

APRIL 28TH, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

open hearts
open minds
open doors

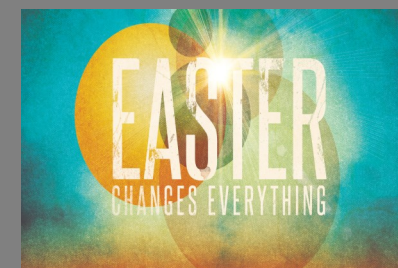
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Come as you are and be transformed by the love of Christ!

The people of The United Methodist Church

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the giftings of the Holy Spirit.



GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Prelude on *Eventide*"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joshua Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Larry Grantham

L: Come to the vineyard of God.

P: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

L: Drink from the waters of life.

P: We live in the light of God's grace.

L: Come to the vineyard of God.

P: All are welcome here.

***OPENING HYMN: UMH #159** "Lift High the Cross"

OPENING PRAYER: Larry Grantham

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “We Are the Hands of Christ” Rainey

No voice to speak his kindness, no eyes to see the pain;	When will we recognize?
Heartbeat of compassion, no empathy remains.	Open our blinded eyes.
How will they hear the message that Jesus is alive?	We are the lighthouse to shine his light!
How can they know the truth unless it’s through our lives?	<i>Chorus</i>
<i>Chorus</i>	Touching the desperate, feeling their pain;
<i>Christ has no hands except your own</i>	reaching the hopeless in Jesus’ name, in Jesus’ name.
<i>to reach the world and make him known.</i>	<i>Chorus</i>
<i>His love can change humanity by your touch alone.</i>	No voice, no eyes, no hands except our own.
<i>Christ has no hands except your own.</i>	We are the hands of Christ, the hands of Christ.
No truth to scatter darkness, no candle in the night;	
no warm illumination, no justice, no right.	

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below; Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Joshua Berry

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #451 “Be Thou My Vision”

Events for the week of April 28th

MONDAY
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge

TUESDAY
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge
6:30 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Library
6:30 —8:30 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. **Vison & Mission Discernment Process Meeting** Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY
12:20 p.m.–12:40 p.m. **National Day of Prayer** Seaford City Hall

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Girl Scouts** Rm. 203

FRIDAY - UMC General Conference Ends

SATURDAY
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**
9:30 a.m.—11:00 p.m. **Choir Practice**
10:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. **Visitation for Paul Martin**
11:00 a.m. **Funeral Service for Paul Martin**

SUNDAY (May 5th)
9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m . **Contemporary Worship**
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Chapel Worship**
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Traditional Worship**

Church Office Hours
M-TH 9:00 –1:00
We are CLOSED on Fridays.

Please respect Pastor Josh’s Sabbath on Mondays.
Messages can be communicated to Stephanie in the office.

St. John’s Staff Directory

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Open Dates for Altar Flowers 2024

August 18th & November 10th

If you wish to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of anyone please call the church office @ 302-629-9466 or email at stjohns@stjohnsseaford.com

St. John's is planning a road trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see DANIEL!

Only about 13 seats left!

July 31st—\$136 per person

(Dinner is not included in the price.)

Call Ruth Rhoades at 302-841-0351 to secure your seat.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off to the church office.

St. John's Attendance & Financial Update

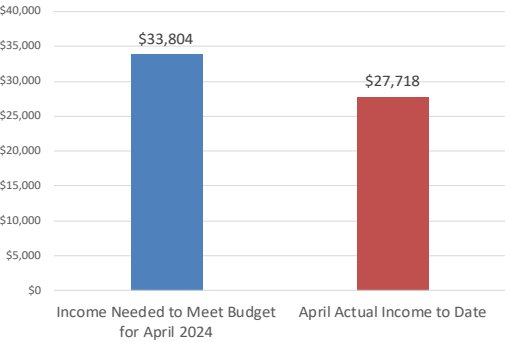
St. John's Seaford Budget Income:	\$6,929
Designated Non-Budget Income:	\$0
Chapel Offering:	\$1,150
Preschool:	\$2,735
Total Deposits:	\$10,814



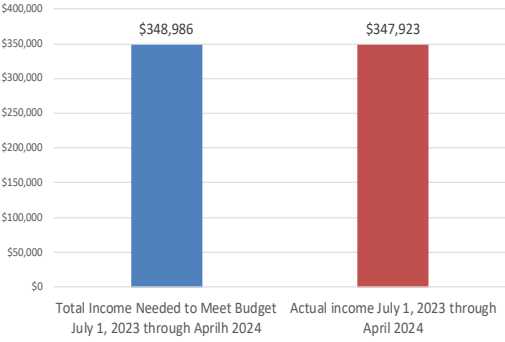
Attendance (4/21)

9:00 (61) Chapel: (23) 11:00 (56) Total: 140

Financial Information for the month of April 2024



Financial Information for fiscal year through April 2024



GOSPEL LESSON: John 15: 1-8

Larry Grantham

MESSAGE: “Abide In Me”

Rev. Joshua Berry

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH #883

“A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada”

CLOSING HYMN: UMH #670 “Go Forth For God”

*BENEDICTION:

Rev. Joshua Berry

L: Beloved children of God, love one another well.

