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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom

I Corinthians 2:1-5 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The Lenten Journey leads us through some of the most difficult stories in all of scripture to share as good news. God's sacrifice of Christ on the cross becomes God's gracious gift of new life to those who follow after Jesus in "the way," which is *the way of the cross*. God expresses love for us through Jesus and yet in reality it was not without gore and pain and suffering that Jesus bore our sins upon himself and gave his life as a ransom for many. Such love is mystifying and amazing to witness God in the flesh high and lifted up on a rugged and cruel cross.

But the Lenten Journey to the crucifixion and hasty burial in a borrowed tomb is not the whole story. The pain and suffering and death of Jesus seemed so final and defeating to his followers. Yet, Jesus repeatedly taught his followers that he must die and that after three days he would be raised to new life. The only thing more confounding than the death of a loved one would be the resurrection of that same loved one. This is what God revealed in the resurrection, Jesus shocking the world with the reality that death could not keep him in the grave and that this *new life* was **life** he intended to share with all who follow him.

Pastorally speaking, this is what enables me to offer hope to those facing death or those grieving the loss of a loved one. Jesus has pierced the veil of death and by his life and death and resurrection given us the way of life everlasting. How I long to gloss over the horrible scenes of Jesus' arrest and torture and crucifixion and to fast-forward to the EASTER GLORY of the resurrection. I have come to see that the pain and the gain are intimately connected and both reveal insights to the fullness of God's love for each of us and for the world that we live in.

Like Paul, I struggle to proclaim this message of confounding love. I don't feel that I have lofty enough words to proclaim such truth, and it amazes me that God entrusts this good news to broken messengers like me to share with you. Paul reminds me that using frail humans is God's chosen way to get the word out so that all who hear may know that it is the power of God that brings forth the GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL and not the merits or skilled speech of the messenger.

Friends, the Lenten Journey beckons us on onward to face the dark days of Holy Week and the days of grief and anticipation between Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil of Holy Saturday and the dawn of new life on Easter morning as we meet our risen Lord.



Share the Lenten Journey! Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

**Holy Communion
will be served March 6.**

Next Session Meeting is Sunday,
March 15 at 5:15pm.

The Session met for their monthly stated meeting on February 15.

Here is what happened at the Session meeting:

The Session approved a motion to engage the CPA firm of Duncan, Farmer, McIlrath, Marlowe & McLaughlin to perform an audit of the church financial records.

The Missions & Outreach Committee will hold a blood drive in the fall.

The new Adult Sunday School class will study the book "24 Hours That Changed the World". The class will last six – eight weeks and the timing of the study will coincide with Easter.

Ken Krenzer reported on Hospitality events, including the church Birthday Party. The Hospitality Team is also providing food for Pasta with the Pastor and planning a Church Picnic for May 14.

New doors are installed and the trim work and transom glass straightening are being completed.

The new church website will go live on March 2 with an introduction at the First Wednesday Pot Luck. We have also created a new "business" Facebook page for the church. Please "like" the new page, Celebration Presbyterian Church. It will tie into the new website and give you opportunities to sign up for various church events.

The Session approved the baptism of three children for Palm Sunday.

We are very excited to have the Watson family join the church on that day and have their twin daughters, Khloe and Kaitlyn, and nephew receive the sacrament of baptism.

A Congregational Meeting is called for March 13 for the purpose of presenting the Annual Report, the Budget for 2016, and to act on proposed changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Dendy.

A group of members are exploring the possibility of having a Community Garden. Many considerations including permission from Presbytery, zoning boards, insurance coverages, location and drainage are being explored before a final recommendation is brought forward.

Rev. Dendy asked that we all remember to pray for the General Assembly Commissioners who will attend the GA June 18-25. Elder Bernadine Lamar was chosen by the New Harmony Presbytery as a commissioner. She is going through a time of study and preparation leading up to the General Assembly. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 172 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local

Arrangements. The Assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries. The 222nd General Assembly (2016) will be held in Portland, Oregon.

Blessing of the Bikes Event will be held on May 7 with a rain date of May 21.

Carol Butler was elected Commissioner to attend the New Harmony Presbytery Stated meeting on February 27.

The Session approved the Annual Statistical Report and Clerk's Questionnaire that were submitted to Presbytery at the beginning of the month. Each year, we are required to report statistics about our membership. We will be sharing this information with you at the upcoming Congregational Meeting.

The Session Planning Meeting will be held in April.

The Session continued with generative discussion of the book "The Sailboat Church".

The Session is so thankful for the many hands and hearts in our congregation that join us in serving the Lord. Please continue to pray each day for our Presbytery, for Rev. Dendy, for the Session, for our members, and especially for those who are suffering from illness or loss. God Bless You All!



USHERS—Please join us for a brief meeting and training for all ushers on March 6 immediately following worship.

