

Seaside Currents



Our Human Condition and Our Spiritual Light

Each Wednesday, a dozen or so faithful Bible Students gather in room 207 to work through one of the advanced Disciple Bible Studies. For those unfamiliar with Disciple, the study manual includes a selection of readings from the appointed book(s) of the Bible for each week, along with a commentary and questions for reflection or group discussion. Every single lesson in the entire Disciple series begins with a statement called "Our Human Condition." These are often blunt statements that reflect an unredeemed view of a slice of the human condition that is related to the readings for the week. Toward the end of the lesson is a statement of the redemption of that human condition that may be discerned from the week's study.

Last week's "Our Human Condition" statement was particularly striking:

We are born, and we die. In between we attend to our physical needs. What can give life to our living? What can give purpose to our dying?

No doubt each of us has days that reflect this aspect of the human condition. Who among us hasn't sighed with exasperation and exclaimed, "Just get me through this day." Who hasn't had days when we are just going through the motions, biding our time until something better—retirement...or death comes along. "Phoning it in" is one way I've heard this described. The French have a word for it: *Ennui*—a feeling of bored pointlessness.

But this isn't the life that God intends for his people. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and that they may have it abundantly" (John 10:10). And the Bible as a whole testifies to a God who in creating the world wrote into the base code of the universe one day in seven for rest, renewal, and enjoyment of the creation and of the fruits of human labor. No doubt our neglect of the gift of Sabbath contributes much to feelings of *ennui* experienced by so many.

More than once, we have encountered persons who have moved here in retirement, expecting to fill their retirement days enjoying the beach and playing golf. They soon discover that even though our beautiful beaches and golf courses can provide wonderful distractions, they cannot provide true fulfillment. Some of these folks have been away from the church for years and, upon invitation, show up on a Sunday, or come to Seaside for an exercise class or a small group study, or to volunteer. They are seeking a sense of community, a sense of belonging, a sense of meaning.

Part of our role here is to offer a place for those seeking meaning, to find it in Jesus Christ. Our mission is **"Building bridges to connect people in a transformative relationship with Jesus Christ,"** which will allow us to fulfill our vision to become, **"A vital community, encountering Jesus Christ, and living abundantly through service to God and Neighbor."**

Our Disciple lesson concluded last week with the observation that "Being [a] faithful community, we see life as both physical and spiritual, and while we exist in the physical, we live in new life graciously offered by God in Jesus Christ." Whenever we encounter those who struggle to find meaning, may we be the light shining in the darkness, offering the abundant life that comes only in Christ.

Scott

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Upcoming Events

February 2
Teddy Bear Ministry

February 5
Grief/Share Begins

February 9
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner 5pm

February 10
Parkinson's Support 12pm
Ash Wednesday 7pm

February 10-15
Walk the Labyrinth

February 11
Stroke Support Meeting
1:30pm

February 21
Jazz Vespers
5:00pm

March 20
Easter Cantata
4 & 7pm

May 16
Annual Spelling Bee

June 4
UMM Golf Tournament

Seaside Prayer Concerns

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.

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 and those unemployed

Members:

Rich & Diane Damato
Tom & Jeanne Deacon
Betty Ann & Don Dustin
Martha Eaton
Family of Fannie Freeman
Family of Bob Schenck
Cindy Fickes & Family
Alicia Gillen
Grief/Share
Gene Hoge
Tabatha & Crystal Huggett
Gil & Kathy Johnson Family
Sandy & Gary Kershner
Ron Kisbaugh
Myrt Klein
Bernice Lewis
Lynn Loughron
Walt & Marian Martens
Family
Nancy Matzek
Pat Nutter
Gene Parson-Gillman
Prayer Warriors
Kathy Preston
Betty Pursey
Jack Scalise
Linda Sherzer & Family
Chuck Scott
Seaside UMC Staff
Jimmy Smith
Stephen Ministers
Linda Stigile
SS Volunteers & Students
UMYF & Leaders
Karen Viviano
Isabelle Waldron
Rich Walker
Shirley Walsh
Ken Wensel
Marcia Zachary

