



JANUARY 2019

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

HERE'S TO A BLESSED NEW YEAR THROUGHOUT 2019

Dear Friends of Celebration,

Here we go again with a new year full of possibilities and opportunities. As individuals and as a Celebration Church family we will all be afforded a fresh start to try some things differently—to choose another way to live our lives. How good of God to be with us in the here and now accompanying us day by day as we review our circumstances and make some choices for change believing that with GOD – ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. I am encouraged to know that I'm not a victim of my history of circumstances. We have options and choices if we are willing to be brave and creative in trying new ways of practicing our faith, handling our finances, communicating with our family, serving our church and community, deepening our trust and relationship with God.

Last year I had a privilege of renewing ties with a colleague in ministry who was leading workshops at a Conference I attended at Montreat. The Rev. Beth Templeton is an ordained PCUSA Minister and noted author from Greenville, SC. I want to share her information about her latest book release along with an excerpt that is so fitting for us as we begin a new year.

Uncharted Journey: On the Challenges of Getting Older and Other Transitions.

by [Beth Lindsay Templeton](#) (Author) – Released in February 2018.

BOOK BRIEF: Based on quotes from some of our wisest and most revered minds and writers—from Anne Lamott and Albert Einstein to Yeats and Jung—Beth Lindsay Templeton shares letters of wisdom from a “secret admirer” about the unavoidable transitions of life and how to respond to the challenges we face on the journey. (**Uncharted Journey** is available from Amazon.com)

One of my favorite chapters/letters of wisdom, (34), in **Uncharted Journey** addresses God's presence with us here and now. I have found it to be very meaningful and I hope you will as well. ...And if you like it, order the book and support a Presbyterian author (who is also a friend of mine!) Thanks, **Pastor Tom**

(34) “My name is I Am.” He paused. I waited. He continued. / --When you live in the past , with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I Was. / --When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I Will Be. / --When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here. My name is I Am.” ---Helen Mallicoat---

Dear One,

What will you do today? Not tomorrow? I don't want to know what you did yesterday. I want to know about today.

What do you feel today? What do you dream today?

What do you hope today? What do you yearn for today?

What do you regret today? What will you learn today?

What are you grateful for today? What are you learning about yourself today?

What are you learning about the world beyond what you can see, hear, touch, taste, and smell today?

What causes you to smile?

Today, my precious one. Not yesterday. Not tomorrow.

Today. Live in this moment. You will never have another one like it...ever.

With Love, Your Secret Admirer



Pastor Tom Dendy

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Watch for information on the upcoming Wednesday Night Dinner Fellowships in the next month's newsletter.

Movie Night will resume in March. More information will be in the next newsletter.



United States Census 2020

The Census Bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen.

[Review job qualifications](#)

Candidates must complete an online job application. The application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

[Learn more about the application process](#)

Positions for the 2020 Census are available in Horry County. It offers great pay, flexible hours, weekly pay, paid training. They try to assign you close to your neighborhood.

You can also call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information or help applying.



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

Thank you to all who donate weekly, monthly or when you can items for Helping Hand. They currently are in need of OATMEAL (unsealed boxes of individual packets, not the big containers), GRITS (same as above, unsealed boxes of individual packets are best), PORK N BEANS, BLACK EYED PEAS and PINTO BEANS (cans), SPAGHETTI SAUCE (can or smaller jar-not the 'mega jars'), JUICE (unsealed individual juice boxes works best). They gratefully accept all types of food donations, but these are needed this week. Thank you for helping others in our community.

Celebration Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Tom Dendy, Moderator, Cecilia Evans, Clerk

Class of 2019

Priscilla Mulligan, Nancy Resnick, Terry Pettijohn, Rick Thornburgh

Class of 2020

Jeanne Bredbeck, Cecilia Evans, Ken Krenzer

Class of 2021

Myra Burrows, Kathy Wechter, Katrena White

Please pray for your session members as they lead Celebration.

Elder Pettijohn reports some information about the **Presbyterian Theological Education Fund** from the Presbyterian Church (USA) website:

The **Theological Education Fund** is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s best hope of ensuring the church of Christ is prepared to serve long into the future. The fund is housed at the Presbyterian Foundation and is the sole source of denomination-wide funding for the 10 seminaries from the PC(USA).

We rely on donations from Synods, Presbyteries, congregations and individuals to continue our legacy of support. Gifts to this fund help ensure every church has a seminary-trained pastor.

Seminaries are good stewards of the funds we provide. Research shows that 91 percent of Presbyterian seminary graduates are employed in the fields they've been called to serve in within one year. Presbyterian seminary graduates also have less debt than their peers at other seminaries, giving them more flexibility to follow the call of God, no matter where it might lead.

We need these graduates – and need more to see a clear path to seminary. Out of the current clergy serving in Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations, 85 percent will likely retire in the next decade. The next generation of seminarians is energized, enthusiastic and ready to serve, and it is our vision to use the Theological Education Fund to buoy their service to the church.

Once our donations are collected each year, the Committee on Theological Education proportionately allocates the funds to ensure each school receives a fair share.

Celebration Presbyterian Church contributes money to the Theological Education Fund each year as our commitment to our Presbytery. In 2019 the money that we contribute comes to \$2819. If anyone would like to help our church meet its commitment to the important seminaries in our denomination, they can send an additional payment above their pledge and mark it "for 2019 Presbyterian Theological Education Fund". This will allow more money for our own ministry and mission.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 *By Terry Pettijohn*

In December, our giving envelopes were distributed to those who wanted to use them. This is just a reminder that you can start using them now! Just put your money in the envelope and place it in the offering plate. If you did not receive yours, please contact Linda in the church office.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

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.

