



OCTOBER 2018

Thank You for Your Stewardship

By Nancy Resnick

We want to begin by saying “thank you.” You consistently and generously give to this church with your time and talents, as well as treasures. Your generous contributions make it possible to carry out our ministry for Christ. Thank you for your faithful support for the mission and ministry of Celebration Presbyterian Church.

Consider what takes place every Sunday at Celebration Presbyterian Church, the joy and celebration provided to more than 100 plus people every Sunday who attend worship and Sunday school. Without your support (Stewardship) we could never have a wonderful service, an hour of Sunday School for adults, great sermons prepared by our pastor, bulletins, websites, emails and more prepared by our awesome staff, youth ministries, wonderful preschool, lights, heat, a clean building, a beautiful building filled with fellowship, inspirational biblically based songs and music lead by our music director and our choir filled with volunteers, and on and on. Sunday at Celebration Presbyterian Church is filled with the true meaning of stewardship where your giving of your time (did you know there are over 20 volunteers on any given Sunday), love, faith and fellowship all come together to provide spiritual nourishment for 100 plus children of God! What awesome Stewardship!

We hear this Bible verse many times, especially during this time of year, “Who are my people that we should be able to give as generally as this? Everything comes from you, and we have GIVEN you only WHAT comes from your hand” 1 Chronicles 29:14. But what does it mean? Giving is strongly based on a person’s relationship and faith in God. It is your relationship with God that determines your faith for giving. It is a spiritual discipline and a way of living that helps us to manage what God has entrusted to us and to teach others the true joy of giving as a response to God’s generosity. We are called to be good stewards of all that we have: stewards of time, stewards of gifts, stewards of resources, stewards of relationships, stewards of ministry, stewards of the knowledge of God, stewards of the people in our community of faith, stewards of the mysteries of God.

The dictionary tells us that “stewardship” is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. We often think of “Stewardship” in strictly financial terms, but true stewardship in a Christian community is a more human concept with broader implications. What is entrusted in our care is the Word of God, helping care for members, building the faith among members of our congregation and caring for others in the outside world. In a word it is Stewardship of the mission that Christ has given us as Christians. We do it because of the joy we feel about the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our stewardship is given in our time, our talents, and, yes, our financial gifts.

Stewardship should be a part of everything we do throughout all the seasons of our ministries. It is not an eight-week program that helps us put together a working budget for the coming year. It is a way for us to pass forward what has been entrusted to us when it comes to worship, fellowship, discipleship, education, service, outreach and advocacy. So as we come upon this season of fall and our stewardship campaign, please pray about your giving for the coming year. Consider all of God’s gifts he has bestowed upon you. Not just financial but time and talent. Let’s all consider how we can broaden 2019 with the true meaning of stewardship.

Stewardship Elder, Nancy Resnick



Pastor Tom Dendy

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Youth of Celebration

THE SECOND AND
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EACH
MONTH IS OUR
HE~BREWS
COFFEE CAFÉ

YOUTH

By Sheila Tomlin

He~brews Cafe will meet October 14 and 21. Our youth group members are asked to bring their activity calendars to our October meetings so we can coordinate group outings to support one another. Some examples include going to hear Katelyn play in the CFHS band, watching our youth participate in local sporting events and concerts or volunteering as a group.

PASTA WITH THE PASTOR

Pastor Tom will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, October 7, following worship for those who are interested in learning more about Celebration or how to become a member. Several Elders and Pastor Tom will share their insights to Celebration and the value of being an active member here. There will also be a time for you to ask questions. If you would like to attend, please call Linda at 843-903-0308 in the church office.



GOD GAB

By Cecilia Evans

GOD GAB IS a time of fellowship with other church members and friends. It is also a time of uplifting discussion on a Bible verse.

The fall meetings are set for Monday, October 15, and November 12 at the Grumpy Monk on Hwy 501.



We will be receiving our Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 7. This offering is split between 25% for Helping Hand, 25% to the Presbytery/Synod and 50% to the General Assembly. For more information you can go to <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html>.



American
Red Cross

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be providing soup, snacks and drinks. Help us collect 25 units of blood. Please try to give.

You can go to www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Celebration, to make an appointment.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

By Terry Pettijohn

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING

Preschool Director Susan Spraker provided Session members an update on preschool activities.

A Girl Scout Daisy group is meeting at the church every two weeks.