Friends

Paula Beck
Emmett Browder
Mike & Ellen Byrnes
Jane Carden
Linda & Bill Chambers
Children of the World
Douglas Coates
Jim & Darlene Cooper
Renee Curry
John Delaney
Pat & Chuck Denney
Divorce Care Group
Kim Duff
Herman Dunn
Scott Dustin
Alex Faircloth
Family of Riley Bradley
Family of David Lewis
Family of Zachery Hayes
Family of Porter Macfarland
Family of Sandy Ouellette
Family of Nancy Schroll
Family of Bev Womack
Pat Fitzpatrick
Timothy & Chrissy Frankford
Charlie Grace
Emma Grace
Julie Grant
Jennifer & Mark Greer Family
Linda Haddad
Michael Hoyle Family
Martha Jordan
Amy King
Maureen Hoyle Krupe
Beth Lammonds
Roger & Rosemary Lasher
Nathan Leckey
Paul Lippie
Jan Martin
Zak McCall
Barb & Jim McCartney
Gerry McCormick
Trish McNelis
Jeff Miller
Michael Norman
Our Nation & Our World
Judy Patterson
Fran Peters
Preschool Teachers
Debbie & Mickey Rary
Lang & Gina Rawls
Cory Riley
Ernice Sadler

Friends Continued:

Eunice Sadler
Austin & Gloria Sammon
Michelle Schlemmer Fam
Sue Schloboch & family
Ryan Scott
Linda Schmenski
Kristen & Kelly Socia
Donna Leigh Sotomeyer
Philip & Jennifer Stavonovic
Danny Tanner
Teach For America
Tim Upchurch
Victims of Violence & Abuse
Dawn Wagner
Cindy Wakefield
Tom Waldron
Laurie Walsh
David Ward
Jim Watson
Karen Weiss
Nancy Whitfield
Joe Williams
Wesley Wilson
Don & Gwen Wiseman
Clemment & Anna May York
Linda Zear

Serving Our Country:

Alex Blust
Brad Borders
Matthew Bronson
Chad Bryson
Oliver Clayton
Miguel DeBorg
Dodge Dustin
Charles Kelley
William (Willy) Mabry
Marschal Martens
Zachary Rushing
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Please contact us
with updates
every 30 days



Lectionary Bible Readings

February 7

Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 9:2-36 (37-43a)

February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8b-13
 Luke 4:1-13

February 21

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 13:31-35

February 28

Isaiah 55:1-9
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9



**December
 2015
 Report**

Seniors—153
 Adults—273
 Children—235

Total individuals served—661
 Total families served—180
 Average of 36 families weekly

We are very appreciative of our church family's continued support of our food pantry through gifts and also through the hours volunteered by many of our members. What a blessing you are in this outreach mission at Seaside!

Special thanks also goes out to the Sea Trail POA for their recent generous donation.

Memorials & Honoraria

In Honor of:

Roger & Sharon Terry
Given by:
 Daryl & Phyllis Forcythe

In Honor of:

Lomie Lou Cooke
Given by:
 Preston & Elizabeth Kelly

In Memory of:

Bob Schenck
Given by:
 William Morrow and Meg Good
 Joanne and Edward Dymitruk
 Richard and Dorrene Waterbury
 William and Marcia Glynn
 Kathryn Parker
 Diane Sheldon

Attendance

Worship

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Dec 6	134	203	171
Dec 13	157	222	147
Dec 20	119	219	177
Dec 24	5pm 177		7pm 369
Dec 27	82	153	177

Sunday School

Dec 6	36
Dec 13	60
Dec 20	52
Dec 27	24

Why Wear A Name Tag ?

1. Few people know everybody in the church. It's difficult to remember every person's name.
2. Leaders need help with names to help them minister to everyone.
3. Nametags invite conversation. It's easy to talk to someone when on a first name basis.
4. Knowing names makes fellowship more personal.
5. Nametags save embarrassment. No one wants to call someone by the wrong name.
6. Nametags are an inexpensive way to promote outward focus. We want to be ready for guests.
7. Guests feel less conspicuous when members are also wearing nametags. They can call you by name also.
8. Nametags say to someone, "please let us know your name" and "we want to know you"

Choir Loft Update

As members of Seaside United Methodist Church, many have given generously for the construction of a new permanent choir loft. Your support is greatly appreciated.

