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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy



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Bearing the Cross Leads Us to the Promised Resurrection

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. -- 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NRSV)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. -- 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

One of my favorite resurrection hymns found in our new *Glory to God* hymnal is Hymn of Promise (#250). Natalie Sleeth originally wrote this selection in February 1985 as a choral anthem and later adapted it as a hymn. She wrote that she was...pondering the death of a friend (life and death, death and resurrection), pondering winter and spring (seeming opposites), and a T. S. Eliot poem which had the phrase, *'In our end is our beginning.'* These seemingly contradictory 'pairs' led to the thesis of the song and the hopeful message that out of one will come the other whenever God chooses to bring that about. Her husband, Dr. Ronald Sleeth, heard Hymn of Promise shortly before he died and asked that it be sung at his funeral.

Hymn of Promise by Natalie Sleeth

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.

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I invite you to prayerfully meditate on the lyrics of Hymn of Promise as we press on through the final weeks and days of our 40-Day Lenten Journey following Jesus in THE WAY OF THE CROSS. We are easily distracted along the way and often confounded by the little deaths that we encounter in the world around us. Let us not forget that death, which marks our humanity, has been overcome by Jesus, whose death on the cross for us, was real and inhumane and painful.

The great JOY of EASTER and the LIVING HOPE that is ours is born out of GOD raising Jesus on the third day from REAL DEATH to NEW LIFE. That first EASTER, the resurrected Jesus reached out to his followers offering them COMFORT amidst their fears and PEACE that was beyond their understanding. The LIVING JESUS still says to us "Fear not!" no matter what cross/deathly situations we are facing. Jesus invites us to share HIS PEACE and to know HIS LIVING PRESENCE with us in every circumstance of life and death.

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

In conjunction with the Preschool we will be collecting personal hygiene items April 23-May 2. We will be creating hygiene kits to hand out to those less fortunate. We are collecting TRAVEL SIZE items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, washcloths, deodorant, bandaids, first aid cream, combs and brushes, razors etc. For men's articles, they need socks, underwear, t-shirts etc. There is a basket in the hallway for your donations. Our goal is 1,000 items. These **hygiene items** will be packaged in May and provided to Helping Hand and the Community Kitchen for their guests.

Relay for Life will be held on May 4, at Grand Park in Market Common, 11:00am to 11:00pm. Please support our team by donating to the American Cancer Society. More information can be found online at Relay for Life of the Grand Strand.

For more information please see Nanette Kelly or Steve and Marsha Meek.



HOSPITALITY

By Jeanne Bredbeck and Ken Krenzer

In April we have two events at which Hospitality will be serving a meal. Maundy Thursday is on April 18 and the meal will be soup, salad and rolls served before the service to commemorate Jesus' Last Supper. The meal will be at 6pm and the worship service with Holy Communion at 7pm.

On Sunday, April 21, Easter, we will serve a light breakfast after the Easter Sunrise Service which is at 7:00am. Please come and celebrate this holy time with your church family.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler



Our March luncheon took us to the newly expanded Crepe Creations. There were 18 Ladybugs in attendance and we were happy to have Myra Burrows join us with her neighbor and friend, Connie. Also Donna Woodard was a welcome returning Ladybug who also brought her neighbor Marge.

Shout outs go to Char Marie Wenzel and Carol Stepanek who have not been able to attend for some time due to illness. Happy to have y'all there to join us. We collected \$60.00 for charity. Thank you ladies for your generosity. As one might guess there were lots of crepes to go around and they were delicious. The service was great and the wait staff were very efficient. As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter make for a fun outing.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, April 4, 2019, at noon at the new Sneaky Beagle located at 5040 Carolina Forest Blvd (formerly Longbeards). 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!

SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

The session had busy months in February and March as we started to plan the 2019 year. There were several motions and updates provided during the session meeting.

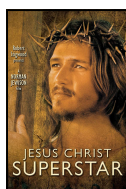
Finance Committee reported that giving was down 21% for the first 2 months of 2019. The principal for the loan had been deferred for six months in 2018. In April, we will begin paying principal and interest again. This is a difference of \$2,200 monthly. The preschool was approved to carry over the unused proceeds of their fundraiser from one school year to the next to enable the purchase of larger expenditures needed for capital improvements.

The Property Committee has been busy in 2019. At the end of 2018 money was given to revitalize our sign. You should see the installed sign the next time you come to church. This will enable us to post messages on the sign with a changeable letter message board. The steeple is in need of repainting and a quote was provided that it would cost \$2,900. We will be seeking additional quotes to repaint the steeple. During the 2017 strategic planning several members expressed interest in a lighted cross being installed on the outside end of the building facing Carolina Forest Blvd. Due to financial constraints, we have been unable to put the lighted cross on the building. A motion was made to start saving for the cross and to have a fundraiser to help cover the expense of the cross and installation. The cost is \$3,400. There was a motion to install a camera at the front door with monitor in the Preschool Director's office, this will be funded through the recent preschool fundraiser.

