



JUNE 2019

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. -- Mark 6:30-31

PLANS ARE IN PLACE FOR PASTOR RENEWAL LEAVE MID-JUNE THROUGH END OF JULY

Mid-June marks a first for me and for Celebration Presbyterian Church. When I was called to serve Celebration back in the fall of 2011, the Pastor Nominating Committee, the Congregation through their vote to extend the call, the New Harmony Presbytery through their vote to concur with the call, and by my agreement to accept the call, all agreed to TERMS OF CALL that included PASTOR RENEWAL LEAVE after the seventh year of service. This summer 2019 I will be embarking on my first and the church's first, Pastor Renewal Leave from mid-June through the end of July.

You may be asking what is Pastor Renewal Leave? ...and I'm glad you asked!

This six-week time of renewal leave is intended to be time away for me from the church and my regular pastor routines and responsibilities of ministry here at Celebration. The purpose of such time away is to provide an intentional block of time for me as your pastor to seek Sabbath time with God and to listen and awaken to the movement of the Holy Spirit at this stage of my life and at this juncture in our shared ministry. To that end I will use my Pastoral Renewal Leave to practice many "Rs", such as: **Rest – Renewal – Reading – Riding – Research – Rediscovery – Reunion – Relationships.**

So in preparation for my Pastor Renewal Leave, I have a number of books set aside that I look forward to **reading** for enrichment and pleasure. I hope to **ride** to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the reunions and relationships. I will attend other churches for worship as well as **research** into how their worship compares/contrasts to our worship at Celebration and what I might glean from them that may be worth sharing in the worship life of Celebration. As for **rediscovery**, I will be spending time with God, glorifying God and enjoying God, and seeking rediscovery of God's love for me and God's ongoing plans for my life as a Christ Follower who is still seeking to grow in grace and service. I also hope to have some extra rest and unstructured days where naps can happen and dreams affirm the true depth of restful and renewing sleep.

During my Pastor Renewal Leave, the Celebration Session will be providing for worship leadership, administration oversight, pastoral care and ministry programs. I am deeply grateful for the support and creativity of the Session in working to facilitate my Pastor Renewal Leave this summer. I also want to express my deep appreciation to the membership of Celebration and New Harmony Presbytery for valuing and supporting TERMS OF CALL for pastors like me, that include such times of Pastor Renewal Leave. The intention is to help pastors be healthier and more rested and renewed so that he/she can avoid (or recover from) pastoral burn-out and feel supported and sustained and reinvigorated for many more years of ministry and service.

I will hold each of you in my heart and in my prayers during my time away from Celebration this summer and I request your ongoing prayers for Celebration, for me and my family too. Thanks be to GOD who breathes life and new life into each of us – and who sustains us and renews us for fulfilling our ongoing call to follow and serve Christ in the Church and in the world.

Peace, Love, and Joy be Yours! **Pastor Tom**



Pastor Tom Dendy

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PELICANS BALLGAME

Join us for a night at the Pelican ballpark on Thursday, June 20, 7:05pm. They will be playing the Fayetteville Woodpeckers. Sign-up sheet in narthex—tickets are \$11.00 each

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMN

We want to sing your favorite hymn this summer. Please email Linda or call her with your one favorite hymn so we can select hymns this summer from your favorites to sing in worship.

Celebration has a **prayer chain** that prays faithfully for the joys and concerns shared by prayer cards in worship each Sunday. Linda emails members of the prayer chain on Monday, they joys and concerns. If you would like to add your name to the list to receive the prayer requests so you can pray for others, please email Linda at celebrationpesbyterianmb@gmail.com. You can submit your prayer requests during church on Sunday, by filling out a prayer card, or you can email the church office or call the church office during the week with any prayer requests or praises you may have.



Thank you Quilters for the lovely quilt given to me for my Confirmation. And to the Congregation for the warm welcome.

Katelyn Burrows

Thank you for the generous gifts. I appreciate everyone's support.

Jimmy Rashid

**Adult Bible Study
will not meet
during the
summer and will
resume in the fall.**



Memorial gifts have been given to Celebration
in loving memory of
Joseph Mehalick
by
Sandra Smith

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our May luncheon took us to Travinia Italian Restaurant in Market Common. There were 19 Ladybugs in attendance and I was happy to have my girlfriend Laura, up from Florida, join us.

We collected \$115.00 for charity, which will be donated to "A Day of Hope" coming up on August 11. We have given to them in the past and they provide much needed back-to-school supplies and needs to children from low income families. A thank you note from Celebration was passed around acknowledging our donation to the church in the name of Joseph Mehalick.

