

Events for the week of Nov. 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
10:30 **Worship Service @ the Chapel**
11:00 **Traditional Worship** Sanctuary
3:00—4:30 p.m. **Grief Share** Wesley Lounge
“Surviving The Holidays”

MONDAY

6:45 p.m. **Boy Scout Meeting (Tr. 249)** Rm. 201

TUESDAY— Thanksgiving Giveaway!

9:00 a.m. **Helpers arrive!**
10:00 a.m. **Box Giveaway Begins!**
6:30 p.m. **Finance Meeting** Coke Lounge
6:30 **Al-Anon Meeting** Wesley Lounge
6:30 —8:30 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Boy Scout Committee Meeting** Room 201

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY - Happy Thanksgiving!

The Church Office is CLOSED!

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**
9:30 a.m. —10:30 a.m. **Choir Practice**
10:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m. **Handbell Practice**

*Pastor Jeff will be on vacation from
Nov. 15th—29th*

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

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NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday

After Pentecost



St. John's
United Methodist
Church

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

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Entrusted: Church vitality does not depend on a pastor's charisma, but on how inspired the entire church is to be actively involved, responsible for its own ministries, and caring for each other. When all of us see ourselves as needed, responsible, and contributing, then amazing transformations can happen. The call to faithful service is not always easy to respond to, but all things are possible when we realize how much God loves us and trusts the church to care for the world. We are all in this together, working together to do our part!

GATHERING

PRELUDE: “On St. George’s Windsor”

arr. C. Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Linda Pevey

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Nancy West

L: We lift our eyes to the Lord.

P: God created the heavens and the earth.

L: We raise our voices in word and song.

P: We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

L: Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

P: Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER:

Nancy West

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. We offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Come by Dec. 8th! Donations that evening will benefit our Preschool!

St. John's Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement. I placed it outside my apartment and my neighbors and friends enjoyed their beauty. A "special" thank you for the monthly cards which brighten my day. I also thank Jim Thompson for delivering the flowers and the weekly bulletins.

I appreciate being remembered.

Thanks again,

Grace Kutzler



An evening of
Songs & Prayers of
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 22
6:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
528 E. Stein Highway
Seaford, DE 19973

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The evening's freewill offering will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Nonperishable food items and monetary contributions will be accepted.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.
Psalms 136:1

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 14– 30 (NIV) Nancy West

MESSAGE: “Entrusted in the Meantime” Pastor Linda Pevey

***CLOSING HYMN: UMH#399** “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: “Variation on *We All Believe In One True God*” JB Weber

** Please stand if you are able.*

St. John's Attendance & Financial Update

St. John's Seaford Budget Income:	\$8,287
Designated Non-Budget Income:	\$240
Chapel Offering:	\$745
Preschool:	\$4,734
Total Deposits:	\$14,006

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St. John's United Methodist Church
Seaford, DE

Attendance (11/12)			
9:00: 91	10:30 (Chapel): 16	11:00:55	Total: 162

Financial Information for the month of November 2023

Category	Amount
Income Needed to Meet Budget for November 2023	\$31,779
November Actual Income to Date	\$15,215

Financial Information for fiscal year through November 2023

Category	Amount
Total Income Needed to Meet Budget July 1, 2023 through November 2023	\$167,165
Actual income July 1, 2023 through November 2023	\$144,449

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God:

*In memory of her parents, Lloyd & Helen Wolfgang
and nephew Joseph Williams
by Dr. Marie Wolfgang*

And

*In loving memory of William C. Robertson Jr.
on what would have been their 31st wedding anniversary
from his loving wife Linda*

The Center Flowers are

*In memory of Donna Marie Huston
by Jim Huston and family*

Items for the December/January Newsletter are due to Stephanie in the church office by Wednesday November 22nd!

The newsletter will be published electronically on November 30th. If we don't have your email make sure you share it with us so you don't miss out on the news and holiday events here at St. John's!



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.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health: Dot Whaley, John George, Harry Ryder, Jeff Scott, Nancy Lynch, Maxine Matthews, Elizabeth Walker, Ward Higgins, Ann Smith, Joel Epps, Rose Willey, Lake Scott, Linda Larrimore, Peggy Tinder, Joan Hart, Patty Dale, John Powell, Charles Jones, Paula Pritchett, Nikki Jones, Gail Spencer, Jane Tate, Janet Schroueder, Diana Trice, Carol Adkins, Fay Bender, Bev Palmer, Bob Mc Ilvaine, Zoe Barnes, Becky Grubb, Bernice Bolter, James Caruso Jr., Linda Conner, George Sapna, Doris McLaughlin, Fred Danielson, Bob and Angel Adams, David Sagers, Jeanne Connor, Jenn Marnock, Alexis Elliott, Trenton West, Madison Parks, Butch Vandegrift, Sheldon and Debbie Brauffman, Noel Dykes, and Ellie Everton.

Continued Prayer: Dawson Lankford, William B. Wright Jr, Gail Phillips, Carolyn Godfrey, Dale Boyd, Joyce Allen, Bob Colona, Audra Stambaugh, Teena Diehl, Bob Hudson, Barbara Truitt, Nancy Fraser, John Macey and family, Ramona Jones Curtis, Quentin and Mary Welch, and Annaliese.

If you asked for any of these names to be placed on the prayer list, or know an update, please let us know when names can be removed.

We love to hear about answered prayers and would like to keep our list as updated as possible!

Prayer Chain Coordinators

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



Sunday, Dec. 17th - Come at 9:00 and stay until 12:00!

9:00-10:00

Preschool Christmas Pageant and Praise Music

10:00-11:00

Bring your spare change! Cast your vote for the best decorated door downstairs with your donation! Refreshments will also be served in the Coke Lounge.

11:00-12:00

Christmas Cantata Service

Mark your calendars now for a day of holiday festivities!

We are in need of the following help right now...



- ⇒ **The Students in Transition Ministry needs air mattresses, sleeping bags, and men's and women's personal hygiene items for students and families who are homeless in the Seaford School District.**
- ⇒ **A piano accompanist to serve at the 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service. (This is a paid position)**
- ⇒ **Our Children's Sunday School needs an additional teacher! When a team of 4 people is est. then you would only need to teach one week out of a 4-week rotation. Classes are on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 AM service.**
- ⇒ **Volunteers for our Thanksgiving food box giveaway on November 21st.**
*We have been BLESSED to be selected to receive 150 boxes from Mountaire!!
(The food we have collected will bless our community with Christmas boxes!)*
*We will need volunteers to arrive on Tues. Nov. 21st at 9:00 a.m. to help setup.
Box distribution will begin at 10:00 a.m.*

We also need winter clothing, especially coats, for our Thrift Shop to give away that same day!

- ⇒ **We are collecting Christmas Cards to donate to local nursing homes to pass out to residents to brighten their holidays. There will be a basket in the Narthex if you would be willing to fill out, make, some cards with holiday greetings and bring them in. We need cards turned in by/on December 3rd.**