



MAY 2018

**Thanks be to God for our first FIFTEEN Years.  
Now we are moving onward to Sweet 16!**

THANK YOU to God and to everyone who has played a part in the birth, life, development and ongoing support of Celebration Presbyterian Church since its inception. It takes a village to rear a child and, in our case, a New Harmony Presbytery community of supportive Presbyterians to help establish Celebration. We are grateful for all God's provisions throughout the years and for each person God has led into the life of Celebration to share their time, talents, treasure and leadership in support of the mission and ministry here.

One of my favorite hymns, written by Isaac Watts, speaks to God's ever-present help and I want to share it with you here with all its original verses, not all of which are included in our new *Glory to God PC(USA) Hymnal*. Our hymnal explains that many people sing this hymn unaware that it is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it has usually been joined to the hymn tune (St. Anne) named for the London parish where the composer, William Croft, was organist. I hope you enjoy meditating on the words of this wonderful hymn.

**Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**Thy Word commands our flesh to dust, "Return, ye sons of men:"  
All nations rose from earth at first, And turn to earth again.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**The busy tribes of flesh and blood, With all their lives and cares,  
Are carried downwards by the flood, And lost in following years.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.**

**Like flowery fields the nations stand Pleased with the morning light;  
The flowers beneath the mower's hand Lie withering ere 'tis night.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.**

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Blessings and Joy for the Days and Years to Come!

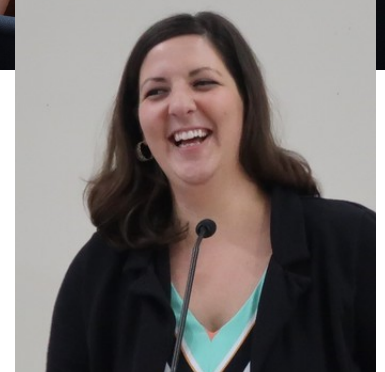
Tom Dendy



**Pastor Tom Dendy**

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15 year celebration of  
the ministry and  
mission of Celebration  
Presbyterian Church  
April 29, 2018



**CHARTER MEMBERS**  
Jim and Jan Coulter, Jeanne Bredbeck





## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans

Thank you to the preschool and congregation for participating in our toiletry drive. We were able to take 62 personal hygiene kits to the Community Kitchen and we collected over 1000 items. The kitchen and the recipients were so appreciative of this outpouring of love.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**—Saturday, May 5, 11am-11pm at Market Common, Grand Park. Come out and join the festivities and support the Celebrations Team as they walk around the park. There will be entertainment and food for purchase.

## YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans



On Thursday, May 10, Celebration will be dining at Chili's from 5pm – 9 pm. Flyers are available on Sunday or you can cut this one out and show it to your server at Chili's and Celebration will receive 10% of the bill. Invite a friend to join you for dinner. Hope to see you there!



Remember to use your \$5.00 coupon from Belk, Saturday, May 5, 6am-10am.

## GOD GAB

Join us on Monday, May 14, 6pm, at The Grumpy Monk for a time to gather together for a meal and fellowship. We will be looking at Colossians 3:12-17, the body of Christ and considering "body life" living together in Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know one another outside of church.



## LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler



Our April luncheon saw us eating at Longhorn Steakhouse, where we have dined a few times before. There were 18 Ladybugs in attendance.

We collected \$105.00 for charity. Thank you, ladies, as always for your generosity. Some of the money we have will be donated to one of the women who worked at the Wood Forest Bank in the 501 Walmart. MaryAnn Bowie had befriended her during her many walks at Walmart. She was diagnosed with cancer and has gone to live with her daughter and is financially strapped. Char Marie led us in prayer before the meal. As always, the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, May 3rd at noon at The Old Bull and Bush located at 4700 Hwy 17 Bypass. 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:

May 6—Terry Baker  
May 13—Bernadine Lamar  
May 20—Cecilia Evans  
May 27—Ken Krenzer

### Liturgist

May 6—Rick Thornburgh  
May 13—Anne Brallier  
May 20—Priscilla Mulligan  
May 27—Kathy Wechter

### Visitors Table/Greeter

May 6—Nanette Kelly  
May 13—Joseph Mehalick  
May 20—Priscilla Mulligan  
May 27—Priscilla Mulligan

### Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

### Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

### Nursery

May 6—Leslie Eckert  
May 13—Donna Woodard  
May 20—Vicki Simon  
May 27—Betsy Hughes

### Media Shout

May 6—Katrena White  
May 13—Bernadine Lamar  
May 20—Katrena White  
May 27—Bernadine Lamar

### Sound Booth

May 6—Nicklaus McIlrath  
May 13—Katrena White  
May 20—Bernadine Lamar  
May 27—Nicklaus McIlrath

### Ushers for the month of May

Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

### Communion for May

**Ken Krenzer**, Nancy Torcivia, Barbara Barranco, Bob Miller

## 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.**

## PER CAPITA

*By Terry Pettijohn*

Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA). It is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund -- part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

For 2018 the per capita (dues per person) that Celebration pays amounts to \$13.99. This is broken down into **\$4.76** for our Presbytery, **\$1.50** for our Synod, and **\$7.73** for our General Assembly. Each year, each church is asked to pay its fair share. Our share is \$13.99 per person. Celebration pays per capita for each member each year. But since many of us do not come from a Presbyterian background, we might not be aware of the per capita system of dues. In many Presbyterian churches, members are asked to pay per capita over and above their estimate of giving pledges as this helps the church focus on its main mission. Members or friends could help out with per capita expenses.

Those people who would like to help Celebration Church by paying their own yearly dues (in addition to their pledges) are greatly appreciated. It is not too late to do this. Just write a check for **\$13.99** per person to *Celebration Presbyterian Church*. Thank you.

## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

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.

May 1—Jenny Taylor  
May 3—Glorianna Belyski  
May 5—Jean Markiewicz  
May 8—Mark Hills  
May 14—Carol Lagassee  
May 15—Vicki Jacobs  
May 15—Joseph Mehalick  
May 17—Ken Krenzer

May 21—Dorothy Parker  
May 21—Maria Rivera  
May 23—Dot Crissey  
May 23—Alana Sinnet  
May 24—Scott Sinnet  
May 26—Lois Krone  
May 27—Nancy Galloway



## FINANCIAL UPDATE



### January—March (1st Quarter)

Income	\$73,027.55
Expenses	<u>\$74,834.78</u>
Net Loss	(\$1,807.23)

If everyone contributed \$15.75 more it would clear our deficit through March.

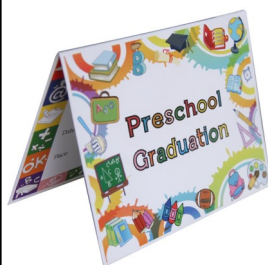
### Create Your Legacy

*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!!*



## PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



It is hard to believe that another year of preschool is coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school and everyone was trying to get settled in. Now, we are preparing for our largest class of 4K children to graduate and move on to "big school". This is always a very exciting time at the preschool.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our preschool graduation. This year's graduation will be Thursday, May 24. Due to the size of our 4K program we will hold two different graduation ceremonies. They will be at 9:00am and 12:30pm. If you are free on this day, please stop in and share in our special day.

The last day of preschool will be May 25. We will end our school year with a "CPP large play date at the beach". We will all meet at Myrtle Beach State Park and spend the morning playing in the sand with all our school friends. This has become an annual event enjoyed by everyone.

The teachers will return in mid-August to begin setting up classrooms for the fall. We hope everyone has a great summer.



## BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

By Terry Pettijohn

This month's confession introduction focuses on the Scots Confession. It is the introduction in the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Confessions, page 10. Elder Terry Pettijohn

### The Scots Confession

Three documents from the period of the Reformation are included in the *Book of Confessions*, each originating in a different country: Scotland, Germany, and Switzerland. These three centers of the Reformation remain significant in Reformed and Presbyterian thought to this day.

The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. When the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war with Mary's French-supported forces represented a providential deliverance.

The Scottish Parliament, having declared Scotland a Protestant nation, asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, the document was ratified by Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God."

Beginning with a pledge of unconditional commitment to the triune God who creates, sustains, rules, and guides all things, the first eleven chapters of the Scots Confession narrate God's providential acts in the events of biblical history. The kirk (church) of the present and future is continuous with the kirk of God's people going back to Adam. While affirming that the Bible is the norm by which the kirk judges itself, the Scots Confession also sees the Scriptures as a sacred history in which the present day church, through the Holy Spirit, participates until the end of time. God's providential deliverance is a continuing, not merely a past, reality.

