

**Events for the week of March 19th**

**SUNDAY**

9:00 **Contemporary Worship** Sanctuary  
 9:00 **Children's Sunday School**  
     Ages 3—2nd Grade Room 12A  
     3rd grade and up Room 12B  
 10:00 **Adult Sunday School** Wesley Lounge  
 10:00 **Face to Face Ministry @ Chapel**  
 10:30 **Worship Service @ Chapel**  
 11:00 **Traditional Worship** Sanctuary  
 3:00—4:30 **GriefShare** Wesley Lounge

**MONDAY**

6:00 p.m. **Cub Scouts** Room 201  
 6:30 p.m. **Finance Meeting** Coke Lounge  
 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts** Room 201

**TUESDAY**

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge  
 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Girl Scouts** Room 201  
 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Library  
 6:30 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. **Alanon** Wesley Lounge

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**  
 9:30 a.m. **Handbell Practice** Choir Room  
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Choir Practice** Choir Room

**Our church office is open  
 Mon. -Thur. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**We are CLOSED on Fridays!**

**St. John's Staff Directory**

Rev. Linda Pevey, Interim Pastor  
 302 -236-5145  
 ~  
 Jeff James, L.M., Campus Minister  
 St. John's Chapel at Cannon  
 302-245-7150  
 ~  
 Dr. Stephanie Smith , Administrative Assistant  
 302 -629-9466, ext.110  
 ~  
 Rae Murphy, Preschool Administrator  
 302 -629-2289  
 ~  
 Suzanne Black, Business Manager  
 302 -629-9466, ext.111 (Tuesdays Only)  
 ~  
 Joan Harper, Sunday School Superintendent  
 302 -236-0426  
 ~  
 Douglas Rhodes, Director of Music  
 302 -629-9466, ext. 117 or 302 - 877-0600  
 ~  
 Sally Waugaman, Accompanist  
 ~  
 Donald Milam, Facilities Manager  
 667 -225-0470  
 ~  
 Robert Freeborn, Sexton  
 302 -390-6172

**MARCH 19, 2023**

**4th Sunday of Lent**



**St. John's  
 United Methodist  
 Church**

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 Seaford, DE 19973  
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***Come as you are and be transformed by the love of Christ!***

*Have you ever wished you could sit down and have a face-to-face conversation with Jesus? During Lent, we will spend time each Sunday with people who did get to spend time with Jesus face-to-face. Each person walked away with renewed faith and a reinvigorated life, because they had met Jesus face-to-face. Although we can't physically meet with Jesus as they did, we can still have life-changing encounters with him, when we open ourselves to the life-changing love and grace that he offers each one of us.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING SONG: "We Believe"**

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear There is only one foundation We believe we believe In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see There is only one salvation We believe we believe	And He's coming back again (We believe) Verse 2 So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe (Bridge) Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade Let the church live loud our God we'll say We believe we believe And the gates of hell will	not prevail For the pow'r of God has torn the veil Now we know Your love will never fail We believe we believe Chorus 2 We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back He's coming back again He's coming back again We believe we believe
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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
*April Stanley*

**\*SONG: "Rest On Us"**

As the Spirit was moving over the waters  
Spirit, come move over us  
Come rest on us, come rest on us

Come rest on us  
Come rest on us

Chorus (repeat 2x)

Chorus  
Come down  
Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room  
You're here and I know You are moving  
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Bridge (repeat 3x)  
Holy Spirit, come rest on us  
You're all we want  
You're all we want

Chorus (repeat 2x)

Verse 1 (repeat)

Bridge (repeat 3x)

Verse 2  
Fire and wind, come do it again  
Open up the gates, let heaven on in

**PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

*April Stanley*

**HOLY BAPTISM**

*Lyle (Justin) Stoeckel and Margaret (Hazel) Jayne Stoeckel*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Justin Stoeckel and Allisa Booth*

