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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

Mission Celebration – Faith in Action at CPC in 2016

What does the Lord require of us as people of faith who are following Jesus and living out our faith in the real world where inequities and injustices are many within our larger community? The OT Prophet Micah charges us to active duty with these words: "He (God) has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8.) The NT author of the book of James presses the mission issue of living out our Christian faith with faithful actions when he writes: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:14-17.) Jesus, took a page out of Isaiah's Prophecy to outline his own mission when he quoted: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Isaiah 61:1/Luke 4:18-19.)

In February we are emphasizing MISSION at Celebration. On Sunday, February 7, 2016 members of our Mission/Outreach Team will share insights during morning worship about local missions that they are actively involved with in our community.

We will be given a short survey in our bulletins to allow each of us to offer feedback about missions of interest to us or that we are already actively involved in. After worship, members of our Mission/Outreach Team will be available to answer your questions about a variety of missions we support at Celebration and help you know how you may become involved. Additionally, The Celebration Youth Group will be receiving the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER OFFERING from each of us as we enter worship on Sunday, February 7. They ask the we each bring an offering of canned/staple food items and a cash donation for the HUNGER OFFERING which will support the Horry County hunger ministry of HELPING HAND!

Please give generously to the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER OFFERING and consider how the Lord might be calling you to become more actively involved in missions in 2016 through Celebration, the larger community or even beyond.

Together with GOD we can CHANGE THE WORLD through active mission involvement!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

PS - Later in February we will learn about the **Mission of Camp Pee Dee** and how we can support this vital ministry of New Harmony Presbytery.

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**PASTA WITH THE PASTOR
LUNCHEON FOR PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

The next Pasta with the Pastor luncheon will be on February 21 after worship. These lunches are for those who are interested in learning more about

Celebration and how to become a member of Celebration. We welcome your questions and promise this is not a high pressure event. So come, enjoy.

SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served
February 7

Next Session Meeting is Monday,
February 15 at 5:15 PM

The Session met for their monthly stated
meeting on January 17

These are the activities and actions of the
Session:

Following a period of study and
preparation, Elders Elect Cecilia
Evans, Paula Jansson, and Kenneth
Krenzer were examined by the
Session as to their personal faith,
knowledge of the doctrine,
government, and discipline
contained in the Church
constitution, and the duties of the
ministry. Having found each
person adequately prepared and
willing to undertake the ministry,
the Session approved the
examination and appointed
January 24 as the day for the
service of ordination and
installation. Reverend Dendy has
made committee assignments for
the new Elders as follows:

Cecilia Evans –Mission/Outreach
Committee

Paula Jansson–Evangelism
Committee

Ken Krenzer– Hospitality and
Property Committees

Please join the Session in welcoming
them to service.

The Kingston Nursing Home was
officially approved by the Session
as a CPC Mission. Volunteers play

Bingo with residents weekly and
provide small gifts at various
holidays.

We will begin collecting an offering
from the children during
Children’s Church. Funds from
the offering will be used for a
mission project that the children
have selected, Caring for Kids
back pack ministry.

February 7 has been designated Mission
Sunday. You will hear about the
many mission projects supported
by CPC and have an opportunity
to chat with individuals who
participate in the projects. For
those who would like to get
involved, there will also be a
chance to volunteer.

The Christian Education Committee is
working on a “Spring Fling” event
that will take place on April 17.
The event will replace
“Eggstravaganza”, and promises to
have many fun activities for all.

The Worship Committee is in the
process of updating Usher,
Liturgist, and Communion
volunteers for the rest of the year.

The Worship Committee is looking for
a volunteer to coordinate the
Acolyte team. If you are
interested, please contact
Bernadine Lamar.

There has been a change in the church
Sexton position. Mary Cait Jones,
one of our church school teachers,
has taken over the role. The

Property Committee and other
volunteers will assist with light
repairs and maintenance in the
church.

New front doors will be installed,
hopefully by the end of January.
The doors will be commercial
grade and more energy efficient.

The Session approved using “Fifth
Sunday” guest preachers to give
Pastor Dendy an opportunity to
worship with the congregation on
months with five Sundays (there
are four such Sundays in 2016).
We are blessed to have three
Presbyterian clergy attending
worship with us, and friends from
Presbytery who would welcome
the chance to join our worship
services.

