by Bill DeGroot. He spoke on the psychology and social interplay involved in crisis management and hostage negotiations. It was a well-received, atypical presentation.

We are on track with plans for our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Golf Tournament. To date sponsors are being contacted, volunteers are being lined up, and the foursomes are signing up.

The UMM has two \$500 scholarships available. Last year we had no UMM scholarship applicants. This year we have only one high school senior as a potential scholarship candidate and there are no current seniors-to-be in the youth group. Consequently, the men decided to temporarily expand the scholarship program to include collegiate upper-class applicants who are SUMC members.

At February's meeting, we had a survey to determine the type of speaker topics the men

would like to hear. We announced the results in March and the number one topic was "Life in Brunswick County." With that theme in mind, our April speaker will be Randy Thompson, Brunswick County Commissioner and a member of Seaside.

Over the years the UMM has raised a considerable sum of money which was distributed to local charities simply by mailing out checks. This year we hope to invite the recipients to a check presentation complete with photographs and possibly a newspaper article. Jamie Shoemaker has volunteered to be our front man, photographer, and essentially our one-man PR committee. We thank him.

The UMM have joined with the UMW to evaluate the struggling performance of our One Day of Caring. After some discussion, a decision was made to work with the UMW to revamp this important outreach program. More to come.

## **United Methodist Women's News**

#### **FIGS Circle (Friends in God's Service) -**

Our circle is the social action circle at Seaside. We meet in February, April, September and November, on the 3rd Monday of the month. This year FIGS is focusing on helping Project Streetreach. This program helps the homeless in our community. We have made Blessing Bags filled with toiletries. At our April meeting, held at the home of Lin Baum, we will be making lunches to be delivered to the shelter in Shallotte. On June 29th, the FIGS will be serving the first dinner of the STARS program. Please come and join us! For more information, call Sandy Kertcher (910-287-5896) or Barb Bernauer(910-287-5648).

**SEEKERS CIRCLE** - The next meeting of the Circle will be on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - On Monday, March 9th, 13 women gathered together for the blessings of the Prayer Shawls they had completed. To date in 2015, we have given 15 Prayer Shawls. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 11th at 10 am in the Parlor.

Carol Matthews  
Bernita Magee

## CARES

In the recent past, requests for assistance on our annual One Day of Caring have declined to the point where the outreach essentially goes unserved. However, we continue to have members in need of personal assistance or home repairs that could benefit from church assistance. The UMM and UMW have reviewed the overall program and determined that, while the needs are real, they are not sufficiently addressed with a once per year outreach event. Consequently, changes to the program are being made.

CARES (Caring and Reaching Everyone, Seaside) will now become an ongoing outreach program under the watchful eyes of the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. Request forms and a drop box are in the gallery near the other sign-up clipboards. Members in need of special assistance should write their request on the form provided and place it in the box. That will begin the process.

## UMW Unit Meeting

Fifty-three women and five guests turned out for the UMW unit meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>, enjoying a wonderful soup and salad dinner hosted by the M&M Circle. Our guest speaker, Marlene Wenger, a volunteer from Brunswick County Streetreach (BCSTR), brought us a very enlightening and inspiring message about the interfaith homeless outreach and sheltering program. The mission of BCSTR is to demonstrate and promote God's love for the marginalized by sharing unconditional love, compassion and friendship with the homeless and poor population of Brunswick County. There is no shelter for the homeless in Brunswick County.

Local churches provide sheltering services to individuals during January through March. Some of the services provided in 2014 were sleeping bags, blankets, diapers & baby items, tents, food cards, coats, hygiene bags, night sheltering, 2,762 meals, and many other services. All funds received by BCSTR go directly to assist those in poverty—**all staff and volunteers provide their time and services free of charge.** Members of the UMW collected Blessing Bags containing personal hygiene items, socks, snacks, ponchos, etc. for BCSTR. We also presented BCSTR with \$191 collected from private donations. For more information about this very worthwhile ministry you may go to:

[www.bcstreetreach.org](http://www.bcstreetreach.org)



Our GriefShare group continues to grow and we now break into three small discussion groups following the video each week. Although the losses are varied, our members have bonded and become a source of support and encouragement for one another. This cycle of GriefShare will run through May 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is no "right" time to be part of our group. You are welcome to come and see if it feels right for you. If you are not comfortable at this time, you can always join us for the next cycle. We will be offering another cycle in September.