**OFFERING**

**\*SONG: "I Speak Jesus"**

Verse 1  
I just want to speak the Name of  
Jesus over ev'ry heart and ev'ry  
mind  
'Cause I know there is peace  
within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

Chorus  
(Cause) Your name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break e'vry stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

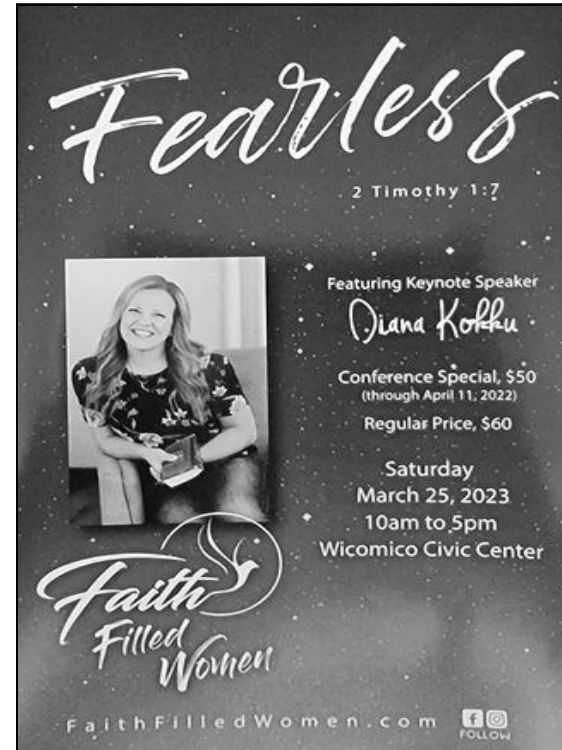
Chorus  
Verse 4  
Shout Jesus from the  
mountains  
Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness  
over ev'ry enemy  
Jesus for my fam'ly  
I speak the holy Name  
Jesus

Verse 2  
I just want to speak the Name of  
Jesus 'til ev'ry dark addiction  
starts to break, declaring there is  
hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

Verse 3  
I just want to speak the Name  
of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by  
depression  
I speak Jesus

Chorus

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**



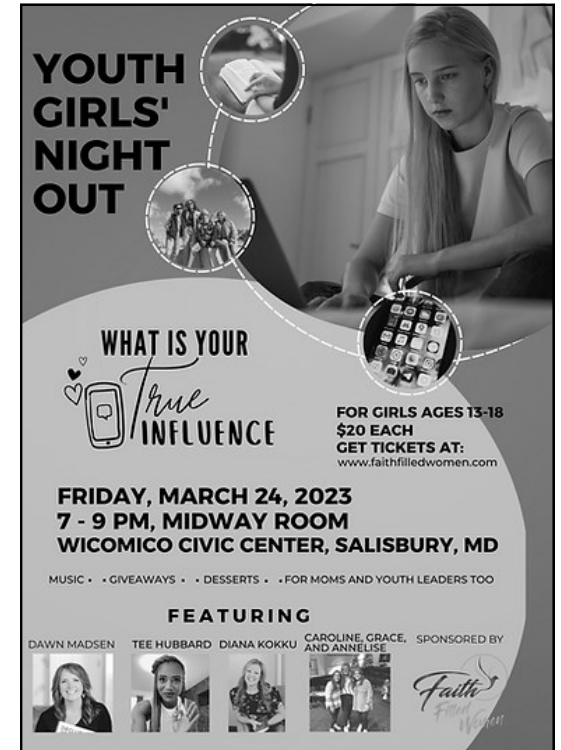
**Fearless**  
2 Timothy 1:7

Featuring Keynote Speaker  
*Diana Kokku*

Conference Special, \$50  
(through April 11, 2022)  
Regular Price, \$60

Saturday  
March 25, 2023  
10am to 5pm  
Wicomico Civic Center

*Faith Filled Women*  
FaithFilledWomen.com



**YOUTH GIRLS' NIGHT OUT**

WHAT IS YOUR *True* INFLUENCE

FOR GIRLS AGES 13-18  
\$20 EACH  
GET TICKETS AT:  
www.faithfilledwomen.com

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023  
7 - 9 PM, MIDWAY ROOM  
WICOMICO CIVIC CENTER, SALISBURY, MD**

