



MAY 2019

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy



Pastor Tom Dendy

"May" We Enjoy the Pleasure of Your Presence With Us in Worship and Fellowship and Service at Celebration Presbyterian Church during MAY 2019?

APRIL SHOWERS...BRING MAY FLOWERS...AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

Thoughts of MAY have lyrics of a beloved hymn running through my mind so I want to share them.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL (Hymn No. 20 in our *Glory to God* hymnal)

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. [Refrain]

4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

In his book on hymns, **Albert Bailey** writes of this particular one, "For once Mrs. Alexander has forgotten her theology and lost herself in the beauty of nature" (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 354). Many of us, if not all, have had these moments. Whether we're in a park, on a mountain, at the sea or a lake, or simply driving down the highway with a glorious sunset behind us, it is not difficult to find ourselves lost in the beauty of God's creation. These scenes should bring to mind Genesis 1:31: "And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Albert Bailey is perhaps mistaken when he claims that Alexander forgot her theology in the writing of these verses. For when we are in the midst of God's creation, are our ideas of who God is not being shaped by all that we see? God made a good creation, and God loves it. Our God is a good God, who gives us good things, and then tasks us with taking care of them. Our God is imaginative, and God's creation is both whimsical and sometimes startlingly majestic. Let us lift our voices in praise to our maker, the creator of all things bright and beautiful.

MAY ALSO BRINGS RELAY FOR LIFE, MOTORCYCLE BLESSING, MOTHER'S DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY!

RELAY FOR LIFE -- Saturday, May 4, (11 a.m.--11 p.m.) The walk will be held at **Patriot Park at Market Common**. Team Celebration will be on hand and everyone is invited to come out in support of RELAY!

BIKE AND BIKER BLESSING - Saturday, May 11, (10 a.m.--12:30 p.m.) Ruling Elder Terry Baker, Pastor Tom Dendy and the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club of Myrtle Beach will help Celebration host a BLESSING FOR MOTORCYCLES AND RIDERS. This event is open to any and all area motorcycle enthusiasts, church members, friends, neighbors, visitors and guests. Help spread the INVITATION to share in this time of fellowship, worship/blessing, and a free light luncheon provided by our church and the Blue Knights. So rev your motorcycles, raise your kickstands and cruise on in for a BIKE AND BIKER BLESSING. (*Saturday, May 18 is our RAIN DATE.*)

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

RELAY FOR LIFE—Saturday, May 4, 11am-11pm at Market Common, Grand Park. Come out and join the festivities and support the Celebration Team as they walk around the park. There will be entertainment and food for purchase. See fundraiser information on Page 5.

HOSPITALITY

By Jeanne Bredbeck and Ken Krenzer

Thank you to all who came out for the Maundy Thursday meal and service and to those who came to see a gorgeous sunrise and share in the Sunrise Service and breakfast. The church family sharing---how good of God!

On May 8, Wednesday night, we will have a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30pm and we will package up the hygiene kits with the items you have donated for the Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach. They include travel size items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, washcloths, deodorant, band aids, 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.



On May 11, the Blue Knights motorcycle group will be joining us as we share a meal before Pastor Tom does the annual Blessing of the Bikes. Terry Baker started this event several years ago and we have enjoyed it every year. Even if you don't know the front end of a cycle from the back end you're welcome to come, enjoy a meal, meet some new folks, and pray for their safety for the coming year. See you there.



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our April lunch took us to The Sneaky Beagle, formerly Longbeards. And, yes people, it is a dog friendly restaurant.....but only on the porch. There were 15 Ladybugs in attendance and we were happy to have Vicki Simon join us after a long absence from our lunches. Happy that Carol Stepanek could be with us in between visits to hubby, Bob, at Grand Strand Medical Center.

We collected \$70.00 for charity. That money plus an additional \$30 from the "kitty" will be donated to Celebration in Joseph Mehalick's name. Thank you, ladies, as always for your generosity.

Tacos had their own space on the menu and there were plenty of them to go around. The service was great and very efficient.

It was a little scary for a couple of our Ladybugs who are "dog timid" as they exited the restaurant. There were a few four-legged patrons on the porch waiting for their "pooch lunch", but the girls managed to get past them without any growling on anyone's part!!!

