

CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom

"Bombs Away!!! O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer!"

I invite you to join me in this daily prayer mantra throughout June and July. Beginning in June, the process will resume to clear our church property of unexploded bombs left behind from the Conway Bombing Range that operated in the 1940s in what is now Carolina Forest. You will notice some new cargo containers and equipment on the church grounds as the company doing the clearance work settles in to complete the project.

Please pray for safety throughout the process of clearance: for the technicians, for those of us working on site, and for our surrounding neighbors.

NEW LOGO DESIGN FOR CELEBRATION HELPS US COMMUNICATE WHO WE ARE!

The Session has been working on several fronts to help us identify more clearly who we are as a congregation. First, we developed our new identity statement: **We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!** Second, we sought out a new logo that would visually help represent who we are in all of our online, media and print materials (SEE BELOW FOR NEW LOGO). Third, we are totally revamping our website to



have a fresh new look and greater degree of user friendliness to better reach out to folks seeking a new church by web-search. Keep watching for these website changes as they are brought online later this

summer. Fourth, we are looking at digital message boards that might be added to our current sign to help us better communicate our programs and our welcome to the many neighbors who drive past us along Carolina Forest Boulevard each and every day. All of these measures are ways we are seeking to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and to share the welcome of our wonderful church. In addition to all these, our first and best resource when it comes to reaching out to others is **YOU** -- our membership and regular attenders. What a joy it would be if each one of us could reach out to a friend or stranger or neighbor and invite them to come join us at Celebration. We are a growing congregation that loves to welcome newcomers into our community of faith and help folks find their places of involvement and service alongside us!

May God bless and guide us safely through the early days of summer!

Grace and Peace,

Tom Dendy



Pastor Tom Dendy

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THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS TO THE DISCRETIONARY FUND!

I asked for your help to build up the depleted Discretionary Fund and many of you responded with generous gifts! Thank you so much for helping us have available resources to meet the special needs that arise within our congregation and community of faith.

Pastor Tom

SESSION UPDATE

Holy Communion will be served June 7

Next Session Meeting Sunday,
June 28 at 12:30 pm

The Session met for their monthly stated meetings on May 17. Here is a recap of actions taken at the last meeting:

Plans were put in place for the Stewardship Campaign for 2016, which will kick off in the fall.

A Mission brochure has been designed to help everyone understand each of the mission projects affiliated with the church.

Pick up your socks! Really, a Christmas in July - Santa's Sock Drive is coming and we will be collecting new socks to pair up with all the sneakers we donate at Christmas time.

Adult Sunday School class will be concluding at the end of May for the summer. An end-of-class luncheon is planned.

The Personnel Committee met and reviewed a recommendation from the Preschool Board for increases to teachers and the Director's salaries for the 2015-2016 school year. Having concurred with the Personnel Committee, the Session approved the salary increases. Tuition rates will be increased slightly next year, and all slots in the program have already been filled.

The Blessing of the Bikes event had extra "holy water" sprinkled this year, with Tropical Storm Ana showing up for the event. In spite of the rainy weather, there was a nice turn out from the Blue Knights of South Carolina, Chapter V. Following the sprinkling of holy water on the bikes and a brief devotion, a bar-b-que and chicken bog lunch was served.

The annual fire inspection is scheduled and proposals are being obtained to light the church steeple at night.

The Endowment Committee is working with the Presbyterian Foundation to provide new giving resources through our website.

Pastor Tom and Elders Lamar and Torcivia are working on the redesign of the church website. A vendor has been selected and work has begun on determining exactly what we want to see on our site. If anyone has input, it is appreciated. Please email Elder Torcivia at torcgrif@sccoast.net.

Pastor Tom will be praying at the two preschool graduations this month.

Bomb remediation work is to begin again on June 1 and be concluded by the end of July. Last week a team surveyed the plant regrowth since the first clearing in January. Let's all pray for a safe and successful completion of this project.

The Session joyfully acknowledged our new member, Maria Juliana Rivera, who recently united with the church.

Pasta with the Pastor was very well attended and the next one is scheduled for July 26. Anyone wanting information about Celebration Church or the Presbyterian faith is encouraged to attend.

The Spring Presbytery Meeting was held at Camp Pee Dee in Bennettsville, SC. Pastor Tom, Elder Torcivia, and Rev. Becky Kiser attended. Rev. Becky officially joined the Presbytery of New Harmony at the meeting.

The Session and Pastor Tom met with representatives from Presbytery for the Triennial Meeting. These meetings are a chance for Presbytery to meet with us face to face and hear about our success and challenges in the church.

The Session praised God for Paula Jansson's return to church and will continue to pray for her ongoing recovery. Special prayers were also said for other members of the congregation with health concerns.