MUSIC • GIVEAWAYS • DESSERTS • FOR MOMS AND YOUTH LEADERS TOO

**FEATURING**  
DAWN MADSEN TEE HUBBARD DIANA KOKKU CAROLINE GRACE AND ANNELISE  
SPONSORED BY *Faith Filled Women*

**Go to FaithFilledWomen.com for more info!**



*It's time for Easter Flowers! See the ushers for the bright pink order form for more information.*

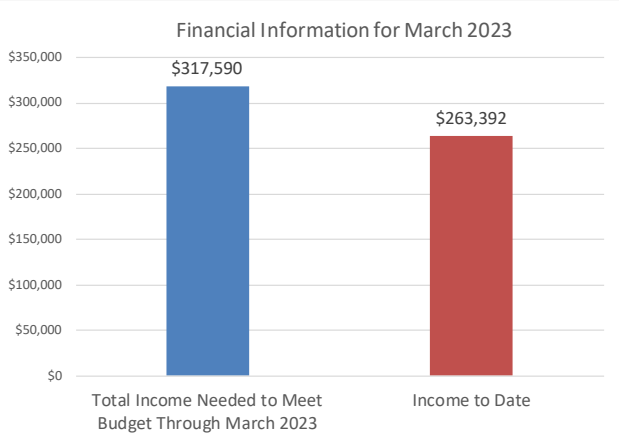
*Orders are due to the church office by April 3rd!*

**St. John's Connections Team**

The Connections Team has been busy making contacts with those who are ill, shut-in, or experiencing loss. If you have a loved one or a friend who needs some encouragement or to know we care, please contact Sandy Baker by phone at 302-629-8204 or by email at [sbaker0306@gmail.com](mailto:sbaker0306@gmail.com).

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



<b>Attendance (3/12)</b>		<b>St. John's Attendance &amp; Financial Update</b>							
9:00: 57	11:00: 60	<b>(\$ totals are 3/5 and 3/12 Deposits Combined)</b>							
Chapel: 30	<b>Total: 147</b>								
St. John's Seaford Budget Income: <b>\$15,804</b> Designated Non-Budget Income: <b>\$1,047</b> Chapel Offering: <b>\$3,565</b> Preschool: <b>\$11,108</b>  <b>Total Deposits: \$31,523</b>		<b>Financial Information for March 2023</b>  <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Income Needed to Meet Budget Through March 2023</td> <td>\$317,590</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income to Date</td> <td>\$263,392</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Category	Amount	Total Income Needed to Meet Budget Through March 2023	\$317,590	Income to Date	\$263,392
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**Newsletter submissions for April/May are due to Stephanie in the office by March 27th for an April 3rd distribution.**



**Do you need help setting up an account on Tithely? Call the office—we can help!**

**We are in need of volunteers to help with our technology needs!**  
**Would you be willing to run the Livestream one Sunday?**  
*(It's EASY! We can show you how!)*  
**Do you have expertise with websites & would be willing to keep ours up to date?**  
**Please reach out to the church office if you are willing to help!**

**SCRIPTURE DIALOGUE BASED ON: JOHN 9:1-41**  
*Narrator - Helen Polidore Jesus - Gordy Stanley Blind Man - Donald Milam*  
*Townsperson-Mollie Stanley Pharisee - Sean Marvel*

**MESSAGE: "Now I See"**  
*Pastor Linda Pevey*

**\*CLOSING SONG: "Your Love Defends Me"**

Verse 1  
 You are my joy You are my song  
 You are the well the One I'm drawing from  
 You are my refuge my whole life long  
 Where else would I go

I will remember You're with me in this fight  
 Although the battle it rages on  
 The war's already won  
 I know the war is already won

