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December 3 is the Ladies' Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at the Pine Lakes Country Club. There are flyers with all the particulars that will be handed out on Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex with your choice of meal. Laurie Andrews is collecting the money for your meal. The cost is \$25 per person.

We are again asking those attending to bring an unwrapped gift for a child between the ages of newborn to 11 years old.



There is still time to bring in your SANTA'S SNEAKERS for male and female teens. Our goal is to collect 150 pairs of athletic shoes by Sunday, December 11. The Salvation Army will distribute the shoes, along with the Socks for Santa that were collected earlier this year.

COMBINED-CHOIR CANTATA DECEMBER 15, THURSDAY, AT KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebration's Adult Choir will join with the choirs of Kingston Presbyterian and St. Anne's Episcopal Church for a Christmas concert at Kingston Presbyterian in Conway on December 15 at 7:00! Kingston is located at 800 Third Ave in Conway.

CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

News of Celebration



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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

*Join Us in the Advent Journey
as We Prepare Our Lives
to Receive Jesus Christ the King of Kings*



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ADVENT II – December 4 - 11:00 AM Worship

Celebrate the Child Sunday

**With the Four-Year-Olds from Celebration Preschool Sharing In
Worship with special songs and decorating the Chrismon Tree!**

ADVENT III – December 11 – 11:00 AM Worship
Holy Communion

ADVENT IV – December 18 – 11:00 AM Worship
Family-Friendly Worship preparing our hearts for Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24 – 7:00 PM
**Family-Friendly Worship
Holy Scripture, Carols, Communion and Candlelight
*Special Music beginning at 6:45 PM**

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP – December 25 – 11:00 AM
***Family-Friendly - Final Worship of 2015**

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served December 11, 2016 Next Session Meeting is Monday, December 19, at 5:15pm. The Session met on November 20 and discussed and acted on the following: The Session approved requesting the final annual support from New Harmony Presbytery in the amount of \$24,000. These funds will be received in monthly installments of \$2,000 during 2017. After 2017, Celebration will no longer receive financial support from our Presbytery. Pledges received for 2017 are up by nearly \$10,000. It's not to late to turn in your financial pledge if you have not yet done so. Please look at the church calendar for December. We are blessed to have so many wonderful activities: Red and Green First Wednesday Fellowship with Gullah Christmas story and carols, Blue Christmas Service, Breakfast with Santa, Celebrate the Child Service, Ladybug Christmas Luncheon, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. It's a busy month at Celebration! The church is advertising December events on the Facebook page. Please make sure to check the page regularly and "share" our posts with your friends.	The Preschool Board approved 2016 Christmas bonuses for the preschool staff. Preschool tuition for the 2017 – 2018 school year will increase by \$10 per child, and the preschool staff will be compensated for their two weeks of set up and lesson planning at the end of August. The increase in tuition will cover the cost of the additional staff compensation. The Session approved a recommendation from the Preschool Board to enter into a partnership with SOS Healthcare where SOS will bring up to two children to a vacant Preschool classroom to help children with Autism assimilate to a preschool environment. As kids become ready, they will participate in the Lunch Bunch program. No more than two children will be in the Lunch Bunch at any time and each child will have a therapist with them at all times. The Session voted to engage Rev. Bruce Ford and Rev. Charles Elliott in a strategic planning process. The goal would be to help us focus our energy and vision. Information will be gathered regarding our demographics, and discussions held with members of the congregation about the use of our property and future plans for the church.	The Horry County Planning\Zoning folks inspected the installation of landscaping they required following the ordinance clearing. While they were on our site making their inspection of the landscaping, they also hold us to any new current standards. They are now requiring that we install a fence on three sides of the garbage dumpster. We must submit a plan for approval. We will likely place the dumpster on gravel at the end of the parking lot, then erect the required fence. The Session voted to declare the intention of Celebration Presbyterian Church to contribute to New Harmony Presbytery during 2017 the following amounts: \$13,942 for Basic Mission Support, \$2,516 to the Theological Education Fund, and \$1,706.24 for the Per Capita Apportionment. A grounds and gardens clean up day is set for March 4 with a rain date of March 18. Celebration will host the New Harmony Presbytery in October of 2017. Pastor Tom will appoint a task force to work on the logistics for the meeting. During this busy season, please take the time to invite a friend, neighbor, or stranger to join us at one of our many holiday events. Peace!
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Merry Christmas

From Pastor Tom and Linda

DECEMBER 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)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Preschool Staff Breakfast 7:30 am	3 Ladies Christmas Luncheon
4 Adult SS 9:15am Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am CELEBRATE THE CHILD	5 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am Elder Training IV 6pm	6 Quilters 10am	7 First Wednesday Fellowship 5:30pm Program to follow Choir Rehearsal 7pm	8	9	10 Breakfast with Santa 9am-11am
11 Adult SS 9:15am Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am Communion Youth He~Brews Café Combined Choir Rehearsal at Kingston 4pm	12 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	13 Quilters 10am	14 Combined Choir Dress Rehearsal at Kingston 7pm	15 Combined Choir Cantata at Kingston 7pm	16 Breakfast Buddies at Flapjacks 9:00 am	17
18 Adult SS 9:15 am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Youth He~Brews Café Christmas Joy Offering Received	19 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am Stated Session Meeting 5:15 pm	20 Quilters 10am	21	22	23	24 CHRIST- MAS EVE SERVICE 7pm <i>love offering received for Shepherd's Table</i>
25 No Adult SS Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER



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.

3—Logan White
4—Daniel Watson
11—Clinton Belyski
13—Margaret Reeder
14—Bob Stepanek
15—Nicklaus McIlrath
18—George Vaupel
21—Nancy Resnick

21—Frances Mehalick
29—Jeanne Bredbeck
29—Quinn Coleman
30—Steven Siewert
30—Connor Walsh

CELEBRATE THE CHILD SUNDAY

Annual Celebrate the Child Sunday
Sunday, December 4,
at 11:00 a.m.
With Celebration Preschoolers
Sharing in Worship!

Bells will be ringing and hearts will be singing the joys of the Christmas season as the Celebration congregation welcomes the families of our four-year-olds from Celebration Preschool for worship and fellowship on our fourth annual Celebrate

the Child Sunday. Once again this special worship service will involve the four-year-old preschoolers singing several selections in worship and helping Pastor Tom with the decorating of our Chrismon Tree.

The signs and symbols that make up these special ornaments known as Chrismons (which stands for Christ-Monograms) will be introduced by Pastor Tom and the children will bring the ornaments forward to place on the Chrismon Tree. This will

be a family-friendly service and childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Following worship we will share a cup of cheer and taste of seasonal treats as we fellowship together.

May God bless us everyone as we join together in worship of Jesus, who is the reason for our Christmas season!



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!! I can't believe it is already December! We have a short but very busy month. We will start off the month by heading to The Market Common to see a special holiday movie. The preschool is renting out a theatre and all are going together to see *Annabelle's Wish* on December 5.

Celebrate the Child Sunday will take place during the

church service on December 4. Our four-year olds will be singing and participating in the service. I hope to see everyone there.

If you are in the area on December 15 or 16, we will have our holiday parties from 10-11am and 2-3pm. This is a fun and festive time in our school.

All of us at the preschool would like to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Preschool will be closed December 16-January 1. School resumes on January 2, 2017.

See you all next year!!!!



THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES
WILL BE ON
DECEMBER 16 9AM
AT FLAPJACKS



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Carol Butler

Our November Breakfast Buddies brought us to Famous Toastery, a recently opened restaurant in Carolina Forest. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we had 15 in attendance. We were given the back area of the restaurant, which we had pretty much to ourselves. The menu is very extensive and it

took a while for all to come to a "what am I going to eat" decision.

There were omelets, eggs, French toast and quiche. The food was very good and our wait-staff couldn't have been nicer.

Our December Christmas breakfast will be December 16, 9:00 am, at Flapjacks located at 2600 N. Kings Hwy in Myrtle Beach. Yours truly will be your hostess. Sign up in the Narthex and we hope to see you all there.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC

(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. The Christmas Joy Offering — through its gifts to the Assistance Program of the

Board of Pensions—helps these individuals and families through difficult times by providing shared, emergency, and other types of grants. We will be receiving the Christmas Joy Offering at Celebration on Sunday, December 18, during worship.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE ON
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2017
12NOON
AT MAGGIE D'S



Our November luncheon took us, finally, to The Grumpy Monk. As everyone knows, we were unable to attend in October thanks to Hurricane Matthew.

There were 17 Ladybugs in attendance. We welcomed our newest Ladybug, Dot Crissey, who recently joined the church. We are so happy to have her. It was also nice to see Donna Woodard who hasn't been to a lunch in a while.

We collected \$500.00 for charity. That was a first and it

is being donated to a family in need. Many, many thanks to all of the ladies for their very generous giving.

The food and service was very good and we were even given the back room—probably so no one would have to listen to us. As it turned out there was some mild-mannered harassment going on between two of the ladies. Naturally, there was a lot of talk about the hurricane and blessings that our church did not sustain any serious damage; and, as always, there's lots of laughter going on.

There will not be a Ladybug Luncheon in December because of the Ladies Christmas luncheon. The next luncheon will be Thursday, January 5, at noon at Maggie D's which is located on Seaboard Street behind Coastal Grand Mall. Laurie Andrews will be our hostess. 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.

Youth of Celebration

THE SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS OUR HE~BREWS COFFEE BAR!

YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans and Jackie Sinnet

Excitement is in the air for the 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa. We have had great response from volunteers willing to help with the event. Santa has confirmed that he will be at Celebration for the event. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on December 10. Please turn in	your reservations by December 2. On December 11, the youth will present their second installment of Manger Tales - the Christmas story from the view of the animals in the manger. The youth will have their Christmas Party. They	are looking forward to holiday treats, the Saran Wrap game and much more. On December 17, the youth will go to Brookgreen Gardens to enjoy the Christmas lights.
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MISSIONS/OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans



We are collecting SANTA'S SNEAKERS for male and female teens. Our goal is to collect 150 pairs of athletic shoes by Sunday, December 11. The Salvation Army will distribute the shoes, along with the Socks for Santa that were collected earlier this year.	There is a tally board in the Sanctuary that shows how many we have collected.	
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FINANCE/ENDOWMENT

By Jan Coulter



FINANCE Thank you to everyone who made a commitment for 2017. If you are behind on your commitment for 2016, please try to complete your pledge by the end of December. Every contribution makes a difference in our ministry. When you're doing your year-end planning and giving, don't forget your church. With all	the solicitations that we receive at this time of the year, please put your church at the top of your giving list. ENDOWMENT Now is the time to do your financial planning for the coming year. When you do your analysis, check for some "Old" stocks that you have held for a number of years and see if what they are paying is	worth keeping. Or, do you want to give them to the Endowment Fund and get a nice tax write-off? For more information, there are cards on the table in the narthex, or speak to Jan about transferring the stocks to the church.
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VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week Dec 4—Nancy Torcivia Dec 11—Cecilia Evans Dec 18—Bernadine Lamar Dec 25—Ken Krenzer Liturgist Dec 4—Carol Butler Dec 11—Carla Baker Dec 18—Elizabeth Wills Dec 25—Kathy Wechter Visitors Table/Greeter Dec 4—Nanette Kelly Dec 11—Margaret Reeder Dec 18—Heidi Cherry Dec 25— Pre K—Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini	Nursery Dec 4—Leslie Eckert Dec 11—Donna Woodard Dec 18—Vicki Jacobs Dec 25—Vicki Simon Children's Church Grades 1-5 Trudy Miller Sound Board Dec 4—Nicklaus McIlrath Dec 11—Carol Butler Dec 18—Carol Butler Dec 24—Bernadine Lamar Dec 25—Bernadine Lamar Media Shout Dec 4—Katrena White Dec 11—Bernadine Lamar Dec 18—Bernadine Lamar	Dec 24—Katrena White Dec 25—Katrena White Ushers for the month Donna Woodard, Corey Jacobs, Margaret Reeder, Leslie Eckert Advent Wreath Lighters Dec 4—The Santiago Family Dec 11—The Sinnet Family Dec 18—The Watson Family Dec 24—The Williams and Ross Family Dec 25—The Dendy Family Communion—December 11 Ken Krenzer, Roy Andrews, Scott Sinnet, Katrena White, Bernadine Lamar
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USHERS

By Bernadine Lamar

Thank You to everyone who signed up to become new ushers! We appreciate your	willingness to be a part of the Celebration team. We will have a meeting after	church on January 8 to go over the guidelines we use as ushers.
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SPRING WORK DAY

After winter we are going to need a spring work day to get the gardens in shape with weeding, pruning and	especially fertilizer and mulch. Mark Saturday, March 4, with Saturday, March 18 as a rain	date to come out and help get our church ready for spring.
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FROM PASTOR BECKY—The "Tool Time" Bible study starts a new study after the holidays, at our normal time of Monday mornings at 10:30. We will work through understanding other world religious traditions starting with Islam. I'm looking for possible text.

Pastor Becky will be starting a class for exploring and learning spirituality practices, after Christmas and New Year's. We will look at traditional Christian practices, like the lectio divina, breath prayers, centering prayer, walking meditations (like the labyrinth), and more. We will take time to use these at home and find those that speak to us. This is a doing and hands-on class not just head knowledge! I would like to know who is interested, so we can determine when to meet. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you are interested in this new study. —Becky Kiser