New Church T-Shirts are being printed with our **new logo**. There will be T-shirt samples available soon. Watch for more information to follow on pricing and how to place your order!

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL BE
HELD ON JUNE 19,
9AM AT THE
AGAPE SENIOR
FACILITY



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Carol Butler

We had our May breakfast at a new place, Mammy's Kitchen. Thanks to Jorge Flores for making the arrangements.

We had a small group, 11, but the fellowship and laughs could still be heard. It was a beautiful day, sunny skies and a cool breeze.

Breakfast was tasty and we had a very pretty, young waitress, with a sense of humor, which is needed with this crowd.

Our next breakfast will be held June 19th at 9:00 AM at the Agape Senior Facility which is located at 11951 Grand Haven Drive in Murrells Inlet. The breakfast is being hosted by

Joan Yates and it is free, although there will be a basket out for donations. Joan, who works there, issued this special invitation to us and she will be serving pancakes, eggs, etc.

Joan will also provide directions to the facility which will be with the sign-up sheet. Hope y'all can make it.

CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

OUR MISSION

*Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, Praise and Worship God,
Prepare our hearts to share God's Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!*

OUR PURPOSE

*Celebrate God's Glory by
Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT
SAM SNEAD'S
JUNE 11,
12 NOON



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our April luncheon took us to Café Old Vienna at their new location in the 16th Avenue block area. The restaurant is much bigger and brighter than their original location.

There were 14 Ladybugs in attendance. We had to squeeze in Lois Krone and Priscilla Mulligan because moi only made reservations for the twelve who signed up to go. That is a definite no. Always make the reservation for a few more. We welcomed two new ladybugs, Jean Preas, a neighbor of Mary Ann

Bowie, and Leslie Eckert who has been visiting our church and just the week before joined us for Pasta with the Pastor.

We all sang happy birthday to Jean Markiewicz who had just turned a young 90 years of age on March 5th. Pat Teal led us in prayer before our meal. The food was delicious and Lois commented that her flounder sandwich was the best she's ever had. Who knew, flounder in a German restaurant. Most of us had some kind of schnitzel all of which was very tasty. Our servers

were very nice and efficient.

We collected \$85.00 for charitable needs. Thank you ladies, as always, for your generosity.

The next lunch will be Thursday, June 11, at noon at Sam Snead's on Route 501 in Carolina Forest. Pat Teal will be our hostess. Sign up in the Narthex if you know you can make it. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited....hope to see you there.

MEET YOUR ELDERS



Name: Carol Butler, Elder of Children and Youth Education. My mother named me Carol because I was born close to Christmas.

Family: Happily divorced and living with the man (my dog) of my dreams, McDreamy. I have one daughter, Meaghan, who last year received her Master's degree in Biology and currently runs the Wildlife Research Lab at East Stroudsburg University. She lives with husband, Justin, and their dog Cantrell in Bath, PA

Church Background: I began in the Methodist Church, but then didn't attend for a number of years. After my daughter was born we joined a Congregational Church in CT. After moving to NJ we joined Cranbury Presbyterian Church. I moved to SC in 2009 and joined Celebration Presbyterian Church. I have taught children's church in CT, NJ and Kobe, Japan.

Career Background: After many years in the corporate world and being a stay-at-home mom, I became an assistant

teacher at the pre-school where my daughter had attended. Six years later, I returned to academia (at age 50) to complete my degree, earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology followed by certification to teach PreK through grade three. I spent almost 20 years teaching pre-school.

Hobbies and Activities: Sitting on the beach with a good book, eating out (a lot), golf (whenever I get back to it) and fellowship with friends.

Celebration Activities: My duties as elder of Children and Youth Education are to ensure that our children are safe, secure and learning the word of God and Jesus. I have a wonderful team of individuals who teach the two children's church classes, the youth group and take care of the babies and toddlers in the nursery. I have also developed a two year curriculum for the grades 1-5 class and am currently working on the second year curriculum for the PreK-Kindergarten class. I also am responsible for organizing and running our Easter Eggstravaganza and Vacation Bible School. I am on the Hospitality Committee, a pre-school Board Member and sing in the Celebration Choir.

If you are interested in teaching children's church or helping out in the nursery, give me a call or email me.....I'm in the directory. You can even see me in church after worship service.

My favorite thing about

Celebration Church: It would have to be the HUGS!!! They are plentiful and they warm my heart. Every time I walk through the doors of Celebration it feels like home and family.