Elder Lamar and Pastor Dendy will
attend the called meeting of the
Presbytery on January 28.

The Session rejoiced that five people
united with CPC in membership
during January. We hear from
many visitors that eventually
become new members how they
were warmly embraced by the
congregation. The Session wants
to recognize our caring
congregation and express thanks to
each of you for welcoming all who
worship with us.

Please continue to pray for our
Presbytery, for Celebration, for
Pastor Tom, for the Session, and
for all in our church family.

**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

**February is Mission month at Celebration. On Sunday,
February 7, you will hear about the areas of ministry
you can become involved.**

BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Pat Teal

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL BE
AT THE FLAPJACKS
PANCAKE HOUSE
ON FEBRUARY 19
AT 9AM



Sitting in the private room of the Sea Captain's House restaurant overlooking the cascading waves of the ocean gave time to reflect how awesome a God we have. It's also mesmerizing to look at the vastness of that ocean and think how blessed we are to fellowship with others and have a delicious breakfast in an

atmosphere of pleasantness with each other. Having a nice group, with a couple of guests, made it even better. Pastor Tom joined us (without Piper, who was in the car) and it was nice he was there.

Beach, February 19 at 9:00am. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many will attend. Everyone is invited to join us.

Our next breakfast will be at Flapjacks Pancake House at 2600 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle

COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Bernadine Lamar



Calling all Gardeners..... We are exploring the possibility of creating a COMMUNITY GARDEN on our beautiful and bountiful land now that the ordinances have been cleared! If you or any of your friends are

interested in establishing a garden for the community, then join us for our first meeting, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 12:30 pm in the sanctuary. A signup sheet is in the narthex. Be sure to invite your friends. We invite

everyone whether you have a green thumb or not. Spread the word!

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT
CAFÉ VIENNA ON
FEBRUARY 4TH



Our January luncheon took us once again to Longhorns Steakhouse. Mary Ann Bowie was our hostess and we thank her for making the arrangements.

There were 14 Ladybugs in attendance. It was nice to have Dorothy Parker and Mary Biellak back with us.

The food was very good and we had two very nice waitresses who brought everything out in a timely manner. Pat Teal

also led us in prayer.

We collected \$60.00 which will be added to next month's collection when we will decide where it will be donated. The ladies also read a letter from the Presbytery thanking us for the \$100.00 donation to the flood relief fund.

As always, it is so hard to keep up with all the different conversations going on and, as always, the laughter is abun-

dant. Good fellowship, good fun and good times.

The next luncheon will be Thursday, February 4 at noon at Café Vienna, which is located at 1604 N. Kings Hwy in Myrtle Beach. Yours truly will be your 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 and Jackie Sinnet

On Sunday, January 24, eight youth participated in the church-wide bowling event. They enjoyed an afternoon of fun as the scoreboard tallied strikes, spares and gutter balls. Thanks to the hospitality team for arranging this event.

On February 7 the Youth will be collecting funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This ministry collects funds to help provide food for the less fortunate of Myrtle Beach. The youth will be holding kettles

for collection before and after service for your donations of canned goods and cash donation. Thank you for sharing you resources that will go to Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach.

On Saturday, February 20, the youth will participate in the church-wide birthday celebration. This will be a great way for the youth to continue to get to know their church family.



February 7

EVANGELISM/VISITOR'S TABLE

By Paula Jansson

Motion from Within

Now that my Elder training and Ordination is fulfilled, I feel led to share a few thoughts.

The impact "Greeters" set in motion as one of the first few people our guests come in contact with is powerful to the life of our church. One cannot take a redo on a first impression. As Greeters you represent the church. Your warm smile and welcoming words have a lasting impression that lends comfort to those who nervously walk through the doors for the first time.

Guests have varied reasons for visiting Celebration Presbyterian Church, some of which could be spiritual, emotional, or social. The

information Greeters obtain from guests is of vital importance. When you take the time to carefully print their names on the Information Card, this status allows your personal note to be mailed to the correct address as well as a letter from Pastor Tom sent with the correct spelling of names. It is also the best indicator of what community our guests are from so on the second visit we can introduce them to other church members that may live in their area. Correct spelling of the young people's names on name tags insures them that our church respects their presence right from the start. It also helps nurture our youth to get acquainted with visiting youth. The little name tag has a big job

for its size. Those tags indicate new visitors young and younger, thus engaging the rest of the congregation in the warm, friendly atmosphere our church is known for. The motion is set and with God's grace repeats itself every Sunday.

