



Scripts and Scripture

A Note from Pastor Rich



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Love makes ALL the difference!

We've perhaps heard that many times, yet I wanted to take a few moments to share this reminder with you that it truly does make ALL the difference, especially when it's the love of God being referred to! I believe today if we are ever going to share God's love with those around us, we first need to experience it in our own lives.

As I was reading various scriptures having to do with the love God has for us, I came across the following which was actually a prayer the Apostle Paul was offering to God on behalf of the church at Ephesus while he was in prison for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 3:16-21 (NKJV)

¹⁶ "that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to

comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

While we may face persecution and challenge from this world we live in, there is something that will keep us through the storms and trials of life, and it is the unending, unfathomable, unexplainable love that God has for each and every one of us, and yes, even for this world.

The primary purpose of this letter to the Ephesians was to talk about a "mystery", and of course, this mystery was not intended to be kept that way. Paul's purpose was to explain and reveal it by sharing about this thing called "the church" whose purpose it was to express the fullness of Christ on the earth.

One of the ways this would be done was by uniting both Jew and Gentile, which of course, was another aspect to this great mystery. (Eph. 3:5) It had never been done before like this; yet, God was maturing a people who would take the victory Christ won at Calvary and expand it further in the reach and scope which continues through today.

So Paul's heart's desire was that these new believers would know the love of Christ, and in knowing that love, do their part in sharing it with anyone and everyone who would listen. He wanted them to see that love both draw people into the family of God, and also unites the Church for more effective ministry and outreach.

Our lives find completion as we love, and are loved in return. While being loved in return may seem less frequent than we had hoped for, may we at St. John's continue to reach out both locally and globally to this world with the love of Jesus Christ!

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Rich

Pastor Barb's Perspective Rev. Barbara Wilson



Once, while he was preaching, John Wesley noticed a lady in the audience known for her critical attitude. All thru the service she stared at his new tie. When the meeting ended, she came up to him and said very sharply, "Mr. Wesley, the strings on your bow tie are much too long." "It's an offense to me!" Wesley asked if any of the ladies present happened to have a pair of scissors in her purse. When the scissors were handed to him, he gave them to the critic and asked her to trim the strings to her liking. After she clipped them off near the collar, he said: "Are you sure they're all right now?"

"Yes," she said, "that's much better."
"Then," said Wesley, "let me have those shears a moment. I'm sure you wouldn't mind if I also gave you a bit of correction. I don't want to be cruel, but I must tell you, Madam, that your tongue is an offense to me-it's too long! Please stick it out; I'd like to take some off."
The very first lesson in our Session I August-September Bible study named "The 7 Deadly Sins," was about Pride-that sin that puffs us up to the point where we become the center of our world, and itch to be seen and heard. We yearn to control others; we believe we are "right", and become insensitive to their needs. This lady serves as one who, sadly, is prideful.

When we begin Session II of this study we will learn about the final 4 deadly sins: Sloth, Greed, Lust and Gluttony. (Session I dealt with Pride, Envy and Anger). I hope that you will come.

I believe that we will find that not only have our lives been "hit" with some or perhaps all of these sins, but that we are able, thru the kind Grace of God, to be released from them. Anyway, that's my perspective, how about yours?

In His Name, Pastor Barbara

P.S. I wonder what happened to that lady who criticized Wesley....
Source: R. Kent Hughes "1001 Great Stories and Quotes" p. 95

GriefShare Candy Lucksho

Grief Share
Grief Share will start
Sunday Sept. 8,
2019 in the
Wesley Lounge
at 4:00-5:30 pm.

If you know someone experiencing grief invite them to join us for the

13 week journey, "From Mourning to Joy".
Topics include "Is It Normal", "Journey of Grief", "Challenges of Grief" and "Heaven".
The program includes video, group discussion and personal workbook.

"Surviving the Holidays will be held on Nov. 17, 2019. No children or childcare.



