

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream February 7th

Ash Wednesday Plans

February 17th plan to drive by to pick up Lenten Bags for worship and your Ash Cross (on your hand) from 4:00 - 5:30pm Join us for worship in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm as the Confirmation Class will assist in leading this special worship to begin Lent. We will have the imposition of ashes (on your hand), share in prayers and scripture, and begin our journey together.

Building Improvement Committee Presentations

The Building Improvement Committee will do two additional presentations about the idea for a South Addition. The presentation is also available on [YouTube](#) and at www.sewardumc.org

Thursday Morning, February 11th at 10:30am

Wednesday Evening, February 24th at 6:00pm

There will be a Called Church Conference on February 28 at 2:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend the called church conference on Sunday afternoon. Church conference will be in person and simultaneously on Zoom.

The purpose of this Church Conference will be to decide whether to proceed with design work for a South Addition to the church building that will include large restrooms near the sanctuary, a new front entrance with covered drop off, parking near the new entrance and to the south, an additional classroom for Bright Beginnings, an updated sacristy/choir changing room, a covered walk up entrance near the southeast corner, and new administrative spaces offering improved security and sight lines for the Office Administrator.

This church conference vote will only commit the congregation to the design phase of the project. If approved, there will be a second Called Church Conference later in the year (likely in the summer) presided over by our District Superintendent, Nancy Tomlinson to consider bids and approve the actual building of the addition. This is an open meeting that anyone may attend; however, to vote one needs to be an official member of Seward United Methodist Church. If you are uncertain as to your membership status, please contact the church office.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Jeri Bierbower requests prayers for her sister Peggy Schlichtemeier, who has an aggressive form of Leukemia. God, we lift Peggy in our prayers.

Sunday School Returns via Zoom

Zoom Sunday School for Preschoolers thru 4th graders... watch for the separate email link... times will be from 9:30-10:10am to allow for in-person or online worship folks to attend this group. Please have your "adult" nearby just in case your student needs some assistance. Older siblings/younger siblings are welcome to be near also... family friendly time!

Zoom Fellowship time for all ages: This zoom link will come with the weekly Sunday School link each weekend. You're invited to join in fellowship from 9:30 - 10:00am... bring your coffee or favorite soda! This time frame will allow those joining in-person worship and online worship to participate... all are invited! Let's visit with our weekly hosts and enjoy time together again. The hosts for February 7th are Lynette and Jack Broderick.

Music and Worship Updates

The Seward United Methodist Church Handbell Choir has been hard at work, rehearsing music for worship. The Handbell Choir will be live at in-person worship on February 28th at 10:30am and March 7th at 8:00am. Also, we have returned to congregational singing of the final hymn/song at each worship gathering. Let's give praise to God through the ringing, the singing, and the silence in worship!

Bright Beginnings Child Development News

Coming this Spring, Bright Beginnings is working on our new nature area to the east side of the building, near our play zone. This new area is part of a memorial by the Gardner Family and also gifts from a church family member. We will also have a Little Free Library as part of our nature area to encourage a love of reading. Check it out online at littlefreelibrary.org.

Welcome our new Office Administrator, Terri Abrams



Terri is originally from Nebraska, but has spent most of her adult life living in Texas. Terri and her husband, Curtis, moved to Nebraska last fall to help with her mother. She has three grown daughters and ten grandchildren. Proverbs 3:5-6 are her life verses. Stop by and say hello when you get a chance... We are in the Yellow!