

## *Seward United Methodist Church News Stream September 19th*

### *Health Concerns as We Start the Fall Season*

I am longing for the cooler days of autumn and am quite ready for summer to make its exit. I am also ready for the pandemic to make its exit. Unfortunately, the threat of Covid19 is still with us. The news this week has been particularly hard -- The Washington Post is reporting that 1 in every 500 Americans has died from Covid. Dr. Ketner let me know that the case numbers this week are even worse than a couple of weeks ago. He says that our hospitals are at capacity and some even above capacity. So Seward United Methodist Church continues to HIGHLY ENCOURAGE everyone to wear a mask for indoor spaces, like while at church. We also urge those not vaccinated to talk to their health care providers about getting the vaccine which is now fully FDA approved. During this interim time when children are not yet vaccinated and some adults are still deciding whether to get the vaccine, it behooves us all -- vaccinated and unvaccinated -- to look out for one another by wearing our masks and keeping social distance. A couple of weeks ago, Pastor Jo Ellen shared her "why" for going back to wearing a mask -- for the children. My why? Why I have started wearing my mask again --so I can see my Dad again. Dad is in Baton Rouge and of an age that he is at risk. I wear my mask so we will all be able to safely travel to see loved ones. Let's embrace risk mitigation measures and get through this current pandemic surge. Please wear your mask and I will see you Sunday for worship.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

### *Weekly Activities and Meetings*

- September 19th - Godparent Groups Fall Cookout - 6:00pm
- September 21st - BBCDC Board Meeting - 6:00pm - Parlor
- September 21st - Finance/Trustee Meeting - 7:00pm - Fellowship Hall
- September 22nd - F.O.C.U.S. - 3:45pm
- September 22nd - Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 5:45pm - 6:45pm
- September 22nd - Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 6:45pm - 7:45pm
- September 23rd - Yoga Class - 9:00am - UMYF Room
- September 23rd - Bible Study - 10:30am
- September 23rd - FoodNet - 5:00pm
- September 25th - UMW Sewing Saturday - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Fellowship Hall

## *Support Youth Missions and Witness to Your Faith*



Working with the local company Middle Creek Printing (previously known as Sports Express), we are delighted to offer SUMC Family and Friends the opportunity to buy a shirt with our new logo. Simply click the link below, choose the sizes, colors, and styles you want. Pay the company directly and a percentage will be designated for SUMC's youth mission trip. Sale runs through September 30, 2021. Thank you for supporting youth missions and a local business.

## *UMW Evening Circle School Supplies Delivered*

UMW evening circle wishes to thank everyone for your generous donations of school supplies which were taken to Seward elementary school.

## *Upcoming Bible Presentation*

Save the date, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation during Sunday Service.



## *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*

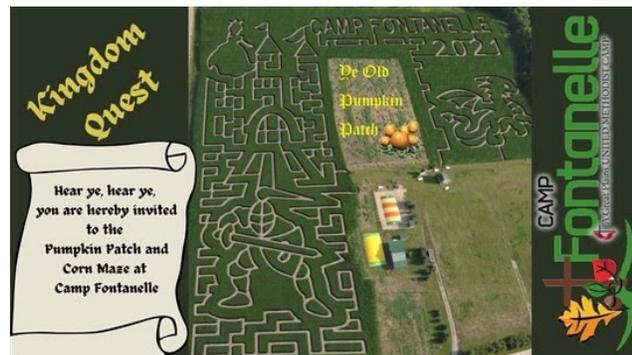
The BBCDC also has a new “wish list”. Please take a minute to see what you might offer on the wish list. When we all work together, we can supply the needs! Our children need our best quality efforts to support learning through active play and our nationally recognized curriculum (Creative Curriculum). 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 Ocohanock 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.

## *Living Well With Chronic Disease*

Starting September 21<sup>st</sup> and continuing through October 29<sup>th</sup> Living Well will meet each Tuesday 1:00 – 3:30pm at the Seward Lied Senior Center. Living Well is a six session workshop for people with, or caregivers of people with, lifelong health conditions, such as heart disease, anxiety, arthritis, etc... The sessions provide you with tools, skills and support to make lasting lifestyle and behavior changes. Those who attend learn to identify challenges and solve problems related to their illness(es). The workshop helps people live a better quality of life with a chronic disease. Many across the United States have completed this workshop and are living better lives! To register, or for more information, contact Angel Dale at (402) 362-2621, email [info@fourcorners.ne.gov](mailto:info@fourcorners.ne.gov), or [register online](#).

## *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.