On January 14th, 2016 a contract was signed with Jessie & Meyers contractors to do the construction of the platform and risers for the new loft. Start of construction has been scheduled for February 1, 2016 and completion of this phase is to be February 26, 2016.

The work involves expansion of the floor area, construction of the choir loft, relocation of the organ and audio and electrical connections, and adding additional cooling for the choir loft. Pew seating will be ordered after the choir loft is completed. Pews will be manufactured off-site and installed at a later time. Until then we will use the existing choir chairs. A portion of the current choir riser system will be moved to the choir rehearsal room. The remainder will be stored temporarily and offered for sale or donation as appropriate.

Please watch the weekly emailed Currents Update and the website for regular progress reports.

Seaside Welcome To New Members



Dick and Sharon Giblin joined Dec 6th by transfer of membership from Christ UMC, Yorkana, Pa.

You may contact them at:
PO Box 8015
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Sharon's Cell: 717-515-8432
Dick's Cell: 717-818-1778
Email: sgiblin65@comcast.n



Heidi and Rich Berger joined Dec 13th by transfer of membership from St. Paul's UMC, Brick, NJ. They both enjoy golf.

You may contact them at:
1289 Neptuno Ct
Ocean Isle Beach, NC (Sunset Ridge Community)
Heidi's Email: hberger21@gmail.com



Rick and Kitty Burge joined Dec 13th by transfer of membership from Elon First UMC, Elon, NC.

You may contact them at:
920 Elderberry Lane SW
Sunset Beach, NC 28468
Rick Cell: 336-380-7546
Kitty Cell: 336-266-2813
Email: rkburge@aol.com



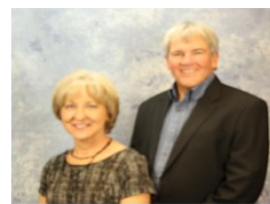
Fred and Dorothy Robertson joined Dec 20th by transfer of membership from Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC.

You may contact them at:
106 Sunset Oaks Lane
Sunset Beach, NC 28468
Home: 910-575-4565
Email: retireesunset@gmail.com



Holly Smith joined Dec 20th by transfer of membership from White Plains UMC, Cary, NC.

You may contact her at:
265 Creekview Drive
Sunset Beach, NC 28468
Phone: 919-673-5547
Email: hollysmith7@gmail.com



Doug & Mary Allen joined Seaside January 10th by transfer of their membership from First Baptist Church, Hickory, NC.

You may contact them at:
PO Box 6051
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Home: 910-575-3979
Doug Cell: 828-612-2775
Doug Email: allen1946dm@gmail.com
Mary Cell: 828-310-0413
Mary Email: marybeth2552@gmail.com



Cathi Birmingham joined on January 10th. Cathi has attended Seaside for years with her husband Tom, a long time member of Seaside.

You may contact Cathi and Tom at:
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Sunset Beach, NC 28468 (Sandpiper Bay)
Home: 910-575-7303
Cathi Cell: 910-880-9111
Cathi Email: tomcatps@atmc.net



Words cannot express our gratitude to Pastors Mary Jane and Scott for their kindness and care as we dealt with the sudden death of our son, Walt Martens, Jr. Thank you also to our Seaside family for all of your cards, calls and comforting words during this difficult time. They mean so much. Marion and Walter Martens, Sr.

Music Ministry



"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

Love has been our theme this year in the Joyful Noise Children's Choir and love is in the air this month! Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!

February may be a short month (although this is Leap Year) but it is an important and busy month. Please mark your calendar for all of the following events:

February 1st: Tickets for the **March 20th Easter Concert, *The Majesty and Glory of Easter*** will be available in the Gathering Area in front of the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:00 AM. There are 500 tickets for each performance (4:00 & 7:00) and when they are gone we will put your name on a waiting list. There will be **NO** reserved tickets. Please be kind to those dealing with tickets.

February 10 –ASH WEDNESDAY
- 7:00 PM service

February 21 –JAZZ VESPERS -
5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

What is Jazz Vespers? This is a new evening service featuring jazz music in a "Coffee House" atmosphere. A small group of musicians led by Dave Nelms on the trumpet, will play jazz music. Stefanie Riley will deliver a short homily, and coffee and sweets will be available for your enjoyment. Vespers, or evening prayers, will be offered and I hope many of you will come out to enjoy the service.