The Scots Confession sets forth three marks of the true and faithful church: "the true preaching of the Word of God," "the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus," and "ecclesiastical discipline ... whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished." "Cleave, serve, worship, trust" are key words in this document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and a commitment to the God whose miraculous deliverance the Scots had experienced firsthand.

*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.*



See Rick Thornburgh  
to volunteer

## PROPERTY

By Rick Thornburgh

Do you like to paint (as in wall painting, not artistic painting)? If not "like," how about can you tolerate painting? This summer, while the pre-school kids are on vacation, the educational wing needs to be re-painted—four of the five classrooms, the main hallways, and the two bathrooms.

We are looking for volunteers! So as not to overwhelm any one person, if we could get six volunteers, each one could paint a classroom, or the hallways, or the bathrooms. All paint, brushes, rollers, etc. will be provided.

If this is something you would be willing to consider, please contact Rick Thornburgh, Elder of Property. Thank you.

# MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EACH SUNDAY</b> Adult Bible Study 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 <b>Worship 11am</b> Children's Church Nursery		<b>1</b> Quilters 10:00 am	<b>2</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>3</b> LadyBug Luncheon at The Old Bull and Bush 12 noon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Belk Charity Days 6am-10am Relay for Life 11am-11pm
<b>6</b> Holy Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night 6pm <i>Joshua</i>	<b>9</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>10</b> Fundraiser Dinner at Chili's 5-9pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bike Blessing 10am-12noon with lunch provided
<b>13</b> He~Brews Café for Youth <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>14</b> <b>GOD GAB</b> <b>The Grumpy</b> <b>Monk 6pm</b>	<b>15</b> Quilters 10:00 am	<b>16</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>17</b> Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table 2pm	<b>18</b> Breakfast Buddies at The Early Riser 9am	<b>19</b> Bike Blessing Rain Date
<b>20</b> He~Brews Café for Youth <b>STATED</b> <b>SESSION</b> <b>MEETING</b> Pentecost Offering Received	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Quilters 10:00 am	<b>23</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>24</b> Team B cooks at The Shepherd's Table 2pm <b>Preschool</b> <b>Graduation</b> <b>9am and</b> <b>12:30pm</b>	<b>25</b> Preschool Field Trip Myrtle Beach State Park 10am	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>28</b> MEMORIAL DAY  Church offices closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



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## CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

Let's Talk Safety-----by Priscilla Mulligan, Safety Committee Chairman

There are several actions you as an individual (male or female, although females seem like an easier target) can follow to reduce your chances of being approached or attacked.

1. Be aware of your surroundings and of the people around you.
2. Stay off your phone especially when you are walking to your car. You really don't need to check for messages or look at the newest family or friend photos on Facebook or email. And you don't need to be distracted by a conversation.
3. When you walk to your car, walk with a purpose, don't dawdle! If you think someone is following you go back to a more populated area. If they get too close, talk to them in a really loud voice, ask them what they want, make noise so other nearby people notice you and the other person. (This actually worked for a woman at the Coastal Grand Mall.)
4. When you get to your car put your packages in the car quickly. Get into your car and IMMEDIATELY lock the doors and start the engine.
5. When you go into a store or restaurant or the movies, look around for another exit in case of an emergency. There's a habit that my husband, Ed, and I have, when in a restaurant someone always faces the door. (This is a product of too many gangster movies).
6. For those who fly, listen to the attendant about safety procedures. Know where the nearest exit is in front of you and behind you. Make certain that you wear sensible shoes (this is a pet peeve of mine). If you should have to abandon the plane in a hurry, you don't want to catch your flip flop or sandal or high heel so you lose your shoe and end up barefooted or fall and have panicked people trying to walk over you to get out.

And finally # 7—It's as important as the other six—“If you SEE something, SAY something”. Don't ignore your day-to-day surroundings. When you're home, look out the windows morning, noon and night. (At 3 o'clock one morning I saw three young men trying to open doors to the cars parked in front of our building because they realized someone was watching they finally went on their way.)

And when you're out and about, just be aware. Be safe out there!