



JUNE 2017

This month I want to pay tribute to ALL FATHERS and say THANKS for all the many ways that you love, comfort and support your family. I also want to say a special word of tribute to my father, Robert S. Dendy, Sr., for this Father's Day Month. Recently, I had the privilege of sharing in worship leadership with my Dad at First Presbyterian Church in Maxton, North Carolina, where he has been serving for thirteen years in retirement as Pastoral Supply. The church had organized a Pastor Appreciation Sunday in honor of my Dad and they invited me to come be the guest preacher in worship. Let me assure you that the weekly task of prayer and preparation for preaching for each and every Sunday is an awesome responsibility but it was an even more weighty matter for me to prepare a special message to honor God and my earthly father on this special appreciation day. The lectionary passage from John 10 focused on the ministry of Jesus the Good Shepherd and it was a passage that allowed me to have some wonderful interplay between Jesus the Good Shepherd and my Dad, who has been following and serving the Good Shepherd as an ordained Presbyterian Pastor for sixty years. So I, at thirty years of ordained Presbyterian Pastoring, was offered this awesome opportunity to celebrate the many things that my Dad has modeled for me in following and serving the Good Shepherd. Early in my life and in my relationship with Dad our different talents and interests made our relationship strained. It seemed that we lacked common hobbies and interests to share. But, since my call to ministry back in 1979, Dad and I have found that ministry has become a common bond and shared vocation for us. Little could I understand as a child that the very context of Dad's ministry in our church, community, home and family life was subtly and steadily equipping me by his life's example to follow the WAY OF CHRIST as a minister of word and sacrament. I am grateful to God for giving me this common bond of ministry with my Dad. I love my Dad and can appreciate him more and more the longer I live and serve the Church by following the GOOD SHEPHERD. I am also grateful to the loving congregation of FPC Maxton for sharing in ministry with my Dad for many years. At the heart of what I've learned about ministry from my Dad are love and acceptance for ALL GOD'S CHILDREN, make room at the table for strangers and misfits, and always welcome your children home with loving arms. I am blessed to be a part of a long family line and tradition of Presbyterian Ministers and ministry and I THANK GOD for ALL my nuclear family and church family members who have shared in the education, nurture, care and love for me in ministry! I say, "HOW GOOD OF GOD!"

Here are several verses of another favorite hymn of mine sent out in honor of ALL FATHERS...

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done: Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

LOVE,

Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served
June 4, 2017

Next Session Meeting is Monday,
June 19, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

The Session deferred the stated meeting due to scheduling difficulties. Here are a few things that are in the works:

The Blood Drive is on track for June 7 from 12-5 pm. Please sign up for any appointment.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is planning a Pelicans game night on June 29. Watch for sign-up sheets.

Elder Rick Thornburgh and Dom Torcivia were finally able to fix the leaking water fountain. Thanks, fellows!

Plans are underway to convert all church lighting to LED bulbs and fixtures. In spite of an initial cost of about \$2,300, the savings in our electrical use will

bump us into a lower rate category and pay for itself in around four months. Volunteers with electrical knowledge should contact Rick Thornburgh.

Blessing of the Bikes was a success and the weather stayed clear this year.

The Preschool will have Summer Camp this year. Children of preschool age will enjoy a five day per week, half day program. We are hopeful the program will grow in years to come.

The Preschool graduation had a Troll theme. The Preschool continues to be a very profitable endeavor. There are still a few openings for the fall. For more information, contact the Preschool.

The Strategic Planning Team has concluded their small group meetings and is in the process of compiling data and preparing a report.

Please remember that your church doesn't take the summer off. We encourage everyone to keep their pledges current during the summer. Thanks!

What a wonderful church family we have at Celebration. Thanks for spreading the word about our church and for the warm welcome you give to our visitors. Blessings for a safe and happy summer.



Vacation Bible School



Get ready to blaze your way through fantastic adventures as God's amazing HEROES beginning Monday, August 7, from 6-8pm through Thursday, August 10, from 6-8:15pm for children ages 3 years old through 5th grade.

Come and meet Captain Shield and his friend, Flame the red panda. When we set off from Hero Central we'll be learning how to "do good", "seek peace" and "go after it". The Supersonic Shuttle Crew guided by Commander Zander, Agents Eagle and Falcon will direct us on a course of scientific experiments, Bible stories, games, crafts and tasty snacks.

More information will be in the July newsletter.

Youth of Celebration

YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans and Jackie Sinnet

The youth are anxiously awaiting the kick-off of the summer. Some will be graduating and waiting with anticipation to start college in the fall. Others have summer jobs that will be keeping them busy. Some are set to travel whether attending sports camps, Boy Scout camp, competing in a national History play, or attending Mission or Adventure Camp Pee Dee. We look forward to sharing our adventures on Youth Sunday.

