



Scripts and Scripture

A Note from Pastor Rich



Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,

I confess I'm not much of a fan of social media, yet it seems like there's no escaping it, even if you wanted to. In our modern, digital world, it's easy to work around the clock; our cell phones are always on and everyone expects their text messages and emails to be answered instantaneously. You might even crawl into bed with your phone, checking out your Facebook updates or playing a game to "wind down." It's safe to say that for many, our work and our technology can consume our days and our nights.

Citizens of the ancient world saw no such conveniences, of course. They entertained themselves in other ways, usually

in groups - true face-to-face fellowship at its finest. Even still, they managed to be distracted from the ways of the Lord.

Jesus wants our attention. Jesus wants to be the priority who consumes your thoughts every day and every night. It might seem impossible; after all, how many of us are living in monastic settings?

The psalmist writes:

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:2)

How does the Psalm translate for us, in our world, with all of our distractions and responsibilities? How might we make God our priority this Lenten Season?

As we ready ourselves for Christ's death and resurrection, we should turn ourselves to

prayer. Lent is a prime time for investigating God's word, spending time in prayer, and meditating on Scripture. Ask God to help you carve out more time to spend in His holy presence, and God will. Even though you may not lead a monk-like lifestyle, the more we spend time talking to God and (even more importantly) listening to God, the more our thoughts return to God and God's ways. Through regular prayer and reflection on Scripture, we become more like God's Son and it becomes possible to spend our days and nights thinking godly things.

This Lenten season, I invite you to join me as we dedicate more time to God through quiet times of prayer, meditation, and reflection.

Blessings in Christ,
Rev. Rich Evans

APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Contemporary and 11:00 a.m. Traditional

Easter Sunday is a day of celebration where we recognize Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is freely offered to all who believe in him as the Son of God.

In a world of challenges such as we are facing today, isn't it wonderful to know that we serve a risen Jesus who is in the world today!

So this Easter be sure to attend one of the many services on Easter Sunday. There will be two services, both at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and service at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's Chapel in Bridgeville.



ST. JOHN'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES MARCH 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads or hand if preferred by the worshiper. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

It is an important day in the life of the church, a day to remember that it is the mark of the cross that distinguishes Christians. We invite you to begin Lent this year by attending one of the two Ash Wednesday services:

12 noon St John's Seaford: 300 N. Pine Street, Seaford

St. Johns will once again, this year, begin the Community Lenten preaching series on Wednesday, March 6 at 11:30. The service will include the St. John's Choir leading Lenten hymns and guest speaker Jeff James from Love INC. and many local clergy offering imposition of ashes. The theme for this year's Community Lenten Preaching Series is "The Other Side of Lent" - meaning: rather than looking inward as is traditional, looking missional to see what God is doing "out there."

Each Wednesday through Lent the midday services will be at a different host church followed by a lite Lenten lunch .

Look for the complete preaching schedule soon to be posted in your Sunday morning church bulletin.

6:30 p.m. St. John's Chapel: 7314 Cannon Rd. Bridgeville

Recognizing not all are retired or able to get away from their work place, this service is designed for prayer, reflection and healing with Rev. Allen Messick offering devotion and imposition of Ashes .

Student Piano Recital Saturday, May 4
6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., St. John's, Seaford Sanctuary
Under the direction of Joy Slavens.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2019

APRIL 14 PALM PASSION SUNDAY *Single combined 10:00 a.m. worship service (breakfast at 8:30 a.m.)*

On April 14, 2019 we will begin Sunday as a church family with a beautifully prepared breakfast in St. John's Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. A single combined worship Service will be held directly following the breakfast at 10:00 a.m. (Note: all services including the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service are suspended that we all might worship together at 10:00 a.m.)

The Palm Passion Sunday Service will begin triumphantly with celebratory praise and blessing of the palms. We will recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the children and the St. John's praise team and choir recounting the ancient story of Jesus heading to the cross. At a point in the worship service the hosannas will cease and the service will begin to darken as we conclude with the stripping of the altar, thus plunging us into Holy Week as we await the Easter Sunday Worship Services to be held at 9 and 11 a.m.

