

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream October 24th

Backpack Fundraiser – Kiwanis Soup Bowl

I am looking forward to a week of vacation and some time to rest -- it's been a busy and intense fall! I will be on vacation Friday, Oct 22 - Saturday, Oct 30. During this time, if there are any pastoral emergencies, please be in touch with either Pastor Jo Ellen or Pastor Jen, the church office has their phone numbers if you need them.

Seward UMC supported the fundraiser for the Backpack program which sends home backpacks filled with food for Seward students whose families are experiencing hunger and food insecurity. The church provided and served 5 gallons of soup at the event on Tuesday, Oct. 19. I provided the recipe (see below) and Deb Moberly & Wess Robotham helped make the Black Bean and Ginger Chilli. The turnout was excellent. Thanks be.



And again, I will never ask you for emergency gift cards by text message, email, or through any social media platform.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

Card Ministry Volunteers

Perhaps you don't know we have a card ministry? Perhaps you do, but would like to be part of this? If so, please let either Sandi Rocker know or contact the church office to share with Sandi so that you can be a part of something wonderful. This team covers our church family and friends, new baptism families and others with cards for all kinds of reasons... illness, celebrations, birthdays, holidays, thinking of you, etc. We surely do appreciate all who serve on this team and Sandi for her leadership!!!

Pastor Appreciation Month

I just wanted to thank this church for the cards and sweet notes thus far in October... y'all sure know how to make a Pastor feel appreciated and loved! The kind handmade cards from the UMYF group made my week so wonderful as well as the love of the children at FOCUS this week... what a great group of young people we are blessed to know!

I hope you are enjoying fall as much as I am. If you have not seen the glorious red leaves on the west side of 5th street it is worth a drive along the way... I have sure enjoyed one particular tree each morning on the way to the church building as the sun hits it "just right!"

Have a blessed week and we hope to see all of you on Sunday. If you have not been "back inside" yet, we are here when you are ready... we have surely missed you!

Love and prayers,
Pastor Jo Ellen

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- October 24th - Bell-issimo Fall Concert - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Sanctuary
- October 26th - UMW Leadership Team - 10:00am - 11:00am - Fellowship Hall
- October 27th - Holy Scrappers Quilting - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Fellowship Hall
- October 27th - FOCUS - 3:45pm - 8:00pm
- October 28th - Bible Study In-Person - 10:30am - 11:30am - Parlor
- October 28th - FoodNet - 5:00pm
- October 31st - Welcome/Pastor Appreciation Catered Meal - 11:30am - 12:30pm
- October 31st - Gather and Grow in Person - 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Parlor
- October 31st - Trunk or Treat - 4:00pm - 7:00pm - All Church Building & Parking Lot

FOCUS Music and Fellowship with Ellie Stark

Join your church family Wednesday evening, November 3rd for an evening of music and delicious food. Ellie Stark will be sharing her musical gifts by playing old time religious hymns and taking requests from 5:00pm till 6:30pm Dinner is served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and the menu will be pulled pork, baked beans, and sides.

Come enjoy the meal, the music and the fellowship.

Remembering Loved Ones All Saints Day

All Saints Day brings us a season of celebrating the lives of those we miss and opportunities to remember them in special ways. As part of remembering the past 12 months we will invite you to share some digital information or drop off, in person, the following. We remember from October 1st last year, until the end of this month.

During our worship gatherings on Sunday, October 31st, 2021 we will share these as part of a special time during worship. We invite you to [contact the church](#) with your information. We will be watching for your photos and information until October 28th.

Please include a picture of your choice, full name of your loved one and how they are connected to you (aunt, neighbor, Grandma, best friend, etc.), their "dash" dates ____ - ____, and your names.

Belated Welcome Dinner for Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Following the second service, you are invited to join in the noon meal on Sunday, October 31st. The SPRC Committee is hosting this "Welcome, Pastor Totty!" event. Officially, she has been leading our congregation since July 1st, 2020. With your participation, SPRC wants to honor Pastor Mary Kay's appointment and commitment to Seward United Methodist Church. It will be a catered meal.

