

# Scripts and Scripture

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## A Note from Pastor Rich



Resurrection Greetings!

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 that is! Especially during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday when people are hearing and seeing the many events

being held at St. John's Church and Chapel already!

It could be your phone call or Facebook private message, or perhaps and email or note that not only encourages someone to attend church, but also accept Christ as Lord and Savior!

The one thing that separates us from all the religions of the world is the resurrection of Christ. We have the GOOD NEWS!

Be sure to take some time to make a list of people you will invite to attend church with you during this Holy Season of Lent and Easter. You may even want to offer to pick them up if they need a ride!

Blessings in Christ!

Rev. Rich Evans

Dear Members and Friends of St. John's Church and Chapel ,

Grace and peace to you as we embark on a journey of reflection, meditation, worship, and service over the course of the next several weeks.

The Lenten season differs in many ways from the Advent season: we don't have a hanging of the greens, we don't sing carols, and instead of anticipating the birth of the Christ child, we prepare ourselves for His death and resurrection. Now, I admit that putting it that way, this all sounds rather gloomy in contrast— but we can rejoice because we know He has risen, He has risen indeed!

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”—Romans 12:1-2

Paul writes to the Romans that we believers are called to study, worship, and renew our minds and in so doing, we may know the perfect will of God. During Lent, we ponder how Jesus left this world only to rise from the grave to sit at God's holy, heavenly hand.

After spending forty days being tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus stayed busy. During His last week on earth: he cleared the temple, cursed the fig tree, taught the Sermon on the Mount—and that's just the first two days. In fact, the majority of the Gospels focus on this latter part of Christ's life.

This Lenten season, won't you join me in learning more about our Savior—His last earthly days and the glory of the days to come?

Once again this year many of the Seaford Churches are hosting mid-week Lenten worship services which complement our own opportunities at St. John's this Lent .

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rich

## 2020 Lenten Mid-Week Services

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

**Wednesday, February 26**.....St. John's UMC

Preaching: Rev. Steven Galiano..... 300 N. Pine St., Seaford 302-629-9466

**Wednesday, March 4**.....Seaford Presbyterian Church

Preaching: Rev. Jake Macklin..... 701 Bridgeville Hwy., Seaford 302-629-9077

**Wednesday, March 11**.....Christ Lutheran Church

Preaching: Rev. Christine Bowden..... 315 Stūpley St., Seaford 302-629-9755

**Wednesday, March 18**.....Mt. Olivet UMC

Preaching: Rev. Tom Birocki..... 315 High St., Seaford 302-629-4458

**Wednesday, March 25**.....Our Lady of Lourdes

Preaching: Rev. Isaac Ross..... 528 E. Stein Hwy., Seaford 302-629-3591

**Wednesday, April 1**.....Gethsemane UMC

Preaching: Rev. David Nass..... 701 Woodland Ferry Rd., Seaford 302-629-4458

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!*



## Palm Sunday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:00 a.m. Spirit Led Worship at Chapel  
at Cannon  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowd watching laid palms and branches for him to walk on and shouted "Hosanna in the Highest!" During our

Sunday morning worship services, persons of all ages celebrate in worship with waving palms celebrating the arrival of Jesus to the Holy City of Jerusalem.



## Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:30 p.m. 300 N Pine St., Seaford

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the great Easter celebration. The word "maundy" is said to be derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, the first word of the Latin phrase, "*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*" ("A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you"). Jesus uses this statement in John's gospel to explain the significance of washing the disciples' feet. Maundy Thursday is also the night that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper with the words, "Do this

in remembrance of me."



## Good Friday, April 10

7:00 p.m. St. John's Chapel 7314 Cannon Rd.,  
Bridgetown

### "A Healing Service of Hope and Wholeness"

On Good Friday, Christians recall the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Although Good Friday is one of the saddest days of the Christian year, the Church continues to call it "good," believing that Christ's suffering and death were not in vain but served to liberate humanity from brokenness and bring healing and wholeness and salvation. If you are suffering physically, emotionally or spiritual suffering we look forward to

worshiping with you.

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24 ESV*

## Easter Sunday, April 12 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Spirit Led Worship at Chapel  
at Cannon

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year—the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God's radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal.

## Seaford Community Food Closet Linda Hollis

In 2019, 433 families were served food. This includes 612 adults and 323 children.