There were plenty of soup and pasta dishes to go around, although most of the soup had to go back to the kitchen to be reheated. Our poor waitress could have used some extra hands with our large crowd. As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, June 6, 2019 at noon at Toffino's in Market Common. 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

Reviewed Strategic Plan notes.

Good progress has been made on task outlined the first of the year. For the remainder of 2019 look for opportunities to engage more of the congregation.

Finance - The church is running at deficit for the first four months of the year \$6,242.09. Rainbow Connection Fundraiser will occur in June to repair the steeple, for a cross on side of the building and for operational support to Celebration.

Evangelism - continues to be successful with movie nights.

Christian Education - Vacation Bible School - August 5-8. See Myra Burrows to volunteer. Sign-up on the website.

Worship - creating schedule for time during Tom's renewal leave. Will have a hymn sing on July 14.

Property - discussion on painting sanctuary.

Pastor's Report - Exploring Vital Congregation program. 2019 will be planning for 2020-2022 program. More information to come.

Personnel - Preschool was provided with raises for the 2019-2020 school year.

Preschool - Lunch Bunch will have a lead teacher who will be responsible for curriculum.

5th Sunday Offering

The 5th Sunday Special Offering will be received on June 30, 2019.
This offering allows for the care, upkeep and improvement of our property.



God's Not Dead 2 will be shown on Tuesday, June 11, 6pm. Light refreshments will be served.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Thursday, August 5-8, starting at 6pm. Volunteers are needed. You can sign up on the webpage or there are forms available on the bulletin board. This year we will be traveling *To Mars and Beyond*.

See Myra Burrows for more information.

THE GOD-POWERED CHURCH

By Terry Pettijohn

The God-Powered Church, by Joan Gray, Online Re Elders, Presbyterian Website

Suggested by Terry Pettijohn



The Church of Jesus Christ was created from the beginning to be **God-powered**. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, who were then empowered to be God's hands and feet and mouths to the world. What about our churches today? Where does our power come from? Below are some characteristics of God-powered churches. Read them prayerfully and think about how you see your church exhibiting these characteristics.

God-powered churches experience church as a divine-human partnership. This is the way Jesus intended the church, his body, to operate. In this partnership what we do is important. What God does is essential. God's will for us unfolds as we are drawn into this partnership.

God-powered churches make nurturing relationships with God a top priority. All deep relationships involve paying attention to the other. Our commitment to this God-relationship requires that we invest ourselves in practices, postures, habits, etc., that build the relationship.

God-powered churches are equipped by the Holy Spirit. We are not capable of being the Body of Christ for the world without the empowering work of the Holy Spirit. With the Spirit, all things are possible.

God-powered churches live by prayer. Prayer gives the Holy Spirit "place and space" to work in our lives. We will never fully understand prayer but practicing it obediently and faithfully opens the way for God to do more than we could ever ask or imagine.

God-powered churches are shaped and guided by engagement with Scripture. Engagement with God's word is necessary to do God's work. God-powered churches open up creative space so that people can hear God's voice speaking personally to them through Scripture.

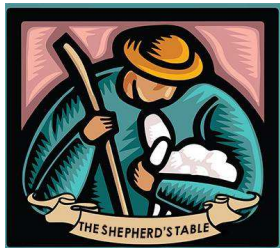
God-powered churches require spiritual leaders. Spiritual leaders are passionate about God and live toward the goal of having God firmly seated at the center of their lives and of their church. These leaders have a lively relationship with a God who is always doing a new thing.

God-powered churches take spiritual realities and resources seriously. In the God-powered church as people pray and act in faith, God draws the resources to do what God wants to be done. The God who calls is the God who provides.

God-powered churches live to serve. Church exists to do God's will by the power of the Spirit out in the world as well as inside the church. God's mission is the reason for their existence and the focus of their energies.

God-powered churches are places of transformation. Living close to Jesus through the Holy Spirit changes us. It has a transforming impact not only on individuals, but also on families, churches, communities, and the world.

God-powered churches teach and practice discernment. Decisions shape our common life, and HOW we decide things is important. God-powered congregations discover that coming to decisions through seeking God's will shapes them into being more Godly in their lives and mission.



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				

If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please contact Cindy Smith to see if she is available and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!