As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing. Our next lunch will be Thursday, May 2, 2019 at noon at Travinia 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

Evangelism

- Will hand out cards for Relay for Life on May 4
- Next movie night May 21 - **God's Not Dead**

Mission

- Toiletry collection to provide for Community Kitchen
- Opening on Shepherd's Table teams contact Kathy Wechter

Hospitality

- May 8 Dinner
- Blessing of the Bikes

Property

- Mulch to be added to playground to meet code
- All flower beds adopted
- Mowing team- could use additional volunteers
- Need to clean out storage unit- tbd

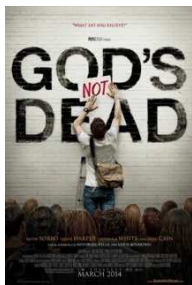
Finance

- Fundraiser for cross and steeple to be conducted in June
- Pastor's report

- Four youth confirmed Easter Sunday

Motions

- Nominating Committee will be elected in May
- Motion to purchase crib for nursery not approved
Continue to use pack n play due to storage constraints
- Motion to reconfigure finance office for preschool not approved
Alternate suggestion provided
- Preschool Budget and Lunch Bunch tabled until future meeting
- Rescinded motion to charge dance etc. who provide supplemental preschool programming



Movie Night is Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00pm. The movie "God's Not Dead" starring Kevin Sorbo will be shown. Sign up sheet is in the hallway.



PASTOR TOM'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

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Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day -- Honor your MOM by worshipping (11:00 a.m.) at Celebration!

Monday, May 27 is MEMORIAL DAY - Honoring Our Armed Services and Ushering in the Tourist Season.

MAY - GOD BLESS US ALL! *Pastor Tom*



A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

By Terry Pettijohn

This month we discuss A Brief Statement of Faith found in the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order. Suggested by Elder Terry Pettijohn

A Brief Statement of Faith

In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (the "northern" branch) and the Presbyterian Church in the United States (the "southern" branch). Integral to reunion was the preparation of a brief statement of faith. While recognizing realities of diversity and disagreement in both the church and the world, members of the drafting committee sought to articulate Presbyterians' common identity.

Early in its discussions, the committee decided to write a statement of faith that could be used in worship. The committee drew extensively on the documents in the Book of Confessions and on Scripture for its formulations and arranged them within a trinitarian framework. The three major sections begin with "We trust in Jesus Christ", "We trust in God", and "We trust in God the Holy Spirit".

The Brief Statement of Faith is distinctive in several respects. Unlike the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, which move directly from Jesus' birth to his death, the statement emphasizes the significance of Jesus' ministry in Judea and Galilee.

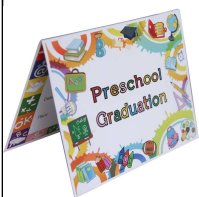
The Brief Statement of Faith emphasizes gender-inclusiveness. It underscores the role of both men and women in God's covenant, uses feminine as well as masculine imagery of God, and affirms ordination of both women and men. The statement also expresses concern for the integrity of God's creation.

Affirming at its beginning that "In life and death we belong to God" (11.1, line 1) and, at its end, that "nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord," (11.05, lines 78, 79) the Brief Statement of Faith concludes liturgically with the church's familiar doxology of praise and thanksgiving.



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 4K children to graduate and move on to "big school". This is always a very exciting time at the preschool.

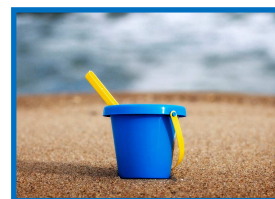
We still have some openings in a few of our classrooms for the fall, so if you know anyone that is looking for a preschool please send them our way. The preschool phone is forwarded to my personal cell phone so they just need to leave a message and I will call them with everything they need to know.

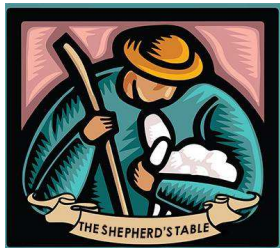
I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our preschool graduation. This year's graduation will be Thursday, May 23. Due to the size of our 4K program we will hold two different graduation ceremonies. They will be at 9:00am and 12:30pm. If you are free on this day, please stop in and share in our special day.

