



JUNE 2018

It's June and summer heat and humidity are already upon us even though the official start of summer is still weeks away. Heavy rains of late have brought forth growth in our lawns and gardens. Bulbs dormant in the earth through the dark and cold death of winter have begun to spring forth with new life and beautiful blossoms. That which seemed dead and gone has once again surprised us with new life and beauty.

Perhaps you have been living in a season of your life that has felt like the winter of your soul, dark, cold, lifeless and even hopeless. You've grieved the death and loss of beauty and life as you've known it. You're waiting now...not knowing the "What Next" that is before you...and perhaps there is fear that all that is good and beautiful and life-giving for you is gone forever. One of my favorite hymns in our Glory to God Hymnal is number 250 *Hymn of Promise* that speaks so poetically and hopefully into the darkness of my soul of the new life that awaits us and the dawn of a new day that promises more wonder and joy and fullness of life than we have allowed ourselves to imagine possible. Our Triune God is the God of creation and redemption and sustenance, ever with us, no matter the season of life, no matter the circumstance, no matter the appearance of death and destruction around us. Our Sovereign God loves us with a steadfast love that is life-giving and never-ending, a love that does not hinge on my goodness or righteousness or even my awareness. God's love is life.

Quoting from Glory to God Hymnal -- "The writing of (Hymn of Promise) was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Elliot: 'In the end is my beginning.' Shortly after this piece was completed, (Natalie Sleeth) the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral." This hymn is located in the "Jesus Christ: Resurrection" section of our hymnal given its message of hope and promise of life eternal..."Something God alone can see."

No matter what season of struggle you are living in, my prayer is that God will use the powerful and poetic words of this hymn to encourage you and to inspire hope and promise of new life that awaits you as a beloved child of God.

Hymn of Promise by Natalie Sleeth © 1986 Hope Publishing Company

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

God's Grace and Peace for Living into the New Life!

Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

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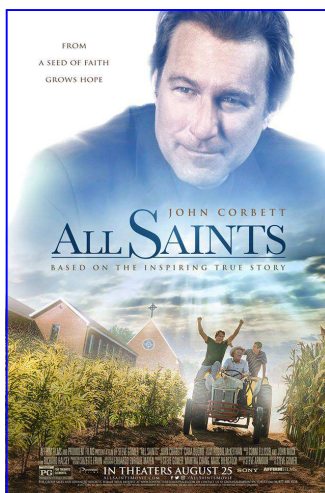
SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 6-9

Monday—Wednesday 6pm-8pm, Thursday 6pm-8:15pm

Register online at www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org

*Please call the church office when you are aware of a fellow member
or friend of Celebration that is ill or in the hospital
as we might not always have access to that information.*



MOVIE NIGHT—JUNE 12, TUESDAY, 6PM.

All Saints will be shown.

Light refreshments will be served.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans



Socks for Santa. We will be collecting new socks of all shapes, sizes and colors for school-aged girls and boys during the month of July. These will taken to the Salvation Army in December with the sneakers we will collect later in the year. The Salvation Army distributes the socks and sneakers to children in our area at Christmas. Last year, we collected over 500 pairs of socks. So start looking for sales and bargains on socks now and bring them to church during the month of July.



PELICANS BASEBALL GAME

By Cecilia Evans

Join us for a night of baseball, Thursday, June 29, 7:05pm. Tickets are \$11.00. Sign-up sheet is in the hallway and you can make checks payable to Cecilia Evans. Come out and join the fun!

GOD GAB

By Cecilia Evans

Are you looking for a new way to fellowship with other church members? Have you wanted to have a quick up lifting discussion on a Bible verse? GOD GAB is the place to be. These take place once a month, on a Monday at The Grumpy Monk on Hwy. 501. The next three months gathered together are June 4, July 9 and August 20, mark your calendars and plan to come.



BLOOD DRIVE

By Cecilia Evans



There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 6, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm in the sanctuary. We will be providing soup, snacks and drinks. Please help us collect 25 units of blood. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway before and after church. Please try to give. Call Nanette Kelly at 843-855-2578 if interested in giving blood.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol



Our May luncheon took us to The Old Bull and Bush, where we have dined a few times before. There were 11 Ladybugs in attendance. Some of us ordered British/Irish fare, while others opted for some plain, old-fashioned American food. We also just about had the place to ourselves.

We collected \$150.00 for charity. Priscilla Mulligan will be taking that money plus \$100.00 that we had in the kitty and donating \$250.00 to the mother and daughter victims of the Windsor Green fire. Thank you, ladies, as always for your generosity.