Chorus  
 Surely my God is the strength of my soul  
 Your love defends me  
 Your love defends me  
 And when I feel like I'm all alone  
 Your love defends me  
 Your love defends me

We sing hallelujah  
 You're my portion my salvation  
 Hallelujah

We sing hallelujah  
 You're my portion my salvation  
 Hallelujah  
 You're my portion my salvation  
 Hallelujah  
 You're my portion my salvation

Verse 2  
 Day after day night after night

**\*BENEDICTION**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**  
*In celebration of the Baptisms of Justin and Hazel Jayne Stoeckel*  
*by Allisa Booth*  
*And*  
*In loving memory of her husband Gene Horner Sr. and son Gene Horner Jr.*  
*by Frances Horner and family*  
  
*The pink rose on the altar is in honor of Amelia Elizabeth Mellin's 1st birthday.*  
*Amelia is the daughter of Ashley and Zach Mellin, granddaughter of Ruth (Bunny)*  
*and Mitch Harris, and great granddaughter of Joanne Yates*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Health:** Dot Whaley, John George, Diane Spicer, Margaret Wooten, Harry Ryder, Barbara Truitt, Jeff Scott, Nancy Lynch, Maxine Matthews, Elizabeth Walker, Ward Higgins, Maria Lipscomb, Ann Smith, Vicki Thompson, Renata Rogers, Joel Epps, Ernie Messick, Rose Willey, Kirk & Linda Thompson, Lake Scott, Linda Larrimore, Peggy Tinder, Robert Colona Jr., Joan Hart, Patty Dale, John Powell, Charles Jones, Paula Pritchett, Nikki Jones, Gail Spencer, Logan Swan, Jane Tate, Janet Schroueder, Diana Trice, Todd Sizemore, Carol Adkins, Fay Bender, Wayne Medford, Bev Palmer, Aileen Hill, Madison Park, Nancy Fraser, Bob Mc Ilvaine, Ralph Rhoades, Zoe Barnes, Marc Keeler, True, Becky Grubb, Audrey Taylor, Bernice Bolter, and James Caruso Jr.

**Continued Prayer:** Dawson Lankford, Dennis Simpson, Bob Adams, William B. Wright Jr, Gail Phillips, Carolyn Godfrey, Dale Boyd, Tina Prentice, Ginger Hitch, Joyce Allen, Bob Colona, Audra Stambaugh, Joy Henard, Jess & Jessica Matthew's family, William Hoag, Teena Diehl, Bob Hudson, Rachel Smith and family, Pastor Sa, the Pugh family, and John Macey and family.

*Nancy Fraser has a new address and cards would be appreciated!*

*Country Rest Home*

*12046 Sunset Lane Greenwood, DE 19950*

***Please let us know if we can remove a name from our prayer list!***

***We love to hear about answered prayers!***

#### Prayer Chain Coordinators

Elaine Vincent —(H): 302 629-2396 or (C): 302 245-5204

Joan Harper—(C): 302 236-0426

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

Emails: Gail Phillips—spiritladyo6@gmail.com



**We have openings for altar flowers on the following dates:**

April 16th & 23rd August 20th September 3rd & 17th

**Please contact Stephanie in the church office if you would like to dedicate flowers on these dates.**

**The cost is \$35 & you will be billed by the office.**

***Notary Services are available now during our weekly office hours free of charge to St. John's members!***

***If you need the services of a notary, please contact Stephanie in the office to schedule an appointment.***



***Don't forget to grab a "hand" or foot" for the week. Record your Acts of Kindness and return next week and take another! Let's see how many times we can be the hands and feet of Jesus during Lent***

**Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John's UMC?  
Interested in the Sacrament of Baptism for a child or an adult?**

**There is a difference between attendance & membership...Want to learn more???**

Call the church office to schedule a meeting with Pastor Linda.



**Justin Stoeckel & Allisa Booth**

**And their beautiful children:**

**Iva Mae, "Kit", "Birdie",**

**Jack and Hazel**