The last day of preschool will be Friday, May 24. 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.





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 Kotor 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



WHAT: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life

WHEN: Sunday, May 19, 12-4pm (right after church so you don't have to cook) Eat in or Take Out

WHERE: Socastee Station
4505 Socastee Blvd
Myrtle Beach SC 29588

Spaghetti,
Salad,
Drink
for only \$10.00



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY



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.

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 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

May 31—Robert Callender



Memorial gifts have been given to Celebration
in loving memory of
Joseph Mehalick
by the LadyBugs and Geneva Poythress

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina has five communities across the state. Offering Independent Living Homes and Apartments • Assisted Living • Memory Support • Skilled Nursing • Medicare Short-term Rehabilitation and Post-acute Care • Outpatient Therapy • Vital Living Home Services.

We will be receiving the Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day.

Mother's Day is a time we set aside to remember and thank the mothers who have given so much to us. Associated with Mother's Day, South Carolina Presbyterians have a long tradition of generously supporting the PCSC Mother's Day Offering. This offering has been a special way of remembering and caring for older adults since 1954.

The monies received from the Mother's Day Offering are used exclusively for those residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and need assistance to remain in Presbyterian Communities.



May 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 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	2 LadyBug Luncheon Travinia 12noon	3 	4 Belk Charity Days Relay for Life 11:am
5 Holy Communion	6 	7 Quilters 10:00 am	8 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Potluck Dinner 5:30pm	9 Team B cooks at Shepherd's Table 1pm	10 	11 Bike Blessing 10am-12pm
12 He~Brews Café Mother's Day	13 	14 Quilters 10:00 am Girl Scouts	15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	16 Team E cooks at Shepherd's Table 1pm	17 Breakfast Buddies Donald's 9am	18 Rain Date for Bike Blessing 10am-12pm
19 He~Brews Café STATED SESSION MTG 12:15pm	20 	21 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night 6pm <i>"God's Not Dead"</i>	22 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	23 Preschool Graduation 9am and 12:30pm	24 Preschool Fun Day at the Beach	25
26 	27  MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED	28 Quilters 10:00 am Girls Scouts	29 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	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!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

May 5—Ken Krenzer

May 12—Myra Burrows

May 19—Priscilla Mulligan

May 26—Terry Pettijohn

Liturgist

May 5—Anne Brallier

May 12—Sara Bamrick

May 19—Nancy Thornburgh

May 26—Carla Baker

Visitors Table/Greeter

May 5—Betsy Hughes

May 12—Heidi Cherry

May 19—Linda Miller

May 26—Nanette Kelly

Pre K—Kindergarten Children's Church—

Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Nursery

May 5—Leslie Eckert

May 12—Donna Woodard

May 19—Vicki Simon

May 26—Betsy Hughes

Media Shout

May 5—Donna Woodard

May 12—Katrena White

May 19—Donna Woodard

May 26—Bernadine Lamar

Sound Booth

May 5—Bernadine Lamar

May 12—Carol Butler

May 19—Katrena White

May 26—Carol Butler

Ushers

May 5—Corey Jacobs, Kathy O'Halloran, Rick and Nancy Thornburgh

May 12—Corey Jacobs, Donna Woodard, Rick and Nancy Thornburgh

May 19—Corey Jacobs, Cindy Smith, Rick and Nancy Thornburgh

May 26—Corey Jacobs, Donna Woodard, Rick and Nancy Thornburgh

Communion Elders for May

Ken Krenzer, Rick Thornburgh, Kathy Wechter, Barbara Barranco, Bernie Pettijohn

Chimes

May 5—Cindy Smith/Sharon Mook

May 12—Janet Rouseff/Cindy Smith

May 19—Kathy O'Halloran/Sharon Mook

May 26—Cindy Smith/Janet Rouseff

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DAY, PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE IN YOUR GROUP TO CHANGE WITH YOU. AFTER YOU HAVE CHANGED, PLEASE LET LINDA IN THE OFFICE KNOW OF THE CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT CELEBRATION!