Report of 2019 Annual Conference Dori Cummings

Report of 2019 Annual Conference - May 30 - June 1, 2019

Chase Center on Riverfront
Wilmington, Delaware

When we live as God intends, we will be “Connected Christians offering the hope of Jesus Christ to today’s world.” We will accomplish that Vision through living out our Mission: Cultivating Christ communities through our CALL - Connecting, Acting, Leading, and Loving. The theme for Annual Conference comes from the “A” of our CALL - “Acting”, where we put our faith in action by advocating for the marginalized. The theme title, “Proclaim Release,” comes from Jesus’ declaration of his mission in Luke 4:18-19: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Mr. Shawn Elbert, a former member of the staff of the Board of Child Care, brought the message, using Mark 5 as his text. He reminded us of the power of labels that inhibit relationships and keep people chained in their illness or circumstance. He shared how Jesus healed the man possessed by demons, by first seeing the man.

Rev. Shane Moran, one of our pastors of Native descent from the Mohawk tribe, blessed the land.

We offer these blessings each year as a way to honor and remember that the land once belonged to Native tribes, before the Europeans stole it and claimed it for themselves. The ground remains holy, because of its connection to Native peoples and because of the way it provides a connection with our Creator.

The Clergy Lay Leadership Team presented changes to the rules, in Resolution R-3. In response to Dragonfly, a Task Force created to respond to a systemic racism audit conducted for the Annual Conference, the Clergy Lay Leadership Team adapted a few rules to make the process more transparent and include greater diversity on our leadership teams. They also added a timeline to include posting the open positions online and working with the District Lay Leaders. R-3 passed unanimously.

Rev. Jennifer Kerby introduced the monitoring process. Annual Conferences monitor our proceedings for our reflection of diversity, especially racial diversity; however, we also measure age, gender, abilities, etc. She invited people to pay attention and participate in their own monitoring.

Our Statisticians, Rev. Tom Passmore and Rev. Tracy Mooney, then brought their report, highlighting that although our membership continues to decline, our giving remains steady and our missions and small group participation (outside of Sunday

morning) continues to grow. Simultaneously, our poverty rate and number of older adults continues to increase in our geographical area, reminding us that our mission field remains wide open. These statistics remind us that we can still make disciples and transform our world!

After dinner, we heard from three teams who receive Annual Conference apportionment support—the Vision Team, Congregational Development Corporation, and Strengthening the Black Church. During the Vision Team report, we heard an update on the Call to Action, a Northeast Jurisdictional mandate to address the evil of racism. Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith highlighted our goals in this matter: intentional heart change, accountable mind change, transformational behavior change, and some of the steps: Racism conversations, cluster ministry (including Cross - Cultural Cross - Racial dialogue and relationships), updating policies and procedures for more equity (including Clergy Lay Leadership, Congregational Development Corporation, Equitable Compensation, Board of Ordained Ministry). These address both systemic and personal racism. Several people presented ideas connected with ministries around our theme. Brandon Harris introduced an idea for a ministry to veterans. Himself a veteran, Brandon has a heart for this outreach, called “REV”, which

Report of 2019 Annual Conference (continued)

stands for “Reach Every Veteran.”

In response to the Dragonfly Task Force, we changed our policies to make them more transparent, easy to use, and equitable. We adopted a new Mission: Resourcing local churches to understand community opportunities to launch and revitalize ministries; and a new Vision: Empowering local churches to thrive. These changes highlight our emphasis on engaging the community with new ministries, rather than bolstering ministries which primarily only serve the congregation. They hope to provide these resources to revitalize and to begin new ministries so that every church will thrive in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Dr. Harold Trulear brought us wonderful

teaching about Mass Incarceration and Prison Ministry. He shared his personal stories as well as expertise. His teaching offered something that every church can do—including praying for those arrested, in jail, and in prison, and writing to them.

Our resident Bishop, Peggy A. Johnson, acknowledged our division while encouraging us to be united. She shared that she understood the pain and she also shared her heart—inclusion for all people. She celebrated ministries on each District and throughout the Conference. We moved into a Celebration of Ministry after she finished, recognizing retirees and admitting candidates into membership. Our candidates included: Commissioning and Ordaining Elders including Kelly Anna

Conner.

They addressed three final resolutions on Friday. The Commission on Archives and History brought R-7, a resolution recognizing Charles Albert Tindley and designating St. Paul’s UMC in Berlin as a Conference Historic Site. It passed. The Conference Board of Trustees brought resolution R-15; a resolution intended to honor Native American grounds. This resolution resulted from our Act of Repentance toward Native Americans. It passed without question or discussion.