Love to each of you!
Kathryn Parker
Minister of Music



PERMANENT ENDOWMENT AND SPECIAL GIFTS

A Current Will or Trust

Have you put off making or updating your will or living trust? Maybe you think it costs too much to do. Perhaps you are having a hard time deciding how to leave your money, or you may simply have an aversion to confronting your mortality. Maybe this is the year you need to "just do it!"

Having these documents prepared for you may seem like a daunting task at first, until you realize all the good that comes from having them.

A bequest from either a will or living trust lets you pass any amount you wish to SUMC free of estate tax. You can give cash, specific property or a percentage of your estate, with restrictions or without. Because your gift doesn't come to us until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.

To make sure your will accomplishes your goals according to your wishes, we suggest you speak with one of our ministers or a member of this committee who can help steer you in the right direction. Here are a few benefits:

- Provide for your family after your death
- Distribute your assets according to your wishes
- Save on taxes with proper planning
- Leave a legacy without giving up assets today

Outreach

Needed: Spelling Bee Participants

The Brunswick County Literacy Council will hold its 27th Annual Adult Spelling Bee on Monday, May 16th at Brunswick Community College's Virginia Williamson Event Center from 7:00 to 9:00pm. As a warm-up to the main event, at 6:00pm an A-Z Silent Auction begins.

Seaside United Methodist Church traditionally has a dynamic team that performs like a dictionary-loving duo. Last year, the incredible Seaside Spellers, Marilyn Schenk and Pat Linnell, came in second place out of fifteen teams. Our hope is that was just the beginning and that this year, the Seaside team will be named the top spelling team in Brunswick County! We want to create a Seaside Spelling dynasty.

Please call Kim Loucks at 315-729-6476, if you would like to be part of the Seaside Spelling Team.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



If you've lost someone close to you, or know someone who has, please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 5th at 1:00 p.m. for GriefShare registration and session one. This will be our eighth cycle of GriefShare. GriefShare is a 13-week seminar support group where you can be around people who understand how you feel and know the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

If you're unable to come on February 5th, you are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. Sessions 2 through 13 will be held on Fridays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the choir room. *We will not meet on Good Friday, March 25th.* You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin and will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next cycle. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Milly Houser at 579-2603 or Jim McNeill at 579-2405.

Garden of the Disciples

Every week in the Seaside Weekly Currents we find one or two new members that have joined our congregation. For new members (and established members) that may not be familiar with the Garden of Disciples please visit <http://seasideumc.org/about-us/memorial-garden/> to find out more. The purpose of the Garden is four-fold:

- To provide the followers of Jesus Christ with a final resting place near their church home
- To demonstrate good stewardship of our earth by reducing space needed for burial
- To add beauty to a portion of our church property
- To offer a place to reflect on the life and love of the departed

The Garden is a restful space that encourages visitors to sit and reflect on the beauty that the Lord has brought. It is a place to take in the quiet and solitude and reflect upon the gifts that you have.

We need people to cultivate and maintain the beauty of the Garden. If you are an avid gardener or just someone who likes to dabble in gardening consider joining us on March 25th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This will be the first of many monthly Weedathons. We have a core group that maintains the Garden but we would like new members to join us. All are welcome; there are tasks for all.

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

Worship

Our new year brings us an early Easter and so we are now planning the services beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th thru Easter on March 27th. In between are Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. These are all special services which Christians attend throughout the country.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and 40 days before (excluding Sundays) Easter Sunday. It can also be called the Day of Ashes because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the gospels.

Good Friday offers the **Tenebrae Service** evening service, which is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week—from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through to Jesus' burial.

Easter Sunday is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ three days after His crucifixion. It is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year because of the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the events upon which Christianity is based.

All of the above services are very beautiful and moving to those in attendance. The music is fantastic and you will come away with a new reverence and faith for the Lord. Please plan on attending all of them.

Len Bernauer
Worship Committee

Health and Wellness

Stroke Support Group

The Stroke Support Group will meet Thursday February 11th at 1:30 pm. Our program this month will be Chair Yoga with Tricia Reich. Chair yoga is for people who have difficulty moving easily from a stand to a sit. It provides the participant a chance to improve stretching ability, which will lead to improved muscle tone, better breathing and reduced stress. Anyone can do some of these movements. Please join us at Seaside United Methodist Church in Sunset Beach for this class. All are welcome.

