

## *Seward United Methodist Church News Stream September 12th*

### *Mid-Week F.O.C.U.S Returns*

#### FRIENDS OF CHRIST

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE starts after school on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have snack after children arrive on the bus and dinner will be served from 5:00pm - 6:30pm with picnic tables in the courtyard and double sized tables in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be guests and entertainment!!! Join us for fun and fellowship... free, but donations are accepted. Invite your neighbors, family, and friends.



There are groups for preschoolers ages 3 and 4/5, as well as elementary ages Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities include:

- Music and More (song and instruments) with Pastor Jen and Wess
- Bible and Activities (hands-on learning) with Pastor Jo Ellen and friends
- Small Groups for Confirmation
- UMYF middle school youth group
- Adult Bible Study
- Choir and Bells practice

[Sign up](#) to be on the bus or to be in a small group for any age group...

### *Weekly Activities and Meetings*

- September 5th - Communion Sunday at each service
- September 6th - Offices will be closed for Labor Day
- September 8th - Confirmation with Family, Meal & Meet - 5:45pm - 7:00pm
- September 8th - UMYF - 6:45pm - 7:45pm
- September 9th - Yoga Class - 9:00am - 10:00am - UMYF Room
- September 11th - Breakfast prior to Memorial - 8:00am - 9:00am
- September 11th - Memorial and Remembrance - 9:00am - 10:00am
- September 12th - Blood Pressure Checks after each service

## *September 11th -- Service of Remembrance*

We will host a breakfast at 8:00am and worship of remembering/honoring at 9:00am for all first responders in our County. We would also love to have community participation and invite all to be part of this special day. We are reaching out to our local responders (fire, rescue, police, sheriff, etc.) and to the Ministerial for their participation.

## *UMW World Thank Offering*

On September 12th, United Methodist Women will be sponsoring the annual World Thank Offering. This offering supports the Program of Mission and Advocacy of the United Methodist Church. I encourage you to find a jar from your recycling bin and designate it for collecting your coins (and dollars) as you reflect upon your blessings. On Sunday, September 12th, we will make our "thankful" contributions. Let's fill the giant jar and make a difference!!

## *Confirmation Bible Presentation*

Plan to attend the 8:00am or 10:30am worship this Sunday, September 12th. We look forward to a great new year and invite our church family and friends to keep this group in prayer as they grow in faith and love with God.

## *Godparent Groups Fall Kickoff*

Our Godparent Groups will kick off next Sunday, September 19th at 6:00pm with a BBQ at the back lawn of the church building... under the trees! We will have games and fun, fellowship, and discuss the upcoming year for all in a Godparent Group (ages 9th to 12th grades). Make plans to join us as we kick off a great new year.

Mission Trip 2022 for the Godparent Groups is in the planning stages already. We will share dates soon and details. Summer 2022 will be just around the corner soon.

## *BBCDC News and Opportunities*

We are at work on the dirt process in the new nature area. This much anticipated phase will correct some drainage issues and also allow us to proceed on this new fun learning area for all ages with art, science, mud, math, and more... music and books are also part of this plan. Keep watching as we see progress!

The BBCDC also has a new "wish list". Please take a minute to see what you might offer on the wish list. When we all work together, we can supply the needs! Our children need our best quality efforts to support learning through active play and our nationally recognized curriculum (Creative Curriculum). There are lots of smaller items on the list so everyone can be part of supporting this key ministry of SUMC family and friends. Help out please and thank you!!!

### *Wish List*

Washi Tape	Copy Paper
Dry Erase Markers	Electric Pencil Sharpener
Black Sharpies	Stickers
Scrap Booking Paper	New Seasonal Books
Liquid Glue	Toy Storage Containers
Card Stock	8 Small Clip Boards
Rulers	Golf Pencils
Water Color Paints	Post Its
Velcro Dots	

### *Camp Fontanelle Ready for Fall Fun*

September 19th is the opening day of the pumpkin patch and corn maze at Camp Fontanelle. Go back to another time, another era with the theme Kingdom Quest. The maze design includes a castle and princess, a protecting knight and guests can play laser tag in the dragon design.