Luke 24:6-7 (NKJV) 6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

Can you imagine what it must have been like for Mary and Martha along with certain other women to hear those words from the Angel at the tomb of Jesus? The range of emotions went from the lowest of the low to the highest of the high as the news of the resurrection of Christ began to register first in their minds, then it moved to their hearts and finally made its way to their feet as they soon would be running to tell the Disciples!

The Good News of the Gospel is much the same way in that we receive it in the head and the heart, then we do our best to share the Gospel with people around us who need to hear about the Lord.

Did you know that a majority of people would attend church if someone simply invited them?

Thom Rainer, a Christian blogger and researcher recently polled over 300 non-churched people, and found that ninety-six percent of them are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited! What an opportunity we have, especially during the Sundays of Palm Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday when people are seeing and hearing about Jesus' death and resurrection. Be sure to encourage and invite someone to attend church, as they too might accept Christ as Lord and Savior!

APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES *9:00 a.m. Contemporary and 11:00 a.m. Traditional*

GriefShare Candy Lucksho

GriefShare is a 13 week nondenominational grief support group being offered here at St. John's United Methodist Church. They meet on Sundays beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 5:30

p.m. in the Wesley Lounge. The next session starts March 3, 2019. GriefShare is a biblical based program for the journey of grief and recovery utilizing video, workbook and group discussion. It is

nondenominational and all are welcome. If you feel you would like to join us please call the church office to register.



Pastor Barb's Perspective Rev. Barbara Wilson



“Ray Buker, an Olympic runner, began his junior year at Bates in the fall of 1920. For the first time since the war the college entered a team for the New England Cross-Country event held in Boston at the Franklin Park course. Ray was a member of that team. It was a strange course, and although it had some gentle slopes it had none of the steep hills that were characteristic of all his cross-country races in Maine. At about a mile from the finish Ray was so far behind the leaders that he was convinced that humanly speaking he could never place, even if he used his sprint for the last part of the race. He prayed, telling the Lord that perhaps it was not His will that he should win, and that he didn't know how he could. The Lord answered, “Start to sprint.” Ray replied “Lord, You know that one can't sprint for a mile.” He felt God's answer enter his soul,

“You obey Me and you will see what I can do.” Ray began to sprint. He soon drew even with the leaders—and finished first.”¹

I like this story! It reminds me that when I look at choices that I am not in charge - God is in charge.

It tells me that there will be times when what I see as “reasonable” or “possible or impossible” may be seen with very different judgments, and a much deeper eyesight by God.

When we become Christians we give up the right to ourselves; instead, we give ourselves to God and allow Him to change and transform us in any way He chooses.

We may question His decisions and begin to tell Him what we are capable of doing or not doing.

Notice that when the Lord told Ray to “start to sprint”, Ray informed the Lord that “He (God) knew that was not possible.” Ray forgot that it wasn't about what he could do...it was, and

always is, about what God can do in us, with us and for us!

“You obey Me and you will see what I can do “God impressed upon Ray's heart and then what happened? Ray (or should we say, “God?”), finished first!!

We are moving toward a beautiful season in the Christian church-Lent.

It is a time for some serious introspection. It's a time to evaluate and to re-dedicate ourselves to Jesus.

Let's remember something during and after this season: If God shares something with us that we want to quickly discard as “It can't be done”, watch out! He may be giving us an opportunity to let God finish first!

Anyway, that's my perspective! What's yours?

In His Name,
Pastor Barbara

¹ Eric Fife, “Against the Clock” (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan)

Sister-To-Sister Gathering IV

SATURDAY, April 6, 2019

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Check-In

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Praise and Worship

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Catered Luncheon

St. John's
United Methodist Church
300 N. Pine St., Seaford, DE

Guest Speaker

Marilyn Anderes

Author, national/international retreat leader.