Resolution R-14 came from FIRE (Faithfully Inviting and Reconciling Everyone) Ministries at Epworth UMC. It was decided to withdraw the resolution. We witnessed the ability to love in spite of

differences in this display at Annual Conference.

The Ordination speaker was Bishop Hope Ward Morgan, she shared the good news of moving the center of margins and the blessings we receive and give when we allow others, especially newcomers, to lead. She relayed a beautiful story about rotating homeless shelter, and the gift of offering that hospitality at Christmas.

Saturday morning closed with hearing from our youth and young adults. We had the final monitoring report, and shared our thank-you’s, and then went into our Service of Remembrance.

Respectfully submitted
Lay Annual Conference Representatives
Bob and Dori Cummings

SPPRC Marcia Windley

SPPRC has had a successful and productive year. We thank our Pastors for their Leadership, Preaching, Pastoral Care and Discipleship. We commend Rae Murphy for her first Year as St. John's Preschool Administrator.

Additionally we thank Joan Harper for a wonderful year as Sunday School Superintendent and Leadership with Children's Ministries and VBS. You will see a new face around St. John's. Please welcome Donald Milam, our Facilities

Manager. Donald will be working with our Staff, Bob Freeborn, and the Trustees to take care of St. John's Campus. We are thankful for our Church Family! Our first SPPRC meeting is September 23, 2019. Marcia Windley
SPPRC Chairperson

Music Ministry Douglas Rhodes

The service of Lessons and Carols will be held Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

I would like to thank all who attended our Folk Wave concert and hope it will be a yearly event.



St. John's Community Thrift Shop

759 Conwell St., Seaford

Blow-out Sale

Saturday, September 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

All summer items and clothing must go. Clothing \$1.00 per bag.

Household and other items half-price

Seaford Community Food Closet Linda Hollis

The Seaford Community Food Closet continues to function smoothly and meet the needs of many in our area.

HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! The time commitment is minimal. A volunteer signs up to serve food for 4 days in one week—Monday through Thursday. The State Service Center or Love INC will call and ask for a convenient time for their client to

receive food from the volunteer. There could be several calls in one day or none at all. The volunteer sets the time when the client can be served. Usually the calls occur in the morning hours. Afternoons are often free for the volunteer! Volunteers are trained and the Closet is set up volunteer-friendly! Perhaps you have a friend or a neighbor who would like to help you. It is fun to share time with others!

Volunteering in the Community Food Closet is very rewarding. Clients are so very thankful. It is a way to connect with others in our community and to give a “hand up” to those in need. God calls us to serve—this is a wonderful way to answer his calling! Please call the Church office if you are interested in helping in this mission project.



St. John's Preschool Rae Murphy

A new school year is upon us. The staff has worked diligently all summer to decorate and organize their rooms, create the year's lessons and to prepare for the hustle and bustle that back-to-school brings. We are eager to fulfill the preschool's mission of providing families with a structured, developmentally appropriate, values-rich program.

This year the preschool is staffed by another amazing group of teachers. Leading the pack, in her sixteenth year of service to the preschool is Rae Murphy, preschool administrator. The two days, two year old program will be led by Christine Plack. Assisting her will be April Stanley, in her second year and Mollie Thomas also in her second year here. In the first ever three day, two year old class we have preschool veteran Andrea Skelton paired with Julie Rust. Mrs. Holland is our three year old teacher and she will be working with preschool veteran, Andrea Snider.

Traditional day pre-kindergarten is being led by Tammie Carlisle with new-comer, Sara Brown assisting her. In extended day pre-kindergarten we have Jennifer Donati leading the team. She will be assisted by preschool veterans, Teresa Stewart and Janice States.

We still have a few openings in each of our age groups for new students. If you know someone that is interested in sending a child to our preschool, please have them call the preschool at 302-629-2289. They can also email Rae Murphy at:

stjohnspreschool123@gmail.com or visit our website at: www.stjohnspreschoolseaford.com. You can also find us on Facebook!

