

THE BEACON

A newsletter of Seaside Home, Inc., Cape May, NJ
Providing Christian vacations for 146 years

2025



Come, ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. - Isaiah 2:5

With God, All Things Are Possible

The women who run Seaside Home take their responsibilities very seriously. They know that the home means so much to a lot of people, and that many, including themselves, need Seaside Home in order to refresh year after year. One of the many things always on their mind is the safety of the home, and the precious guests who sleep there on hot summer nights.

The board knew that sooner or later the electrical work throughout the main building would need to be upgraded. And because of the age of the home, the first estimate was very high — over \$100,000. But at the beginning of 2024, they knew they couldn't operate much longer without making the upgrades.

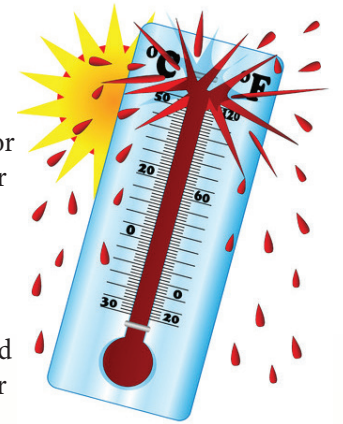
One day last spring, as the board of managers began the preparations for another season at Seaside Home, they addressed the topic at a board meeting. "We knew it was time to tackle this project," says Linda Allebach, the new Seaside Home Board of Managers President. "We just had to figure out where to get the money. The first estimates we received were so high because of the type of wiring used in the home so many years ago."

Allebach says the board discussed ways to come up with the money to do the needed work. "We knew we would make the electrical work our main focus of fundraising in 2024, but we knew it could take years to raise that kind of money. We also discussed using investments bestowed upon the home a few years ago, but we really didn't want to do that." It was about that time that another board member spoke: "Why don't we just let God handle it?"

"Yes," says Allebach. "Sometimes we get ahead of ourselves!"

So, the group took a step back and put their faith into action. As the Bible tells us in Mark 9:23 ... *all things are possible to him that believeth.* (Mark 9:23) They started out with praying about the need. And from there, there was no stopping! The first blessing came when Doug Bennett,

husband of manager Ann Bennett, found a new contractor whose bid came in at just under \$28,000. That's more than \$70,000 less than previous bids received! Then came summer with generous donations to the electrical fund from guests. And finally came the 2025 Tea Letter which brought in a whopping \$29,231, covering almost exactly what was needed!

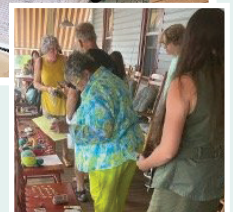


Yes, friends, anything is possible when you give your burdens to the Lord! Ask any of the ladies on the Seaside Home Board of Managers. And rest easy at night when you vacation at the home. The electrical work is done. Amen!



For God loveth a cheerful giver

A group of kids help raise money for Seaside Home by selling items they made throughout the year and donating the proceeds to the home.



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Large gaming monitors
and hoverboards
are not permitted
at Seaside Home.



Dear friends,

Since the late 1800's, the Lord has allowed Seaside Home to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and give spiritual and physical refreshment to our guests. We have a lot to be thankful for. God is faithful. In 2024, many friends partnered with us to assist in fulfilling that mission.

On behalf of the entire Seaside Home Board of Managers, we want to express our deepest gratitude to those who participated in the ministry last year. The Lord provided 11 pastors who volunteered their time to share the Good News. In addition, our amazing staff served our guests faithfully. Many friends donated financially. Many prayed, and God provided. We thank the Lord for each of you and we are truly blessed to have you as a part of our mission. We pray that God will bless you abundantly for your kindness and dedication to the mission of Seaside Home.

The Bible reminds us that "God loves a cheerful giver" and your joyful giving is truly inspiring to the Seaside Home Board of Managers. Because of your continued support, I'm excited to announce that we have been able to upgrade the electricity in the main house at Seaside Home. Praise the Lord for his continued provision.

Do you know anyone who may be interested in working at Seaside Home? We are currently looking for motivated Christians to live and work at Seaside Home for the summer season. Please visit our website for more details.

We're hopeful that you'll consider joining us this summer for a week of spiritual refreshment. Please consider telling a friend and bringing them along. Come and see what the Lord is doing at Seaside in 2025.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13



Blessings be with you now and always,

Linda L. Allebach
Linda L. Allebach, President

In memoriam

The Board of Managers of Seaside Home ask you to join us in celebrating the life of our precious manager who left us to be with our Lord and Savior.

Loretta Bueche, Seaside Home board manager, passed away on May 6, 2024. She was a servant for the Lord's work. Loretta was down-to-earth. In sincerity, love and strength from God she strove to be the best she could be for the people in her life, be they family or friend. She set a good example of the Christian woman. Loretta spent her last several years on the Seaside Home board, serving guests during their stay there.