Health and Wellness Continued

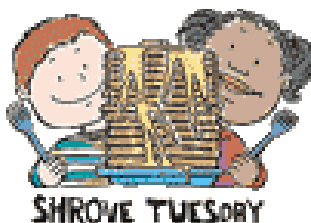
Parkinson's Support Group

Beginning February 10th, there will be a Parkinson's support group here at Seaside. This group will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, from noon until 1:00 pm in the GED room (210). This group is open to all who live with Parkinson's Disease, as well as their caregivers. The format will be different than typical Parkinson's Disease support groups. The primary focus will be living with Parkinson's Disease daily and all that encompasses. If you know of someone who lives with PD, please share this information with them.

Youth News

Pancakes: It's What's For Dinner on Shrove Tuesday!

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, February 9th for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper provided by our MYF students. The supper begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall where you will find plenty of pancakes (and we promise, even more Blueberry pancakes), hash browns, bacon, sausage, applesauce, juice and coffee. There is no cost for the meal but donations will be received to benefit both the Seaside MYF as well as "Imagine No Malaria," a United Methodist effort to eradicate malaria in developing countries. Come with an appetite and celebrate Shrove Tuesday with your Seaside family!



Snack Suppers Needed for Winter/Spring MYF Gatherings

You have the opportunity to serve our youth ministry by providing a light snack supper for our kids on a Sunday evening this semester. Meals need to be at the church at 5:00 p.m. We plan for ten folks including students and leaders. Meals can be simple, anything from sub sandwiches to casseroles, lasagna to tacos! There is a sign-up sheet located in the gallery, or you may contact Stefanie with any questions. Thank you for supporting our MYF!

Searching For a Fun Challenge in 2016?

Look no further than MYF!

We are always open to new folks who feel called to serve our student ministry by ministering as a Sunday night assistant to Stefanie. We would really like to find two more individuals who would be able to serve one Sunday a month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We have a great time together and you will be amazed at how much these students will make you both laugh and think with their youthful insight. For more information contact Stefanie.

Country Fair Update

Spring is just around the corner, so get ready to face the new season with an organized, clean house. Get rid of all of the things that you no longer use. Set aside items that are new or gently used and donate them to the Country Fair. Beginning March 1st, Country Fair will begin to accept donations. You may leave them at the church shed Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or Sunday mornings. Call SUMC at 910-579-5753 to arrange to have larger items picked up at your home.



Country Fair is successful because of the generous donations that members and friends make. Start cleaning now so you can be ready to donate!

God's people faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts. 2 Chronicles 31:12

For anyone new to Seaside who aren't familiar with Country Fair, please go to <http://seasideumc.org/country-fair-wrap-up-2015/> and view the 2015 Country Fair. This is a big operation and we have a huge need for volunteers.

If you can donate some of your time and talents or want further information, call Kim or Carolyn at 315-729-6476. Together we will find a place where you will be able to put your talents to work and have some fun. Areas such as Clothing, Crafts and Yard Sale meet on a regular basis beginning in the spring. We are still in need of leaders for the Craft area and Yard Sale, we would love some new people!

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Witness Ministry

2015 was a great year for Seaside—welcoming 56 new members into our congregation! All were welcomed at one of the three New Member Luncheons held in 2015.

Each Sunday you will find one of our members at the Welcome Desk ready to greet our members and visitors. All local first time visitors are visited by one of Seaside's "Muggers," a dedicated group of members who go to their homes to bring them a gift of a mug that is filled with information about Seaside, thank them for attending and invite them to return. Upon joining Seaside, a Witness Ministry team member visits the new member to provide them with information on how they can use their gifts to be active and serve at Seaside.

If you're interested in becoming a part of this wonderful ministry please call Naomi Harder. There are sign-up sheets in the Gallery if you'd like to serve at the Welcome Desk on Sundays at 8:00 or 9:30 am (great opportunity to meet more of our church family.) Interested in "Mugging"? Contact Jane Boone.