MISSIONS

By Cecilia Evans



The church continues to give back to the community by opening their doors for an American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 7 from 12-5. Soup will be provided by our hospitality team. There are sign-up sheets with times available for you to donate. Contact Nanette Kelly for more information.

Shepherd's Table Team C will be serving this month on June 15. If you have ever wanted to join a team or just fill-in when we have folks vacationing please contact Cecilia Evans.

We will be going to the Pelican's Baseball game on Thursday, June 29. The price of the ticket is \$11 per person. More information will follow.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT THE
OLD BULL AND
BUSH
HOUSE ON
JUNE 1—12NOON



Our May lunch took us to Ducati's. Jean Markewicz was our hostess. Thank you, Norma Jean, for making the arrangements.

There were 15 Ladybugs in attendance. We welcomed our newest Ladybug, Anne Brallier. Also, a big welcome to our other new Ladybug, Kathy O'Halloran, who attended our last luncheon, but didn't make it into the newsletter. Norma Jean's granddaughter, Gina, came along too. The next day was Norma Jean's birthday and she received a number of birthday cards.

We collected \$80.00 for charity. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

There were all kinds of Italian dishes ordered; and although the service was a little slow, no one seemed to mind. As always, there was much laughter and camaraderie going on.

The next lunch will be Thursday, June 1, at noon, at The Old Bull and Bush which is located at 4700 US-17 Bypass. Judy Leonard 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.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week:

June 4—Nancy Torcivia
June 11—Joe Alexander
June 18—Carol Butler
June 25— Cecilia Evans

Liturgist

June 4—Kathy Wechter
June 11—Elizabeth Wills
June 18—Priscilla Mulligan
June 25— Peg Speidel

Visitors Table/Greeter

June 4—Heidi Cherry
June 11—Margaret Reeder
June 18—Nanette Kelly
June 25— Priscilla Mulligan

Nursery

June 4—Vicki Jacobs
June 11—Donna Woodard
June 18—Leslie Eckert
June 25— Betsy Hughes

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church—

Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Sound Board

June 4—Bernadine Lamar
June 11—Katrena White
June 18—Bernadine Lamar
June 25— Katrena White

Media Shout

June 4—Carol Butler
June 11—Carol Butler
June 18—Carol Butler
June 25— Nicklaus McIlrath

Ushers for the month

Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace, Donna Woodard

Communion — Ken Krenzer,
Priscilla Mulligan, Scott Sinnet, Donna Woodard

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!

FINANCE UPDATE

By Joe Alexander

Total income for April was \$55,123 while total expenses were \$49,417 for a net income of \$5,706.

Total income year-to-date is \$196,423 while total expense were \$197,167 for a net loss of \$744.

Celebration continues to perform better than budget when you consider that we had budgeted for an April year-to-date net loss of \$6,508.

Thank you for your gifts to Celebration.

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 Butler, Ken Krenzer

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

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING THIS YEAR.

Your dates will be listed on the calendar each month.



BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE



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.

1—Cheryl Dulin
2—Alexis Tomlin
3—Jack Galloway
7—Marjorie Jones
7—Terry Pettijohn
7—Linda Berry
7—Marjorie Jones
8—Chelsea Bramble
13—Elizabeth Wills

14—Nancy Torcivia
15—Tom Dendy
16—Ernest Clontz
18—Barbara Barranco
27—Barbara Johnson
28—Peg Speidel
29—Patty Youngblood
29—Mikayla Belyski

MEET YOUR ELDERS



Name: Hello, my name is Nanette Kelly.

Family: I am married to Kerry Kelly, and we've been married for almost 32 years. We have two children, Kim and Kevin, and five grandchildren.

Church Background: I have always attended a Presbyterian Church. I first belonged to Southminster Presbyterian Church in Cumberland, MD. After moving to another community, I joined First Presbyterian Church of Frostburg. There I served as a Parish Nurse, Elder, and Trustee. I also served as the Church Treasurer.