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL BE
AT JOE'S AIRPORT
DINER ON
MARCH 19 AT
9AM



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Pat Teal

It was another beautiful day for our Breakfast Buddies breakfast. We had 17 in attendance, and what a nice group. Lots of chatter and laughter and we all agreed the food was excellent, as was the service.

Flap Jacks was the old Spring House on 17, across from the vacant lot, where the old Myrtle Beach Mall used to be. The manager came to thank

us for coming, and gave us 10% off our bill.

We had a couple of friends of Judy Leonard that attended, and past guests were Connie and Richard. We always enjoy having new people attend.

Our next breakfast is at Joe's Airport Diner on 17 Bypass. Anyone coming from North on 17 must go to the overpass on 707 and cross underneath and

return on 17 Bypass going north and turn off on the frontage road to Joe's. The address is Shetland Ln & Old Socastee Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

The date for the next breakfast is March 19 at 9:00 am. Come one and all, but please sign up in the Narthex to let us know how many will attend.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

By Laurie Andrews

Celebration is sponsoring an orientation for those who expressed an interest in volunteering for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor senior driving program. It will be held at the church on Monday, March 14, at 6:30pm.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor pairs willing volunteers with seniors who are unable to drive or lack transportation to take them to appointments and other places to help these seniors maintain an independent lifestyle. Volunteers

are required a minimum of just 2 rides a month to as many as you want. If you are able to help with this worthwhile community program, see or call Laurie Andrews (843-957-1991) and join us Monday evening, March 14.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT
TBONZ ON
MARCH 3 AT
12 NOON



For our February luncheon we revisited Café Old Vienna. Yours truly was the hostess.

There were 16 Ladybugs in attendance. We welcomed our newest Ladybug, Sandy Wallace, and we hope to see her one more time before she heads off for the high seas. It was also nice to have one of other newbies, Lois Storm. Grace Vaught couldn't be there but her granddaughter Cheyenne was able to be with us and what a treat that was. We don't get to see her much.

The food was very good...lots of schnitzel to go around. Pat Teal also led us in prayer.

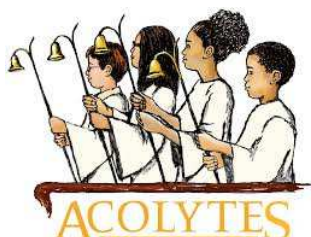
The ladies were informed that the \$60.00 we collected last month was donated to someone in need. We collected \$90.00 at this lunch and we will hold onto that for now.

It was a rainy day, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Laughter, talking and eating makes everything brighter. Good fellowship, good fun and good times.

The next luncheon will be Thursday, March 3, noon at TBonz which is located on the corner of 21st Street and 17 Bypass (across from Broadway at the Beach). Laurie Andrews 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 and Jackie Sinnet

The youth spent the month of February learning about God's love. The lesson utilized candy hearts and encouraged the youth to create a story on God's love. The messages were clear "God is your BFF", "God is crazy for you" and "God is your soulmate".

As we move from the month of love it is time to start thinking about summer camp. Kelly

Boone Sloan came and shared a minute for missions on Sunday, February 28, that featured information on Camp Pee Dee and the new camps coming for 2016. We are so blessed that our Presbytery has this wonderful place to learn about God's plan.

The camp this year will utilize The Parables of Jesus to reveal the Secrets of the Kingdom.

The link for Camp Pee Dee is included below.

<http://www.camppeedee.org/map.html>

The Youth and Celebration Choir will be visiting and singing at the Reflections Nursing Home/ Assisted Living Home at 2pm on Sunday, March 13.

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

MEET YOUR ELDERS



Name: Cecilia Evans

Family: I have been married for 21 years to Mike Evans a local

attorney. I am the youngest of 3 children and have 7 nieces and nephews. My mother lives in Farmville, NC.

Church Background: I was baptized at Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church in 1970 by the son of the Presbyterian minister who married my grandparents. I was raised in Savannah, GA and confirmed at Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church. At WIPC, I taught Sunday School and played on the church softball team. When I graduated from college, I lived in various places, moving to Myrtle Beach in 1992. I attended Trinity Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday School. Mike and I moved to MD in 2001 and returned in 2004. I started

attending Celebration sporadically but became actively involved in 2012. As an elder, I look forward to working with members of the congregation as they share their ministry and outreach ideas.

Career Background: After graduating from Georgia Southern University, I headed to Florida and started my career in retail management. I spent 11 years in retail until I transitioned into banking in 2002 as a Banking Center Manager. In 2008, Bank of America offered me an opportunity to travel and become a Change Consultant as we acquired banks, updated systems and processes. In 2012, I transitioned into the Card Products where I currently work as a Product Consultant.

Hobbies and Activities: Cooking, Reading, Shopping

Celebration Activities: Youth

My favorite thing about Celebration Church: Generosity of the members as they help each other.