New this year, guests can play unlimited games of laser tag with their entrance fee. Price for ages 12 and older is \$10.00, ages 3-11 is \$8.00 and age 2 and under is free. The maze is open from 1:00 - 7:00pm Saturdays and 1:00 - 6:00pm Sundays. Look for future articles with special days and events. For more information, look on the Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze Facebook page and [countryfun.org](http://countryfun.org). We offer best wishes to Pastor Joel Coleman and his family on his new position as site director for Camp Occohannock on the Bay in Belle Haven, Virginia. Joel leaves Camp Fontanelle after five summers serving as program director.

## *Worship Series and Bible Studies to Coordinate*

Starting in September, your pastors are excited to offer a worship series on *John Wesley's Three Simple Rules* with a coordinating bible study. The six session bible study will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm and on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m, both in the parlor. You may sign up for either study with Pastor Mary Kay or through the church office. You may pick up the books for the study from the office. The cost for the two books is \$12.00 if you would like to make a donation to help defray the expense. Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin on September 15th and will be taught by the pastors. The Thursday morning Bible Study will begin on September 16th and will be taught by Pastor Mary Kay.

September 19th, 26th, and October 3rd will be the worship series on *John Wesley's Three Simple Rules*. Come and learn what John Wesley understood to be the basics for living a life of faith and following Jesus. Come and see that though the rules are simple, following them can sometimes be hard.

## *Bright Beginnings CDC is hiring Full-time Teachers!*

Our very own Bright Beginnings Child Development Center ministry is still seeking new full time teachers. Please inquire about how you might apply or if you want to VOLUNTEER, we also love having our rockers and playful grands back in the building. Masks are highly encouraged and we are still being mindful when cleaning.

See the cool pics below of the “spaghetti” activity with our older infants. They had so much fun and we have sure enjoyed looking at the smiles, sweet faces, and knowing they are learning so much. This activity features “colors”, “textures”, “movement - both fine and gross motor” and also encouraged social skills of “friendliness” while working near one another. Way to go team Infant Two Class!!!!

Please send resumes or questions to the [BBCDC](#).



## *Immaculate Conception Church (Ulysses) Dinner & Auction*

Immaculate Conception (Ulysses) Dinner & Auction will be held Sunday, September 12th from 10:30am – 2:30pm Mass at 10:00am Serving your choice of a savory pork or turkey sandwich dinner with our “world famous” coleslaw, baked beans, chips and drink. We will also have hot dogs and mac ‘n cheese for the kids. Enjoy your meal in the fresh air under our big tent or take advantage of our convenient drive-thru take out. All meals are free will donation. Kid’s games, chuck-a-luck and cake walk are all back this year. Country store too. Cash raffle with \$500 grand prize. Live polka music provided by the Jake Vyhlidal Trio from 11:30am – 2:30pm Live auction at 3:00pm with many interesting items – first calf angus bred heifer, 3 hours Johnny Rod entertainment, several Henry commemorative rifles, flat iron steaks, 100 small square bales, Stihl chainsaw, and lots of craft items, tools, toys, baked goods and so much more. Hope to see you there!

## *Dorchester United Methodist Church BBQ*

There is a free will offering at the Dorchester United Methodist Church BBQ Sunday, September 19th, 2021 from 11:00am – 1:00pm. The menu includes: Pulled pork sandwich, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, pork & beans & a homemade dessert. Eating inside or drive up for orders to go. The address is 612 Lincoln Avenue Dorchester, NE 68343

## *Submitting News Items for the Newsletter*

It’s starting to get busy around the church again. If you have an item you want published in the newsletter, please send it in an e-mail to the church, [umcseward@gmail.com](mailto:umcseward@gmail.com). It will need to be submitted by the Wednesday before the newsletter is sent out. The newsletter is sent every Friday.