

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream January 9th

Happy New Year to All

Happy New Year to all our SUMC and BBCDC families and friends!!! We look forward to FOCUS and Sunday School again in the new year. Plan to join us for Sunday School on January 9th and FOCUS on January 12th.

Many thanks to all of our church family and friends for all the kind ways you remembered our family over the holidays and Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated! What a blessing to walk alongside y'all in faith and life!!! Many thanks!

Love and prayers, Pastor Jo Ellen

Happy Birthday Party for Jesus



We had a great time at the Birthday Party for Jesus! Thank you to all who attended and to our amazing Sunday School teachers. This is always a favorite time for Pastor Jo Ellen, as she shared a special story her own children enjoyed while growing up and having their yearly Birthday Party for Jesus at home and with church friends.

Thanks,

BBCDC

Music Ministry Moment

Just a reminder that due to the rescheduled Children's Christmas Program taking place on January 12th, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 19th. Handbells will meet at 5:45pm and Chancel Choir at 6:45pm We will be preparing music for Lent, Easter, and the spring! Now is a great time to join choir or handbells! If you are interested in singing or ringing, please contact Wess. Thank you!

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- January 9th - Blood Pressure Checks after each service in Sanctuary
- January 9th - SUMC Foundation Sunday - 11:45am - 12:45pm
- January 10th - Retreat Planning Committee - 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Parlor
- January 11th - Bright Beginnings CDC Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Parlor
- January 12th - Holy Scrappers Quilting - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Fellowship Hall
- January 12th - FOCUS - 3:45pm
- January 12th - Free Christmas Meal - 5:00pm - 6:30 pm.
- January 12th - Children's Christmas Musical - 6:30pm
- January 13th - FoodNet - 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- January 16th - Administrative Council Meeting - 12:00pm - 1:00pm - Fellowship Hall

Thursday Bible Study Resumes January 20th

Our weekly Bible Study will resume on Thursday morning, January 20th at 10:30am We will use Amy-Jill Levine's book, "The Difficult Words of Jesus." Books will be available to pick up January 20th in class. All are welcome to attend Bible Study

Evening Circle Cookie Exchange



We had a total of eleven lovely ladies to celebrate our evening circle cookie exchange and a trunk load of paper products for Blue Valley, Thank You everyone for all your help, a group effort!

Rescheduled - The Greatest Story - A Christmas Program



All are invited and welcome on Wednesday, January 12th to the Midweek FOCUS Christmas meal and Children's Christmas program! The preschool and school-age children of Seward UMC and Bright Beginnings CDC have been busy learning new songs and memorizing lines for the program. They are preparing to share the story of Christ's birth and to spread Christmas hope, love, joy, and peace through music. The story begins with a family discussing an upcoming birthday. The birthday child asks the question, "What was it like the day I was born?" The telling of this family story leads to re-telling the story of the birth of Jesus.

Please plan to join us between 5:00-6:30pm for a delicious Christmas meal in the Fellowship Hall. The program will begin at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there as we continue to prepare to worship God with our whole selves, Body & Soul.

Seward Foodnet Report for December 2021

What a month! We finished with the biggest number of people served ever! 200 units serving 591 individuals! Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers this month—Randy Halder, Jane Pallat, Linda Eberspacher, Jeff Sugden, Jody Pelan, Sherry and Rick Menze, Deb Snell, Sue Imig, Carol LaVelle, Franklin Hronik, Juanita Hill, Lori Shriner, Ed Zak, Jack and Lynette Broderick, Jonathan Jank, Harrison Helmer, Erin Marier, Leanne Miller, Cindy and Neil Butzke, Carol Lavelle, Doug Barker, Tom Gee, Merlyn Nielsen, Duff Campbell and Lee Doehring. These volunteers provided 170 hours of volunteer work this month!

We were especially grateful to the Faith Lutheran Congregation for their collection of “Reverse Advent” donations of 15 boxes of food, Hughes Brothers for their extra pizza from their employee lunch and the Rock Church for their donation of turkey dinner food from their recent congregational gathering as well as so many individuals and families that so generously donated money and food to help during this winter season---thank you!

All donations are always welcome, due to limited refrigerator space if your donation is perishable, please contact us for coordinating those deliveries. Money donations are used to purchase needed food items to fill in with what we need each week and checks can be made out to “Seward United Methodist Church—attention Seward Foodnet”.

Our continued thanks for your support of this mission that benefits so many people in need in our community! The people in need in our community are so very grateful!

E.V. and Susan Walsh

Seward Foodnet Coordinators

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