Guest Soloist

Rosetta Dennis

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Theme

"In The Garden with Jesus"

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Registration Fee \$15⁰⁰ Registration ends March 23,
or earlier if maximum seating is reached.

For more information call 302-629-9466

Website: stjohnsseaford.com



NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) Delaware along with St. John's will host

a Sussex County Mental Health Open House on Saturday April 27 from 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon Exhibitors that day will include

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Ace Peer Resource Center
Champions for Children
Delaware Care Plan
Delaware Guidance Services
DHSS Division of Medicaid and Medication Assist.

Mobile Crisis
NAMI Delaware
Promise Program
Recovery Innovations/
Ellendale
Restart Program
Sussex County Health Coalition

We believe when we explore faith and embrace community, we follow God's call upon St. John's Church and Chapel. These actions help define who we are as a place of grace. We invite all to attend.

St. John's Preschool Rae Murphy



Happy March! We are having so much fun at St. John's Preschool and the upcoming months will be very busy and filled with lots of activities, field trips, programs and more! Our school year is quickly coming to an end! I can remember so vividly the very first days of school. Time is going by much faster than we want for it to.

Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year began in February and we are making lots of plans for Fall. Public registration begins Thursday, March 7th. If you know of any child between the ages of two and five that

would like to be a part of the St. John's Preschool family, please tell them to call the preschool office (629-2289) and learn all about our wonderful preschool program! The Scholastic Book Fair will be here in March. The fair will be open the week of March 11th, each day from 8:45-12:00. Please stop by the Wesley Lounge if you love books! The fair will also be open on Thursday, March 14th, during our very first Art Show. The fair hours will be 5:30-7:30 that evening. Thanks, in advance, for your support of our preschool by visiting the book fair!

For Lent our students

will be participating in 40 Acts of Kindness. Classes will be doing creative and fun projects to help spread Jesus' word and love. This is always one of our favorite activities throughout the preschool year. Take a look in the hallways to see what the preschoolers have been doing!

We would like to thank St. John's United Methodist Church for allowing us to be such an important ministry as we set out to help mold the lives of God's children. Please continue to pray for our students, preschool families, and staff.

We would like to extend our best wishes for a wonderful March and a glorious spring season, which is almost upon us!

Altar Guild Bev Palmer

The Altar Guild would like to thank many helping hands in making the sanctuary and narthex so beautiful during the Christmas season - Donny Dickerson, Butch Waugh, Dave Baker, Bill Dukes, Mary

Mahan, Pat Davidson, Susan Chambers, Melissa Wills, and Bob Freeborn. These were involved in transporting poinsettias from the delivery truck to the church, decorating windowsills, hanging lights, cutting greenery,

trimming the tree with Chrismons, decorating and hanging wreaths on narthex doors, and distributing leftover poinsettias to area nursing homes. All of your help was very much appreciated!

St. John's Library Book Additions

The Haggai Institute Story

Last year, Dr. John Edmund Haggai, Founder of the Haggai International organization wrote in his "Diary Notes" that if anyone wanted to obtain a set of the library books of the Haggai Institute that they would supply them free. I discussed this with Bill & Norma Dukes, the library supervisors at the St. John's United Methodist Church. They said an open shelf was available and we made arrangements with Mr. John Bachman who is Dr. Haggai's personal assistant in Atlanta, Ga. to send a set of the books. Pastor Rich Evans was also advised of the project. This is an extraordinary library collection which

can be used to understand the following areas of Christian Service: Leadership, Organization, Fund Raising, World Missions, the work of the Lord when developing your own vision from start to beyond your greatest dreams.

The Haggai Institute Story from the start is documented in the book, "The Leading Edge", read this first. Dr. Haggai developed the statement:

"Attempt something so great for God it's doomed to failure unless God be in it"

The cost of keeping a missionary family in the field today is around \$100,000.00 per year. Dr. Haggai's vision was to train leadership individuals from third world countries,

starting at the top and from within the country to evangelize their own people. The one time cost to do this was \$10,000.00 for the Haggai Institute training program. They would already know the language and customs of their people so they could work on their goal immediately of training 100 more people from their country in the next two years after leaving the Haggai Institute.