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BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

2—Alexis Tomlin
3—Jack Galloway
3—Anthony Tiani
7—Linda Berry
7—Marjorie Jones
7—Terry Pettijohn
7—Jerry Taylor
8—Chelsea Bramble

14—Nancy Torcivia
14—Elizabeth Wills
15—Tom Dendy
18—Barbara Barranco
28—Sharon Mook
28—Peg Speidel
29—Mikayla Belyski
29—Patty Youngblood

RAINBOW CONNECTION FUNDRAISER

The Session of Celebration Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the Rainbow Connection Fundraiser that will take place during the month of June.

When Noah emerged from the ark after the great flood, God took the rainbow, and consecrated it as the sign of his love and the witness of his promise. The rainbow is a symbol of God's faithfulness and mercy. The "rainbow around the throne," (Revelation 4:3) is seen as the symbol of hope and the bright emblem of mercy and love. Rainbows are all the more true as a symbol of hope because they are reflected from the aftermath of the storm. The rainbow seems a fitting example for us to contemplate when we consider the current needs of Celebration Church.

While our church is precious to us, we must remember that our spiritual lives and the mission of the church in the world are not carried out by accident. They depend on everyone who is part of our community of faith.

And that means we give of ourselves freely. The practice of Christian stewardship leads us to employ our "time, talent and treasure" in God's service, so that we can care for and build up the church for the sake of the world God loves.

With the rainbow in mind, we ask that you consider the following current needs of the church:

1-Repair - The church, while not destroyed by the flood, did sustain damage to the steeple during Hurricane Florence. Funds are needed to repair the steeple.

2-Enhance -The congregation identified the desire to install a lighted cross on the outside of our building.

3-Sustain -Ongoing operating funds are always needed during summer months.

On the bulletin board you will see a rainbow made up of envelopes with different denominations of gifts. Please take an envelope as your heart leads you and donate to the Rainbow Connection Fundraiser during the month of June so that we may have the funds to repair, enhance, and sustain our church property.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)



- Pick an envelope
- Fill the envelope with the dollar amount printed on the envelope
- Return envelope by June 30

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EACH SUNDAY Adult Bible Study 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery						1
2 Holy Communion	3	4 Quilters 10:00 am	5	6 LadyBug Luncheon Toffino's 12noon	7	8
9 He~Brews Café	10	11 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night <i>God's Not Dead 2</i> 6pm	12	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15
16 Father's Day He~Brews Café	17 STATED SESSION MEETING 5:30pm	18 Quilters 10:00 am	19	20 Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm Pelicans Game 7:05pm	21 Breakfast Buddies The Golden Egg Pancake House 9am	22
23	24	25 Quilters 10:00 am	26	27	28	29
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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Jun 2—Terry Pettijohn

Jun 9—Nancy Resnick

Jun 16—Rick Thornburgh

Jun 23—Katrena White

Jun 30—Jeanne Bredbeck

Liturgist

Jun 2—Anthony Tiani

Jun 9—Nancy Torcivia

Jun 16—Kathy Wechter

Jun 23—Elizabeth Wills

Jun 30—Peg Speidel

Visitors Table/Greeter

Jun 2—Carol Lagassee

Jun 9—Priscilla Mulligan

Jun 16—Barbara Barranco

Jun 23—Carol Lagassee

Jun 30—Margaret Reeder

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's

Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

Jun 2—Nanette Kelly

Jun 9—Vicki Jacobs

Jun 16—Leslie Eckert

Jun 23—Betsy Hughes

Jun 30—Vicki Jacobs

Media Shout

Jun 2—Katrena White

Jun 9—Donna Woodard

Jun 16—Bernadine Lamar

Jun 23—Katrena White

Jun 30—Donna Woodard

Sound Booth

Jun 2—Bernadine Lamar

Jun 9—Katrena White

Jun 16—Carol Butler

Jun 23—Carol Butler

Jun 30—Bernadine Lamar

Ushers

Jun 2—Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

Beth Bruton, Kathy O'Halloran

Jun 9—Jesse Wallace, Beth Bruton, Cindy Smith, Sharon Mook

Jun 16 and 23—Marsha and Steve Meek, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

Jun 30—Marsha and Steve Meek, Jesse Wallace

Communion Elders for June

Jeanne Bredbeck, Carol Butler, Bernadine Lamar, Terry Baker, Nancy Torcivia

Chimes

Jun 2—Janet Rouseff/Cindy Smith

Jun 9—Sharon Mook/Kathy O'Halloran

Jun 16—Janet Rouseff/Sharon Mook

Jun 23—Cindy Smith/Kathy O'Halloran

Jun 30—Sharon Mook/Kathy O'Halloran

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