We meet in the choir room on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Each GriefShare session is self-contained so you are welcome to join the group at any time. There is a \$20 registration fee. More information about GriefShare can be found on our church website, or you may call Milly Houser 910 579-2603 or Jim McNeill 910 579-2405.

## S.T.A.R.S.



Thank you Seaside, for visiting the S.T.A.R.S. Volunteer Fair in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The S.T.A.R.S. committee members were enthusiastic to share the exciting year they are planning for our 2015 students. S.T.A.R.S. is blessed that so many of last year's volunteers are eager to serve again this year. We ask all volunteers, whether new or returning, to complete the 2015 Volunteer Information Form, if you haven't done so already. You'll find them on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall Lobby, in the Gallery or in the church office. Please complete and return to the church office by April 15<sup>th</sup> to enable the S.T.A.R.S. team to start work on the huge job of scheduling. Please continue to support S.T.A.R.S. with your prayers, in particular for the families of those children who qualify for the program.

## Worship Committee

The Worship Committee's main focus continues to be on our upcoming Easter Celebration.

- **Music:** Kathryn Parker and the choir are working hard on the upcoming Easter Cantata scheduled for March 29th. I hope everyone has their tickets.
- **Chancel Guild:** Praise God. Two ladies stepped up to co-chair the Chancel Guild Committee. They are Carol Sloper and Kay Swenson. In addition, another group of men and women signed up as volunteers going forward. We are very thankful for the faithful members of SUMC.
- **Acolytes and Crucifers:** Penny Sue Spohn and Paul Miraglia have agreed to lead the Acolytes and Crucifers for the 8:00 am services.
- **Ushers:** There is still a need for additional ushers at the 8:00 am service; if you have interest please contact Bob Biser.

### Greeters and Ushers

Have you considered that serving as a Greeter or Usher at Seaside is serving in a Ministry? There are Usher Captains for each of our Sunday services that are waiting to hear from you if you'd like to learn more about this important ministry.

- 8:00 am - Bob Biser - 301-639-5748
- 9:30 am - Victor De La Cruz - 579-7186
- 11:00 am - Bob Bell - 579-3814

## Vacation Bible School

### Have You HERD the Good News?

Mark your calendars for this year's **Vacation Bible School, June 15-19!** The theme this year is "Have You Herd?," a week that will be full of learning how to hear and respond to the voice of our Good Shepherd. Through Bible stories, crafts, worship, missions, games and snacks our kids will learn about how Jesus is our caring Shepherd who calls us to follow him. We will need plenty of loving hearts and helping hands so that our VBS can make a great impact in our community. Be in prayer for how God may be calling you to serve this year, with more details soon to come!



## Annual Spelling Bee

Looking for W-I-N-N-E-R-S! The Brunswick County Literacy Council (BCLC) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee will be held May 11, 7:00 pm at the BCC Virginia Williamson Event Center at the OWA. In the past, Seaside UMC has had very strong teams of spellers that were hard to beat, finishing in the top echelon. If you are interested in being a part of a two-person team and are ready to share your spelling prowess with others in the community, please contact Kim Loucks at 315-729-6476.

If you're not sure about the spelling bee part, come to cheer on all the teams, especially Seaside's! The event is always free, fun, exciting, and a unique evening out. In addition to the Spelling Bee there will be an A-Z Silent Auction with materials and goods from local merchants. You're sure to be able to snag a bargain, while helping out a worthy cause. The BCLC provides services to residents of Brunswick County to help them reach their fullest potential. The proceeds from the Spelling Bee allow BCLC to offer many services and classes, such as one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction in reading, writing, and Skills, Computer mathematics, GED preparation, English as a Second Language, Workforce Skills, and Financial and Health Literacy.

Come spell or cheer on the spelling teams, bid on items, and have a great time. May 11th, 7:00 pm at BCC Virginia Williamson Event Center at the OWA. For more information call Kim Loucks at 315.729.6476. Can you spell F-U-N?

*Proverbs 18:15: An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

## Grandparents Support Group

This is a support group for grandparents who are raising or are part of the parenting process of their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, younger or teenage children. The group is completely anonymous with a goal to support and supply information/knowledge to aid grandparents or any adult involved in the parenting of younger or teenage children. The group meets every Wednesday at Seaside at 10AM. If you are interested or have any questions about attending this group, please contact Meg at the church office, 579-5753.



## **Nurture Committee**

### **Seaside UMC Annual Art Show**

**April 22 - April 26th**

As we keep looking for spring, we are also planning for our Annual Seaside Art Show. This is always wonderful as we realize how much talent we have here.

As always, we will feature the work of our preschool children, but all Seaside members are invited to show their work. This show is not just painting, but any form of art—fabric arts, pottery, photography, jewelry, needlework, etc. If you are interested in showing your work, simply bring your art to the Fellowship Hall no later than the morning of April 22nd (set-up date). It should be picked up on Sunday, April 26th after church services.

If you have questions, contact Geri Piazza at [craftylady@atmc.net](mailto:craftylady@atmc.net) or call 575-0200.

### **Goodtimers**

Trip to Billy Graham Library Wednesday, May 13th. Cost \$5 each for bus, tour is free. Only 21 seats on the bus, so make reservation early. We depart the church at 7:30 am arriving at the Library 11:30 am. Quick lunch at the Café—your expense. We will tour Billy Graham's home, library & Memorial Gardens. Departure for home is 4:30 pm, stopping on the way home for dinner (your expense). Leave checks in church office ASAP. Questions call Ann Wiltbank at 579-0630

## **Community Support**

Alzheimer's Support Group  
Summit Place  
Beginning March 19th  
(Meeting 3rd Thursdays)

At 2 pm  
Facilitated by Kathy Bazzari, NP

For more information call  
Holly Mitchell at 843-399-5662

## **Adult Study Classes**

### **Confronting the Controversies**

Kim and Carolyn Loucks, Facilitators  
Begins Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm (7 weeks), Room 210.

### **Labyrinth Available During Holy Week**

The Labyrinth will be set up in the Fellowship Hall during Holy Week. It will be set up Tuesday afternoon, March 31 and left up until after the evening Good Friday service, April 3rd. It will be open for people to walk at their leisure whenever the church building is open. Some may choose to walk prior to the Maundy Thursday service or the Good Friday services, as you prepare to experience those spiritual worship experiences.

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. Walking during Lent and Holy Week provides a special opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and the last week of his life and the meaning of the cross.

For those not familiar with the Labyrinth, Sue Amyx will lead a Labyrinth Workshop on Wednesday evening, April 1st from 6:30-8:30 pm. You will learn some of the history of the Labyrinth, spiritual practices connected to walking the Labyrinth and about different themes you can use in walking the Labyrinth. The workshop will start in room 222 and then move to the Fellowship Hall for a time to experience walking the Labyrinth.

### **11:00 Sunday School Class**

Starting April 19, Stefanie Riley will facilitate a six week DVD study based on N.T. Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope*. After the glorious celebration of resurrection that comes with Easter Sunday, many of us turn our minds toward the promised realities of a new heaven and a new earth, a whole new creation. This study will open our eyes to what God's word has to say about the world to come and how it relates to the world that is. Sessions include such questions as: What is heaven really like? Is our main duty as Christians to help non-Christians get into heaven? What hope does the gospel hold for this present life? In what ways does God intend for us to experience that hope personally and spread its healing power to the world around us?  
Topics include:

The Hope of the Resurrection, Hope of Heaven and  
The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming, and Hope of Salvation,  
and The Hope of the Church

The class is open to all who are interested and meets on  
Sundays, starting April 19th, at 11 am in room 210.