Compared to 2018, 41 more families were served. A total of \$19,745 was spent on food and supplies for the Food Closet.

All of this could not be accomplished without

all of the staff and volunteers committed to helping others. Thanks so much to you all.

Our committee consists of Arsie Burton, Elaine Cochran, Linda Hollis, Brenda

Johnson, Susan Lloyd and Clementine Parker.

## Light It Up Blue Marcia Windley

Light It Up Blue is one of St John's Missions World Autism Awareness Month is each year in April, started by Autism Speaks to increase awareness of challenges faced by individuals and families facing autism, and to fund research to find a cure and develop treatments. Awareness leads to acceptance. The city of Seaford, local businesses, and St. John's have supported this effort by putting up signs, blue lights, participating in the City of Seaford's lighting ceremony, and providing our congregation with positive ministering and support.

This year The City of Seaford's Light It Up Blue ceremony is April 2, 2020, at City Hall, at 6:30pm.

Last year over 40 Seaford partners and businesses participated.

Contact Carlyle and Marcia Windley for more information.

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# Sister-To-Sister Gathering V

## SATURDAY, April 4, 2020

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

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#### Guest Speaker Cynthia Campbell

*In her church she has organized and led women's retreats, taught adult Sunday school classes and Children's Moments for over 30 Years.*

*Cynthia, who comes to us from Lenore, Tennessee, shares her message with a joyful sense of humor and grateful heart for God's amazing guidance in her life.*

Theme

## "WE ARE FAMILY"

<b>REGISTRATION FORM</b>	<b>Sister-To-Sister Gathering V</b> <small>HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM AND ELEVATOR AVAILABLE                      NO CHILDREN PLEASE AS CHILDCARE IS NOT OFFERED</small>
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Email _____	
Church _____	
Complete above and include check, payable to St. Johns United Methodist Church with "Sister-To-Sister" in memo field. Send to: St. Johns United Methodist Church, 300 North Pine St., Seaford, DE 19973	
Registration Fee \$15 <sup>00</sup> Registration ends March 22, or earlier if maximum seating is reached. For more information call 302-629-9466 Website: <a href="http://stjohnsseaford.com">stjohnsseaford.com</a>	

## Pastor Barb's Perspective Rev. Barbara Wilson



Five years ago, Melissa Wills gave me a bulletin from the Hisville Christian Church in Kentucky. They were having "Ladies Night for Christ". She attended. When Melissa gave the bulletin to me, she asked, "What do you think about having something like this in our church?"

Well, I gave this thought and prayer, discussed it with Pastor Rich, who encouraged this venture, and brainstormed possibilities with some of our St. John's women. Before we knew it we were diving into the planning for a "Women's Day Apart" at - you guessed it - St. John's! We decided it would be held on April 16, 2016, for ½ day. We would have a worship service with a special speaker, music and singing by the

congregation and our pianist, along with our catered luncheon. The fee would be minimal - it still is! - to encourage attendance and to pay for the luncheon! Our core team worked together, and carefully selected St. John's volunteers to greet guests, decorate, work at the registration table, take pictures and work with the power point and sound board. Our theme was: "The Imperfect Women in Jesus' Family Tree Who Inspire Us to Do God's Perfect Will". The Rev. Kari Jones was our speaker, and she brought such energy to that theme! God was very visible. Prior to this, hundreds of tri-folds had been sent to dozens of churches; ads had been placed in papers at strategic times; our team had plastered Seaford businesses and community with

posters, and, as now, God had been our Guide in all of it. We wanted women to come and know that this service and luncheon were our gift of planning and praying for them. Our tri-fold note to them affirmed this, for it read: "Today, we pray that no matter how stressed you feel when you come to this first Sister-to-Sister gathering, that you will leave assured that God's restoring love has touched your heart and gently whispered to your soul, "Peace, be still, and know that I am God, and that you are my precious child." We meant it then and in 2020 on April 4, we will still mean it! Quite frankly, these 5 years have flown for us! But here we are in 2020, and once again wanting to bring women together for a time apart where they can realize that each one of them is

an integral part of God's plan.

Our theme this year is: "We Are Family". Every effort is being put forth in word, and song to bring this message. Our registration, decorations, luncheon presentation and every article or ad supports this idea! So look for us in your local newspaper; stop by our registration tables and sign up, or call our church office 9:30-2:30 Monday - Thursday. Bring a friend with you this year - it might be just what they need!