To each and every one of you who volunteers to be a Greeter at the Visitor's Table, it is my privilege to say "Thank You". You all follow-through with your time so graciously, never losing the vision of growing our church. You are all such a blessing. Make no mistake, what you do is at the *Heart of Evangelism* from inside. I am excited to work alongside you wherever the spirit in motion takes us.



VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Feb 7—Bernadine Lamar
 Feb 14—Paula Jansson
 Feb 21—Cecilia Evans
 Feb 28—Ken Krenzer

Liturgist

Feb 7—Elizabeth Wills
 Feb 14—Carol Butler
 Feb 21—Peg Speidel
 Feb 28—Priscilla Mulligan

Visitors Table/Greeter

Feb 7—Priscilla Mulligan
 Feb 14—Sharon Hills
 Feb 21—Betsy Hughes
 Feb 28—Cindy and Chelsea Bramble

Nursery-Trudy Miller and

Feb 7—Betsy Hughes
 Feb 14—Nanette Kelly
 Feb 21—Donna Woodard
 Feb 28—Leslie Eckert

Pre K –Kindergarten Children’s Church– Tonja Paolini and

Feb 7—Mary Ann Bowie
 Feb 14—Karen Williams
 Feb 21—Sharon Hills
 Feb 28—Cindy Bramble

Children’s Church Grades 1-5 Mary Kait Jones and

Feb 7—Emmy Cicala
 Feb 14—Leslie Eckert
 Feb 21—Emmy Cicala
 Feb 28—Emmy Cicala

Sound Board

Feb 7—Harvey Dulin
 Feb 14—Neil Carter
 Feb 21—Harvey Dulin
 Feb 28—Neil Carter

Media Shout

Feb 7—Katrena White
 Feb 14—Bernadine Lamar
 Feb 21—Katrena White
 Feb 28—Bernadine Lamar

Ushers for February

Pat Teal, Donna Woodard, Corey Jacobs and Margaret Reeder

Communion for February

Carol Butler, Donna Woodard, Cherie Hall, Scott Sinnet, Paula Jansson

ENDOWMENT

By Jan Coulter

When doing your taxes and financial planning for 2016, don't forget to include the Endowment Fund in your planning. This gift will help ensure the future of Celebration Church.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

FINANCE TEAM

By Jan Coulter

Just a reminder that your new pledge amounts for 2016 should now be paid. Thank you again for your faithfulness in keeping your commitment to Celebration. We ended 2015 in good financial condition and

will provide the year-end statements as part of the Annual Report.

Remember, we are in the next to last year of support from Presbytery, so it is increasingly

important that we step up to replace their financial assistance.

MISSIONS TEAM

By Cecilia Evans

The Missions and Outreach Team will be hosting Ten Minutes for Missions on Sunday, February 7. We are excited to share with you some of the ministries church members are involved with outside the church. As you become more aware of these mission/outreach

activities, we extend an open invitation to join us in these events. It is a great way to meet members of the church and to serve our community.

Please give prayerfully consideration to using your talents to benefit others.

Save the Date:

Relay For Life
 Saturday April 16: 12 PM- 12 AM
 Broadway at the Beach
 Chairperson- Nanette Kelly
 Additional information will follow closer to the event.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS MONTH

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 in your month, please contact Linda in the office to be included.

2—Samantha Siewert
 2—Cheyenne Cseh
 3—Jacob Schmidt
 8—Jan Coulter
 8—Alan Perry
 8—Leslie Eckert

15—Deborah McIlrath
 19—Richard McIlrath
 26—Jeff Walsh
 26—Rebecca Schmidt



HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews



Everybody loves a party so come join ours on February 20 from 6-8pm. This will be a celebration of everyone who has a birthday throughout the year so we're pretty sure that includes YOU! What's a birthday party without presents? Everyone who attends is asked to bring a gift valued at no more than \$5 that is appropriate for either a male or female. And of course, every birthday party needs dessert. We are asking for volunteers willing to either decorate a table or make a dessert. For each month we are looking for two volunteers, one to decorate a table (centerpiece, table covering, whatever you choose) and one to

make a dessert. If you are able to help us, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. Come out for an evening of fun, fellowship, and laughs as we celebrate together! For more information, call or see Laurie Andrews (843-957-1991).