# April Birthdays and Anniversaries

## April 1

### **Anniversaries:**

Bill & Jack DeGroot  
Connie & Denise Stout

## April 4

### **Birthdays:**

Eleanor Tucker  
Linda McPherson

### **Anniversaries:**

George & Helen Cotter  
Chuck & Betty Scott

## April 5

### **Birthdays:**

Marilyn Moore  
Jim Smith  
Donald Thompson  
Larry Barr  
Kelly Worth

### **Anniversaries:**

Mike & Jan Bohlinger



## April 6

### **Birthdays:**

Carol Matthews  
Sarah Diflooure  
Nancy Lewinsky  
Bobby Johnson

### **Anniversaries:**

Bruce & Sandra Kertcher  
Don & Daphne Bridwell

## April 7

### **Birthdays:**

Bob Wiltbank  
Becky Steadman  
Laci Ludlum

### **Anniversaries:**

John & Susan Torlone

## April 8

### **Birthdays:**

Betty Lintz  
Jordan Thorndyke  
Fred Snediker

### **Anniversaries:**

John & Margaret  
Holleman

## April 9

### **Birthdays:**

Gene Williams  
Bob Aspy  
Doug Scherzer  
April Sloan  
Kim Loucks

### **Anniversaries:**

Jim Frank & Betty Henderson

Jim & Carol Filkins  
Richard & Anna Kraft

## April 10

### **Birthdays:**

Mel South

### **Anniversaries:**

Dallas & Ruth Bracey

## April 11

### **Birthdays:**

Mary Neill

### **Anniversaries:**

Jim & JoCarol Allen

## April 12

### **Anniversaries:**

Jack & Kathy Scalise

## April 13

### **Birthdays:**

Ed Usher

## April 14

### **Birthdays:**

Ches Burton  
Betty Clayton  
Jarrod Reed

### **Anniversaries:**

Larry & Charity Smith

## April 15

### **Birthdays:**

Dot Cannon  
Marty Biddle  
Larry Moore

### **Anniversaries:**

Amber Standen  
Buddy & Betsy Russell

## April 16

### **Birthdays:**

Don Lehman  
Sadie McDougald

## April 16

### **Birthdays:**

Jim Linnell  
Bernita McGee  
Nina Gedney  
JoEllen Schmidt  
Jessica Yarbrough

### **Anniversaries:**

Art & Kathy Ivey

## April 17

### **Birthdays:**

Marlen Mapes  
Richard McDougald  
Martha Hetrick  
Samuel Frink

### **Anniversaries:**

Bill & Juanita English

## April 18

### **Birthdays:**

Donnie Haigler

### **Anniversaries:**

Fred & Ellene Schwartz

## April 19

### **Birthdays:**

Winston Stephens  
Lynn Colson  
Stuart Brenizer

### **Anniversaries:**

Ed & Lorraine Usher

## April 20

### **Birthdays:**

Chris Johnson  
Kimberly Hyun  
Dennis Fancher

## April 21

### **Birthdays:**

Matt Stanley  
Jake Yarbrough

## April 22

### **Birthdays:**

David McCune Sr  
Dot Sellers  
Betsy Wauters  
Cathy Story

## April 23

### **Birthdays:**

Geraldine Floyd

## April 24

### **Birthdays:**

Gene Parsons-Gilman  
Hanna Gail  
Dennis Rawson  
Joe Singletary  
Chris Brinsfield

## April 25

### **Birthdays:**

Phillis Finn  
Phyllis Munday  
Tammy Stanley

## April 26

### **Birthdays:**

Bruce Kertcher  
Mary Lee Baucam  
Anthony Edwards  
Melanie Edwards  
Parker Milliken  
Cathey Casalini