There is a list of books in the St. John's Library supplied through this project.

A special Thanks to Bill and Norma Dukes for the reconditioning of the St. John's Library that they have done.

Frederick W. Danielson
Former Director of Facilities Haggai Institute, Maui, Hawaii

Library Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.— 10:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women Gail Phillips



United Methodist Women

St. John's United Methodist Women at St. John's are enthusiastic, excited and talented!

The December Holiday luncheon filled the Wesley Lounge with fun and joy. Our excitement was only exceeded by the amount of food and good cheer. The small gift bags were selected and later distributed to St. John's congregants as well as friends and neighbors. It was wonderful to feel the joy of those who were not expecting to get a gift of love. Thank you ladies! Our January meeting

was quite productive as we took stock of our resources and prioritized a number of community organizations to assist this year. This meeting led to a suggestion to have a "bake sale" on Sunday, February 10, 2019 with a theme for Valentine's Day. Proceeds from the event were presented to Love, INC. The sale was a total success with donations of homemade cakes, cookies, bread, fudge, heart-shaped chocolates, peanut brittle, cupcakes, and much more. Thank you everyone for everything! To top this off, Susan Kent, representing Love, INC spoke to

our UMW meeting on Tuesday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m. in Wesley Lounge.

We look forward to our March meeting on Tuesday, March 19, Wesley Lounge at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Dana Bowe, Delaware State Teacher of the Year. Dana is a special education teacher at West Seaford Elementary in the Sussex Orthopedic Program. All are invited to attend our meetings.

Watch for updates and other UMW events in our church newsletter, Scriptures and Scriptures and in Sunday Bulletins. May God richly bless our community.

Gail Phillips, UMW leader

Guest Bible Study Speaker

Cynthia Campbell, from Tennessee, will present a bible study on May 14 in the Wesley Lounge. Sign up in Narthex begins April 14. There is room for 35 people only. A light

luncheon will follow. There is no fee for this. A free will offering will be taken, however, for Mrs. Campbell.

Adult Education Scott Davidson

Now is the time to plan for new St. John's education options. Give your potential topics and ideas to Scott Davidson (629-4619). Or, if you would like to lead a new discussion

group, call him for assistance in the startup and getting the needed resources.

Sunday classes are available. Come and check out a class!

Light It Up Blue Marcia Windley

The City of Seaford's Light It Up Blue Ceremony will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Gateway Park at 6:30pm.

April 2nd, is Autism Speaks' World Autism Awareness Day. Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and is

often accompanied by behavioral challenges. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed in one in 59 children and one in 37 boys all over the world. A friend, family member, or acquaintance that has autism may have touched some of you. Your compassion

for those people is natural. April is the month to understand that all people with autism appreciate and deserve your compassion. Lighting It Up Blue and wearing blue is your affirmation of that effort. Let it carry forward with you beyond today.



Easter Lilies

EASTER LILIES will be in the Sanctuary, April 21. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service. Cost is \$7.00 for a six inch pot. Please make checks payable to St. John's Church and mark Easter Lily in the memo line.

If you would like to dedicate Easter lilies in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill in form and return it with payment to the church office no later than April 15.

Donor's Name: _____

Envelope Number: _____ Number of Plants _____ Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory of : _____

In Honor of : _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) _____ Please give my plant(s) to a shut-in

If this is not filled in, we can't guarantee that your plant will be here when you come to pick it up. Thank you.

United Methodist Men Dave Baker



The Methodist Men would like to thank everyone for their support for our Chicken 'n Dumpling dinner through volunteering their time, providing desserts, and attending with friends and family! We continue to stay busy with projects here at St.

