

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday

After Pentecost



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St. John's
United Methodist
Church

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

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!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Linda Pevey

***OPENING SONG** - *"Your Grace is Enough"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

April Stanley

*** PRAISE SONG** - *"10,000 Reasons"*

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Heather Moore

APOSTLES CREED

Heather Moore

***OFFERING SONG** - *"Promises"*

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 25: 14-30 (NIV)

Heather Moore

MESSAGE: “Entrusted in the Meantime”

Pastor Linda Pevey

*** CLOSING SONG** - “Too Good to Not Believe”

***BENEDICTION**

** Please stand if you are able.*

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!

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.

St. John’s Staff Directory

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667 -225-0470

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You're Invited to the Annual Dinner & Auction
Benefitting St. John's Preschool
Join us for some Reindeer Games

Friday, December 1
at 5:00 PM

Presale Ticket Prices:
 \$10 for Adults & \$5 for Children
 (under 2 years old free)
 Spaghetti Dinner

Silent & Live Auctions
Childcare (after dinner)
Games & Prizes
Photos with Santa
 (with a donation)
Food & Fellowship

Contact the preschool for more information at 302-629-2289
 Located at 300 N. Pine Street, Seaford, DE
Tickets on sale now & at the door!
 Cash, Checks & Credit Cards accepted



Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Please join us for a four week Advent Bible study by Adam Hamilton. With Hamilton's usual easy-to-read style, we will study what each of the gospels (and the Old Testament) have to say about the birth of Jesus Christ. Be inspired this Advent season by the true significance of this season. You can choose from two groups: Mondays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, or Tuesdays 10:30am to noon. Both groups meet in the Wesley Lounge. Contact Pastor Linda to sign up and get your book. Please read chapter 1 for our first meeting on November 27-28. The study will conclude December 18-19.



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

Elaine Vincent: 302 629-2396 or 302 245-5204

Joan Harper: 302 236-0426

Gail Phillips: spiritleady06@gmail.com

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

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

FREE EVENT!

DRIVE-THRU
MERRY LANE!
 A Christmas Light Spectacular

Santa!
 Dec. 16, 21,
 22, 23

LIVE
Nativity
 Dec 14

Every Thursday-Sunday 5pm-9pm
 Starting November 25th-December 31st
 8562 Elks Road Seaford, DE

Donations benefit LOCAL charities!
 Presented by Mid-Atlantic Services




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



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.

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.
Psalm 136:1*

St. John's Attendance & Financial Update

St. John's Seaford Budget Income:	\$8,287	<div><div>GIVING ONLINE IS EASY</div><div>St. John's United Methodist Church Seaford, DE</div><div></div><div></div></div>
Designated Non-Budget Income:	\$240	
Chapel Offering:	\$745	
Preschool:	\$4,734	
Total Deposits:	\$14,006	

Attendance (11/12)

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