I am your Shepherd Elder:

Terry and Carla Baker
Terry and Pat Baker
Barbara Belyski
Joey and Porter Bruce
Ken and Gretchen Deubler
Larry and Connie Dowd
Jorge Flores
Tony and Denise Galli
Lynn and Sam Mason
Richard and Deborah McIlrath
Carol Montgomery
Dorothy Parker
Don and Char Marie Wenzel
Keith and Katrena White
Karen Williams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

By Carol Butler

For the last two years we have taken the months of June and July off. This year, however, children's church will continue. Under the direction of Mary Cait Jones, our on-staff teacher for the PreK-Kindergarten class will be doing a music and movement program. We will be combining both the PreK-Kindergarten and grades 1-5 classes.

Mary Cait, who has taught dance in the past, will be teaching the children three bible songs, along with dance movements.

She will also have related activities, crafts, etc., but the primary emphasis will be on learning and practicing the songs and movements. The last Sunday in July

the children will perform their "favorite" song and dance for the congregation. This should be a fun, learning experience for the children while they continue to learn about the Bible. We hope that attendance for these eight Sundays will be 100%.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

June 7—Sally Herstine
Nancy Torcivia—Communion
June 14—Bernadine Lamar
June 21—Nancy Torcivia
June 28—Terrance Baker

Liturgist

June 7—Cheryl Dulin
June 14—Bill Basden
June 21—Kathy Wechter
June 28—Nancy Torcivia

Visitors Table/Greeter

June 7—Linda Miller
June 14—Sharon Hills
June 21—Betsy Hughes
June 28—Cindy and Chelsea Bramble

Ushers for May

Pat Teal, Donna Woodard, Corey Jacobs,
Margaret Reeder
June 14—Pat Teal, Donna Woodard,
Barb Johnson, Margaret Reeder

Nursery Melanie Mosley and

June 7—Vicki Jacobs
June 14—Vicki Jacobs
June 21—Donna Woodard
June 28—Carol Mitchell

Children's Church Mary Kait Jones and

June 7—Mary Ann Bowie
June 14—Karen Williams
June 21—Sharon Hills
June 28—Carol Mitchell

Sound Board

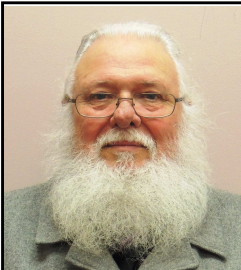
June 7—Neil Carter
June 14—Harvey Dulin
June 21—Neil Carter
June 28—Harvey Dulin

Media Shout

June 1—Katrena White
June 14—Bernadine Lamar
June 21—Katrena White
June 28—Bernadine Lamar

Save your **IHOP** Restaurant receipts and turn them in to the church office. IHOP is giving back to the church a percentage of your total bill. Eat at IHOP and in turn support Celebration. Thank you in advance.

MEET YOUR ELDERS



Name: Terrance David Baker, Property Elder

Family: My wife is Patricia Baker. We have a son, Terrance Baker II

who is married to Carla, and they have a son Daniel and a daughter Jennifer. We have a daughter, Laura Liga who is married to Tony.

Church Background: I started in the Reformed Church in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, then moved to the Baptist Church in Bloomingdale, New Jersey. I then went to the Ringwood Presbyterian Church in Ringwood, New Jersey. I moved to Myrtle Beach and joined

Celebration Presbyterian, where I was elected Elder of Property.

Career Background: For twenty-five years I was a police officer in New Jersey and a patrol sergeant. I also drove trucks, operated heavy equipment, and built track and tennis courts.

Hobbies and Activities: I belong to Coastal Carolina Shields, an organization of retired police officers, 750 members strong. I also belong to the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, South Carolina Chapter V.

Celebration Activities: Being the Property Elder, I am called upon to be responsible for the church buildings and grounds.

My favorite thing about

Celebration Church: Everyone is so kind-loving and willing to help in any way. To me, it is the church I remember from my youth.

I am your Shepherd Elder:

Neil Carter
Leo Dalphond and Carol Mitchell
Corey and Vicki Jacobs
Bob and Linda Miller
Bill Powell
Kelly Preciado
Jacob and Martha Schmidt
Charles and Rebecca Schmidt
Bob and Carol Stepanek
Jim Stewart

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card.

If your birthday is not listed in your month, please contact Linda in the office to be included.

1—Cheryl Dulin
2—Alexis Tomlin
3—Jack Galloway
8—Chelsea Bramble
13—Elizabeth Wills
14—Nancy Torcivia
15—Tom Dendy
16—Ernest Clontz
18—Barbara Barranco
18—Karen Siewert

27—Barb Johnson
28—Peg Speidel
29—Patty Youngblood
29—Mikayla Belyski



YOUTH NEWS

By Cecilia Evans and Jackie Sinnet

Youth of Celebration

The school year is coming to an end and it is time to quickly reflect on the past year and look towards next year. The youth have taken an active role in worship this year presenting nine Children's Sermon with eight youth being involved in the delivery of the sermon. This opportunity has not only provided spiritual growth for the youth but has allowed them to develop public speaking skill and teamwork as they have planned and executed the sermons. Journey to the Cross is another way the youth participated and shared an

important message with the church.