John's UMC and wherever members of our church family need us such as: Building and installing ramps for several members to provide easier access to their homes, building and installing new, safe steps at the Thrift Shop, supporting the Food Closet and Pre-School where needed

We meet the second Monday of each month for food, fun, and fellowship, and we continue to serve St. John's as needed. Come join us as we prepare for our next project, "Pig-in-a-Poke" coming in April. Respectfully submitted, Dave Baker

Treasurer's Report Dave Baker

The offering for the first two Sundays in February 2019 was \$17,676.00, which leaves \$11,752 needed to meet the budget for the remainder of the month. All



apportionments and bills are paid and up-to-date. The year-to-date figures as of the end of January 2019 are as follows: Income is \$279,729.18 (vs. a budget of \$272,589.00).

Expenses are \$278,334.08 (vs. a budget of \$264,581.15). The next finance meeting is Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Dave Baker, Treasurer



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Trustees Joanne Whalon

Construction and installation of the cabinet and closet for the Wesley Lounge has not been completed because the carpenter is currently working on the Ross Station project. A 58" TV was purchased at a considerable savings and installed on a wall mount, and eight 8' tables have been ordered.

Sale of the Cannon parsonage is complete pending settlement on April 1. The current tenant is in the process of vacating.

Preschool classroom lights have been converted to LED, as have three parking lot lights. A receptacle was installed in the Narthex to replace the extension cord used at the refreshment table.

Rear steps of the Thrift Shop have been rebuilt and a railing installed. A new ramp was also constructed.

A new AED (automatic external defibrillator) was purchased for the lower level. Replacement accessories are needed for the upstairs AED.

Perennials and low-growing shrubs are needed to replace several overgrown trees and shrubs that were removed at the west entrance to the church. A study is underway.

There is concern that the Sunday collection, which is placed in a sealed bag for a security drop at the bank, exposes the bag carrier to theft. The auditor recommended that a drop box be

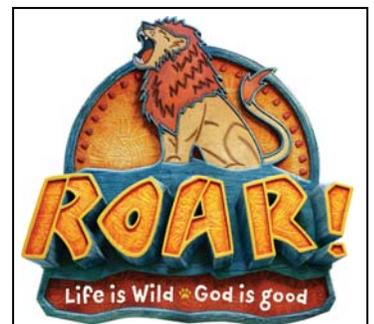
installed in the hallway near the Pastor's office to go directly into a vault. The Finance Committee approved the decision to go ahead with this project.

Finally, the pipe organ, which was built in 1949 and rebuilt in 1972 to fit the sanctuary, is in need of repair. It has been repaired numerous times over the years. A new pipe organ would cost \$180,000 - \$200,000.

Doug Rhodes presented the Trustees with a bid to replace the existing system with a solid-state digital system at a cost of approximately \$12,000. A motion was made and approved to proceed with repairs to be paid for from the Webb fund.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second

Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Coke Lounge. Doug Simpson is Chairman. Members include Rosemary Everton, Jay Milligan, Matt Sammons, Wayne Truitt, Butch Waugh, Joanne Whalon, Carlyle Windley, and Phil Wright.



Vacation Bible School
Sunday
June 23 thru
Thursday
June 27
St. John's, Seaford

Sunday School Scoop Joan Harper

I'd like to begin by recognizing Janet Hackett, our dedicated Nursery person and Jim Thompson, leader of the Asbury Class. Thank you both for your dedication and devotion each and every week: Janet for your care of the children ages 2 and under and Jim for your leadership of the members of the Asbury Adult class.

Our Sunday School classes have been busy the past several months. The older class helped to assemble boxes for Samaritan's Purse and both the younger and older classes performed at the December 16th Worship Service. We look forward to performing again soon. The younger class is presently learning about different Bible characters while the older class continues to learn and talk about the Bible and how its principles affect their daily lives.

Thank you again to our dedicated teachers and helpers for all your hard work. Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be May 5th where our teachers and helpers will be recognized.

Plans are presently under way for VBS 2019 which will take place June 23rd - June 27th. Our theme this year is ROAR! where children learn that while life is wild, God is always good. If you are interested in helping in any capacity we would love to have you. I guarantee that while you may be giving your time, you will be the one who will be blessed.