SEASIDE HOME, INC

2025 Policies

Reservations

- All reservation requests must be made using the Reservation Form and mailed to the Registrar.
- Requests will be accepted beginning March 1.
- All first-time guests must submit a Reference Form before a reservation request will be accepted.
- A signed Caretaker Form is required for all minor children not accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.
- Women and Children Weeks are open to women and girls of all ages, and boys 13 years old and younger.
- Requests for a 2nd vacation week may be accepted after Memorial Day.

Fees / Payments

- A \$50 deposit must accompany a reservation request for everyone 10 years old and older.
- Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Full payment will be accepted by the Registrar by mail at least one week prior to arrival, or at check-in.
- All payments must be made by check. Exact cash can be accepted at check-in. No credit/debit cards.
- The Registrar is available to discuss a scholarship if there is a hardship.
- Full final payment must be made upon check-in on arrival day.

Cancellations

- Cancellations must be received in writing by the Registrar 10 days before your expected arrival.
- Full payment of the balance due will be charged if the required cancellation notice is not made.
- Travel insurance is always recommended.

Room Assignments

- Room assignment requests are always considered, but never guaranteed.
- Room assignments are made with the whole in mind and are not first-come first-serve.
- Request a first-floor room if you physically cannot navigate stairs. Other requests for the first floor will be considered after physical needs are accommodated.
- Guests are responsible for the cleanliness of their assigned rooms.
- Guests are not permitted to enter other guest rooms unless expressly invited.
- Single rooms may be requested. When the Home is at full capacity there will be a surcharge of \$50.

Health

- Seaside Home is not equipped to accommodate disabilities or special diets. The Registrar is available to discuss individual needs and circumstances.
- All guests must provide the name and phone number of an Emergency Contact.
- Parents/Guardians/Caretakers are responsible for the health, welfare, and behavior of their children.
- All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be secured.
- All guests must be free of communicable diseases.

I have read and accept the above representation of the Reservation Policies of Seaside Home, Inc

Signature

Date

Registration Procedures

Reservation requests will be processed beginning March 1. Enclosed you will find four forms:

1. Submit the **First Time Guest Reference Form** if you have not been a guest with us before. Remember to have your pastor complete and sign the reference area. You can send this form before, or with, the request form.
2. Please read the **2025 Policies**. They are very important, and you really do need to know them.
3. Fill out the **Reservation Request Form**. Each adult must submit his or her own form. This helps keep our records accurate and up to date. If you are bringing your children and Grandma, and Grandma has a different address, please send us a form with her information in addition to the form for yourself and children. If you are bringing adult, unmarried children, and they live at your address, you can list them on your request; please include individual email addresses. Married couples should submit one form, include individual email addresses, but designate one email address as primary.
4. The 4th form, the **Temporary Caretaker and Medical Authorization Form**, is required when you bring a child, under the age of 18, who is not your child or legal ward. The form should be submitted with the reservation request. The form must be submitted before the child is confirmed on the reservation. Contact the Registrar if you have any questions. NOTE: Some medical facilities may require a notarized form.

Please take a look at our website at www.SeasideHomeNJ.org. for helpful information, or to contact the Registrar via email. All forms can be downloaded and printed from the website for your convenience.

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Temporary Caretaker & Medical Authorization

Any minor child registered as a guest at Seaside Home must be accompanied by, and under the care of, a registered adult guest. The adult guest accepts all responsibility for the health, welfare, and behavior of the minor child guest. A Minor Child is defined as any guest under the age of eighteen at any time during their stay at Seaside Home.

Seaside Home understands that some minor child guests may not be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Any adult registered guest accepting responsibility for a minor child guest on their reservation is defined as a Temporary Caretaker. Examples of someone who may be a Temporary Caretaker are a grandparent, aunt or uncle, family friend, foster parent, or friend's parent. We welcome you to bring children.

<i>Child's Name</i>	
<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Age</i>
<i>Primary DR</i>	<i>DR Phone #</i>
<i>Allergies</i>	
<i>Insurance Info</i>	

<i>Parent's Name</i>	
<i>Phone #</i>	<i>Cell Phone #</i>
<i>Address</i>	
<i>I authorize (name)</i>	
<i>to be Temporary Caretaker and to seek emergency medical care for the above named</i>	
<i>minor child, for effective dates</i> _____ <i>to</i> _____	
<i>Signed:</i>	<i>Date</i>

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2025 Reservation Request Form

Guest Information

9 Week Season

Check the box next to all new information. Submit the required Reference Form for all new adult Guests.