Boxes of weekly giving envelopes will be provided to each household for offering starting in 2019.

Our annual Stewardship campaign is being planned with some new activities this year.

The Nomination Committee will be meeting to nominate people for Session.

Fall activities are now up and running.

Session members met with preschool staff and church staff for breakfast to kick off the school year.

OCTOBER IS STEWARSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom

Blessings for October Friends of Celebration,

I pray that storm waters have receded for you all and that recovery efforts are underway for those in our area who suffered loss of homes and property during Hurricane Florence and the floods that followed. I pray that support will continue to be felt from the community and church during this trying time. I am proud that diverse groups of people are working side by side for the common good of friends, family, neighbors and strangers during this post-storm clean-up time throughout our area. I'm asking GOD'S HELP with the huge task of rebuilding homes and lives that will be ongoing for months and even years. I thank GOD for the spirit of care and cooperation that disaster brings out in us as a people and I pray we can sustain that goodwill and cooperation for the long-haul as we work to restore some sense of normality in our county and state. I am also very grateful for all the help from other states that have and will come to our aid: The National Guard, local and visiting First Responders, Church Groups, Salvation Army, Utility Workers, FEMA, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and many more good Samaritans. All these folks are blessing our community by their gifts of time, talent and money through our time of crisis to help in the early recovery efforts. Surely GOD is with us and will help us day-by-day as we heal and recover together from all the devastating effects from Hurricane Florence.

PLEASE make us aware in the church office of special needs in our church family and community and share your prayer requests for folks recovering from the damage of Florence. Prayer does make a difference and GOD will bring us through this difficult time stronger together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

Special Prayer Request – Please pray for me and my extended family as we gather the week of October 20-21 in the French Quarter of New Orleans for the wedding of my youngest daughter Emma Dendy to Ronnie Nguyen. Your prayers for travel safety, fair weather and shared family unity and JOY will be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Tom



Fall On Broadway November 3, 2018

Due to Hurricane Florence we have moved the Fall on Broadway Fundraiser to Saturday, November 3 at 7pm. Tickets are still available to see performances of some of your favorite Broadway tunes from Grease, Les Mis, Secret Garden, Rent, Mama Mia and many more.

We have great raffle baskets and silent auction items for you to buy tickets for and bid on. Christmas is just around the corner and there are items that will make great gifts.

So please ask your friends and plan to join us on November 3rd. Tickets are available from the church's website, the church office or on Sunday mornings.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to Hurricane Florence relief efforts.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

By Ken Krenzer

Fall and all its glorious colors and spectacle are upon us. So, come join the church family for Family Night on Wednesday, October 10. We will start festivities at 5:00 PM with a "tailgate" pot luck dinner followed by Jenga games and a "corn hole" tournament. Please bring a dish to share and join us to share in the blessings of the autumn season.



Belk Charity Day
November 3, 2018
6-10 AM

Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit
Celebration Youth Programs

Tickets are \$5.00

Receive \$5.00 off your 1st purchase

Pre-Sales can be picked up on or after November 3rd

All Tickets sold benefit Youth programs



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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.

Oct 1—Nancy Thornburgh

Oct 2—Kris Zillioux

Oct 4—Anna Vaupel

Oct 5—Riley Resnick

Oct 9—Mike Dunn

Oct 12—Paula Jansson

Oct 15—Anita Brooks

Oct 15—Peggy O'Neil

Oct 17—Betsy Hughes

Oct 19—Pat Teal

Oct 20—Shirley Moore

Oct 29—Dana Zillioux

Oct 30—Mary Ann Bowie



FINANCIAL UPDATE

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January-August 2018

Total Income \$160,491.34

Total Expenses \$166,788.82

YTD Deficit (\$6,297.48)

(The books have not closed for September as of this printing)

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



Wow! What a crazy school year we have had so far, or shall I say welcome to our first full month of school (hopefully). As most of you probably know with the hurricane and the flooding we only had 14 days of school in September. We were all very happy when we finally got to return.

We will spend the month of October playing catch up in our classrooms. We started right where we left off and will work hard in trying to catch up by December. We are currently working on a makeup calendar that will work for everyone.

This month we will celebrate Fall, Farm and Halloween. Maybe we can even get some cooler temperatures to go along with our themes. We do have our annual fall field trip to Thompson Farm planned in October but we will have to wait and see if the floods clear up for us to go. Only time will tell.