Career Background: I am a graduate of Frostburg State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. With teaching jobs limited in our county, I decided to change careers. I attended Allegany College of Maryland for my Associate's degree in nursing followed by schooling in Harrisburg, PA to receive a certificate as a Wound, Ostomy and Continence nurse. I later obtained my BS in Nursing from the University of Maryland. I then completed my Master's degree in Medical Surgical nursing also from the University of Maryland. I followed this with certification as a Gerontological Nurse practitioner also from the University of Maryland. I ended my educational pursuits when I received my Family Nurse Practitioner certificate from West Virginia University. I worked seventeen years at the Western Maryland Health System. I was first hired as a float nurse and then as their Wound, Ostomy and Continence nurse. As a nurse practitioner, I worked first in a doctor's office while also conducting drug studies for a local infectious diseases physician. Later, I worked for several years at a Community Based Outpatient VA facility. Following my stint at the VA, I worked at a nursing home as a nurse practitioner. From there I went to a state mental health hospital as a nurse practitioner and part time NP in a Wound Care Center. We then decided to move to the Myrtle Beach area and I was hired at Coastal Carolina University in student health. I presently work at Coastal Cancer Center. I have worked there for almost four years.

Hobbies/Activities: I enjoy biking, hiking, shooting at gun ranges, and golf. I enjoy attending sporting events at Coastal Carolina University. I also enjoy traveling.

Celebration Activities: I have been active at Celebration Presbyterian with organizing a health fair, a blood drive, and Relay for Life. I have also presented a program at a Wednesday night church event. I am now an Elder filling an opening for a one-year term.

Committee Assignment as Elder: I serve as co- chair of the Mission Committee with Cecilia Evans.

My favorite things about Celebration: Celebration is such a loving church. We have so many people who support our church programs and want to share their gifts. I feel blessed to be a part of the Celebration family.

This month Elder Pettijohn reports on some of the core beliefs of Presbyterians (USA). Information comes from website: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/why-i-belong/>

Core Beliefs of Presbyterians (USA)

Jesus is Lord - "All power, truth, and salvation rest with God alone. [Source: 1 Cor. 12:3]

The Trinity - "We believe in the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not an optional "extra" to God; it is the very nature of God as revealed to us in Scripture." [Source: Matthew 28:19]

The Nature of God - "The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people." [Source: Book of Order, F-1.01]

The Person of Jesus Christ- "Jesus Christ is the only savior of the world, and the true awaited Messiah." [Sources: Acts 16:1]

Salvation - "Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord, and all people everywhere are called to place their faith, hope, and love in him." [Sources: Ephesians 1:3-14]

Sacraments - We celebrate two sacraments—baptism and the Lord's Supper—because these are uniquely instituted by Christ. [Sources: Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23]

Scripture - "The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures." [Sources: John 1:1-18 and 21:24-25; Book of Confessions, 9.27]

The Church - "Christ Jesus is the only Head of the Kirk [Church], even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus." [Sources: Ephesians 4:15; Book of Confessions, 3.16]

Ordination - "All ordained leaders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) publicly affirm that Jesus Christ is Savior and acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church." [Sources: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Book of Order, W-4.4003a]

Evangelism - "God sends the church in the power of the Holy Spirit . . . to tell all nations and peoples of Christ's call to repentance, faith, and obedience." [Sources: Matthew 28:16-20]

Missional Ministry - "The Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love." [Sources: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21]

Stewardship - "The ways in which a believer uses God's gift of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ." [Sources: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7]



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
		2		1 LadyBug Luncheon at The Old Bull and Bush 12noon	2	3
4 Fellowship /Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Worship 11am Communion PENTECOST	5	6 Quilters 10am	7 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 12pm-5pm	8	9	10
11 Fellowship /Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Worship 11am	12	13 Quilters 10am	14	15 Team C cooks at The Shepherd's Table 2pm	16 Breakfast Buddies Eggs Up Grill 9am	17
	Summer Camp 9am-1pm — Out Of This World (Space)					
18 Fellowship /Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Worship 11am FATHER'S DAY	19 STATED SESSION MTG 5:15pm	20 Quilters 10am	21	22	23	24
	Summer Camp 9am-1pm — Princesses and Pirated					
25 Fellowship /Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Worship 11am	26	27 Quilters 10am	28	29 Pelicans Game	30	
	Summer Camp 9am-1pm — Superheroes					



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Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center Virtual Learning Event

You are invited to a

Virtual Learning Session on Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center

Thursday, June 1, 12-12:30 pm or Tuesday, June 6, 7-7:30 pm

All members of New Harmony Presbytery and their friends are welcome

Please log onto the meeting 5 minutes prior using the instructions below

Dial-in Number: [\(605\) 472-5369](tel:6054725369) **Access Code:** 713750

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cebevans>

Online Meeting ID: cebevans

Note: Joining the link will provide visibility to the presentation

You will need to enter your email address and your name

Questions prior to the meeting contact: Cecilia Evans [843-520-6069](tel:8435206069) or cebevans@aol.com

Information on camp available at: <http://www.camppeedee.org/>