Spring Flower Dedication and Delivery

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God...

- March 3 in loving memory of Grace (Midge) Glime from her children Wini, Bobbi & Fred and her friend Ray Kronic for her birthday and in honor of God's servants by Karl and Nancy Brown
- March 10 in honor of Dr. Mike Smith's birthday by Stephanie & Hayden, in loving memory of Jehu Warrington by Shirley and family, and in memory of William S. Long & Margaret H. Long & Rev. David W. Baker Sr. & Florence E. Baker
- March 17 by Mike & Elaine Vincent in memory of her father Elwood Davis and given by Chris, Ray, Dave, & Donny in memory of Ray Harding their friend and fellow usher
- March 24 by Frances Horner in loving memory of her husband Gene Horner and in loving memory of Ray Harding on his birthday 3/29 from Paulette and family
- March 31 in memory of Ruth Robinson by her grandchildren and in memory of Larry Miller by his family.
- April 7 by Jane Webb in memory of her husband David Webb, Jr. and her parents Ruth & Charles Franc and in memory of Ann M. Spicer by her daughter Anne.
- April 14 by Pat Wheatley in loving memory of Irv Wheatley and his family
- April 21 in honor of Phil and Lourie Wheatley's anniversary April 22
- April 28 by Bette Mae West in memory of Robert M. West and in loving memory of Jane and John Clendaniel on their birthdays (May 9 and April 29) by their daughters, Jill and Nancy, and families.
- May 5 in memory of Jennings & Ann Spicer's love everlasting on their 69th wedding anniversary by Anne E., their grateful daughter, in memory of Robert M. Westin by Bette Mae West and in memory of Cory Palmer by the Palmer family
- May 12 by Ted and Bev Blades in memory of Bill and Irene Blades.
- May 26 in memory of Fred and Helen Mary Hertrich by Mary and Al Guckes, Fred & Becky Hertrich, and Marcia & Carlyle Windley and in memory of Rev. R. Gordon and Mrs. Lois Givens by Robert and Ruth Griffith.



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Lunch Bunch

We would like you to join the lunch bunch, especially if you have lost a loved one. We meet once a month and go to a different restaurant each time. Please call Nancy Fraser at 629-4002 for more information.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday signifies for Christians the first day in the season of Lent, marking the liturgical period prior to Easter and recalls the Israelites' forty years in the desert and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent is an opportunity to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God. In practicing the disciplines of Lent, such as self-examination and repentance, we seek to systematically put things right.

The Imposition of ashes will be extended by community clergy and be placed on the foreheads in the symbol of the cross to all, recounting our human dependence on God,

*"...thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return."
Genesis 3:19*

Community Ash Wednesday Service & Luncheon

March 6th 12 noon

St. John's United Methodist Church

300 N. Pine Street Seaford, DE. 19973
St. John's Church is located at Pine & Poplar Streets in the heart of Seaford
(302) 629-9466 www.stjohnsseaford.com

2019 Lenten Mid-Week Services

Each worship service begins @ noon, lunch follows @ 12:30.

Wednesday, March 6 St. John's UMC

Preacher: Jeff James, LOVE INC. 300 Pine St., Seaford 302-629-9466

Wednesday, March 13 Seaford Presbyterian Church

Preacher: Rev. David Nuss 701 Bridgeville Hwy., Seaford 302-629-9077

Wednesday, March 20 Gethsemane UMC,

Preacher: Rev. Jake Macklin 701 Woodland Ferry Rd., Seaford 302-629-4458

Wednesday, March 27 Christ Lutheran Church

Preacher: Rev. Laurie Hiller 315 N Stiplely St., Seaford 302-629-9755

Wednesday, April 3 Mt. Olivet UMC

Preacher: Rev. Tom Birowski 315 High St., Seaford 302-629-4458

Wednesday, April 10 St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Preacher: Rev. Isaac Ross 202 North St., Seaford 302-629-7979

An offering for LOVE INC will be taken each week.