Our classes will be participating in Christian Education within the walls of their classrooms and expanding on it throughout the school year by participating in a number of missions, ministries, and community service projects. Our preschoolers will be

collecting coats and shoes for the St. John's Thrift Shop, hats, mittens and gloves for the Students in Transition program, and canned goods for the Food Pantry, as well as participating in 40 Acts of Kindness for Lent and much more! We aim to foster a love of service to others and encourage your participation as well! If you find yourself in the halls of St. John's this

year, we hope you are able to witness the love and the joy that fill our rooms and hallways. Check out what our classes are doing from their hallway displays, say "hello" to a passing class or stop and listen for singing and laughter. Our students will brighten your day, just as they do ours. In closing, we would like to take the opportunity to thank St. John's United Methodist Church for believing in and supporting our ministry as we strive to do God's work. Please pray for a safe and happy school year for our students, families and staff.



United Methodist Women Gail Phillips



United Methodist Women

Summer is over. UMW ladies had lots of fun on their vacations and at our monthly luncheons at numerous restaurants.

Today we discussed two of the future events for

2019: visiting the new Salvation Army Center, and helping people in our community on a monthly basis.

We have been supplying sugar to the ACE center in Seaford throughout the summer.

We anticipate there will be plenty of opportunities to help women and children in our community and in other countries. We ask for your prayers as we work together to help in our church.

Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

Adult Education Scott Davidson

Now is the time to plan for new St John's education options for this fall and winter. 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.

Fall is a really good time to join one of St. John's existing small group discussion groups. New members are always welcome. Stop in on Sunday morning.

All exterior doors will be locked on Sunday morning's in accordance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy to keep our children and everyone else safe.

On Sunday morning's, please enter through the glass doors in the Narthex. Someone will be there to let you in and greet you. If you are coming to the church office during normal office hours, please come to the Pine Street entrance and ring the buzzer on the post next to the mail box.

Thank you for your understanding.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT “ DUMBO”

JAY’S NEST SPORTS COMPLEX

490 N Market St Ext. Seaford

As we are nearing the fall what a wonderful time of the year to have a fun outdoor event!

This year the churches of Unified Seaford, which includes St. John’s Church and Chapel, are working with the City of Seaford to host a fun family outdoor movie event on Saturday, September 14th.

The movie “Dumbo” will be the feature film. This family tale is about a young elephant whose oversized ears enable him to fly. This skill helps save a struggling circus; however when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.

I am writing briefly to extend an invitation to you, your family and friends to attend this outdoor viewing to be held on Friday evening, September 14 beginning at dusk.

Should the weather not be favorable, the rain date will be the next day, Sunday the 15th at dusk.

Be sure to remember to bring a blanket or a lawn chair.

Snacks and water will be provided by the hosting local churches.

This is a great time to connect with the community and invite someone to come to worship.

Make a friend, be a friend, lead a friend to Christ!



November 3, 2019

All Saints Day is a time for the Church to remember all those saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us and have faithfully walked the Christian path. Christian communities have been honoring martyrs and saints in their worship as far back as the fourth century. In the early 700s such rituals were formalized to be celebrated annually in November.

We at St. John’s United Methodist Church, on November 3, seek to express our reverence to God within a contemplative service, allowing quiet reflection in the midst of the tolling of the bells. The names of our loved ones and friends who departed this year from the church militant to the church triumphant will be announced in the necrology.

During the All Saints Service we will partake in Holy Communion, knowing we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, until that day when our labor is at rest and when we all feast at Christ’s heavenly banquet table.

We look forward to worshipping with you on November 3rd, All Saints Sunday 2019.

United Methodist Men Dave Baker



Following a summer of supporting the Thrift Shop, the Food Closet, the Boy Scouts, and the trustees with projects as needed around the

church, the Methodist men will have their initial meeting for the Fall on Monday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we will begin preparations for our Spaghetti Dinner and

discuss other projects for the fall. Come and join us! All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Baker

Treasurer's Report Dave Baker

The offering for the first two Sundays in August 2019 was \$17,657.33, which leaves \$14,247.67 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 July 2019, which is the first month of our fiscal year, are as follows: Income is \$33,793.51 (vs. a budget of \$38,066.00).