Additional fun and fellowship activities this year were Movie Night, Belk Charity Days, Eggstravaganza and bowling. During the recent bowling outing, eight youth teamed up to try and achieve that ever elusive strike. We will look forward to another bowling event in the future to continue to develop our skills.

Our next event will be the boating outing on June 7th. Please let Mrs. Cecilia or Mrs.

Jackie know if you are coming and remember your permission slips.

The future for Celebration Youth is looking bright as we continue to grow and involve new youth in our activities. We look forward to welcoming two rising six graders to the group in the fall. We will keep the youth updated as events are planned this summer.

HELPING HAND



**HELPING
HAND**
OF MYRTLE BEACH, INC.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You donated and Bob and Linda Miller have delivered **946 pounds of food** to Helping Hand to date. We are collecting food all year so bring in your canned goods and other items and leave them in the sanctuary. Helping Hand is a

crisis intervention and referral agency whose mission is to provide assistance to those in need in our community.

Helping Hand provides food, rent and utility assistance, gasoline, local and long distance bus tickets,

prescription medications, diapers, hygiene items and referrals to other appropriate agencies. Last year we donated 2,850 pounds of food.

JUNE 2015

Sunday Schedule:

9:30am—Adult Sunday School

10:30-10:50 am - Fellowship and Coffee

11:00 am Worship—Nursery and Children's Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8am	4	5	6
7 COMMUNION Youth Boating Outing	8	9 Quilters 10am	10	11 LadyBug Luncheon Sam Snead's 12noon	12	13
14 FLAG DAY 	15	16 Quilters 10am	17	18	19 Breakfast Buddies Agape Senior Facilities Murrell's Inlet 9am	20
21 FATHER'S DAY	22	23 Quilters 10am	24	25	26	27
28 SESSION	29	30 Quilters 10am				

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MEET PASTOR BECKY KISER

Rebecca L. Kiser was recently accepted into the Presbytery of New Harmony as a Member-At-Large. Here is her Biography and Faith Journey.

It's amazing that 31 years in ministry has gone by already. My journey with Christ has gone around many unexpected curves, even over some cliffs; yet that core of trust in God, the desire to know more of God and understand more of faith is the same now as it's been since I was young. I use the image of the funnel sometimes to talk about my faith life: raised in the skinny and constrictive end (fundamentalism and literalism), I gradually moved to where the funnel begins to widen out, and now continue to open wider and welcome more in this realm of God on earth.



I was raised pasting cotton balls on David's sheep and using the whole box of Crayolas on Joseph's coat of many colors. After his conversion experience, Dad had the family at our Independent Baptist Church every time the doors were open. I made my profession of faith, was baptized and became a member of the Body of Christ at 7 years old, shortly after the death of my youngest sister. I dreamed of serving God as a missionary - or maybe in church music. Fundamentalism gave me the gift of memorizing Scriptures and the gift of a strong backbone. I've had to recover from the close-mindedness, however, and realize how Scripture is better interpreted.

Grieving my father's death during my senior college year marked the time when the structure of my fundamentalist faith fell apart, although not my love for God. I began to explore other ways of understanding faith, which led to working at an American Baptist church. The pastor there encouraged me to attend Louisville Presbyterian Seminary where women were being trained for the ministry; I found myself rejoicing in this opportunity, so joined the church I was serving as a student and was taken under care. Upon graduation, my spouse and I served 5 years at the new Maplewood Parish in WI, and had our first 2 children. I came to Va. Beach with him and the children as Member-At-Large, doing supply preaching and various other part-time calls. I began work with a spiritual director there; then completed a certificate as a Spiritual Director.

My 3rd child was born hopelessly ill, which precipitated a whole new part of my journey with God, the Via Negativa - loss and emptiness. My 4th child was also born critically ill, but survived; the marriage, however, didn't. Meanwhile I completed a D.Min program with Matthew Fox and cobbled together a full-time call with 2 presbytery program staff positions. While my children completed high school, I served as a Campus Minister, a New Church minister, and as Interim Pastor. After the youngest graduated, I accepted a call as Designated Pastor in West Plains, Missouri, followed by a call to Interim Ministry in Carlisle, PA. Currently I live in Myrtle Beach with my sister while I deal with health issues before seeking another call.

The constant in my life has been trust in God's love for me, and the sense of call to Christ's church and ministry. I see my basic call as a disciple of Christ, and my personal faith journey is always a priority while I serve in whatever capacity is presented to me. I'm a life-long learner, curious about new discoveries, and open to the surprises of the Spirit in the future.

WELCOME PASTOR BECKY!