Thank you for your prayers and the encouraging support of your presence in Sisters-to-Sister in our previous years! Now, make a new plan, register at once and let's worship together on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

That's my perspective...I hope it's yours!

# St. John's Preschool Rae Murphy

St. John's Preschool  
News



Thank you to the members of St. John's UMC for your generous donations to the preschool's scholarship program at Christmas time.

The scholarship fund is vitally important to our program and has supported a number of families. Thank you for helping to continue our mission.

St. John's Preschool saw a very successful first half of the school year. We are eager about heading into the second half of the year. Students are participating in monthly school spirit days. In February, students will wear red for our Heart Warrior friends. Students will wear crazy socks in March for Down's Syndrome Awareness. In April our friends will be wearing blue for Autism Awareness. May brings the summer vibes with a beach day

school spirit day!

Our preschoolers have been participating in a number of missions and ministry projects. Over the early winter months our families donated hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the Seaford School District. Currently the preschool is collecting food items to help support the St. John's Food Closet. At the end of February the preschool classes will be doing 40 Acts of Kindness for Lent. Look for all of their wonderful gestures of kindness around the church!

The 2020-2021 school year registration will begin for the public on March 5. Packets can be requested from the preschool office by calling 302-6269-2289. Registration packets are also available to print on the preschool website. If you know a family with a 2-5 year old, please send them our way!

In March the preschool will be hosting its annual Scholastic Book Fair and Art Show.

The Art Show will be held on Thursday, March 12th. This year we are excited to be bringing The Clay Bakers to our event for families to create beautiful pieces of pottery. Families will see displays of artwork created by their children, make works of art, enjoy a special snack, hear a story about a scribble and enjoy fellowship with other families. We love hosting our evening events so that working parents can participate.

The preschool will round out its year with fun field trips to the zoo, Pizza King, the horse stables and the beach. Our Pre-Kindergarten classes will be graduating, which is always a favorite event. Our end of year celebrations will end with our school-wide preschool festival. We look forward to the busy months ahead and continue to feel blessed by the staff and members at St. John's UMC. Thank you for your continued support as we work to bring families to Christ through early intervention Christian Education.

## GriefShare Candy Lucksho

Grief Share is offered through Dec. 8 and will begin again starting March 8. It will include a new program "Surviving the Loss of a Spouse". If you know

someone who is suffering from grief we urge you to encourage them to join us during the 13 week program on Sunday's 4-5:30 in the Wesley Lounge.

For more information call the church office.

Chandra Lucksho



## Adult Education Scott Davidson

It's not too late for a new spring St John's education experience. 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. Be sure to stop-in one of St. John's existing

small group discussion groups on Sunday morning. New members are always welcome. They will be glad to see you.

### UPCOMING EVENING BIBLE STUDY

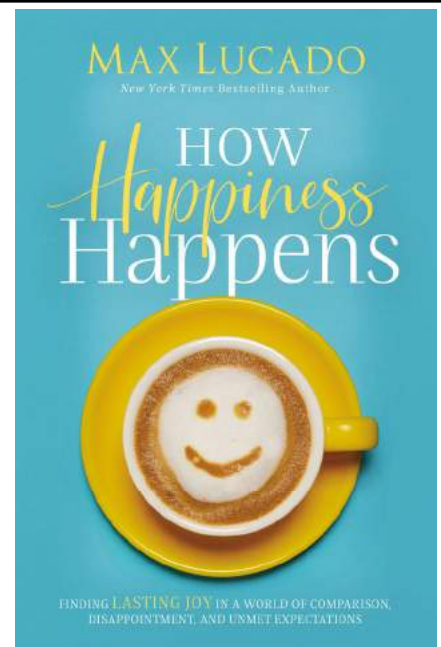
In 'How Happiness Happens', trusted pastor and author Max Lucado unpacks a proven

happiness plan, based on 10 key principles found in the Bible.

- o Discover what true joy looks like and where to find it.
- o Learn to see people as a source of joy rather than pain and frustration.
- o Reject the notion that happiness is selfish, temporary, superficial or unbiblical.
- o Find the secret to happiness that outlasts loneliness, disappointment, and the daily thorn of comparison.

Study starts Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6 pm, weekly for 6 weeks, in the Wesley Lounge. Led by Marie Wolfgang.

