



# SEA NOTES

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**MAY 2024**

Dear church,

I am so thankful for you as we celebrated and reflected on our two years in service together in April, and looked forward to more to come. The food was good, the fellowship was great, and the Spirit continues to be felt at Shepherd of the Sea! God continues to work as we focus on our mission together. We continue to discern, work, and dream of what is to come.

May holds another big anniversary for me as I celebrate my 10th ordination anniversary on May 31. But between these anniversaries that mark time, I am the most excited for Pentecost Sunday. This is always the Sunday in which we lift up the active and physical work of the Holy Spirit in the world, and this year we have the honor and privilege of watching three young people affirm their life in the church and the promises made in Holy Baptism.

Our confirmands have spent two years in study. They have learned, questioned, doubted, worked, prayed, and played together. I am proud of what they have done, and I hope we are all there to celebrate and support them as they are confirmed in our church on May 19.

I also believe that it is a great time for each of us to reflect on our own baptisms. We are called and claimed as God's children, given the free gift of grace, and freed to live a life of love for one another as Jesus taught us. What does that look like in your life at the moment? How are you living like Jesus each and every day?

I invite you to join us every Sunday, but especially on May 19 to support these young church members, and to celebrate them in the life of our faith community. Thanks be to God for them!

Blessings on the journey,  
Pastor Kelly

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Quarterly Mission Meeting:** On May 5, following the service, we will have a quarterly Congregational Mission Meeting. During this time we'll give an update on our budget so far this year, ministries will give updates on their work, we will discuss the proposed mission statement, and we will give opportunities for further ministry in our congregation. Please plan on attending and join the conversation!

**Mother's Day Lunch:** There will be a lunch on Mother's Day following the service, all are welcome to attend!

**Sunday School:** May 19 will be the last day Sunday School will meet before breaking for the Summer. Thank you to all who have taught, led, and attended our Christian Education opportunities.

**Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday:** On May 19 all are encouraged to wear **red** for Pentecost Sunday as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's continued presence in the church. Three young church members will be confirmed at this service

**First Sunday Collection** - May 5th is our next collection day for donating items for Martha's Mission. This month the items requested are loaves of bread and small non-perishable snacks for children.

Examples: fruit cups, Jello cups, peanut butter & crackers, packs of nuts or raisins and Belvita cookies.



**Beach Parking:** Paid parking season has begun at the beach, and we invite anyone to come and park in our lot. There is a sign on the corner that offers a way to give a free will donation, but we welcome all who wish to park here. Spread the word!

**Ron Maxwell Retirement:** Our music director of over 20 years has retired. We thank Ron for his faithful service and for sharing his gift of music to bless our worship so much! Alicia Haas will continue on as the music director.

# Hospice House Opportunities

## Hospice Volunteers Needed!!

### Annual Training Event

**Tuesday & Wednesday  
May 7-8, 2024**

**Meeting Room 4 at Carteret Health Care  
9am—3pm**

**Do you have a heart to serve others?** If so, volunteering with **Carteret Health Care Hospice**, might be the place for you! It takes a special person to help Hospice patients and families as they move towards their journey's end.

Our agency cannot do what we do for these patients and families without the help of the Hospice Volunteer. **Volunteer opportunities include the following:**

- **In-home sitter/companion services (no hands-on care required)** - could be reading a book, playing a game, or simply visiting with patient to provide family some time away.
- **Office Support**—helping with mailings and other simple tasks
- **Participation with various events:**
  - \*Fundraising and Marketing Events such as T-shirt fundraisers, Holiday Wreath Raffle, and annual Christmas concert.
  - \*Memorial Events such as the Annual Light Up the Night and Butterfly Release
  - \*Educational Events such as health fairs and other community outreach opportunities



We ♥  
volunteers!



Lunch & Snacks  
Provided!!

Before going into the homes of our patients, our volunteers must complete a **Program Orientation**. Help us make a difference in the lives of these patients and families.

*We would love to have you be a part of our team!*

**To Register Call:**  
**(252) 499-6081**



Become a Hospice Volunteer

Memorialize a loved one



As you release this Butterfly  
in honor of ME  
KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU  
and will Always Be.

## 15th Annual Hospice Memorial Butterfly Release

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**Light Refreshments 9:30AM • Ceremony at 10:00 AM** \*Rain or Shine!

**Leon Mann Senior Center** 3820 Galantis Drive, Morehead City

Purchase a butterfly in memory or in honor of your loved ones by completing the form below with your check or money order payable to Carteret Health Care Foundation Hospice, PO Drawer 1619, Morehead City NC 28557 and plan to attend the Annual Memorial Ceremony and Butterfly Release event. Light refreshments will be provided starting at 9:30am with the ceremony starting at 10am. A free butterfly lapel pin will be available for pickup at the event. For more information please call 252-499-6081.

- Please **print** your name and information. This will help us process the request and confirm proper printing for the programs and pronunciation at the event.
- List those you wish to remember or to honor. Each name enrolled \$20.00
- Below each featured name, let us know who should receive an acknowledgement card reflecting your gift along with details about the event.
- Proceeds go to the Hospice Foundation Fund and are used to provide support and care to Hospice patients and families in need.

<p>Your Name _____</p> <p>Mailing Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>I would like to enroll _____ name for the Butterfly Release at \$20.00 each.</p> <p>Enclosed is \$_____</p> <p>I would like to support the work of Carteret Health Care Hospice with an additional donation. \$_____</p> <p>Total Enclosed: \$_____</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Please send check or money order to: Carteret Health Care Foundation Hospice PO Drawer 1619 • 3722 Bridges Street Suite 201 Morehead City, NC 28557</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">For questions and information call: <b>252-499-6081</b></p>	<p><b>Name to be Honored/Remembered:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Send an acknowledgment to:</b> _____</p> <p>Acknowledgee's name _____</p> <p>Acknowledgee's Address _____</p> <p><b>Name to be Honored/Remembered:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Send an acknowledgment to:</b> _____</p> <p>Acknowledgee's name _____</p> <p>Acknowledgee's Address _____</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; text-align: center;">If you would like to enroll additional names, please send along details on a separate piece of paper.</p>
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Please contact Caroline Bishop at 252-499-6081 with any questions.

## LECTIONARY READINGS for MAY 2024

Color of the Day	May 5 Sixth Sunday in Easter	May 12 Seventh Sunday in Easter	May 19 Day of Pentecost	May 26 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 29
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
<b>Gospel</b>	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17

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