Pat Teal (who was eating with her friends Jan and Ed Sinclair) led us in prayer before the meal. As always, the friendship, camaraderie and laughter make for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, June 7, at noon at Café Old Vienna located at 1604 North Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach. If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited.....hope to see you there. Come join a bunch of fun Ladybugs!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week:

Jun 3—Bernadine Lamar
Jun 10—Priscilla Mulligan
Jun 17—Terry Pettijohn
Jun 24—Nancy Resnick

Liturgist

Jun 3—Carla Baker
Jun 10—Daniel Watson
Jun 17—Carol Butler
Jun 24—Nancy Torcivia

Visitors Table/Greeter

Jun 3—Barbara Barranco
Jun 10—Carol Lagassee
Jun 17—Heidi Cherry
Jun 24—Betsy Hughes

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

Jun 3—Donna Woodard
Jun 10—Vicki Jacobs
Jun 17—Donna Woodard
Jun 24—Leslie Eckert

Media Shout

Jun 3—Bernadine Lamar
Jun 10—Bernadine Lamar
Jun 17—Katrena White
Jun 24—Bernadine Lamar

Sound Booth

Jun 3—
Jun 10—Nicklaus McIlrath
Jun 17—Carol Butler
Jun 24—Nicklaus McIlrath

Ushers for the month of June

Corey Jacobs, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker

Communion for June

Bernadine Lamar, Priscilla Mulligan, Donna Woodard, Scott Sinnet, Katrena White

Shepherd's Table Teams for 2018

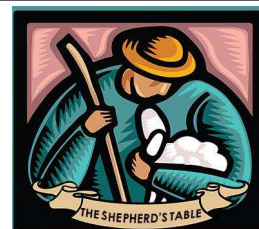
Team A: Nancy Torcivia, Dom Torcivia, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton

Team B: Roy Andrews, Laurie Andrews, Dot Crissey, Nancy Thornburgh, Rick Thornburgh

Team C: Kathy Wechter, Bob Stepanek, Carol Butler, Ken Krenzer, Lois Storms, Pat Himes

Team D: Anne Brallier, Sara Bamrick, Donna Woodard, Gerri Byrne

Team E: Jerry Rashid, Rosie Rashid, Leslie Eckert, Tom Dendy, Paul Youngblood, Patty Youngblood



THANK YOU FOR SERVING THIS YEAR. Your dates will be listed on the calendar each month.

What is
Per
Capita?



PER CAPITA

By Terry Pettijohn

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR PER CAPITA! It is not too late to help Celebration by paying your Per Capita dues for the year. Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay in support of the larger Presbyterian Church (USA.). If you would like to help Celebration Church financially by paying your dues (in addition to your pledges) we greatly appreciate it. Just write a check in the amount of \$13.99 per person to Celebration Presbyterian Church. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS IN 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, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

Jun 1—Cheryl Dulin
 Jun 2—Alexis Tomlin
 Jun 3—Jack Galloway
 Jun 3—Anthony Tiani
 Jun 7—Marjorie Jones
 Jun 7—Terry Pettijohn
 Jun 7—Jerry Taylor
 Jun 8—Chelsea Bramble
 Jun 14—Nancy Torcivia

Jun 14—Elizabeth Wills
 Jun 15—Tom Dendy
 Jun 16—Ernest Clontz
 Jun 18—Barbara Barranco
 Jun 27—Barbara Johnson
 Jun 28—Sharon Mook
 Jun 28—Peg Speidel
 Jun 29—Mikayla Belyski
 Jun 29—Patty Youngblood



FINANCIAL UPDATE



January—May

Income \$ 98,649.76
 Expenses \$ 107,715.94
 Net Loss \$ 9,2066.18

*We can clear our deficit through May
 if everyone contributes an additional \$79.00 this month.*

Create Your Legacy

*Did you know you can help take care of your church after you die?
 Remember to give a gift to Celebration Presbyterian Church in your
 estate planning!!*



Vacation Bible School

Rolling River Rampage invites Rafters of all ages on a white water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Where: Celebration Presbyterian Church. When: Monday-Wednesday, August 6–8, from 6-8 PM and Thursday, August 9, from 6-8:15 PM.

Rafters will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Rafters will meet Paddle Captain Pastor Tom, along with the R.O.C. ("rock") Team, Samantha Rivers (Safety Sam), Max Breezy and Jean-Michel McDiver, who will guide them safely down the river. When the Rafters set off down the river they will "find adventure and acceptance", "find joy", "find rest", and "find peace". Rafters will also participate in scientific experiments, Bible stories, games, crafts and tasty snacks.



Registration forms can be found on our webpage—www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org/vacation-bible-school.

BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

By Terry Pettijohn

This month's confession is the Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1562. This is the introduction found on page 28 in the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Confessions.