United Methodist Men

At their first meeting of 2016, the United Methodist Men held a lengthy discussion on the implementation of a supplemental fundraiser to overcome the lost Christmas tree revenue. A number of ideas were proposed, but nothing yet has materialized. It remains a work in process. In 2015, the UMM distributed \$18,100 to 16 local charities. This year's budget has been reduced to \$16,100 but the number of recipients remains unchanged.

The men have begun a liaison program where we will have a UMM member as the contact person for each charity we support. The liaison will keep in touch with his organization and be available to arrange additional assistance should it be needed. This is a start-up effort to better allow us to understand and be aware of the work that is being done to assist those in need throughout our community.

Our January speaker was Mike Baker, scoutmaster of BSA Troop 201. He gave us an overview of the troop activities in 2015 and the expectations for 2016.

Prayer Labyrinth

Walking the labyrinth is a meditation opportunity that helps you to focus on spiritual, healing, and life issues. Walking the labyrinth allows you time to slow down, reflect, and pray. The labyrinth will be open to walk at your convenience, Thursday, February 11th through Monday, February 15th in the Fellowship Hall.

Labyrinth Workshop: Introduction to the Labyrinth, a Spiritual Practice and Meditation Tool. If you would like to learn more about the labyrinth, Sue Amyx will be facilitating a labyrinth workshop on Thursday morning, Feb. 11th from 10:00-11:30 am. This will provide an opportunity to learn about the labyrinth, give you some guidelines on how to walk it, and also the opportunity to walk the labyrinth. It will be a time to pray, reflect and look forward as you begin your journey through Lent. A sign-up sheet for the workshop is in the gallery.

S.T.A.R.S.

**Seaside Teaching And Reaching Students
June 27, 2016-August 5th, 2016**

Plans for our 2016 six week Summer Literacy and Enrichment Program, S.T.A.R.S., will begin in February. This is the third summer that we welcome to children to Seaside to learn. To those who have volunteered over these last two summers, we hope to see you again this year. For those new to Seaside, S.T.A.R.S. supports rising second and third graders who need additional help preventing summer learning loss in reading fluency, writing and comprehension. These students also need focused summer literacy instruction to help prepare them for the coming school year. As we've seen from the first two classes, these children gain a new *confidence* in themselves and their ability to read and learn. Just ask the teachers at Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary, the school Seaside supports, about the benefits of S.T.A.R.S. Make sure you have plenty of time to listen. And ask those who have volunteered over the last two years what a rewarding experience it is working with the children and each other.

Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more information in February regarding volunteer opportunities.

Your time and caring DO make a difference in the lives of these children.

United Methodist Women

C.A.R.E.S.

(Caring and Reaching Everyone, Seaside)

The C.A.R.E.S. Ministry is a joint effort of Seaside's United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. This ministry provides an ongoing maintenance program for any Seaside member needing temporary assistance in completing tasks beyond their ability. Examples of need could be moving heavy items, reaching heights requiring a ladder, yard work, or general housework. The C.A.R.E.S. form is located in the church gallery on a small table. Please feel free to fill out the necessary information on the form, seal it in the envelope provided, and place it in the labeled box. The box will be checked weekly and someone will be in touch with you shortly regarding your request. We can all use a helping hand occasionally!

S.C.A.R.F.

(Seaside, Caring and Reaching Friends)

As we continue through the chilly days and nights here in Brunswick County, we need to remember those who do not have a warm shelter. The S.C.A.R.F. Ministry is part of the U.M.W. Outreach Mission. Over the past year, many items have been donated to this necessary mission, with much appreciation. There is a tall white collection basket located near the Fellowship Hall, labeled S.C.A.R.F. Please donate gently used or new items such as: gloves, scarves, toboggans, or socks—for men, women and children. These items are donated to Street Reach, Wings Backpack School Program, and Wings of Hope.

SEEKERS CIRCLE - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Carol Matthews
Mary Ann vonHausen,
Co-chairs

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY MAKE A BEAR PROJECT

Just a reminder about the workshop being held to "Make a Bear." On Tuesday, February 2nd, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be making Teddy Bears from start to finish! All materials will be provided. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it. If you can cut material, sew, "stuff" a bear, or tie a bow - YOU ARE NEEDED! Come and join us, for all or part of the time, during the afternoon. Please call Bernita Magee (575-5958) or Carol Matthews (575-4267) if you have any questions.