Expenses are \$37,551.24 (vs. a budget of \$40,564.00). The next finance meeting is Monday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Baker, Treasurer

Altar Guild Bev Palmer

The Altar Guild is a committee that preserves many of the traditions that enhance our worship at St. John's. Most of the work consists of getting the altar and sanctuary ready for church services. We prepare for Communion each month, change the paraments, maintain the candles and brass, and decorate the

sanctuary and narthex for special times of the year such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Many thanks to the following Altar Guild committee members for their time and talents that contribute to many events throughout the year: Norma Dukes, Linda Hinckley, Beverly Peters, Sandy Baker, Linda Schenck, Nancy

West, Teresa Wilson, Tom and Betty Wimbrow, Jay Milligan, and honorary members Rich Evans and Bob Freeborn. We will be having our organizational meeting for the coming year in early October. If you would like to join us, please contact Bev at 629-3628.

Trustees Doug Simpson

Work at Cannon Chapel has begun. As everyone may know the parsonage was sold to finance repairs and upgrades to the Chapel. The first item repaired forced its way to the top of the list when the air conditioning unit failed. Upon further investigation the trustees decided now was the time to also abandon old base board electric heat. B Walls and Sons Inc. was selected to install a furnace and air conditioning unit at a cost

of \$13,400.00. Other repairs under consideration include a new roof, moving the handicapped ramp, seal and repaint the ceiling in the sanctuary and other upgrades as financing permits.

Trustees would like to thank all who were helpful in securing Donald Milam to help with keeping the church properties in good repair. This opened the door to an idea of creating a tool closet. Trustees were

approached by a member who wished to donate tools to the closet.

Anyone wishing to donate tools can contact Donald or any trustee. Duplicate tools will be donated to the Thrift Shop, so the gift may provide unintended blessings.

As is usual, many small repairs are accomplished unnoticed by many. To those who bring the needs to the attention of the Trustees, THANK YOU!

FALL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SERVICE

SUNDAY OCT 6th 10:00 a.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church

On Sunday morning October 6, St. John's will host a Homecoming Service with a single combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Marc Keeler, our Lay-leader will be bring the morning's message.

As Chairperson of the Mission and Ministry Council, Marc has a great passion to empower others to serve God! This year the Homecoming Service is presented by the Laity of the church with the pastors presiding over the Lord's Supper.

The Homecoming Celebration promises to be a lovely autumn day of visiting new friends and reconnecting with old .

Following worship, a fellowship luncheon by Marylyn's Catering, is planned in the Church Fellowship Hall.

So, mark your calendars now! Its going to be a great day at St. John's!



Expressions of Joy Harp Ensemble

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Sanctuary

Thanksgiving for Thousands
Hosted again this fall at
St. John's United Methodist Church



For more than 20 years Mountaire's Thanksgiving for Thousands has helped feed those Delmarva residents in need around the Thanksgiving Holiday. Partnering with other churches and para church organizations, St. John's, Love INC, and Mountaire Farms bring Thanksgiving for Thousands to Western Sussex County. Each year countless underserved families throughout the Delmarva Peninsula enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday with a gifted food box distributed by a number of volunteers who sacrifice their time in helping their neighbors.

Each year the distribution day occurs at St. John's on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Persons receive a free box of food, but also discover fellowship with several Seaford area community churches, discovering kind neighbors who are open to welcome and care in Christ's name.

The Thanksgiving for Thousands food box is filled with the staple foods needed to prepare a meal for the entire household. Each box will contain a plump Mountaire roaster, (2) 16 oz. cans of corn, string beans, peas, pork & beans, yams, gravy and cranberries; plus a box of brownie mix & stuffing mix.

The Thanksgiving for Thousands event will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Seaford on Tuesday, November 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Volunteer Sheet for Thanksgiving for Thousands

To volunteer on Tuesday November 26, Distribution Day ...

Please fill out this info-slip and place it in the offering plate,
or contact this year's coordinator Carlyle Windley at 302 629-9466.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____

Email: _____

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m. Adult and Children's Sunday School at the Chapel
10:00 a.m. Spirit filled Worship at St. John's Chapel at the Chapel
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

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. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, 2019, Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11

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

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

The meetings are held the 1st Monday of every other month starting in September at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Wesley Lounge. Dates are: Sept. 3 (Tuesday), Nov. 4, Jan. 6, March 2, May 4.