## April 27

### **Birthdays:**

Frank Rogers  
**Anniversaries:**  
Ed & Bernice Gray  
Mel & Barb Cunningham

## April 28

### **Birthdays:**

Joyce Davis  
Pat Haniquet  
Tracy Allen

### **Anniversaries:**

Charles & Cari Van Winkle

## April 29

### **Birthdays:**

Mildred Bernard  
Gene Hoge  
Glenn Cannon  
Mark Christy  
Cole Humphreys

### **Anniversaries:**

Thack & Barbara Brown

## April 30

### **Birthdays:**

Jack Starnes  
Brandon Brodsky  
Kelly Godden

# April 2014

| Sun                                                                                                                       | Mon                                                                                                                                                         | Tue                                                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thu                                                                                                                     | Fri                                                         | Sat                         |
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|                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                        | 1<br>9 Disciple II & Yoga<br>10 Christ. Art & G-parent Sup.<br>1 UMW Mission Tm<br>3 Tutoring<br>6:30 Praise Team & Labyrinth workshop                                                                          | 2<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 M Meeting<br>4 Lay Leaders<br>5:30 AI Anon<br>6:30 CA<br><br>7 Maundy Thursday Serv                | 3<br>10 Yoga<br><br>Good Friday Noon Service<br>7 Tennebrae | 4                           |
| 5<br><i>Easter Sunday Worship Serv</i><br><br>6:45 Sunrise<br>8, 9:30, 11 Church<br><br>10:30 Easter Egg Hunt<br><br>7 AA | 6<br>10 Yoga<br>11 SBL Gp<br>12 AI Anon<br>1:15 Disc. I<br>3:30 Straighten up<br>4:30 Girls Scouts<br>6 Financial Peace<br>6:30 Boy Scouts & UMM            | 7<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Fd Pantry, Crafts & Staff Mtg.<br>1:30 Worship Mtg<br>5 Comm. Mtg<br>6 Stephen Min.<br>6:30 Divorce Care & Sharing God's Word     | 8<br>9 Disciple II & Yoga<br>10 Christ. Art & G-parent Sup.<br>3 Tutoring<br>6:30 Praise Team & Confronting Cont                                                                                                | 9<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Staff Mtg<br>1:30 Stroke Survivors<br>4 Perm End.<br>5:30 AI Anon<br>6 Sanctuary Choirs<br>6:30 CA | 10<br>10 Yoga & M and M's<br>1:30 Grief/Share               | 11<br><br>9 Prayer Warriors |
| 12<br><i>Worship Serv</i><br>8, 9:30, 11 9:30 & 11<br>SS Classes<br>9 Blood Pressure Ck<br><br>5:30 UMYF<br>7 AA          | 13<br>10 Yoga<br>11 SBL Gp<br>12 AI Anon<br>1:15 Disciple I<br>3:30 Straighten up<br>6:30 Boy Scouts<br>7 Trustees                                          | 14<br>8:30 Steering Comm.<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Fd Pantry & Staff Mtg, Crafts<br>1 Seekers Cir<br>1:30 Worship Plan<br>6 Classic Ens<br>6:30 Divorce Care | 15<br>9 Disciple II & Yoga<br>10 Christ. Art & G-parent Supp<br>1:30 Nurture<br>3 Tutoring & H & W Comm.<br>4 Exec Comm.<br>4:30 Joyful Noise<br>5:30 Jubilee Bells<br>6:30 Praise Team, Confront Controversies | 16<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Staff Mtg & Timeless Treas<br>5:30 AI Anon<br>6 Choir Officers<br>6:30 CA                         | 17<br>10 Yoga<br>1:30 Grief/Share                           | 18                          |
| 19<br><i>Worship Serv</i><br>8, 9:30 & 11 9:30 & 11<br>SS Classes<br><br>5 Instrumental Ens<br><br>5:30 UMYF<br>7 AA      | 20<br>10 Yoga<br>11 SBL Gp<br>12 AI Anon<br>1 Shell Seekers Bk Club<br>1:15 Disciple I<br>3:30p Straighten up<br>4:30 Girl Scouts<br>6:30 Boy Scouts & FIGS | 21<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Fd Pantry & Staff Mtg, & crafts<br>1:30p Worship Plan.<br>6:30p Divorce Care & Sharing God's Word                                | 22<br>9 Disciple II & Yoga<br>10 Christ. Art & G-parent Support<br>3 Tutoring<br>4:30 Joyful Noise<br>5:30 Jubilee Bells<br>6 Art Show<br>6:30 Praise Team & Conf. Controversies                                | 23<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Staff Mtg<br>5:30 AI Anon<br>6 Sanctuary Choirs & Art Show<br>6:30 CA                             | 24<br>10 Yoga<br>1:30 Grief/Share                           | 25<br>Day of Caring         |
| 26<br><i>Worship Serv</i><br>8, 9:30 & 11 9:30 & 11<br>SS Classes<br><br>5:30 UMYF<br>7 AA                                | 27<br>10 Yoga<br>11 SBL Gp<br>12 AI Anon<br>1:15 Disciple I<br>3:30p Straighten up<br>6:30 Boy Scouts                                                       | 28<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Fd Pantry & Staff Mtg, & Crafts<br>1:30p Worship Plan.<br>6 Classic Ens<br>6:30p Divorce Care                                    | 29<br>9 Disciple II & Yoga<br>10 Christ Art, G-parent Supp<br>1 Stephen Leaders<br>3 Tutoring<br>4:30 Joyful Noise<br>5:30 Jubilee Bells<br>6:30 Confronting controversies & Praise Team                        | 30<br>9 & 5 GED<br>10 Min Mtg<br>5:30 AI Anon & Mid Serv Choir<br>6:30 8 & 11 Choirs                                    |                                                             |                             |

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