Adult, Guest #1	<i>All Guests:</i>
Email Address	Jul 05 – Jul 12
Spouse, Guest #2	Jul 12 – Jul 19
Email Address	Jul 19 – Jul 26
Mailing Address	Aug 02 – Aug 09
	Aug 09 – Aug 16
	Aug 23 – Aug 30
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Contact Phone #	<i>Women &amp; Children (boys 13 and under):</i>
<u>Notes to Registrar</u> (e.g. – room, traveling with others, late arrivals, request contact, etc.)	Jun 28 – Jul 05
	Jul 26 – Aug 02
	Aug 16 – Aug 23

### Minor Children Guest Information

First & Last Name – Child under 18 years old	M/F	Relationship	Date of Birth	Age	
					<i>Weekly Rates:</i>
					Adult, age 14+ \$300
					Ages 10 – 13 \$150
					Ages 5 – 9 \$75
					Ages 1 – 4 \$25
					Infant \$0

**Request** Reserve this week _____  
**Details:** If my 1st choice is full, Reserve this week instead _____

I am enclosing a check to cover the \$50 deposit for each guest 10 years and older \$ _____

I am enclosing an additional payment of \$ _____

Make checks payable to Seaside Home, Inc. Balance due at check-in.

I have read and accept the reservation policies of Seaside Home.

Signature and Date: _____

# Seaside Home Inc

Cape May, New Jersey

## FIRST TIME GUEST REFERENCE FORM

Seaside Home welcomes all who are not established guests to submit this Reference Form prior to requesting your first reservation. It may be submitted either with the Reservation Request Form or before with the anticipation of making a reservation request. A separate form is required for each applicant 18 years and older.

Complete the Applicant Section of the form and have your Pastor, Church Leader, or Seaside Home Board Member complete and sign the Referral Section of the form. Thank you for your interest in Seaside Home.

### APPLICANT SECTION

Date	Office Use
Name	
Address	
Phone #	
Email Address	
How did you hear about Seaside Home	
Where do you attend Church	

### REFERRAL SECTION

<p>Seaside Home is a nonprofit Christian vacation home located in Cape May, NJ. Our mission is to provide a seaside vacation of physical and spiritual rest for guests who cannot otherwise afford it, and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guests must be capable of living and fellowshiping in a retreat-like setting; comfortable with family dining, agree to observe curfew and quiet hours, and attend daily devotions. Guest rooms do not have door locks, and bathrooms are down the hall. Some weeks cater to women and children only. Our website can be visited at <a href="http://www.seasidehomenj.org">www.seasidehomenj.org</a></p> <p>Contact us at our email if you have any questions: <a href="mailto:contact@seasidehomenj.org">contact@seasidehomenj.org</a>.</p>	
Name	
Church Name & Address	
Phone #	Email Adress
How do you know the Applicant	
Signature	Date



## On the porch with the registrar

I had the opportunity as a young girl to spend a lot of time outside. Whether it was at the beach, climbing a tree in the yard, climbing Mt. Pocono, or just spending time watching wildlife, I learned to love nature. There is so much beauty in God's creation. We find it in sunrises, sunsets, the color of flowers, the sound of birds, the smell of fresh air, the warmth of the sun. God's creation is for us to see His good works and for our enjoyment. We can also see His amazing creation in one another.

These thoughts take me back to a song I learned as a child, "Jesus My Lord". The lyrics are as follows:

*Have you ever looked at the sunset with the sky mellowing red?  
And the clouds suspended like feathers?*

*Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.  
Have you ever stood at the ocean with the white foam at your feet?*

*Felt the endless thundering motion?  
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.*

*Have you ever looked at the cross, with a man hanging in pain?  
Seen the look of love in His eyes?*

*Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.  
Have you ever stood in the family with the Lord there in your midst?*

*Seen the face of Christ on each other?  
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord.*

As you prepare for Seaside Home this summer come ready to experience Jesus my Lord in so many ways. Be in prayer for a wonderful time of fellowship, rest, and enjoyment of the beauty of God's creation all around you.

Praying for a great 2025 summer season,

*Joanne Criswell*

Joanne Criswell

## How you can help this year

We are once again accepting donations of new white twin-size sheet sets and mattress covers, gently used toddler toys for the front porch play area, gently used sand toys for an outdoor sharing bin and children's books (no small pieces, please).

## Summer Positions Available

Cook, Assistant Cook,  
Kitchen Associates,  
Room and Board Provided



SCAN ME

## Important dress information

As a Christian organization in New Jersey, we must follow not only the rules of the state but also, more importantly, we must follow the rules of the Bible. One important area that often requires some reminders is in the area of dress. For health and safety, we must wear shoes at all times when not in our rooms. But for modesty, midriff tops and very short shorts should not be worn while at Seaside Home. Bathing suits must be covered at all times (no sheer bathing suit cover-ups) and not worn during meals. Proper undergarments must be worn, and men and women must be fully dressed when leaving the shower areas. Thank you for your cooperation.







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Many people vacation at Seaside Home year after year because of how it seems somewhat preserved, shielded from the outside world. They appreciate the modest dress required, as well as the scheduled times of prayer and devotion that all guests must attend.

Many were disappointed when Covid-19 forced the home to eliminate other cherished traditions that they have grown to love.

That's why the Seaside Home Board of Managers is happy to announce that effective this year the home will once again provide bedding to all guests, and meals will once again be served family style. Toys will now be provided on the porch, and sharing will be encouraged once again!

