



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

Psalm 27 (selected verses) ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. ¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

As we enter the new year let us hold out the light of the Lord. A new day is dawning a new year breaking forth fresh with possibilities and opportunities. I am excited to share our sixth year of ministry and mission together here at Celebration.

One new venture in 2017 is a process of strategic mission and ministry planning that the Session's Strategic Planning Committee will be guiding our congregation through under the oversight and consultancy of The Rev. Charles Elliot and The Rev. Bruce Ford. Both Charles and Bruce bring years of ministry experience and gifts to share with us in this planning process, having each served numerous churches as pastors and with years of leadership experience at presbytery level, having served as Stated Clerks and Executive Presbyters for the PCUSA. Ruling Elder Terry Pettijohn is Chair of the newly formed Session Strategic Planning Committee. Ruling Elders Jeanne Bredbeck and Jan Coulter and Teaching Elders Tom Dendy and Rebecca Kiser will assist Terry Pettijohn on the Session Strategic Planning Committee with organizing, implementing and compiling information gleaned from the overall process.

You will be hearing more about this strategic mission and ministry planning process in the months to come and how you can participate by sharing your ideas and input through surveys, town hall meetings, and small group discussions. Together we are seeking GOD'S ONGOING VISION for Celebration Presbyterian Church's mission and ministry here in Carolina Forest, Myrtle Beach, Horry County and beyond. We will focus on discerning our many strengths and look for creative ways to match our strengths for mission and ministry with the needs of our surrounding community. The outcome of this strategic mission and ministry planning process will be a report outlining our goals/areas of emphasis to help us focus our energy, resources and shared efforts in mission and ministry for the next few years. Thanks to each of you, in advance for your prayers for and participation in this planning process in 2017.

May God Bless and Guide Us Each Step of the Way in 2017!

Love to You ALL,

Pastor Tom

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served
January 8, 2017

Next Session Meeting is Monday,
January 15, 2017 at 12:30 pm.

The Session met on December 17.
Following are the items discussed and
acted on:

The Session approved the Communion
Schedule and the Special Offerings
Schedule for 2017.

Funds were received from the Myrtle
Beach Pelicans. Several church
members volunteer at Pelican's
games, and at the end of the year
their designated charity receives the
money they have earned for the
year. Thanks for giving of your time
to benefit the church.

Elder Coulter is preparing the budget for
2017.

One hundred thirteen pairs of shoes were
collected in the Sneakers for Santa
drive. The shoes will be donated to
the Salvation Army.

Elder Krenzer reported the four week
Advent Adult Sunday School class
has concluded. A new class will
begin in early January. (Date and
Topic TBA.)

Substitute volunteers are needed to fill in
at Shepherd's Table. See Cecilia
Evans if you are interested.

Program guests for upcoming
Wednesday night dinners are being
scheduled. The Canine Angels will
join us in March.

The Personnel Committee proposed an
increase in Sarah Abushakra's
compensation and benefits package,
and it was passed.

A Congregational Meeting is called for
February 12, 2017 at the close of
worship to act on proposed changes
in the Terms of Call for Rev.
Dendy. The Session approved the
proposed changes to Rev. Dendy's
compensation package, and now the
congregation will vote on the
proposed changes at the February
meeting.

An Annual Meeting of CPC is planned
for February 12, 2017 in
conjunction with the called
congregational meeting at the close
of worship. We will reflect on 2016
and look forward together to
opportunities before us in 2017.

The communion schedule and teams for
2017 were distributed and
discussed. Elders not currently
serving on Session are included on
the Communion Teams, and their
help is greatly appreciated.

The Temporary Supply Pastor contract
for Rev. Kiser was extended
through December of 2017.

The Session has approved a Strategic
Mission and Ministry Planning
process to help us best focus our
energy, emphases and resources in
the coming years. A Strategic
Planning Committee composed of
Rev. Dendy, Rev. Kiser, Jeanne
Bredbeck, Jan Coulter and Terry
Pettijoin (Chair) has been
appointed. A congregational
survey, as well as small group
meetings will be conducted.

In January, a plan for a fenced enclosure
on three sides of our dumpster will
be presented to the County
Planning Office for approval.

The Session discussed the Shepherd's
Care program. Each elder, acting as
a shepherd, is assigned a group of
congregants to be their sheep.
Everyone will receive a letter in late
January, explain the program and
advising them of their shepherd.

Rev. Dendy is in the process of getting
prices for the repair of the steeple
panels that were blown off the
building during hurricane Matthew.

Dorothy Crissy and Melissa Kiser have
been received into membership.

The October 2017 New Harmony
Presbytery Meeting will be hosted
by Celebration. Elders Butler and
Krenzer will organize a task force
to help us prepare for hosting the
gathering.

The Session elected Nancy Torcivia to
serve as 2017 Clerk of Session and
Katrena White to serve as 2017
Treasurer.

Elder Butler will explore the feasibility of
hosting a summer children's
program utilizing our Preschool
space.

Elder Evans will address the congregation
before the next Fifth Sunday
Offering on January 29, 2017.

**On behalf of the Session,
We Wish you ALL a
Blessed Christmas
and
Happy New Year!**



THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES
WILL BE ON
FRIDAY,
JANUARY 20, 2017
AT 9AM AT
FLAPJACKS



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Carol Butler

Unfortunately, our December Breakfast Buddies at Flapjacks Pancake House was cancelled. I guess too many were busy with Holiday shopping and travelling.

The breakfast has been rescheduled for Friday, January 20, at 9:00am, at Flapjacks, located at 2600 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach. Hopefully, we'll have lots of hungry people anxious to get together to talk

about all their Christmas and New Year's adventures.

The sign up sheet is in the hallway. All are welcome to join in the fun, good food, and fellowship.

5TH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

By Cecilia Evans

THE 5TH
SUNDAY
OFFERING WILL
BE USED FOR THE
UPKEEP AND
BEAUTIFICATION
OF THE
PROPERTY

With the clearing of the land, we became a more visible church. But how are we going to make the visibility and the land work to our advantage?

We have been provided with a large plot of land that gives us immeasurable dreams of what we can do for the future ministry of the church. So good news, space is not a problem as we grow.

We have awesome volunteers that keep the grounds

beautiful: from the mowing crew, to the flower bed owners and now the Weeding Crew.

With this land, there is some increased maintenance that needed to occur due to the removal of the trees. The bush hogging requires an industrial strength machine due to the stumps that were left. The maintenance of the land is a visible sign to the community that we take pride in our appearance.

We will be collecting 5th Sunday Offerings to continue the upkeep and beautification of the property. The funds will be utilized to maintain and create better drainage for the property. We ask that you help us maintain the outward presence of the property as we continue to grow with God's love internally.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

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

Our January LadyBug 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

The youth had a busy December starting with kicking off their 3-part Children's Sermon series on November 29. If you did not have the opportunity to experience the Larry Prince Talk show with his guests of a cow, sheep, donkey and camel you missed a truly inspired interpretation of the Christmas Story.

From the Christmas Story to Breakfast with Santa (BWS), the love and joy the youth bring to the church shows the promise of the future. BWS was a great event for the young and the young at heart. Families from the community

came and visited with Santa, had a yummy pancake breakfast, played Buck Buck, Reindeer, participated in crafts and story telling. As you took in the view of the candy cane lane and saw families posing for pictures with Santa it was impactful the presence we have in the community. As the event drew to a close you saw the volunteers taking pictures with Santa which provided special memories of the season. Speaking of volunteers, thank you are two simple words sent with a heart filled with gratitude of how our church family supported this event.

The youth continued the festivities on Sunday with a

Christmas party. Nicklaus continues to be a star at the Saran Wrap game. Even though he unwrapped most of the prizes he shared with the rest of the group.

The youth concluded the month of December with a visit to Night of a Thousand Candles at Brookgreen Gardens. What a beautiful event as the gardens are adorned with lights and candles. When the tree lighting occurred with 7,000 lights it was breathtaking.

Peace and love for a prosperous 2017.



There is still time to give in 2016.
Your offerings / checks must be
postmarked by December 31, 2016.



SPRING CHURCH WORK DAY

After winter we are going to need a spring work day to get the church gardens and shrubs in shape by weeding, pruning,

fertilizing and mulching.

Please SAVE THE DATE(S) of Saturday, March 4, with

Saturday, March 18, as a rain date, to come and help get our church gardens and shrubs ready for springtime!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Jan 1—Joe Alexander
Jan 8—Carol Butler
Jan 15—Cecilia Evans
Jan 22—Paula Jansson
Jan 29—Nanette Kelly

Liturgist

Jan 1—Nancy Torcivia
Jan 8—Daniel Watson
Jan 15—Priscilla Mulligan
Jan 22—Kathy Wechter
Jan 29—Nancy Torcivia

Visitors Table/Greeter

Jan 1—Barbara Barranco
Jan 8—Carol Lagassee
Jan 15—Linda Miller
Jan 22—Sharon Hills
Jan 29—Betsy Hughes

Nursery

Jan 1—Vicki Jacobs
Jan 8—Vicki Simon
Jan 15—Nanette Kelly
Jan 22—Donna Woodard
Jan 29—Leslie Eckert

