

## *Seward United Methodist Church News Stream November 2nd*

### *United November Worship*

For November 8, 15, and 22, we will explore the theme of gratitude in worship. This is the third "G" in our 3G fall -- Grace, Generosity, and Gratitude. Does gratitude matter? Why would we count our blessings? Is it even possible to be grateful in the middle of a pandemic? Diana Butler Bass, Anne Lamott, and others have informed my understanding of gratitude. I believe that gratitude, grace, and generosity together form a foundation for our lives to have meaning and satisfaction. These 3G's help us navigate difficult and heart breaking experiences. These 3G's help us to flourish. I hope you will engage in worship virtually or in person on Sunday mornings at either 8:00am. or 10:30am.

Peace to you and yours!

Mary Kay

### *Calling for your help!!!*

Pastor Jo Ellen needs your help as we prepare for the annual Christmas Festival in Seward. As part of this there is a Festival of Trees each year at the Civic Center. Seward United Methodist Church Family and Friends will have a tree this year.

We are seeking your help (people of all ages and stages of life) to make an angel of your choice out of paper. There are all kinds of ideas online or you can make your own creation. Please be inclusive of all races and abilities... as we want a diverse tree!

Pastor Jo Ellen will also love to have these to the church building no later than Sunday, November 22nd. You can drop them off at your own timing... if you wish to help decorate the actual tree we will be doing this at 10:00am. on Wednesday, November 25th at the Civic Center.

Just let her know if you plan to assist in some way. We will need a lot of angels of all kinds! Thank you in advance!!!

love and prayers, Pastor Jo Ellen

### *Volunteer to be a Digital Usher*

Are you on Facebook? Do you know how to comment, share, and enjoy chatting with others? We need you! Please contact Wess Robotham, Director of Music & Worship Technology, to sign up as a Digital Usher.

Have you 'subscribed' to the [Seward UMC Channel](#) on YouTube? We are 24 subscribers away from being able to customize our channel to make it easier for people to find. Click the 'Subscribe' button. Then click that little 'bell' icon

## Annual United Methodist Women's UN-Bazaar?

Our Methodist Church has hosted a Four-Seasons Fall Bazaar for 67 years and skipping this year was not an option. Although our bazaar will look different this year, the needs of our church, our community and those around us are greater than ever. Our 2020 UN-Bazaar! Is a unique & exciting opportunity for our church family and friends to contribute to local/global missions & ministry projects.

This year's event is an [Envelope Challenge Fundraiser](#). The 2020 UN-Bazaar! opens on November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The United Methodist Women are very

excited about this envelope fundraiser. Participants of all ages are invited to consider the many gifts God has given to them and then express their gratitude as they in turn become a blessing to others. There are three ways you can participate:

1. You can [signup](#) to give online, then mail your check to the church office.
2. You can step inside the front doors of the church to find the Grateful Giving Display (see picture above) with instructions and a selection of colorful donation envelopes from which to choose.
3. Contact the church office to have the 2020 UN-Bazaar information mailed to you.

Your UN-Bazaar donation will directly support:

1. Church programs such as SUMC 2021 youth summer camperships
2. Specific needs at the BBCDC daycare.
3. Local Seward programs such as CASA, Foster Friends, Food-Net, etc.
4. United Methodist Church regional/global mission & ministries.

United Methodist Women is very excited about this envelope fundraiser because it offers an opportunity for all of us, at any age, to experience the blessings of gratitude for the many gifts God has given to each of us and the blessings of joy-filled giving to those in need.

Thank you for caring,  
Seward United Methodist Women



## *All Saints Sunday*

We were thankful to celebrate the lives of those who have been loved by our SUMC family and friends. Thank you for sharing pictures and details so we could remember them all during worship.

Love and prayers continue to be extended to the family and friends of LaVonne Orr-Meyerott. We celebrated her life with a worship and committal last week. Know that your church family remembers you in the coming weeks!

## *Trunk or Treat 2020 Wrap Up*

On behalf of the children and families we thank everyone who participated... from the Senior Godparent group preparing the bags of goodies and crafts, to the donation of all the amazing pumpkins, to the music truck for two hours of awesome music, to all who prepped/handed out stuff/cleaned up, to all who hosted a trunk of some sort... y'all are amazing!!!

We had around 500 plus children and all their loved ones who came to the drive thru, waved like in a parade, and had so much fun. Great job SUMC family and our friends who join us each year!!!