2— Carol Butler
 3—Billy Moore
 9—Jackie Sinnet
 10—Jade Bender
 12—Myra Burrows
 18—Priscilla Mulligan
 20—Kathy O'Halloran



MEDIA BOOTH HELP

By Katrena White

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:2 But if you only sing in your shower or car, there are many ways you can serve the Lord! The worship team needs volunteers in the media booth to work with the audio/visual equipment during the service, bell ringers to chime in the start of the service with hand bells, and there is always room for more on our great team of ushers. If you are willing to commit to one of these teams on a regular basis, or would like to learn the roles and fill in from time to time, please see Katrena after service on Sunday.

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



Welcome to 2019, I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. The Preschool enjoyed some time off with their families and we are now ready to move on with our year.

Before the break, all the preschoolers celebrated the holiday season by having festive holiday parties. I think all our parents went above and beyond to make our parties special. We are so fortunate to have such caring and involved parents.

This month, we will be learning about winter. The children will have the opportunity to play in fake snow. They always love this week. Maybe we will have some colder weather this winter and get the chance to play in real snow. Keep your fingers crossed for one of those Myrtle Beach snow storms where the kids get to play and have fun and then all the snow is melted by 10:00am.

Next month, we will be having registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are a current church member and are interested in registering your child for the fall, please contact the preschool no later than February 25, 2019. All church members registering children will be allowed to register with our staff children.

Happy New Year!

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 Dot Crissey Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh	Kathy Wechter Bob Stepanek Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Ann Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Tom Dendy 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				



Dairy Queen is offering a 10% discount on your meal when you mention the name of our church, Celebration Presbyterian Church. They will keep an account of what purchases were made and they will tally this up at the end of the month and will give this back to Celebration. This offer is only available on **Monday, Wednesday and Sunday** and only at the Dairy Queen located at 101 Orchard Drive, Myrtle Beach (at the front of Carolina Forest). So, when you go to Dairy Queen, mention Celebration and get 10% off and they will donate it back to the church.



Elder Pettijohn Explains Presbyterian Per Capita

The official definition: "Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians" (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

Per capita is just 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.

We pay dues to the organizations to which we belong. Per capita is basically our dues to the church. It is a tradition in the Presbyterian Church going back to Philadelphia in 1734. Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member -- per capita apportionment -- to their respective presbyteries. The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly (GA) -- based on their respective budgets for the coming year.

At each GA, the per capita rate is set by dividing the total GA-approved budget by the total PC(USA) church membership. At the GA level, per capita helps to pay for sending commissioners to GA, training events, exams for future pastors, various committees, some expenses of the moderator, the historical society, and interchurch events. At Synod and Presbytery levels, per capita pays for administration and programs for members. Per capita makes it possible for Presbyterians to govern ourselves the way we do. Our Constitution provides a moral and theological compass that builds community and calls us to Christian faithfulness in gratitude to God.

For 2019 the per capita (dues per person) that Celebration pays amounts to \$16.21. This is broken down into **\$5.76** for our Presbytery, **\$1.50** for our Synod, and **\$8.95** for our General Assembly. Each year, each church is asked to pay its fair share. Our share is \$16.21 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. 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.

Those people who would like to help Celebration Church by paying their own yearly dues (in addition to their pledges) are greatly appreciated. Just write a check for **\$16.21 per person** (or whatever you can afford) to *Celebration Presbyterian Church*. Thank you.

"We do not think ourselves into a new way of living. We live ourselves into new ways of thinking. Without action and lifestyle decisions, without concrete practices, words are dangerous and largely illusory."

-- From *Preparing for Christmas With Richard Rohr* by Richard Rohr, 2018



Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you. Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you; God's glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance.

Isaiah 60:1-3

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Holy Communion	7	8 Quilters 10:00 am Girl Scouts	9 Choir Rehearsal/Party	10 LadyBug Luncheon Maggie D's 12noon Team A cooks at the Shepherd's Table 2pm	11	12
13 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery, He~Brews Café Shower for Trudy Miller 12:15pm	14	15 Quilters 10:00 am	16 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	17 Team D cooks at the Shepherd's Table 2pm	18 Breakfast Buddies Hot Stacks Pancake House 9am	19 Elder Training at Trinity Presbyterian 8:30am-1pm
20 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery He~Brews Café Martin Luther King Jr Community Service at First Presbyterian Church, Kingston Campus, 4pm All are welcome	21	22 Quilters 10:00 am Girl Scouts	23 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	24	25	26
27 Choir Rehearsal 10 am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Stated Session Mtg	28	29	30	31		



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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

Jan 6—Priscilla Mulligan
Jan 13—Terry Pettijohn
Jan 20—Nancy Resnick
Jan 27—Rick Thornburgh

Liturgist

Jan 6—Carla Baker
Jan 13—Anthony Tiani
Jan 20—Kathy Wechter
Jan 27—Nancy Torcivia

Visitors Table/Greeter

Jan 6—Heidi Cherry
Jan 13—Linda Miller
Jan 20—Nanette Kelly
Jan 27—Joseph Mehalick

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

Jan 6—Donna Woodard
Jan 13—Nanette Kelly
Jan 20—Vicki Jacobs
Jan 27—Vicki Simon

Media Shout

Jan 6—Bernadine Lamar
Jan 13—Katrene White
Jan 20—Bernadine Lamar
Jan 27—Katrene White

Sound Booth

Jan 6—Nicklaus McIlrath
Jan 13—Carol Butler
Jan 20—Carol Butler
Jan 27—Nicklaus McIlrath

Ushers for the month of January

Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

Communion for January

Nancy Torcivia, Carol Butler, Barbara Barranco, Bob Miller Katrene White

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS