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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom

Dear Friends of Celebration,

Please accept my humble thanks for your kindness and generosity. Your approval of a bonus for me in 2016 is deeply appreciated. You continue to amaze me with your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity! I am truly blessed to be your pastor and to share in mission and ministry with you at Celebration Presbyterian Church.

God is growing our congregation in spirit and service and in number. We are grateful for each new member and each new family being added to our congregation. We extend a warm welcome to ALL RECENT VISITORS and an invitation to prayerfully consider making Celebration your church home in Myrtle Beach! We thank God for each and every person involved in the worship and work of Celebration. We are blessed with talented members and many talented and generous friends of Celebration who are worshipping regularly with us. We pray that God will gently nudge you to formalize your relationships here by becoming a member of Celebration Presbyterian Church. I welcome an opportunity to meet with you and answer questions you may have about our congregation, our mission programs, our denomination, and how to join with us!

Grace and Peace,
Tom Dendy

Pastoral Prayer for Holy Humor Sunday, April 3, 2016 ~ written by April Fiet (Holy Humor Sunday is often celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.)

O Lord, giver of joy and laughter, we thank you for giving us these gifts. For the moments of laughter and unbridled joy you give to us: for opportunities to laugh at ourselves, for the belly laughs of children, for friends and family who love us because of our quirks, and not just in spite of them, for artists who give us the opportunity to see the world through the surreal, for the courage to smile even when difficulties arise, for those who have hope even when others think there is no hope, for saints in the Lord who overflow with laughter and spread your joy to all of us.

For the words of Jesus that defy our logical minds; for teaching us that we can be born again, for the woman who finds a lost coin and calls her friends and neighbors to celebrate, for the absurdity of a camel trying to fit through the eye of a needle, for the father of the Prodigal Son who is willing to look like a fool as he runs to greet his son, for the generosity of the landowner who will pay workers a whole day's wage when they only worked one hour, for tiny bits of faith that can move entire mountains, for the reality that nothing can live unless it first dies.

For the great reversal of the Gospel: that the last shall be made first, that the rejected stone became the cornerstone, that those who wish to become great must serve, that the lost will be found, that the small will become great, that though you are Wisdom, you choose to forget our sins, that when we are weak, your strength shines through us. O Lord, giver of joy and laughter, we thank you for giving us these gifts. Thank you for the gift you give us that allows us to enjoy these things to the full. We can laugh because of the most amazing thing of all – that you conquered death, that the tomb is empty, that light shone so bright that it overcame the darkness.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Amen.



Pastor Tom Dendy

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served April 3.

Next Session Meeting is Monday,
April 18 at 5:15pm.

The Session met for their monthly stated meeting on Monday, March 15.

Here's what the Session is working on:

Packets with information about the church have been prepared and will be given out at the Relay for Life Event.

Plans for the audit of our church financial records are continuing. An engagement letter was received from Duncan Farmer CPA's.

The Mission and Outreach Team has been blessed with many volunteers from Mission Sunday. They are participating in Relay for Life on April 16.

Adult Christian education will finish "24 Hours that Changed the World" one week after Easter. The next book, "The Way," is also by author Adam Hamilton.

Plans for a church picnic on May 14 are being finalized. Myrtle Beach State Park will be the location.

The Annual Blessing of the Bikes is set for May 7.

Tickets are available for a special Pelicans baseball game "Faith and Family Night" on June 26.

The Personnel Committee presented a proposal to hire The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Kiser as a Temporary Supply Minister for fifteen hours per week for 90-day renewable

term. The Session saw an opportunity to partner with Rev. Kiser in shared ministry. Over the next few weeks, you will see Becky around the church and hear more about how she will be sharing in ministry among us. The Committee on Ministry at New Harmony Presbytery approved this temporary, part-time arrangement.

The Fire Department completed their annual inspection. A water valve was repaired so that hot water is delivered to all faucets in the church.

Special thanks to Jeanne Bredbeck for the beautiful new communion pariments she made.

The new website is online. Check it out at www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org. Prayer requests, questions to Session and Staff, and contributions can all be accomplished on the site. Please also "like" our Facebook page Celebration Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dendy continues to put together the original blueprints and site plans for our current facilities. A Task Force to investigate future land use will be appointed in the near future.

The final report by Seres Engineering & Services, LLC, the firm who coordinated the ordinance removal, was received.

The South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program asked to use our facility on April 8 for a

training session, and it was approved.

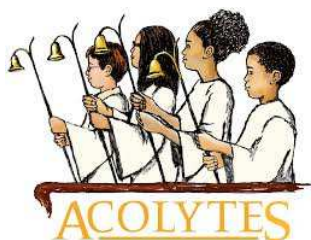
Celebration will host a Coastal Cluster Meeting conducted by New Harmony Presbytery's Long-Range Planning Committee. The purpose is to discuss what the Presbytery will look like in the future and what we see as our needs from Presbytery. The meeting is scheduled for April 24 and will include church leaders from our church, First Presbyterian, and Kingston Presbyterian.

The Session is reviewing proposals for cutting the church lawn during the warm months.

A generous donation was received to fund several campers to Camp Pee Dee programs this summer.

Did you know we have an active prayer chain? When you fill out a prayer request at church, or if you have made a concern known, a group of faithful volunteers pray for you during the week. If you would like to join the prayer chain, contact Linda Berry at the church office. If you have a prayer request, you can enter it on our website under "Contact Us" and "Prayer Chain Request".

Join us in our commitment to pray every day for our denomination, our Presbytery, our church, our Pastor, and all the wonderful volunteers we have at our church.



The Acolytes are coming... The Acolytes are coming...

Watch for more information soon.

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL BE
ON APRIL 15
AT 9AM
AT THE
OLYMPIC FLAME



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Carol Butler

Our March Breakfast Buddies brought us back to Joe's Airport Diner, with yours truly as the hostess.

Arriving on the early side, we pulled up and were greeted immediately by some staff who informed us that they had no power. They assured us that it was being worked on and they should be back up and running soon. As we waited for others to arrive, we contemplated where else we could go should

the power not come back on. True to their word the power was back on shortly before 9:00 am.

As it turned out we had the fewest number of "buddies" ever. Health and other problems kept eight people from attending so that left five of us. Despite the small number, we had the back room all to ourselves and had a nice time.

The food was very good and our waitress couldn't have been nicer.

Next month's breakfast will be April 15 at 9:00 am at the Olympic Flame on Ocean Boulevard and 14th Street. Judy Leonard will be our hostess. Sign up in the Narthex and we hope to see you all there.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

By Cecilia

There has been a great response to our Relay for Life activities but we still need that final push. The Relay for Life team will be raffling two summer baskets to raise funds for the participants. There is a summer fun basket and a bar-b-que basket. See any Relay for

Life team member to purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

On Sunday, April 3, luminaries will be available for \$10 to remember your loved ones. Relay for Life will be held Saturday, April 16, from 12pm

to 12 am at Broadway at the Beach.

Thank you to all who have volunteered and supported this program.



THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT THE
COASTAL ALE
HOUSE ON
APRIL 7 12NOON



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

For our March luncheon we paid a first time visit to TBonz. Thanks to Laurie Andrews for making the arrangements.

There were 14 LadyBugs in attendance. Patty Youngblood's friend Pat joined us and our good friend Connie, from Michigan, was able to be with us.

The food was great, as was the service.

We collected \$75.00 at this luncheon. Many thanks to the ladies for their generosity.

It was a bright, sunny day, and there were lots of conversations going on. Some of us were talking about our travels to Ireland, while others were conversing about old western TV shows. There were also some shenanigans going on around the table by someone who shall remain nameless.

The next lunch will be Thursday, April 7th at noon at the Coastal Ale House, which is located in the plaza next to Conway Medical Center. Pat Teal will be our hostess. Sign up in the Narthex if you know you can make it. Let me know if you need a ride. All LadyBugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited.....hope to see you there.

Youth of Celebration

HE~BREWS CAFÉ
IS NOW OPEN
ON THE 2ND
AND 3RD
SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH

YOUTH NEWS

By Cecilia Evans

The youth and choir visited Reflections Assisted Living on Sunday, March 13. The youth presented a skit on Jesus versus the Easter Bunny. The residents enjoyed singing along with our group as we sang favorites such as <i>Amazing Grace</i> and <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>. Thanks to all who participated; it was a great afternoon.	The youth will participate in Relay for Life and Spring Fling. At the end of the month it is time for Spring Belk Charity Days on April 30. What a great time to support our youth by buying tickets to shop and save! The youth keep 100% of all tickets sold at the church. Tickets are \$5 and you receive	\$5 off your first purchase. The funds raised will help send our youth to Mountain Adventure Camp. Currently, we have six youth attending camp.
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LANDSCAPING

By Barbara Barranco

Our Gardens — The good Lord gave us a perfect day to work in His gardens on Saturday, March 12! I arrived with doughnuts at 9 am and found Ken Krenzer, Jeanne Bredbeck and Rich McIlrath already hard at work! Rich had started at 6:30 am by knocking over and disposing of the dead dogwood tree to the left of the church entrance and doing a lot	of weeding; his wife Deborah had worked on the “church sign” bed a few days previously. Sharon and Mark Hills weeded and pruned perennials while Phil Ballak and Paul Youngblood sprinkled Preen and fertilizer over all the beds. Phil brought his metal detector and helped Bernadine Lamar find some of the capped sprinkler heads. Jerry Rashid trimmed	the hedges and dug up some lilies that had wandered into unwanted areas; son Jimmy was awarded leaf blower duties by Pastor Tom, who brought a cooler of bottled water. Thanks to all of you for getting the gardens ready for Spring!
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MEET YOUR ELDERS



Name: Ken Krenzer

Family: I have been married to Judy for 46 years (she is a very patient woman).

We have two grown children, Christopher and Michelle. Chris has recently married a wonderful woman and as a result we now have two lovely grandchildren.

Church Background: Before we moved to Myrtle Beach, I worshiped at Rehobeth United Methodist Church,

where I served my church family in various capacities.

Career Background: I enjoyed a professional career with Duke Energy which spanned almost 35 years.

Hobbies and Activities: I enjoy cooking, reading, and when I have an opportunity, knocking around that little white ball (I seem to loose a lot of them). I was a volunteer wish grantor with the Make-A-Wish Foundation for twenty years and currently volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Celebration Activities: Since discovering my church family at Celebration, I serve on the Hospitality Committee, have been recently called to serve as an Elder, and enjoy growing in my faith through sharing in Bible study sessions.

My favorite thing about Celebration Church: Generosity of the members as they help each other. Simply put, my favorite thing about Celebration is the sense of “family”.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Apr 3—Nancy Torcivia
Apr 10—Bernadine Lamar
Apr 17—Paula Jansson
Apr 24—Ken Krenzer

Liturgist

Apr 3—Nancy Torcivia
Apr 10—Elizabeth Wills
Apr 17—Laurie Andrews
Apr 24—Paula Jansson

Visitors Table/Greeter

Apr 3—Carol Lagassee
Apr 10—Lynn Bastian
Apr 17—Jade Bender
Apr 24—Cindy and Chelsea Bramble

Nursery-Trudy Miller and

Apr 3—Betsy Hughes
Apr 10—Nanette Kelly
Apr 17—Donna Woodard
Apr 24—Vicki Jacobs

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini and

Apr 3—Mary Ann Bowie
Apr 10—Nancy Resnick
Apr 17—Sharon Hills
Apr 24—Cindy Bramble

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Mary Kait Jones and
Apr 10—Leslie Eckert

Sound Board

Apr 3—Neil Carter
Apr 10—Harvey Dulin
Apr 17—Neil Carter
Apr 24—Harvey Dulin

Media Shout

Apr 3—Bernadine Lamar
Apr 10—Katrena White
Apr 17—Bernadine Lamar
Apr 24—Harvey Dulin

Ushers

Terry Baker, Sandy Wallace, Bob and Linda Miller

Communion— April 3

Tom Dendy, Joan Yates, Bo Yates, Becky Kiser, Paula Jansson

SPRING FLING CARNIVAL—Sunday, April 17, 2-4pm,
rain or shine. Volunteers are still needed.
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin in the hallway.

FINANCE

By Jan Coulter



What is Presbytery Support? When Celebration was organized in 2001, the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly all pledged to provide support for the initial five years. This helped pay for the founding pastor, rent and everything that is needed to support a new organization, until it gets established.