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Sound Board

Jan 1—Nicklaus McIlrath
Jan 8—Carol Butler
Jan 15—Carol Butler
Jan 22—Nicklaus McIlrath
Jan 29—Carol Butler

Media Shout

Jan 1—Katrena White
Jan 8—Bernadine Lamar
Jan 15—Katrena White
Jan 22—Bernadine Lamar
Jan 29—Katrena White

Ushers for the month

Bob and Linda Miller, Barb Johnson, Beth Bruton

Acolytes

Jan 1—Jada Cartwright
Jan 8—Katelyn Burrows
Jan 15—Jada Cartwright
Jan 22—Katelyn Burrows
Jan 29—Jada Cartwright

Communion — Carol Butler, Nancy Torcivia, Larry Dowd, Terry Baker, Priscilla Mulligan

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!



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.

Shepherd's Table Teams for 2017

Team A: Nancy Torcivia, Dom Torcivia, Margaret Reeder, Beth Bruton

Team B: Roy Andrews, Laurie Andrews, Dot Crissey, Nancy Thornburg, Rick Thornburg

Team C: Kathy Wechter, Mike Wechter, Bob Stepanek, Carol Stepanek, Ken Krenzer

Team D: Anne Brailer, Sara Bamrick, Donna Woodard, Gerri Byrne, Mike Resnick

Team E: Jerry Rashid, Rosie Rashid, Leslie Eckert, Tom Dendy, Paul Youngblood

THANK YOU FOR SERVING THIS YEAR. Your dates will be listed on the calendar each month.



BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

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.

Jan 2—Carol Butler

Jan 9—Jackie Sinnet

Jan 12—Myra Burrows

Jan 18—Priscilla Mulligan

Jan 19—Harvey Dulin

Jan 29—Britney Brennan

Jan 30—Collin Fox

HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews

Your Hospitality Committee has had a busy December. First, we hosted 49 lovely women for an excellent Christmas luncheon at the Pine Lakes Country Club. As always, the generosity of our ladies is overwhelming as we completely filled 2 tables with toys. My sincere thanks to our Celebration ladies! Then, Hospitality did refreshments for Celebrate the Child, setup for our last Wednesday night dinner

of 2016, and helped serve breakfast at Breakfast with Santa.

Looking forward to 2017, our next Wednesday Night dinner will be on February 1. The theme will be Comfort Foods. Bring your favorite dish that reminds you of warmth and comfort on a cold winter's night. Our program for that night will be from SOS discussing autism

and various programs in Myrtle Beach for individuals with autism and their families. Mark your calendars for February 11 for our Celebration Valentine Dinner. We will be having a catered dinner by our very own Mike Resnick and Sarah Abushakra is working on the entertainment for the evening. More information will be coming as we finalize our plans.

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

Welcome to 2017!

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. The Preschool enjoyed some time off with our families and we are now ready to move on with our year.

Our preschool staff will attend a training conference this month and we are all looking forward to bringing back some new and exciting activities.

Before the break, all the preschoolers celebrated the holiday season by having festive holiday parties. I think all our

parents went above and beyond to make our parties special. We are so fortunate to have such caring and involved parents.

This month, we will be learning about winter. The children will have the opportunity to play in fake snow. They always love this week. Maybe we will have some cold weather this winter and get the chance to play in real snow. Keep your fingers crossed for one of those Myrtle Beach snow storms where the kids get to play and have fun

and then all the snow is melted by 10:00am.

Next month, we will be having registration for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are a current church member and are interested in registering your child for the fall, please contact the preschool no later than February 20, 2017. All church members registering children will be allowed register with our staff children. Happy New Year!



JANUARY 2017

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 Fellowship 10:15am <i>Worship 11am</i> HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Church Office Closed Preschool Open	3 Quilters 10am	4	5 LadyBug Luncheon at Maggie D's 12noon	6	7
8Adult SS 9:15am Fellowship 10:15am <i>Worship 11am</i> <i>Communion</i> Youth He~Brews Café Usher Orientation 12:15pm	9 Elder Training V 6pm	10 Quilters 10am	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12 Team A at the Shepherd's Table 2pm	13	14
15 Adult SS 9:15 am Fellowship 10:15 <i>Worship 11am</i> Youth He~Brews Café STATED SESSION MTG Elders-Elect examined 12:30	16 Church and Preschool Closed MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BIRTHDAY	17 Quilters 10am	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19	20 Breakfast Buddies at Flapjacks 9am	21
22 Adult SS 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 <i>Worship 11am</i> Ordain/Install Elders Pasta w/Pastor	23	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	26	27	28
29 Adult SS 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 <i>Worship 11am</i> Evangelism Lunch	30	31				



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OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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