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and dry from the floodwaters. Have a great month and happy fall.

BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

By Terry Pettijohn

This month we read the Introduction to the Nicene Creed, found on page 2 of the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order. Suggested by Terry Pettijohn

The Nicene Creed

In the first three centuries, the church found itself in a hostile environment. It grappled with the challenge of relating the language of the gospel, developed in a Hebraic and Jewish-Christian context, to a Graeco-Roman world. And it was threatened not only by persecution, but also by ideas that were in conflict with the biblical witness.

In A.D. 312, Constantine won control of the Roman Empire in the battle of Milvian Bridge. Attributing his victory to the intervention of Jesus Christ, he elevated Christianity to favored status in the empire. "One God, one Lord, one faith, one church, one empire, one emperor" became his motto.

The new emperor soon discovered that "one faith and one church" were fractured by theological disputes, especially conflicting understandings of the nature of Christ, long a point of controversy. Arius, a priest of the church in Alexandria, asserted that the divine Christ, the Word through whom all things have their existence, was created by God before the beginning of time. Therefore, the divinity of Christ was similar to the divinity of God, but not of the same essence. Arius was opposed by the bishop, Alexander. He affirmed that the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same substance as the divinity of God, the Father. To hold otherwise, he said, was to open the possibility of polytheism, and to imply that knowledge of God in Christ was not final knowledge of God.

To counter a widening rift within the church, Constantine convened a council in Nicaea in A.D. 325. A creed reflecting the position of Alexander was written and signed by a majority of the bishops. Nevertheless, the two parties continued to battle each other. In 381, a second council met in Constantinople. It adopted a revised and expanded form of the A.D. 325 creed, now known as the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed is the most ecumenical of creeds. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) joins with Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and most Protestant churches in affirming it. Nevertheless, in contrast to Eastern Orthodox churches, the western churches state that the Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father, but from the Father and the Son. To the eastern churches, saying that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both Father and Son threatens the distinctiveness of the person of the Holy Spirit; to the western churches, this guards the unity of the triune God. This issue remains unresolved in the ecumenical dialogue.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler



Our September luncheon took us to the Grumpy Monk.

There were 17 Ladybugs in attendance. It was nice that Cindy Smith was able to come despite her recent surgery. Also, now that Trudy Miller has retired, she too was able to come and hopefully can make it a monthly habit.

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

Lunches ranged from sushi to Reuben's to burgers and salads. As always, the friendship, camaraderie and laughter make for a fun outing.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, October 4, at noon at Doesn't Matter in the Kroger Shopping Plaza on 501. If you are able to attend, the signup 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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Quilters 10:00 am	3 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	4 LadyBug Luncheon at Doesn't Matter 12 noon	5	6
7 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Holy Communion Pasta with the Pastor 12:15pm Financial Peace 6pm	8	9 Quilters 10:00 am	10 Potluck Dinner football tailgate theme 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	11 Team D cooks at The Shepherd's Table	12	13
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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

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

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Oct 7—Carol Butler
Oct 14—Cecilia Evans
Oct 21—Ken Krenzer
Oct 28—Bernadine Lamar

Liturgist

Oct 7—Anne Brallier
Oct 14—Priscilla Mulligan
Oct 21—Carol Butler
Oct 28—Carla Baker

Visitors Table/Greeter

Oct 7—Carol Lagassee
Oct 14—Barbara Barranco
Oct 21—Heidi Cherry
Oct 28—Betsy Hughes

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church—

Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

Oct 7—Leslie Eckert
Oct 14—Donna Woodard
Oct 21—Vicki Jacobs
Oct 28—Leslie Eckert

Media Shout

Oct 7—Bernadine Lamar
Oct 14—Ed Mulligan
Oct 21—Bernadine Lamar
Oct 28—Katrena White

Sound Booth

Oct 7—Nicklaus McIlrath
Oct 14—Carol Butler
Oct 21—Carol Butler
Oct 28—Nicklaus McIlrath

Ushers for the month of October

Corey Jacobs, Margaret Reeder,
Beth Bruton, Terry Baker

Communion for October

Rick Thornburgh, Katrena White,
Nanette Kelly, Nancy Resnick,
Scott Sinnet

*If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please change with someone and let Linda know if the office.
Thank you!*