Trunk or Treat 2021 is Sunday, October 31st

Trunk or Treat will be in the parking lot on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. There will be treats, pumpkins, bounce houses, snacks and crafts. We invite you to bring candy to share and to sign up to host a trunk. We also need helpers. If you have any questions please contact Amy Miller or call the church office. Thank you for all you do with this seasonal community outreach!

Become a 'One Call Prayer Team' Volunteer

ONE call prayer team: If you would like to be added to our church-wide prayer team, please let Pastor Jo Ellen know. She would be happy to add you to the list of those who receive specific prayer requests. If you ever have a need or desire to have the prayer team pray... please let Pastor Jo Ellen know and she will mobilize the prayer warriors on this team. We are a praying church family and want to keep y'all covered in prayers!

Save the Date for the 69th Annual Church Bazaar

Seven Ways to help make our annual bazaar a success:

- *Save the Date* - November 13th & 14th
- *Pray* for a successful event
- *Know and Share* that the event proceeds support mission projects, 2022 Summer Youth Camp Scholarships, UMCOR Disaster Relief Fund
- *Volunteer* to help!
- *Donate* handcrafted items.
- *Make Plans to Attend Bazaar* and invite-a-friend
- *Enjoy Shopping*

Contact Lori Acree, Linda Eberspacher, Jeanne Gee, Carol LaVelle, Melissa Luebbe, Holly Matzke, Deb Moberly, Sally Viets, Dixie Zabka or Carol Zak with questions or to volunteer.. You can also contact the church office.

Seward United Methodist Church Annual
**FOUR SEASONS
BAZAAR**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Doors Open 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Treasures for All Ages ~ Most priced under \$20
NEW !!! Frozen pies, quiche, and casseroles
available from our kitchen to yours!

Proceeds from this event will support:
Summer 2022 youth church camp scholarships,
selected mission & outreach projects

For more information, visit us at sewardumc.org

Location: Seward United Methodist Church, 1400 North Fifth St., Seward, NE sewardumc.org 402.643.4156

2021 Charge Conference

The Seward United Methodist Church's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Monday, November 8th, 2021 at Wahoo United Methodist Church at 6:00pm. Our charge conference will be part of the North Network of the Blue River District. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Nancy Tomlinson will lead us in this new and innovative way of doing charge conferences together with other congregations. Charge conference is the annual meeting of the congregation where we approve candidates for ministry, elect leaders for the coming year, set pastors' salaries, approve the budget, etc. Mark your calendars and organize a carpool with other church members. Hope to see you there!

FOCUS Menu

- October 27th -- Hot Dogs
- November 3rd -- Pulled Pork
- November 10th -- Chicken
- November 17th -- Mac and Cheese
- November 24th -- No Meal (Thanksgiving)
- December 1st -- Pizza
- December 8th -- Pasta
- December 15th -- Marinated Chicken

Bell-issimo Handbell Choir Coming to SUMC

Bell-issimo, Lincoln's auditioned Community Handbell Choir, is coming to Seward United Methodist Church! Bell-issimo performs a variety of musical styles in concerts and programs throughout the area. Seward United Methodist Church will host their fall concert on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00pm. The concert is free of charge, donations are welcome to support the choir.



Bell-issimo inspires and promotes the distinctive beauty and uniqueness of handbell ringing through various means, including promoting the arts through outreach projects and concerts such as this one.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful fall concert. Invite your family and friends to join you! Fellowship and cookies will follow the conclusion of the concert.

Soup Dinner and Raffle at St. Patrick's Church, Utica

Soup Dinner and Raffle Sunday, October 24th from 11:00am-1:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, Utica. Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle, Clam Chowder, Cinnamon Rolls, Pie, and beverages will be served. Free will offering.