P: We will abide in Christ’s generous love.

L: Be born in the Spirit of grace.

P: We will live in the fullness of hope.

L: Grow into branches bearing the fruit of love: peace, joy, hope, faith.

P: We will remember that the greatest harvest is the harvest of love.

POSTLUDE: “Rejoice! Be Glad.”

Kendall

* Please stand if you are able.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

In honor of my children: Melissa, Katie, & Trey
and my grandchildren: Brittany, Zaine, & Case

By Nancy West

And

In honor of April Stanley

By Gordy Stanley



St. John's Connections Team

The Connections Team has been busy making contacts with those who are ill, shut-in, or experiencing loss. If you have a loved one or a friend who needs some encouragement or to know we care, please contact Sandy Baker by phone at 302-629-8204 or by email at sbakero306@gmail.com.

Thank you for continuing to help us spread the love of God!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health: Dot Whaley, John George, Harry Ryder, Jeff Scott, Nancy Lynch, Maxine Matthews, Elizabeth Walker, Ward Higgins, Ann Smith, Joel Epps, Rose Willey, Lake and Edna Scott, Linda Larrimore, Peggy Tinder, Joan Hart, Patty Dale, John Powell, Charles Jones, Paula Pritchett, Nikki Jones, Gail Spencer, Janet Schroueder, Diana Trice, Carol Adkins, Fay Bender, Bev Palmer, Bob Mc Ilvaine, Zoe Barnes, Becky Grubb, Bernice Bolter, James Caruso Jr., Linda Conner, Doris McLaughlin, Bob and Angel Adams, David Sagers, Jeanne Conner, Jenn Marnock, Alexis Elliott, Madison Parks, Butch Vandegrift, Ellie Everton, Bob and Shirley Colona, Chad Tate, Karen Kittila, Dixie Baker, Roberta Glenn, Marion Holt, Bob Burket, Stephanie Simpson, and Karl and Karen Dickle.

Continued Prayer: Dawson Lankford, William B. Wright Jr, Gail Phillips, Carolyn Godfrey, Dale Boyd, Joyce Allen, Audra Stambaugh, Teena Diehl, Bob Hudson, Fred Danielson, Barbara Truitt, Nancy Fraser, John Macey and family, Ramona Jones Curtis, Quentin and Mary Welch, Annaliese, Debbie Brauffman, Robert and Ethel Ellingsworth, Bob Freeborn, Pat Grassett, and Jane Tate.

If you asked for any of these names to be placed on the prayer list, or know an update, please let us know when names can be removed. We love to hear about answered prayers and would like to keep our list as updated as possible!

Prayer Chain Coordinators

Elaine Vincent: 302 629-2396 or 302 245-5204

Joan Harper: 302 236-0426

Gail Phillips: spiritlady06@gmail.com

Church Office—302 629-9466 ext. 112 (please leave a message)

We take your requests for all prayer concerns seriously and feel blessed to serve you!



PIG IN A POKE

Today is the **LAST SUNDAY** to support our United Methodist Men in their annual fundraiser to support the Bishop D. Weaver mission in the Congo. In our Narthex, you will have the chance to purchase one of their "piggy bags" while not knowing what is inside. You may walk away with cute pig items, delicious homemade treats, or the chance to choose one of the beautiful handmade banks that UMM member, Tom Wimbrow, donates each year for this event.

No matter what you get you know that you are helping our UMM in their support of this worthy cause. **Support the UMM with your purchase TODAY!**

Visioning and Discernment Process

✓ 1. Complete Spiritual Gifts Assessment

While many of you have completed the assessment, those who have not may do so prior to our first meeting. Copies are available at the usher's stand.

2. Answer the Question—"Who Are We?"

We will spend about 4 weeks answering the question **Who Are We?** We will be doing this by looking at our spiritual gift assessments, looking back on our history as St. John's, as well as our history as the United Methodist Church. Our hope is to uncover what is important to us as a church and what we are passionate about.

✓ April 24th

May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Please join us!

The General Conference of the UMC began on April 23rd, in North Carolina. Attached to the weekly email, were resources to help you keep abreast of the proceedings. The conference runs through May 3rd.

Pastor Josh will be livestreaming sessions while he is in the office and you are welcome to stop by to watch. He will be updating us all about events as they unfold.