Pastor Tom will be taking his pastoral renewal leave this summer June 23—July 27. This was part of his initial contract and is part of the Presbyterian principal of rest and renewal for pastors who have served the church at least seven years.

The New Harmony Presbytery is one of 14 Presbyteries which have been selected to participate in a Vital Congregation program. The purpose of the Vital Congregations Initiative is to work alongside leaders of existing congregations continually assessing, discerning and living into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that their own lives are changed, congregations are transformed and the mission of God spreads throughout particular communities and the world. Pastor Tom and Nancy Resnick will attend the introductory seminar in Atlanta, GA, May 12-15. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/vital-congregations/>

There are many great opportunities coming up in April with the Lenten season and in May with mission and Blessing of the Bikes. Check out the calendar on the website for more information as it becomes available.



Movie Night is Tuesday, April 9, 6pm. The movie *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be shown. Light refreshments will be served. Sign-up sheet is the narthex.



PASTOR TOM'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

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I leave you with a reminder from another old hymn that says, "**Because He lives, I (We) can face tomorrow.**"

Friends, spread the good news that our Lenten Journey is leading us beyond death into the JOY and HOPE and PEACE of EASTER made real in the LIVING PRESENCE of JESUS CHRIST, OUR LIVING LORD AND SAVIOR!

We are EASTER PEOPLE who know that GOD'S PROMISES ARE REAL! Hallelujah! Amen.

Pastor Tom

From Elder Terry Pettijohn

Presbyterian History in America (from the Presbyterian Church (USA) website)

Presbyterians have featured prominently in United States history. The Rev. Francis Makemie, who arrived in the United States from Ireland in 1683, helped to organize the first American Presbytery at Philadelphia in 1706. In 1726, the Rev. William Tennent founded a ministerial "log college" in Pennsylvania. Twenty years later, the College of New Jersey (now known as Princeton University) was established.

Other Presbyterian ministers, such as the Rev. Jonathan Edwards and the Rev. Gilbert Tennent, were driving forces in the so-called "Great Awakening," a revivalist movement in the early 18th century. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Rev. John Witherspoon, was a Presbyterian minister and the president of Princeton University from 1768-1793.

In the early years of the 19th century, the movement known as the Second Great Awakening began around the celebration of Presbyterian communion services. This movement spread rapidly and gave birth to the camp meeting movement in the United States. Presbyterians became more of a town church in this period as small towns began to grow in the previously rural areas.

In the early 20th century the Presbyterian vision for church and ministry was crystalized in the Six Great Ends of the Church: the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Presbyterian denominations in the United States have split and parts have reunited several times starting in the 18th century. Currently the largest Presbyterian denomination is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which has its national offices in Louisville, Ky. It was formed in 1983 as a result of reunion between the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), the so-called "southern branch," and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), the so-called "northern branch." This reunion has been a bright spot of reconciliation and unity in the history of American Presbyterianism.

Other Presbyterian churches in the United States include the Presbyterian Church in America, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, ECO (A Covenant Order of Presbyterians), and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

It is so hard to believe that we are in the last couple months of preschool for this school year. Time sure flies when you are having fun. We are all looking forward to a much-needed break in the middle of the month. The preschool will be closed April 15-22 for our Spring Break. Not to worry, the year is far from over and we have many fun and exciting activities planned.

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you that purchased raffle tickets for our fundraiser. This was the first time we have done a raffle fundraiser for the preschool and needless to say, it was a HUGE success!! Having the fundraiser during our annual art show made the event even more exciting.

We are all looking forward to this month in hopes that the warm weather will be more consistent and we can count on many warm and sunny days. Upon returning from break, we will be learning all about recycling. The children always love this week. It is always lots of fun to make art projects out of things that can be found in the trash.

We are still enrolling for next school year. If you know anyone interested, please have them call the preschool office for more information. For all of you with children or grandchildren, kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is the week of April 8. Contact your neighborhood school for the times they will have their registrations.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable spring and Easter!

THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

By Cecilia Evans

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Nancy Torcivia Dom Torcivia Margaret Reeder Beth Bruton Marsha Meek Steve Meek	Roy Andrews Laurie Andrews Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh Doug Larson	Kathy Wechter Bob Stepanek Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Mike Kotora Joann Piazza Rosie Rashid Jerry Rashid Paul Youngblood Patty Youngblood
January 10	February 14	March 21	January 17	February 21
April 11	May 9	June 20	April 18	May 16
July 11	August 8	September 19	July 18	August 15
October 10	November 14	December 19	October 17	November 21
Sub: Cindy Smith				

Helping Hand is short on juice-single servings and/or large bottles, spaghetti sauce—cans or smaller jars, coffee-single packets, combs and hairbrushes and men's deodorant (smaller/trial size). Thank you for caring about our friends in need.

"Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach spells hope for a better tomorrow for citizens of our community."

— Barbara Poloni, Board Member



Two Myrtle Beach Youth Sports Teams advanced to the final four...

The 10 and under Myrtle Beach Youth Sports girls basketball team played in the final four in Columbia over March 15 weekend. The team won the first game to reach the state championship game, but lost in the finals. Rainee Taylor is on this team and she is the 3rd girl from the left standing up. Congratulations Rainee!

If you have some news you would like to share, please let Linda know so we can include it in the newsletter.



Gifts have been given to Celebration in loving memory of Joseph Mehalick

by Jeanne Bredbeck and
Bonnie and Roger Kennedy

FAMOUS TOASTERY

Join us on Thursday, May 16, from 5-7pm
to enjoy breakfast for dinner
pancakes, sausage and a drink—\$10.00 per person
proceeds from dinner will benefit the mission and ministries of Celebration



YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans

The youth will be selling tickets on Sunday, April 22, for the Spring Belk Charity Day. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds go to fund Celebration Youth programs. With the ticket you receive \$5 off your purchase on May 4 from 7-10am. There are special sales as well and if you can not make it that day there are pre-sales. Thank you for your support of Celebration Youth.



SOUND BOARD TRAINING

Dennis Webb will be leading a sound board training session on Friday, April 5, at 11am, in the church sanctuary. If you are currently helping on Sunday mornings or would like to help with the sound board, please attend this free training.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on **April 21, Easter**. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, your dollars become something real: a seed, a fair and dignified wage, immediate help and counseling after a disaster, tools for self-help in addressing injustice and oppression. Consider making a donation at one of the levels listed here and note the impact your gift can make.

\$10 buys Farming tools

\$20 can provide up to 10 jerry cans to help families more easily transport clean water to their homes

\$25 buys a family of chickens

\$30 can buy a bag of seeds to start a small nursery of quickly-growing, drought-tolerant Moringa trees

\$50 can buy a piglet for an economic development and food security project

\$45 can buy a share of a cow—\$450 will buy the whole cow

\$50 can provide a refugee family with a food basket full of essential supplies or a share in a well—\$1,500 will buy a well



APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Quilters 10:00 am Girls Scouts	3 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	4 LadyBug Luncheon Sneaky Beagle 12noon	5 Sound Board Training 11am	6 Joseph Mehalick's Memorial Service 2pm
7 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Holy Communion	8	9 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i> 6pm	10 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	11 Team A cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	12	13
14 No Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal 10am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery He~Brews Café PALM SUNDAY	15	16 Quilters 10:00 am Girl Scouts	17 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	18 Team D cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm MAUNDY THURSDAY Soup dinner 6pm Service 7pm	19 Breakfast Buddies Early Riser 9am GOOD FRIDAY	20 
	Preschool closed for Spring Break					
21 Sunrise Service 7am No Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal 10 am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery He~Brews Café EASTER	22 Preschool Closed	23 Quilters 10:00 am	24 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	25	26	27
		Collection of Toiletry Items for the Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach April 23-May 3				
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		Collection of Toiletry Items for the Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach April 23-May 3				



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

April 5—Beth Lamar-Bruton

April 5—Hailey Ross

April 8—Jim Coulter

April 9—Kathy Wechter

April 12—Donna Clontz

April 25—Char Marie Wenzel

April 26—Carla Baker



VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Apr 7—Rick Thornburgh

Apr 14—Katrena White

Apr 21—Jeanne Bredbeck

Apr 28—Cecilia Evans

Liturgist

Apr 7—Nancy Torcivia

Apr 14—Elizabeth Wills

Apr 21—Peg Speidel

Apr 28—Rick Thornburgh

Visitors Table/Greeter

Apr 7—Priscilla Mulligan

Apr 14—Barbara Barranco

Apr 21—Carol Lagasse

Apr 28—Margaret Reeder

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

Apr 7—Betsy Hughes

Apr 14—Nanette Kelly

Apr 21—Donna Woodard

Apr 28—Vicki Jacobs

Media Shout

Apr 7—Katrena White

Apr 14—Bernadine Lamar

Apr 21—Donna Woodard

Apr 28— Bernadine Lamar

Sound Booth

Apr 7—Bernadine Lamar

Apr 14—Carol Butler

Apr 21—Katrena White

Apr 28—Carol Butler

Ushers for the month of April

Jerry and Jenny Taylor, Kerry and Nanette Kelly

Communion Elders for April

Rick Thornburgh, Donna Woodard, Cecilia Evans, Nancy Torcivia, Barbara Barranco

Chimes

Apr 7—Kathy O'Halloran/Sharon Mook

Apr 14—Cindy Smith/Janet Rouseff

Apr 21-Sharon Mook, Kathy O'Halloran

Apr 28-Kathy O'Halloran, Janet Rouseff

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