I want to find lasting joy in a world of comparison, disappointment and unmet expectations. Sign me up!



NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

BEST CONTACT PHONE # : \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

## United Methodist Men Dave Baker



The United Methodist Men look forward to being busy with many projects that support the various ministries at St. John's including: Our Spring Dinner on March 7 with a new menu and our *Pign-a-Poke* project. Dates and times are

also posted in the Narthex and in the bulletin. Teaming up with the Trustees to paint the bathrooms in Fellowship Hall and for the spring outdoor clean up and mulching around the church grounds. Supporting the Thrift Shop, Food Closet, Boy Scouts,

and Pre-school on a weekly basis. We meet the second Monday of each month at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship, and help us support our church and community. Respectfully submitted, Dave Baker

## Treasurer's Report Dave Baker

Finance Report  
The offering for the first two Sundays in February 2020 was \$16,083.00, which leaves \$15,106.00 needed to meet the budget for the remainder of the month. All apportionments and



bills are paid and up-to-date. The fiscal year-to-date figures as of the end of January 2020 are as follows: Income is \$265,148.84 (vs. a budget of \$246,842.00). Expenses are \$243,183.63 (vs. a

budget of \$247,511.00). The next finance meeting is Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Baker,  
Treasurer



# 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).

## Spring Flower Dedication and Delivery

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

- March 1 To the glory of God and in honor of God's servants by Karl and Nancy Brown and in loving memory of Grace (Midge) Glime from her children Wini, Bobbi & Fred and her friend Ray Kronic for her birthday.  
Flowers to be delivered by Betty Truitt
- March 8 by Dave & Sandy Baker in memory of William S. Long & Margaret H. Long & Rev. David W. Baker Sr. & Florence E. Baker and in loving memory of Jehu Warrington by Shirley and family  
Flowers to be delivered by Jim & Marcia Thompson
- March 15 by Mike & Elaine Vincent in memory of her father Elwood Davis and in memory of Ray Harding their friend and fellow usher given by Chris, Ray, Dave, & Donny  
Flowers to be delivered by Janet Hackett
- March 22 by Frances Horner in loving memory of her husband Gene Horner  
Flowers to be delivered by Earl & Janice Conaway
- March 29 in memory of Ruth Robinson by her grandchildren, in memory of Larry Miller by his family, and in loving memory of Ray Harding on his birthday 3/29 from Paulette and family  
Flowers to be delivered by Mary Catherine Hopkins
- April 5 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 12 by Pat Wheatley in loving memory of Irv Wheatley and his family
- April 19 in honor of Phil and Lourie Wheatley's anniversary April 22
- April 26 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 3 by Bette Mae West in memory of Robert M. West and in memory of Cory Palmer by the Palmer family
- May 10 by Ted and Bev Blades in memory of Bill and Irene Blades
- May 17 by Mary Catherine & Jim Hopkins in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy & Ernest Smith on their birthdays May 20th and in honor of their grandson, AJ on his 15th birthday, May 25th
- May 24 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
- May 31 by Brenda Dunton in memory of her mother Ora Dunton

## Spring Greeters

### 9:00 a.m.

March 1	Jeff & Susan Cordrey
March 8	Ed Crockett
March 15	Jay & Caroline Milligan
March 22	Linda Robertson
March 29	Betty Truitt
April 5	Mike & Elaine Vincent
April 12	Jake & Marcie Hassett
April 19	Joan Harper
April 26	Ron & Joan Marvel
May 3	Bob & Dori Cummings
May 10	Ralph & Ruth Rhoades
May 17	Teresa Wilson
May 24	Margaret Crockett
May 31	Faith Freeborn

### 11:00 a.m.

March 1	Sandy Grantham and Bev Peters
March 8	Carol Danielson and Pat Shannon
March 15	Noel Dykes and Jim & Marcia Thompson
March 22	Nancy Frasier and Jean Howarth
March 29	Jane Wright and Doug & Stephanie Simpson
April 5	Pat Shannon and Bev Peters
April 12	Doug & Stephanie Simpson
April 19	Millie & George Beauchamp and Jane Wright
April 26	Sandy Grantham and Nancy Frasier
May 3	Bev Peters and Flo Austin
May 10	Ginny & Russ Beard
May 17	Carol Danielson and Jim & Marcia Thompson
May 24	Pat Shannon and Bev Peters
May 31	Mary Catherine Hopkins and Bev Peters

## 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.



## Thank You Notes

Pastor Rich,

We would like to extend our appreciation to you and members of your congregation for helping my father, Bob Hudson, at the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for stopping by the hospital to check on him on your way home.