The Heidelberg Catechism

The Reformation was not a singular movement. Soon after Luther posted his 95 theses, reform movements sprang up throughout Europe. As Lutheran thought moved down the Neckar River, Reformed thought traveled up the Rhine from Switzerland. They met at Heidelberg, seat of the oldest university in Germany and capital of the province known as the Palatinate. Tension between Lutherans and Reformed Christians was intense. Because the Reformed did not believe in the real, bodily presence of Christ in the bread and wine, Lutherans believed that they were desecrating the Lord's Supper.

Acting to end the controversy, Frederick the Elector, ruler of the Palatinate, asked two young men of Heidelberg -- Zacharias Ursinus, professor of theology, and Kaspar Olevianus, preacher to the city -- to prepare a catechism acceptable to both sides. They revised an earlier catechism that Ursinus had written, using its outline and some ninety of its questions and answers. Completed in 1562, the Heidelberg Catechism was published in January of the following year.

The Heidelberg Catechism opens with two questions concerning our comfort in life and death. The knowledge that our only comfort is Jesus Christ frames the remainder of the catechism. Each of its 3 parts corresponds to a line of Romans 7:24–25 (NRSV), where Paul cries: "Wretched man that I am; Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord;" Thus, questions 3–11 deal with our sin and misery, questions 12–85 with the way in which God in Jesus Christ frees us, and questions 86–129 with the manner in which we express gratitude to God for our deliverance.

Each question of the catechism is personal, addressed to "you." Each answer draws as much as possible on biblical language. The catechism's tone is irenic, showing nothing of the controversy that called it forth. Its theology is both catholic, universal in appeal, and evangelical, setting forth the gospel of Jesus Christ. Providing a basis for peaceful coexistence between Lutheran and Reformed Christians, the catechism denied that the bread and wine become the very body and blood of Christ but affirmed that "by this visible sign and pledge we come to share in his true body and blood through the working of the Holy Spirit."

The influence of the Heidelberg Catechism in the church's preaching and teaching continues to be felt in Germany, Austria, Holland, Hungary, parts of Eastern Europe, Scotland, Canada, and the United States.



PROPERTY

By Rick Thornburgh

When you pull into the driveway at church have you noticed how nice the church sign looks? Thank you to Rich, Deborah McIlrath, Scott and Alana Sinnet, Pastor Tom, Jeanne Bredbeck, Bob Stepanek, Lou Brooks, Paul Youngblood and all the Eagle Scouts who helped Nicklaus McIlrath with the painting, landscaping and general upgrading of the sign. It has greatly improved the look and is much more visible. This was undertaken for Nicklaus' Eagle Scout project.

JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EACH SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery					1	2
3 Holy Communion	4 GOD GAB The Grumpy Monk 6pm	5 Quilters 10:00 am	6 Red Cross Blood Drive 12pm-5pm	7 LadyBug Luncheon at Café Old Vienna 12 noon	8	9
10	11	12 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night <i>All Saints</i> 6pm	13	14	15 Breakfast Buddies at The Early Riser 9am	16
17 FATHER'S DAY Father's Day / Mother's Day Offering Received	18	19 Quilters 10:00 am	20	21 Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table 2pm	22	23
24 STATED SESSION MEETING	25	26 Quilters 10:00 am	27	28 Pelican Game 7:05pm	29	30



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OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

PATHWAYS REGISTRATION FOR 2018/19 IS NOW OPEN!

The Leadership Institute at Union Presbyterian Seminary is excited to announce that registration for classes in our online Pathways to Learning and Leadership program is now available. Who are these classes for? Everyone! Church members who want to learn in more depth about the Bible and increase their ability to teach and even preach. Those who are called to ministry as a Commissioned Ruling Elder and need the educational component. Church professionals who want to brush up or enhance the education you have already received, and learn some new things. Others who want to enjoy stimulating, excellent instruction from seminary professors and church professionals and interact with others who want the same thing.

And the best part is, you can take these classes from the comfort of your home! Classes are taught online, either on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Eastern Time for five weeks per class. In addition, there are reading and homework assignments to be done on your own schedule for each of the classes.

The cost of the classes is only \$100 per five-week session. Take as many of the classes as you like – there are no prerequisites, and you only have to purchase one book per class. While these classes don't earn college or seminary credit, you do receive a certificate for participating, and of course all of that learning!

Go to the website, www.upsem.edu/pathways and check out the classes and the schedule. A link to register for classes is also on that site. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send an email to Marilyn Jones or call the numbers below.

Hope to see you online! Marilyn Johns, D.Min., Director of Program Development, The Leadership Institute, Union Presbyterian Seminary

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