

Events for the week of May 12th

MONDAY

1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. **Food Drive Sorting** Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge
6:00 p.m. **UMM Meeting** Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. **Girl Scouts Unit Meeting** Rm. 201
6:30 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Library
6:30 —8:30 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** Sanctuary

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 (May 19th) "Pentecost Sunday"

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.*

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MAY 12TH, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



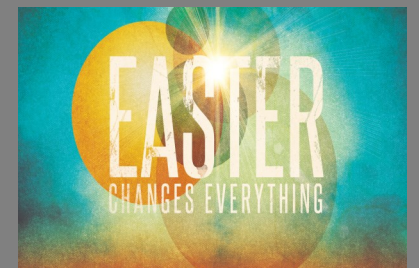
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Our VISION Statement

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

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit.



GATHERING

PRELUDE: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

arr. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joshua Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dr. Stephanie Grassett

L: Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

P: We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.

L: Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

P: We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.

L: How will you share God's love with the world?

P: By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.

L: Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

P: Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.

***OPENING HYMN: UMH #98** "To God be the Glory"


MOTHER’S DAY LITANY: Dr. Stephanie Grasset

L: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in Scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples... We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say – Yes to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

- P: Amen.**
- L:** For our mothers, who have given us life and love, may we show them reverence and love,
- P: We pray to the Lord filled with thanks and praise.**
- L:** For mothers who have ever lost a child born or unborn, that their faith may give them hope, and may their family and friends support and console them,
- P: We pray to the Lord and weep with those with broken hearts.**
- L:** For the stepmothers, foster mothers, and adoptive mothers, all who have loved and cared for children not born to them.
- P: We pray to the Lord for wisdom and patience.**
- L:** For women who, though without children of their own, like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
- P: We pray to the Lord for continued inspiration and compassion.**
- L:** For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,
- P: We pray to the Lord for healing of past hurts**
Loving Mother God, like an earthly mother who gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless every Christian mother. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
- P: Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of love, grace, and peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER (SINGING)

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.



The Seaford Community Food Closet here at St. John’s will receive donations from the annual USPS food drive on Monday, May 13th.

Any volunteers who are able to help sort these donations from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm that day in our Fellowship Hall would be greatly appreciated!

VBS is right around the corner and we would love to have your help.


It will be held June 24th, 25th and 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with dinner being served each evening. Our theme this year is Campfire Stories where the children will hear amazing and exciting stories that teach valuable lessons about God. Volunteers are always needed (for set-up, crafts, snacks, recess, etc.) as well as donations to purchase materials and food/snack items for the children. If you would be willing to help, please contact Joan Harper at 302-236-0426. Thanks so much!

St. John’s Attendance & Financial Update

St. John’s Seaford Budget Income:	\$6,382
Designated Non-Budget Income:	\$408
Chapel Offering:	\$890
Preschool:	\$4,649
Total Deposits:	\$12,329

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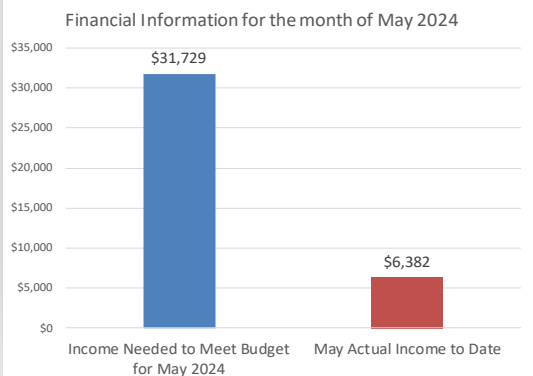
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Attendance (5/5)

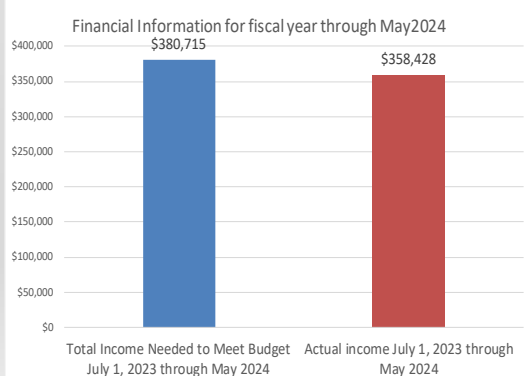
9:00 (73) Chapel: (23) 11:00 (61) Total: 157

Financial Information for the month of May 2024



Category	Amount
Income Needed to Meet Budget for May 2024	\$31,729
May Actual Income to Date	\$6,382

Financial Information for fiscal year through May2024



Category	Amount
Total Income Needed to Meet Budget July 1, 2023 through May 2024	\$380,715
Actual income July 1, 2023 through May 2024	\$358,428

Visioning and Discernment Process

We have had a great series of meetings so far! Thanks to all who have attended!

We would like to remind everyone of our current 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.

With the transition in our church locally and globally, it was decided at this time we will be seeking to bring healing where there is brokenness as well as revitalizing what we already have so that in the future we may look to build a new Vision and Mission Statement.

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

We have already crafted great ideas for the summer to help bring our congregation together and build our St. John’s family.

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

Stay tuned for more information!

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS: UMH #33

Karl & Karen Dickel Linda Pevey Bev Taylor Dwight & Joan Short

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *arr. Althouse*

Refrain
Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
calls for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above; praise his name!
I’m fixed upon it, name of God’s redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering
from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Her’s my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Refrain
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to
sing thy grace.

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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Joshua Berry

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #397 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17: 6-19 Dr. Stephanie Grassett

MESSAGE: “The Ways of the World” Rev. Joshua Berry

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH #884
“A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church”

CLOSING HYMN: UMH #549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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 by May 30th

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

***BENEDICTION:**

Rev. Joshua Berry

L: Lord, Make Us One United in You

P: Lord, make us one with you—one in heart, mind, spirit, and love.

L: Make us instruments of your glory and vessels of your praise.

P: Continue to pray for us this day, and to watch over us every day.

L: We go forth empowered by Your Spirit,

P: to be Christ's witnesses in the world, bringing the good news, healing, establishing ministries of justice and peace.

L: Go in confidence and the power and love of God goes with you.

P: AMEN.

POSTLUDE: "Recessional"

Hughes

** Please stand if you are able.*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

In honor of Michael & Elaine Vincent's 59th wedding anniversary.

And

In memory of Jennings & Ann Spicer's love everlasting
on their 72nd wedding anniversary by Anne E., their grateful daughter

The Center Flowers are

In memory of Ralph, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather
and Son, Frank by Ruth, Adam, Glen, and Kimberly Rhoades



**Plan now to celebrate
Pentecost
on May 19th by wearing
RED to church!**

**The United Methodist Men are
meeting Tues. May 14th at 6:00
pm in Fellowship Hall. Come join
for food, fellowship, and fun!**



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, 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, Shirley Colona, Chad Tate, Karen Kittila, Dixie Baker, Marion Holt, Harold Damaska, 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 family of Bob Colona in your prayers as he passed away last week.
His wife Shirley is ill and in the hospital as well.
Service information will be shared when it is received.*

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!

Prayer Chain Coordinators

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Joan Harper: 302 236-0426

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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!