

## Events for the week of May 26th

### MONDAY—OFFICE CLOSED



### TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Wesley Lounge  
6:30 p.m. **Chrysalis Meeting** Coke Lounge  
6:30 p.m. **SPRC Meeting** Library

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY (June 2nd)

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**  
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Chapel Worship**  
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Traditional Worship**

## Church Office Hours

**M-TH 9:00 –1:00**

**We are CLOSED on Fridays.**

*Please respect Pastor Josh's Sabbath  
on Mondays.*

*Messages can be communicated  
to Stephanie in the office.*

## St. John's Staff Directory

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MAY 26TH, 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY



The people of The United Methodist Church

St. John's  
United Methodist  
Church

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Our VISION Statement

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

*Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, reminding us of the three different ways we experience the one God whom we worship. We worship God the Creator; we worship Jesus who experienced the life of a human; and we worship the way that God works within us - the Holy Spirit.*



### GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** "Meditation"  
"America, the Beautiful"

*Helman  
arr. McChesney*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joshua Berry

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dr. Stephanie Grasset

L: God, sometimes we show up to worship ready to encounter your presence.  
**P: We know you are always with us.**  
L: Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.  
**P: We know you are always with us.**  
L: But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.  
**P: And yet, we know you are always with us in the fullness of your glory.**  
L: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory, your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.  
**P: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #64** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**OPENING PRAYER**

Dr. Stephanie Grasset

God, our loving God, you are the Surprise from whom all discoveries grow, the Delight of whom each victory sings, the Joy to whom all lasting pleasures flow, the Search out of whom all science springs, the Truth who surfaces when all seems lost, the Love who will not count the cost. Creating God, high beyond our understanding, we worship your mystery! Redeeming God, deep beyond our deserving, we worship your mystery! Inspiring God, near beyond our perceiving, we worship your mystery! Amen!

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever Amen.*

**OFFERING**

In heav’nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;  
 And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.  
 The storm may roar around me,  
 my heart may low be laid;  
 but God is round about me,  
 and can I be dismayed?  
 Whoever He amy guide me no want shall turn me back;  
 My Shepherd is beside me,  
 And nothing can I lack.  
 For His wisdom is forever, His sight is never dim;  
 He forms each endeavor, and I will walk with Him.  
 All the way my Savior leads me;  
 what have I to ask beside?  
 Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
 Who through life has been my guide?

Heav’nly peace and comfort,  
 here by faith in Him to dwell,  
 For I know, whate’er befall me,  
 Jesus doeth all things well;  
 For I know, whate’er befall me,  
 Jesus doeth all things well.  
 Green pastures are before me,  
 which I have not seen;  
 Bright skies will soon be o’er me,  
 where dark clouds have been;  
 My life I cannot measure, the path of life is free;  
 My Savior has my treasure,  
 And He will walk with me.  
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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** “In Heavenly Love Abiding”

*L. Larson*

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below;  
 Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Our Revitalization team will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July, August at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

**We encourage all who are part of this church to attend those meetings to help plan our future!**

*St. John’s UMC Mission Statement*

⇒ Attract and point people to Christ

⇒ Encourage and nurture persons into Christ like maturity

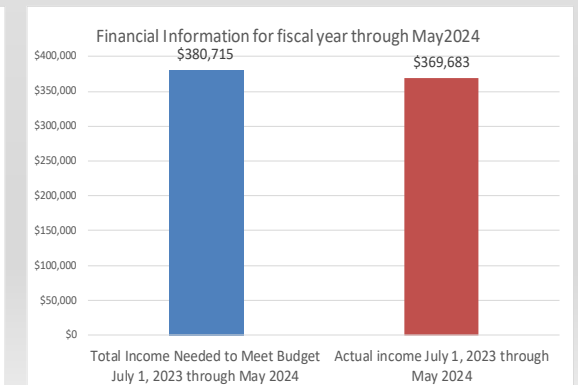
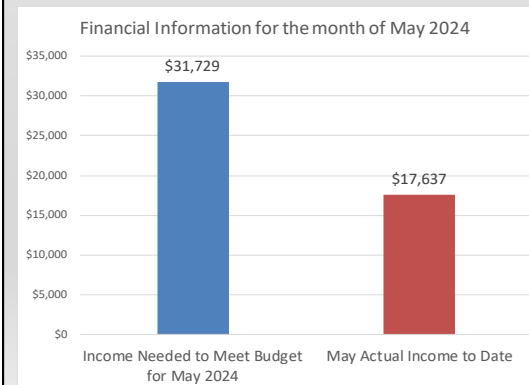
⇒ Mobilize persons to serve in Jesus’ name through meaningful ministry within the church, the local community, and the world.