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 the Wesley Lounge. Dates are: Oct. 7, Dec. 2, Feb. 3, April 6, June (TBD for Church Conference).

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. Dates are: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, 2019, Feb. 10, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, June 8.

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. Dates are: Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, 2019, Feb. 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15.

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

The meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Wesley Lounge. Dates are: Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Feb. 24, March 23, April, 27, May 26(Tuesday).

Fall Flower Dedication and Delivery

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

September 1 By Dean Swingle in celebration of Lisa's birthday and their wedding anniversary

Flowers to be delivered by Jim & Marcia Thompson

September 8 In honor of Claire and Linda Hinckley's 58th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Linda's parents Steve & June Grilles and her Aunt Evelyn Perry and by Emily Conner in loving memory of my husband, John Elbert and in memory of Karen Lou Smith by her family.

Flowers to be delivered by Janet Hackett

September 15 by Ron and Joyce Allen in memory of loved ones

Flowers to be delivered by Earl & Janice Conaway

September 22 in memory of William S. Long & David W. Baker Sr. by Dave and Sandy Baker and by Flora Tamosaitis in memory of Johnny Tamosaitis

Flowers to be delivered by Mary Catherine Hopkins

September 29 by Nancy West in memory of Richard and Helen Mae Bennett

Flowers to be delivered by Hope Huey

October 6 in loving memory of Bob Glime's birthday by his children Bobbi, Fred & Wini. and in honor of Wini's granddaughter Zoey Williams

Flowers to be delivered by Joan Harper

October 13 by John and Linda Hollis in memory of Charles & Dorothy Hollis and Sted & Jean Hines

Flowers to be delivered by John & Sue Gill

October 20 by Brenda Dunton in memory of her father Bill Dunton

Flowers to be delivered by Liz Chambers

October 27 in loving memory of Robert William VanKeuren by his parents, Bob and Sally VanKeuren

Flowers to be delivered by Betty Truitt

November 3 by Joan and Ron Marvel in memory of Ron's parents, Sherwood & Kathlyn Marvel and Joan's father, Roy Brittingham and in honor of Joan's mother, Carolyn Brittingham

Flowers to be delivered by Jim & Marcia Thompson

November 10 in memory of Michael Alan Butler by Carol, Paige, Woody, Chip, and Mom; in memory of Jon Jennings Spicer by Anne Elizabeth; and by Donny and Cathie Dickerson in memory of our fathers who served our country and all those veterans who have served.

Flowers to be delivered by Janet Hackett

November 17 by Mike and Elaine Vincent in honor of Elaine's mother Margaret Davis for her 100th birthday

Flowers to be delivered by Earl & Janice Conaway

November 24 by Mike and Elaine Vincent in loving memory of Michael's mother, Thelma Allen and in memory of John's daughter Cathy Hitch by John and Ginger Hitch.

Flowers to be delivered by Mary Catherine Hopkins

9 A.M. GREETERS

September 1 Bob & Dori Cummings
September 8 Joan Harper
September 15 Ron & Joan Marvel
September 22 Ralph & Ruth Rhoades
September 29 John & Susan Gill
October 6 Mike & Elaine Vincent
October 13 Teresa Wilson
October 20 Margaret Crockett
October 27 Karl & Bonnie VanTine
November 3 Faith Freeborn
November 10 Ed & Tammy Crockett
November 17 John & Ginger Hitch
November 24 Jake & Marcie Hassett

11 A.M. GREETERS

September 1 Nancy Fraser and Bev Peters
September 8 Flo Austin and Noel Dykes
September 15 Jean Howarth & Pat Shannon
September 22 Marcia & Jim Thompson
September 29 Carol Danielson & Suzanne Black
October 6 Bev Peters & Flo Austin
October 13 Jean Howarth & Jane Wright
October 20 Tim Harrison and Candy Wheatley
October 27 Noel Dykes & Pat Shannon
November 3 Carol Danielson and Flo Austin
November 10 Nancy Frasier and Bev Peters
November 17 Marcia & Jim Thompson
November 24 Tim Harrison and Candy Wheatley



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.