Hospitality has planned our Spring Potluck Suppers. February 3 is a regular potluck followed by a presentation from Farrah Dickerson on Neighbor to Neighbor, a new mission program just beginning at Celebration. March 2 is getting into the spirit of St Patrick's Day with Irish recipes

and green food followed by an evening of fellowship with your church friends. April 6 has a western theme with BBQ and campfire recipes. We will then enjoy Bingo after the meal. As always, if you want to bring a dish not based on the theme, you are very welcome to do so.

The Hospitality Team is looking for ideas for more get-togethers to have our church family get to know each other better. If you have any ideas or would like to join our team please see Laurie Andrews or call her at 843-957-1991.

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

The month of January flew by before we knew it. All of the children enjoyed their time off and were ready to move on with their work. We spent the month talking about Winter Wonderland and Arctic Animals. In the beginning of the month we made fake snow for the children to play in. The freezing cold temperatures outside helped the children understand just how cold it can get in the winter.

Believe it or not, this month we will have our preschool registration for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration will be February 23 for our families already

enrolled in our program and February 24 for the public. If you are a church member and would like to register your child for preschool, please see me before February 23. Church members will have an opportunity to register with preschool employees. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Celebration Preschool family please ask them to contact me at 903-3211. I can give them all the details about our registration process.

We are all looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day at the preschool. It is such a fun time for all the boys and girls. Our

Valentine parties will be February 11 and 12. If you are in the area we would love for you to stop by. I am sure love will be in the air!

I hope everyone has a great month and hopefully we will have an early Spring!



February 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
	1 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am Session Finance Forum 6:30pm	2 Quilters 10am	3 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8am First Wednesday Dinner and Fellowship 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	4 LadyBug Luncheon Café Vienna 12noon	5	6
7 Hallelujah Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am Communion Mission Sunday	8 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am Community Garden Mtg 12:30 pm	9 Quilters 10am	10 Ash Wednesday Service 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	11	12	13
14 Hallelujah Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am He~Brews Café for Youth Valentine's Day	15 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am President's Day Church Offices and Preschool Closed Session 5:15pm	16 Quilters 10am	17 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	18	19 Breakfast Buddies Flapjack Pancakes 9am	20 Celebrate your Birthday Party 6-8pm
21 Hallelujah Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am He~Brews Café for Youth Pasta with the Pastor 12:15pm	22 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	23 Quilters 10am Preschool Registration	24 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Worship Team Meeting 11am	25	27	30
28 Hallelujah Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am	29 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am					



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**CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT**

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



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

By Jeanne Bredbeck

I received a very nice letter from Thornwell Home for Children for the labels we sent them in 2015. Each year the labels are all scanned by Boy Scouts in Clinton, SC at the Thornwell Campus. Ten cents is given by the sponsoring company to charitable organizations for each coupon, or more for

special deal coupons. Ten cents isn't much but most of the batches I count from our church amount to \$40 to \$50. There are a number of churches that do likewise. Each year Thornwell receives several thousand dollars which goes into a fund for "extras" for the children including music lessons,

instruments, dance lessons, laptops, etc.

Let's see if we can make this another really good year for those "extras". Bring in your coupons and I'll gladly count them and send them to Thornwell. Thanks for all your help with this mission.



CELEBRATION QUILTERS

By Jeanne Bredbeck

The quilters have been busy making comfort quilts and in 2015 we gave away more than 50 of them. Some batches of 10 or 12 went to groups including The Salvation Army, Fostering Hope in Conway for children in the

foster care system and The Children's Recovery Room in Myrtle Beach for abused children. We also give this last group small pillows we make which are used in therapy with the children. A number of quilts each

year are given to people in our congregation who have had medical problems and need a pick-me-up. And now...back to the cutting, laying out, and quilting of another batch for 2016.



Ash Wednesday is February 10. Join us for our worship service at 6pm. All are welcome!