UMW Reading Program

Happy New Year everyone!
I'm hoping that one of your New Year's resolutions is to complete the reading program this year. This chilly weather is a perfect time to snuggle in with a good book, AND I have a great book for you to try. Carolyn Carden first recommended it to me and I could hardly put it down. The title is *Miss Brenda and the Loveladies*, by Brenda Spahn and Irene Zutell. It was new to our shelves this Fall and is under the Nurturing For Community category.



Brenda Spahn is a very wealthy businesswoman who had a brush with the law and almost went to jail. After visiting a prison for women in Alabama, what she saw prompted a God-inspired vision. This is the story of how she founded a "Whole Way House" by inviting seven ex-cons into her home, fought to provide hope for the hopeless and how they changed her heart forever. It's a story that testifies to the power of faith and how God changes hearts every day!

Congratulations to the 20 recipients of a 2015 Reading Certificate at our January Prayer Breakfast. My goal is still 25 for next year! Will you be one of them?

Marie Wilcox

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 2

Birthdays:

O'Dell Norman
Jennifer Smith

February 3

Birthdays:

Susan Dearborn

February 4

Birthdays:

Denise Houghen-Clagett

February 5

Birthdays:

Stephanie Shytle
Bridget Loughran
Andrew Thorndyke
Mary Allen

February 6

Birthdays:

Jeanne Horton
Dolores Geisler

February 7

Birthdays:

Marcia Warring
Dana Pickup
Jonathan Dusenbury
Connie Thompson
Paul Wenzler
Terry Jones

February 8

Birthdays:

Janet McComb
Nathan Godfrey
Regan Chappell
Thomas Walters
William Winans

February 9

Birthdays:

LuCinda Sealey
Regina Cabbage

February 10

Birthdays:

Nancy Jack
Russell Johnson
Barbara Bowden
Regan Marlowe
Matthew Kleino

Anniversaries:

Tony & Gere Andujar

February 11

Birthdays:

Judy Sikes
Bert Kuthe
Zachary Sealey
Marlene Meier

February 12

Birthdays:

Louisa Clatterbuck
Juanita English
Anna Craft
Shawn Ferguson

February 13

Birthdays:

Danice Stout
Ted Pounds
Carol Quick

February 14

Birthdays:

Sandra Palmer
Ted Russell
Terry Britt
James Johnson

Anniversaries:

Bobby & Brenda Hollyfield
Tom & Sally Frawley

February 15

Birthdays:

Pam Ellis
George Edwards
Kathryn Hare
Sandra Welch

Anniversaries:

Jim & Pam Hardie

February 16

Birthdays:

Sue Bowling
John Ochs
Ed Keller
Chason McCall
Jessica McCall
Whitney Scott
Lucrecia Rousseaux
Sue Gronostaski
Anniversaries:
Decio & Margie Stone

February 17

Birthdays:

Pam Smith
Erdeen Zimmerlee
George Dooley
Kimberly Ann McClernan
Danny Winans
Jean Fowler
Ryan Wagner

February 18

Birthdays:

Harriet Gano
Marie Wilcox
Nancy Poole
Kimberly Wood
Allison Newton
Payton Forrest
Bernie Iannotta

February 19

Birthdays:

Margaret McNair
Jim Baucom
Betsy Pesce
Lynn Henkel

February 21

Birthdays:

Midge Sparks
Kathleen Hahl
Roger Doby

February 22

Birthdays:

Jim Story
Heather Edwards
Adrienne Tyson
Larry Smith

February 23

Birthdays:

Gerry McCall
Julia Bagwell
Amanda King

February 24

Birthdays:

Mary Koehn
Laurie Walker
Joseph Gurreri
Cassandra Barwick

February 25

Birthdays:

Diane Middleton
Michael Shytle
Nancy Moon

February 26

Birthdays:

Tim McVaugh
Emily Ashbrook

February 27

Birthdays:

Peter Lee
George Matthews Jr
Madeline Leahy

February 28

Birthdays:

Dallas Bracey
Sharon Terry
Deb Starnes
Terry Frink
Dottie McVaugh

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1:30 Skeptic 3:30 exercise 6:30 Worship Planning, Boy Scouts & UMM</p>	<p>2 9 & 5 GED 10 Food Pantry & Galatians 11 Staff Mtg 12 Teddy Bear Wkshop 2 Worship Mtg 5 Comm. Mtg 6 Stephen Min 6:30 Sharing & Divorce Care</p>	<p>3 9 Disciple IV 10 G-Parents Sup Gp, Yoga 1 UMW Mission Team 4 Children's Choir 4:15 Connect 6:30 Praise Team & Ind. Study</p>	<p>4 9 / 5 GED 9:30 Christ Artists, Lectio 10 CCMtg & Timeless Treas. 4 Lay Leaders 5:30 AI anon 6 Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>5 10 Yoga 1 GriefShare</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Worship Serv. 8, 9:30 & 11 SS 9:30 & 11 5 UMYF & Stephen Ministers</p>	<p>8 10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1:30 Skeptic 3:30 Exercise 4:15 G Scouts 6:30 B Scouts 7 Trustees</p>	<p>9 9 & 5 GED 10 Food Pantry & Galatians 11 Staff Mtg 2 Worship Mtg 5 Pancake Supper 5:30 Inst Ens 6:30 Classic Ens & Divorce Care</p>	<p>10 9 Disciple IV 10 G-Parents Sup Gp, Yoga 12 Lenten Luncheon & Parkinson's Support 4 Children Choir 7 Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>11 9 / 5 GED 9:30 Christ Artists, Lectio 10 CCMtg & Labyrinth Wksp 1:30 Stroke Sup 4 SPRC 5:30 AI anon 6 Sanctuary Choir 6:30 CA</p>	<p>12 10 Yoga 1:30 GriefShare</p>	<p>13 9 Prayer Warriors & Providence Home 4 Carolina Masters Corale</p>
<p>14 Worship Serv. 8, 9:30 & 11 SS 9:30 & 11 9 Blood Pressure Screening 4 Choir Dinner 5 UMYF & Stephen Ministers</p>	<p>15 10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp & Tutoring 12 AI Anon 1 Shell Seekers Bk 1:30 Skeptic 1:30 Letters 3:30 Exercise 6:30 B Scouts 7 Finance</p>	<p>16 9 & 5 GED 10 Food Pantry & Galatians 11 Staff Mtg 2 Worship Mtg 4 Witness Mtg 5:30 CFC 6:30 Divorce Care & Sharing God's Word</p>	<p>17 9 Disciple IV 10 G-parents Sup Gp, Yoga 12 Lenten Luncheon 4 Children's Choir 4:15 Connect 6:30 Praise Team, Inductive Study</p>	<p>18 9 / 5 GED 9:30 Christ Artists, Lectio 10 CCMtg & Timeless Treasures 5:30 AI Anon 6 Sanctuary Choir 6:30 CA</p>	<p>19 10 Yoga 1:30 GriefShare</p>	<p>20 9 CPR Class</p>
<p>21 Worship Serv. 8, 9:30 & 11 SS 9:30 & 11 5 UMYF, Stephen Minsiters & Jazz Vespers</p>	<p>22 10 Yoga 11 SBL Gp 12 AI Anon 1:30 Skeptic 1:30 Letters 3:30 Exercise 4:15 G Scouts 6:30 B Scouts</p>	<p>23 9 5 GED 10 Food Pantry & Galatians 11 Staff Mtg 2 Worship Mtg 5:30 Inst En 6:30 Divorce Care & Class Ens.</p>	<p>24 9 Disciple IV 10 G-parents Sup Gp, Yoga 12 Lenten Luncheon 1 Stephen Lead. 4 Children's Choir 4:15 Connect 6:30 Praise Team & Inductive Study</p>	<p>25 9 / 5 GED 9:30 Christ Artists, Lectio 10 CCMtg & Timeless Treas 5:30 AI Anon 6 Sanctuary Choir 6:30 CA</p>	<p>26 10 Yoga 1:30 GriefShare</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Worship Serv. 8, 9:30 & 11 SS 9:30 & 11 5 UMYF & Stephen Ministers</p>	<p>29 10 Yoga 11 SBL 12 AI Anon 1:30 Letters 3:30 Exercise 6:30 B Scouts</p>					

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