Your care and concern is appreciated.

With Warm Regard,

Steve and Judi Mason (Daughter of Bob)

Dear St. John's Family & Friends,

2-1-2020

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has faithfully donated food, snacks and money to the welcome center. It is greatly appreciated and gives me great joy to see the St. John's Family and visitors taking time to enjoy a snack and drink. I hope everyone gets as much joy in sharing snacks with friends and family as I do watching others enjoying their time at the center.

Sincerely, Dori Cummings

Dear Friends,

11-14-2019

Your kindness means the world to me. What a lovely surprise it was to receive the beautiful fall floral arrangement from Sunday's service! It is so nice to be remembered!

Thank you so much!

With Love, Libby Smith

Thank you for blessing Home of Hope!

Thank you so much for the wonderful donations -Kim

Thank you for your donations -Jennifer

Thank you so much for the donations and all the support -Teresa

Your support and generous donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! You are awesome. -Megan

Thank you for your thoughtful donation! We are very grateful for your support. -Ashley

Thank you so much for blessing us with your donation. It means a lot to me and is all things we will use. God Bless! -Roberta

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you! -Wendy

Dear Pastor Rich, Pastor Barbara and congregation of St. John's,

I cannot begin to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and kindness.

Pastor Rich, thank you for being at the hospital with my husband and daughter (sorry I missed you, the hospital was one time) and the prayer that you offered before and after.

Pastor Barb, thank you for your prayers before and after. Those prayers have helped me with a successful surgery and a very quick and painless recovery.

I thank the members of St. John's for their prayers, acts of kindness, visits and phone calls.

It has been a pleasure being apart of a caring church.

Thank you and God Bless You All,

Elaine Vincent

# Tulips & Daffodils

WHITE TULIPS AND YELLOW DAFFODILS will be in the Sanctuary, April 12. 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 Plant in the memo line.

If you would like to dedicate Easter plants 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 6.

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of : \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT IS THE WALK TO EMMAUS?

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as Gods grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in Gods time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, your gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission and you are encouraged to find ways to live out your call to discipleship in your home, church, and community. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Scholarships are available if you would like to participate in Walk to Emmaus.  
Please contact either Pastor Rich or Dr. Marie Wolfgang for more information.

We are excited to present the movie “Overcomer”



Life changes overnight for Coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After reluctantly agreeing to coach cross-country, John and his wife, Amy, meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new-found friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.

This inspirational movie is presented as a Christ centered event by St. John's United Methodist.

While there is no charge for this event, a freewill offering will be taken to support upgrading the children's toys in the nursery and Sunday School rooms.

# HEALING SERVICE

Healing Service  
April 10 at 7:00 p.m.  
At St. John's Chapel at Cannon  
Come see what's good about Good Friday



**The United Methodist Men  
will host their annual  
*Spring Dinner*  
Saturday, March 7 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**TICKETS SOLD  
AT THE DOOR  
OR IN ADVANCE  
Call 302-629-9466  
\$8 Adults  
\$4 Children  
12 and Under**

**New Menu includes:**  
Ham    Mac & Cheese    Yams & Apples  
Green Beans    Rolls & Butter    Homemade Desserts

*Come join us for a fun evening of Fellowship!!*

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***We pray that God will draw you  
into a deeper relationship with  
Jesus Christ through your worship  
experience at  
St. John's United Methodist Church.  
Come as you are and be transformed  
by the love of Christ!***

## **St. John's Church Staff**

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Rev. Rich Evans,  
Sr. Pastor-ext. 113

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Rev. Barbara Wilson  
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877-0600

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Manager—Office —ext.110

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Joan Harper  
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## **Thrift Shop**

259 N. Conwell St.

Thurs. 1-3 (Receiving)

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Our newsletter will be distributed  
quarterly along with *The Word for  
You Today* devotional.

Please email any articles for the  
summer (June, July, August) news-  
letter no later than May 14 to the  
church office.

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

7314 Cannon Rd.

Bridgeville, DE 19933

Children and Adult Sun-  
day 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.