Thank You Notes

Many thanks to our St. John's friends, who prayed, sent cards, called or brought food to us after our recent stay in the hospital. Also thanks to Hope Huey for bringing us flowers from the altar.

It is a wonderful feeling to know you are thought about and cared for so much.

In Christ Love, Earl & Janice Conaway

St. John's Family,

The flowers that were delivered by Mr. & Mrs. Truitt were just beautiful.

We are enjoying the lovely arrangement. It will last for a couple of weeks, down to a single flower in a vase.

The phone calls from Pastor Barbara and Pastor Rich are most appreciated. They bring extra sunshine into our lives.

Blessings & Many Thanks,

Pat & Harry Ryder

Dear St. John's Congregation,

I was humbled and honored to receive the stole that you all provided for me. Every time it rests on my shoulders I will feel the love and support of the church that raised me and continues to pray for and love me today. I thank you for your thoughtful gift! I didn't have a stole with those colors, so it was perfect! Sending love and thanks from Grasonville to all of you!

Blessings, Rev. Kelly Conner

Dear St. John's,

Thank you so much for the many cards, text messages, and phone calls expressing care and concern that I have received during my recovery from foot surgery. I also deeply appreciate Pastor Barb's phone calls of prayer and encouragement, and I look forward to being able to return to worship services very soon.

Sincerely,
Sandy Baker

Dear Friends at St. John's UMC,

Your ongoing support makes it possible for more communities in Ghana & Tanzania to receive safe clean water.

Thank you for your generosity and your confidence in our work.

Ken Wood, David Powell & The LWI Directors

St. John's UMC,

I am very thankful for the prayers and check. This means so much to me and my family. Please continue praying.

Thank you, Sarah Marsh

Rev. Rich,

I appreciate the time you took out of your busy schedule to visit me in the hospital, your thought's and prayers meant a lot to me and my family.

Thank everyone for the beautiful flowers I received. It really shows people care and are thinking of you. Hope to be back in church soon.

Thank you again,
Robert T. Griffith



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the flowers that were delivered to me this past Sunday. They have brought a ray of sunshine into our home.
But most of all, I thank you for your prayers and phone calls following my recent surgery. I am doing great!
To God be the Glory!
Sincerely,
Darlene Gilpin

St. John's Church and Rev. Barbara,
I want to thank the church for the flowers. They did brighten my day. Not sure who brought them but got a card from Shirley Jordan so she might be the one who brought them. Please thank her for me.
Hope to see you soon.
Janie McTeer

Dear Congregation of St. John's
Thank you so much for allowing me to be in the Sunday bulletin. I really appreciate that even though I don't live in Seaford and don't go to the church every Sunday. I still feel like it is my home away from home. It was sweet of you guys to send me \$25 to use for college at The Ohio State University.
Thank you,
Abbi

Dear St. John's UMC,
Thank you for the graduation gift. I put it to good use.
Sincerely,
Ben Shaffer

St. John's
Thank you for the visit from Rev. Rich and the many calls and prayers from Pastor Barb while I was in the hospital and at home. Thank you to Mary Catherine for delivering the beautiful flowers. Being part of St. John's has enriched my life and I feel blessed.
Shirley Colona

St. John's Church Family,
The beautiful flowers delivered by John and Sue Gill brightened Bill's day. Thank you for your prayers, cards, and thoughts during this time.
Thanks to Pastor Rich for his visit. We appreciate your many expressions of concern. God is ever present with us as we move forward each day.
With God's Love and Peace,
Bill & Delores Slatcher

Linda and Carol,
Thank you both for all your assistance in Fellowship Hall during mom's reception luncheon. It truly does take a village to pull off these events.
You made it so much easier on the family.
Thank You, the Madden Family

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

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fall (Dec., Jan., Feb.) newsletter
no later than November 8th to the
church office.

Our Worship Format at St. John's Chapel at Cannon

7314 Cannon Rd.

Bridgeville, DE 19933

Children and Adult
Sunday School Hour
at 9:00 a.m.

Spirit Led Worship at
10:00 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.