**St. John’s Attendance & Financial Update**

St. John’s Seaford Budget Income:	<b>\$3,001</b>
Designated Non-Budget Income:	<b>\$136</b>
Chapel Offering:	<b>\$230</b>
Preschool:	<b>\$1,997</b>
Total Deposits:	<b>\$5,364</b>



**Attendance (5/12)**  
**9:00 (68) Chapel: (13) 11:00 (56) Total: 137**





**We are moving to a Combined Service for the summer starting June 9th here at St. John's Seaford Campus.**

*The service will be a blend of both contemporary and traditional worship styles with an option for fellowship following each service.*

**June 16th will be our farewell to Pastor Jeff!**

### **Faith and Family Game Night @ the Shorebirds**

- Former Orioles starting pitcher Scotty McGregor will be giving testimony (He was on the 1983 World Series winning team and is now a Pastor in his hometown!)
- Fireworks show after the game!
- Christian music throughout the game as well!



**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm**

We will be getting a discount on group tickets in the Lower Reserve for \$14 each.  
Contact Stephanie in the office if you are interested in going by June 15th!

### **Do You Have a 2024 Graduate In Your Family?**



We will be recognizing those high school and college graduates from our St. John's family on **June 9th** through a special bulletin insert.

If you would like your family member included, please submit a photo and the following info to the church office:

*Graduate's Name, School, St. John's Member Name/Relationship, If Graduating HS: please include plans for following graduation. If Graduating College: please include degree being conferred and area of study/major.*

**Email this information to: [stjohns@stjohnsseaford.com](mailto:stjohns@stjohnsseaford.com) by May 30th**

***If it isn't submitted it isn't included ... so be sure to recognize your graduate by following the deadline above.***

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Joshua Berry

**HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #103** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 8:12-17

Dr. Stephanie Grasset

**MESSAGE:** "Spiritual Dancing"

Rev. Joshua Berry

**CLOSING HYMN: UMH #436** "This Is My Song"

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Rev. Joshua Berry

Go now in the blessed presence of the Triune God who cleanses you, calls you, and empowers you to be messengers of God's love in this world even as you are surrounded by God's all-consuming presence wherever you go. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Fanfare on *National Hymn*"

Saxton

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

### **Memorial Day Prayer for Monday**

*On this Memorial Day, I am thankful for the sacrifice so many throughout our history have made, for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and for their families who had to carry on without them. It is a sacrifice that is easy to forget. For those who have it, freedom is like oxygen. It's something we just have. Today I remember a sacrifice made and a debt I cannot repay. Today I pray for the God of heaven to bless the families of those who have lost loved ones while serving our great nation. I pray for God to bless and comfort the walking wounded who are still with us, and bless their families as well. It is also my prayer that we remember their sacrifice and the precious gift of freedom **every day, not just once a year or when they are in danger of being taken away. All this we pray in your name, O God. Amen.***

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY**

In memory of Rev. R. Gordon and Mrs. Lois Givens

By Robert & Ruth Ann Griffith

*And*

In honor of Gordy and April Stanley's 14th wedding anniversary

by April Stanley



**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!**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Health:** Dot Whaley, Rose Willey, Lake and Edna Scott, Joan Hart, Diana Trice, Bev Palmer, Linda Conner, Bob and Angel Adams, David Sagers, Jeanne Conner, Jenn Marnock, Butch Vandegrift, Ellie Everton, Chad Tate, Karen Kittila, Dixie Baker, Marion Holt, Michelle Thomas, and Nancy West.

**Continued Prayer:** Dawson Lankford, Gail Phillips, Carolyn Godfrey, Joyce Allen, Audra Stambaugh, Teena Diehl, Bob Hudson, Fred Danielson, Barbara Truitt, Nancy Fraser, Quentin and Mary Welch, Robert and Ethel Ellingsworth, Bob Freeborn, and Jane Tate.

*Please keep the Colona family in your thoughts and prayers as Shirley has joined Robert, who passed a few weeks ago, in heaven.*

*There will be a combined funeral service. The date is still to be determined.*

***Our prayer chain and office went through and updated our prayer lists. If a name was removed and you wish to have it placed back on the prayer list, please reach out. We would like to keep our list as updated as possible! So, if you add a name please reach out to update us when it can be removed—we love to hear about answered prayers!***



**Altar Flowers**

**We have some openings for Altar Flower Dedication!**

**August 18~September 22**

**October 20~ November 17**

**(\$40 and we will bill you afterwards)**

Please contact Stephanie in the church office if you are interested in one of these dates!

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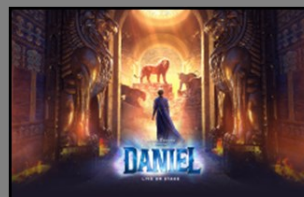
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*There are still a few seats left for our trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see DANIEL!*

**July 31st—\$136 per person**

(Dinner is not included in the price.)

**Call Ruth Rhoades at 302-841-0351 or the church office for more information!**



**Prayer Chain Coordinators**

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**Joan Harper: 302 236-0426**

**Gail Phillips: [spiritlady06@gmail.com](mailto:spiritlady06@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!***