

May 31st Seward United Methodist Church News

Drive-Inn Sundays in June

Join us on Sundays at 10:30am in the Seward United Methodist Church parking lot, beginning June 7th. Plan to arrive around 10:15am to find your X to park, open your windows, and sing/worship from the vehicle. This is our first step to gathering on Sundays! In the event of inclement weather, we will worship online with Facebook and YouTube as we are now. Prayerfully the weather will be lovely but watch for text updates in case we need to change plans.

Transition Sunday Worship June 28th

Set aside Sunday, June 28th for our Transition Sunday Worship at 10:30am in the parking lot. We will have our District Superintendent Reverend Dr. Nancy Tomlinson here with us to share the message and transition the "mantle" with the Seward United Methodist Church special stole from Pastor Robert to Pastor Mary Kay that morning.

Cards and Gifts for Pastor Robert

We invite you to celebrate the ministry of Pastor Robert. You can bring your cards of celebration/thanks and/or small gifts to the church building on Tuesday, June 9th or Thursday, June 11th. There will be a tote near the front red doors of the building for gathering these from 9:00am to 3:00pm those dates. *Please place your cards/items in the tote.* Pastor Jo Ellen will gather these all into ONE BIG basket for presentation during the parking lot worship service on June 28th.

BINGO Fellowship Night

Sunday, May 31st at 5:00pm you can join us for a BINGO Fellowship Night for all ages via a ZOOM online.

- ✓ Email [Wess Robothom](mailto:Wess.Robothom) to sign up your yourself or your whole family
- ✓ gather your favorite snacks
- ✓ be ready to have some fun together at 5:00pm

. Please do so by noon Sunday so Wess can send out the directions and the BINGO cards... we hope you will join us!

A Joyful Note from Pastor Jo Ellen

Where is your joy these days? Where are you finding some happy? In one of our family's favorite movies there is a lovely scene where the little girl in the movie can't sleep because the neighbors are having a fun party next door. Her daddy comes to comfort her and she tells him she can't sleep because, "Their happy is too loud." Is your happy loud? Is your joy? As a Christian our joy should show. It should be loud. Perhaps not loud as in, keep your neighbor from sleeping kind of loud, but loud as in it shows. Others can see your joy. The real kind of joy. The kind which shows from within. The kind only Jesus brings you.

During this season of our lives, we are finding joy in unusual places. For me, it has been found in more time with loved ones, more time on our front porch, and more time with our pets. I have become keenly aware pets find joy in little things.

Sunlight drifting delicately across the dining room floor in magical patterns. Sitting in the window and eagerly watching a squirrel or tiny bird in the tree by the fence. A snuggle on the couch to know you are deeply loved and appreciated. A small new treat from an crinkly package. Sitting near the ones you love the most, in the whole huge world!

Little things... Jesus never promised life would be easy or without worry. He did promise joy would come in the morning. As far as I can tell, it arrives every single morning for our pets and for me. I am learning to see joy in all the little ways, which were sometimes unnoticed before.

I hope my happy sounds loud... very loud! Perhaps even loud enough the neighbors notice the joy in my smile and wave, the folks at the drive through hear it in my voice, and yes, loud enough that my church family sees evidence of Jesus' joy in everything I do... now that is good news worth sharing!

May you see the joy of others and may you share the love of Jesus so loudly these days, that your neighbors are noticing. Amen!

Bright Beginnings needs exclusive use of BACK DOORS

We ask that you only use the FRONT DOORS beginning June 1st, as Bright Beginnings Child Development Center ministry will open again that day. We are making every effort to keep children and families safe during this time by limiting those using the building in June and not using the back doors during the hours the BBCDC are open.

Campbell's Cleaning is coming to professionally disinfect the building daily with the "fog" type system. This will continue as long as it is needed to keep our facility clean, disinfected, and safe for all.

We give thanks...

For those who serve and help others

For those who give generously to feed others

For those who give comfort and care to little ones

For those who keep our communities, families, and homes safe

For those who pray for others

For those who provide medical care for all ages and stages of life

For those, like you, who care



Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called Shavuot, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus (taken from [UMC Pentecost Webpage](#)).

Neighboring Small Groups... FUN TIMES ahead... Cocoa and Coffee Fellowship...

Cocoa and Coffee Fellowship times are posted on the [sign up genius link](#) ... sign up for as many times as you wish to be invited to a zoom gathering. As we are able these will move to more of a "Front Porch Faith" model for summer time fun. We are watching our health directives closely, so for now they are all set via ZOOM!

Needing Your Input - Returning to In-Person Worship Survey

We are seeking guidance from our members regarding meeting in person again in the sanctuary. We have set up a short [survey](#) we would like you to complete. Thank you for your input.