

## *Seward United Methodist Church News Stream September 5th*

### *Happy Birthday Pastor JoEllen*

Jo Ellen turned 50, Happy Birthday Pastor Jo Ellen!

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	



### *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

*\*\*The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 6th for Labor Day*

## *Musical Ministry Opportunities*

Seward United Methodist Church is preparing our Fall programs. There are many ways that you can get involved to help 'make a joyful noise to God this year'. All ages and abilities are welcome!

*Chancel Choir* - sing sacred, spiritual, and contemporary anthems. The choir typically performs twice per month during Sunday worship services and at special worship services throughout the year. The choir sings in three to four-part harmonies, develops vocal techniques and reflects upon the text of the anthems. There is a one-hour, weekly rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the sanctuary.

*Handbell Choir* - performs special music offerings, introits and hymns for Sunday worship once per month and at special services throughout the year. The choir participants work on music notation reading, proper ringing technique and musicality. There is a one-hour, weekly rehearsal on Wednesdays at 5:45pm in the sanctuary.

*Preschool Praise and God's Squad* - Preschool Praise is available to all preschool children age 3 and up; God's Squad is available to all children in elementary school through middle-school,. These groups work on rhythm, pitch, and singing together occasionally performing songs during worship services throughout the year. They also participate in a Christmas program usually in mid-December. Rehearsals are 20-30 minutes begin on Wednesday, September 15th and are a part of Midweek FOCUS programming. More information will follow!

*Praise Team* - leads 10:30am Sunday worship service and routinely perform special musical numbers. They also perform at special events throughout the year, such as leading worship for the Seward community on the Fourth of July. The praise team provides opportunities for a variety of musicians including vocalists, percussionists, guitarist, pianists, etc. There is a one-hour, weekly, evening rehearsal that will be scheduled based upon the availability of those interested in joining the team.

Please [contact Wess Robatham](#) if you would like to be involved!

*Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth Psalms 66:1*

## *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.

## *Prayers, Joys and Concerns*

Thank you . . . dear church family for all of the ways we were remembered on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are so grateful and overwhelmed. Thank you for the cards, Emails, phone calls, texts, notes, prayers and kind words shared with us to make our day such a memorable one. Your friendships are a treasured part of our life . . . and this church family continues to bless us every day! With thankful hearts and Christian Love . .

Greg and Dixie Zabka

Thank you to Cliff Lowell for leading worship at Kinship Point this Sunday, Labor Day. It is much appreciated!

Remember...

- Ralph Hanson - prayers for continued healing.
- Melanie Collister-Fouk - recovering at home.
- Annette Westerhoff - Health Concerns

## *Seward Foodnet Report for August*

This month we served 129 family units that impacted 362 individuals. Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers this month--Randy Halder, Jane Pallat, Linda Eberspacher, Jeff Sugden, Jody Pelen, Lori Shriner, Sherry Menze, Deb Snell, Sue Imig, Franklin Hronik, Cade Bartels and Karla Sierra.

This month we are especially grateful to all the generous donations of fresh vegetables and fruits! Thank you, Cindy Foley and the Faith Lutheran Community Garden, Cliff Lowell and Michele Nelson. Continued thanks to individuals, organizations, and business for your generous donations of food items and money. All donations are always welcome, due to limited refrigerator space if your donation is perishable, please contact us for coordinating those deliveries.

Thank you--We could not continue this ministry without all your support!

E.V. and Susan Walsh

## *Confirmation Classes Begin Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>*

Confirmation Class this year will begin on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. with a “meal and meet” time for all students, loved ones, and the three pastors. Our class includes Kathryn, Blair, Karsyn, Kayson, Skylar, Avery, Kyle, Cooper, and Alaina thus far. If you would like to be added to the class please contact the church office as soon as possible. We will be presenting this class with their new Bibles on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at either the 8:00am or the 10:30am worship gatherings.

## *UMW World Thank Offering*

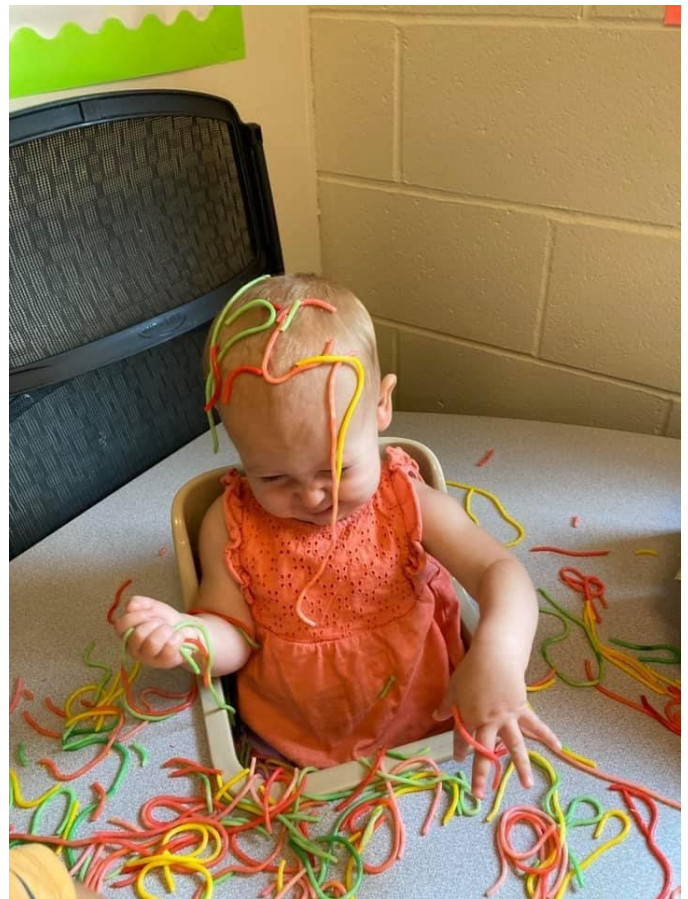
On September 12<sup>th</sup>, United Methodist Women will be sponsoring the annual World Thank Offering. This offering supports the Program of Mission and Advocacy of the United Methodist Church. I encourage you to find a jar from your recycling bin and designate it for collecting your coins (and dollars)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

## *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](#).





## *Mid-week FOCUS, UMYF & Adult Bible Studies Start in September*

We plan to begin again on Wednesdays, midweek, for our FOCUS times together. This will begin on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please go ahead and register children, youth, and adults of all ages and stages of life.

We are just around the corner from our FOCUS beginning again on Wednesdays! September 15th will find all groups beginning again.

In order for your student to ride the bus over after school, you must sign up soon... We have a few spots left and want your child/grand to have a spot if they need one. Children's groups will have snacks from 3:45 - 4:00pm and then head to music and more with Wess and Pastor Jen and see Pastor Jo Ellen and friends from 4:00 - 5:00pm for Bible and Activities. We can't wait to begin again!

UMYF will begin on September 8th from 6:45 - 7:45pm each Wednesday. Meals will be hosted from 5:00 - 6:30pm with all kinds of fellowship and fun guests anticipated this year... watch for the posters and details about our guests... invite a neighbor or friend each week!!! All are welcome and the meal is by donation.

Adult Bible studies begin soon and we are so excited to offer small groups on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Check the calendar for details and [sign up](#) soon!

**‘IN THE SPOTLIGHT’**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
**‘FOCUS’ Guest ...**

**ETHAN BOGGS**

**September 15th**  
5:15-6:15 PM Church Courtyard

**BALLOON ANIMALS**  
WITH **ETHAN BOGGS**

## *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.