A season of reflection and turning back to God.

We invite you to come as you are and be transformed in the love of Christ!

Thank You Notes

*To my St. Johns Family,
I want to thank all of my church family for cards, prayers, and flowers delivered to Health South by Rev. Rich. I want to thank Pastor Barbara for the calls of concern.
God Blessings All,
Ruth Rhoades*

*Thank you for all the prayers and good thoughts that have been sent my way in the past three months. The flowers that were delivered were very nice and the visits by Pastors Rich and Barbara were appreciated during my stays at Nanticoke, Christiana, and Health South.
Thanks again,
Ted Knight*

*Dear St. John's,
Thank you so very much for the lovely flowers and interesting reading material.
Sincerely,
Averill Crewe*

*Dear St. John's members and staff,
Thanks so very much for reaching out to us during John's illness. The altar flowers were beautiful. We so appreciated the visit from Mary Catherine Hopkins-so many family memories were shared during her visit.
Blessings and love to you all as you reach out to others in the name of Jesus.
Thanks again-
John and Linda Hollis*

*To my Church Family -
I am sending a grateful and sincere heartfelt thanks for the many ways I have been lifted up, prayed for and healed of cancer by the faithful and the believers of St. John's Church. Shall I add the color added to my day with flower deliveries, the meaningful visits and phone calls as well as delivery of tapes of the services. You have not forgotten me and made me feel loved.
My body is weakened but, I know, when I am weak, HE is strong.
Christ Loves You and Me,
Cheryl Coffin*

An anonymous person gave Rev. Rich a gift to me, Nancy Fraser, and I thank you very much and wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year.

*Dear Mrs. Rhoades and St. John's UMC,
Thank you so much for allowing us to shop at Rose's recently. Your generosity and thinking of us is greatly appreciated.
Thanks again,
Carol Leveillee*

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m. Spirit filled Worship at St. John's Chapel at Cannon
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

AA: Every Monday at 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Weight Watchers: Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201

Alanon: Every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in Room 201

Boy Scout Troop 249: Every Monday from 6:30—9:00 p.m. (throughout the school year) in Room 201

Cub Scout Troop 249: Every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (throughout the school year)

United Methodist Men: 2nd Monday of every month, September thru May, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 2019, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13

Thrift Shop: Every Thursday for donations from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Every Saturday for purchasing from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee: **Marcia Windley, Chairperson | 302-745-7270**

The meetings are held the 4th Monday of every other month starting in September at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Wesley Lounge. Sept. 24, Nov. 26, Feb. 11, 2019, March 25, May 28 (Tuesday)

Board of Trustees: **Doug Simpson, Chairperson | 302-337 0568**

The meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Coke Lounge. Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 2019, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13, June 10

Finance Committee: **Donny Dickerson, Chairperson | 302-629-5309**

The meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Coke Lounge. Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, 2019, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17

Administrative Council: **Dolores Slatcher, Chairperson | 302-629-6305**

The meetings are held the 1st Monday of every other month starting in October at 6:30 p.m. and are held in Wesley Lounge. Oct. 1, Dec. 3, Feb. 4, 2019, April 1, June (Church Conference date to be determined)

Council on Ministry and Missions: **Marc Keeler, Chairperson | 302-875-1115**

The meetings are the 1st Monday of every other month starting in September at 6:30 p.m. and are held in Wesley Lounge Sept. 4 (Tuesday), Nov. 5, Jan. 7, 2019, March 4, May 6

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Please email any articles for the
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no later than May 15th to the
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Our Worship

Format at
St. John's Chapel
at Cannon

7314 Cannon Rd.
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Spirit Led Worship at
9:00 a.m.

Led by Pastor Allen
Messick

Our Worship
Format
at St. John's
Seaford

Contemporary
Worship
at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday
School Hour
at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
Hour
at 10:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship
at 11:00 a.m.