Because Celebration had suffered some hardships and was struggling financially, when Pastor Dendy accepted the call to come to

Celebration, the Presbytery agreed to provide \$320,000 in support over five years. This amount declines each year. This year, 2016, we are receiving \$44,000. Next year, 2017, it will decline to \$24,000. Following that, in 2018 we will be self sufficient. We are well on our way to achieving that goal, due to the generosity and faithful giving of each of you, members and friends of Celebration.

In total The Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly have

invested over \$1,000,000 in Celebration. They believe in and are fully committed to the future of this church. Celebration is now a healthy, vibrant congregation well on its way to doing great things for God's Kingdom. We are extremely grateful for all the support and encouragement we have received from our Presbytery and denomination have given.

Thanks to each of you for your continued support and love for this church.



BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS MONTH

Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card.

Apr 5 – Beth Bruton
Apr 5 – Hailey Ross
Apr 7 – Lynn Bastian
Apr 8 – Jim Coulter
Apr 9 – Kathy Wechter

Apr 12 – Donna Clontz
Apr 17 – Jim Flowers
Apr 18 – Al Lisboa
Apr 25 – Char Marie Wenzel

Apr 26 – Carla Baker
Apr 27 – Herb Nason
Apr 27 – Larry Bowie

POTLUCK
DINNER APRIL 6,
5:30.

HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews

The First Wednesday Night Dinner will be on April 6 and it is a Chuck Wagon Favorites Potluck Supper at 5:30. Think campfire food for meal suggestions: bar-b-que, beans, picnic type foods. Following the supper there will be Bingo with prizes!

Upcoming Dates

May 15—Church Picnic,
Myrtle Beach State Park

May 22—Mini-golf Challenge

June 26—Pelicans Game



Relay for Life is April 16, 2016, from noon to midnight, at Broadway at the Beach. Any donations to team members would be appreciated.

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 ended the month of March and will start April with a much needed break. We are now all geared up for the final weeks before summer. Don't worry — the year is far from over and we have many fun and exciting activities planned.

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, spring and insects will be our concentration. We will also be learning some nursery rhymes. Studies have shown that children who have memorized eight nursery rhymes by the age of four years old is among the best readers by the time they are eight!

At the end of the month, our final field trip will take place. This year we will spend a day at Alligator Adventure. This is

always a fun trip. It is amazing to watch the expressions on the children's faces when they realize how big the alligators really are.

For all of you having children or grandchildren, Kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year is the week of April 11th. Contact your neighborhood school for the times they will have their registrations.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable spring.

April 2016

PRAYER OF JABEZ —“Oh that You would bless Celebration, indeed, and enlarge our territory, in your name. That your hand would be with us and that You would keep us from evil, that we may not cause hurt to others.” I Chronicles 4:10 (Adapted for Celebration)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am Communion Relay for Life Meeting 12:15pm	4 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	5 Quilters 10am	6 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8am Dinner and Fellowship 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 LadyBug Luncheon Coastal Ale House 12noon	8 SC Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program Training 9:30-4:00	9
10 Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am He~Brews Café	11 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am Neighbor-to- Neighbor orientation 6:30pm	12 Quilters 10am	13 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	14 Team A at the Shepherd's Table	15 Breakfast Buddies at The Olympic Flame 9am	16 Relay for Life 12am-12pm at Broadway at the Beach
17 Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am He~Brews Café Spring Fling Carnival 2-4pm	18 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am SESSION 5:15pm	19 Quilters 10am	20 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	21	22	23
24 Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am Presbytery Coastal Cluster Meeting 2:30-4:00 pm	25 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	26 Quilters 10am	27 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	28	29	30



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**CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT**

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

**YOU'RE INVITED
TO CELEBRATION'S
"SPRING FLING"**



Sunday, April 17, 2016 2-4 PM (rain or shine)

Come and bring your family and friends to our first Spring Fling Carnival. There will be lots of fun activities like face painting, a hair coloring salon, a bounce house and a snack walk. We will have lots of games such as a dino dig, ducks-in-a-row, nose pick, carrot match, clothespin drop and many more.

Prizes will be awarded for most games. All activities and games are **FREE!!!**

Our Youth Group will be selling popcorn and sno-cones
and our Hospitality Committee will be having a bake sale.

Registration begins at 1:45 or you can download a registration form from the church's website at
www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org