I am your Shepherd Elder:

Lynn Bastian
Clinton Belyski
Heidi Cherry
Karolyn Davey
Tom and Andrea Dendy
Jack and Nancy Galloway
Janet Lenahan
Jean Markiewicz
Janet McCrady
Herb and Cindy Nason
Elaine Rohinsky
Vicki Simon
Scott and Jackie and Alana Sinnet
Scott and Susan and Andrew Vattel

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Mar 6—Jan Coulter
Mar 13—Carol Butler
Mar 20—Cheryl Dulin
Mar 27—Cecilia Evans

Liturgist

Mar 6—Carol Butler
Mar 13—Carla Baker
Mar 20—Paula Jansson
Mar 27—Kathy Wechter

Visitors Table/Greeter

Mar 6—Lynn Bastian
Mar 13—Margaret Reeder
Mar 20—Heidi Cherry
Mar 27—Paula Jansson

Nursery-Trudy Miller and

Mar 6—Betsy Hughes
Mar 13—Vicki Jacobs
Mar 20—Vicki Simon
Mar 27—Donna Woodard

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

Mar 6—Mary Ann Bowie
Mar 13—Nancy Resnick
Mar 20—Sharon Hills
Mar 27—Cindy Bramble

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Mary Kait Jones and

Mar 6—Emmy Cicala
Mar 13—Leslie Eckert
Mar 20—Emmy Cicala
Mar 27—Emmy Cicala

Sound Board

Mar 6—Katrena White
Mar 13—Bernadine Lamar
Mar 20—Katrena White
Mar 22—Bernadine Lamar

Media Shout

Mar 6—Harvey Dulin
Mar 13—Neil Carter
Mar 20—Harvey Dulin
Mar 27—Neil Carter

Ushers

Larry Dowd and Sandy Wallace

Communion— March 6

Cecilia Evans, Roy Andrews, Ken Krenzer, Mary Ann Bowie, Paula Jansson



Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 13. Remember to "spring forward" one hour when retiring for the evening on Saturday.

MISSION COMMITTEE

By Cecilia Evans

Thank you to the mission team for a fabulous mission Sunday, February 21! I was struck by how many opportunities we have to serve this community. If you were unable to attend and want more information, please reach out to Linda in the Church Office for a mission brochure.

Upcoming Mission Activities

Weekly- Quilters, Kingston Nursing Home Bingo, Helping Hand, Meals on Wheels

March 10 - Shepherd's Table- Team C
March 13 - Mission team meeting after church

March 14 - Training Neighbor to Neighbor- Laurie Andrews

April - Start of Pelican's Games- Bob Miller

April 16 - Relay for Life- Nanette Kelly

Mission and Children come Together to create *Change for Children*

Many of you may remember as children taking an offering to Sunday School.

Starting March 7, we will be collecting an offering from the children but I do see a difference in this collection and the one I participated in as a child. The children will know where their offering is going.

The money collected will be sent to Help 4 Kids an organization that provides food to children who would not have any food over weekends, holidays and the summer. This program is 100% funded by donations.

We are so proud that our children and youth will be contributing to help their peers have a better life.

Please join us in supporting *Change for Children*.

For more information on Help for Kids visit their website

<http://help4kidssc.com/>

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—Mary Biellak

2—Cherie Hall

6—Karen Williams

6—Davis Walsh

7—Emily Weisler

8—Porter Bruce

10—Linda Reid

18—Sarah Abushakra

23—Nanette Kelly

23—Jamie Basden

25—Don Speidel

26—Barbara Bruno

30—Nona Mattson

30—Laurie Andrews

HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews

I would like to thank everyone who made desserts and decorated tables to make our church-wide birthday party a success!

There was much laughter and talking as the almost 50 people gathered got to see who had the same birthday month as them and get to know someone they may not get to sit near during Sunday morning worship.

The biggest decision of the night was which dessert to sample. For some it was easy, just try them all!

Hospitality has several fun things planned for the spring that we hope you will join us.

March 2—Potluck Supper—Eatin' of the Greens—Celebrating St. Patrick's Day by bringing an Irish dish or anything green!

April 6—Potluck Supper—Chuck wagon Favorites

April 17—Spring Fling—Bake Sale

May 15—Church Picnic, Myrtle Beach State Park

May 22—Mini golf Challenge

June 26—Pelican 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



This month will be a very busy one for our preschoolers.

There is rumor that a surprise visit from a tiny leprechaun is a possibility. Every year we try to set a trap to catch that sneaky fella, but he always seems to outsmart us. As soon as we turn our back he sneaks in and makes a mess everywhere. We are all looking forward to spring.

These back-and-forth temperatures are making us crazy.

Last month, we had registration for the fall 2016-2017 school year. Once again we had record-breaking numbers. I realized today that we registered more children during the registration days than we had enrolled in our

program 2 years ago. It is always nice to see that all of our hard work is paying off.

The preschool will be off from March 25 – April 3 for spring break. It amazes me how fast the months go by.

Have a great month!

March 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 Quilters 10am	2 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8am Dinner and Fellowship 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	3 LadyBug Luncheon T-Bonz 12noon	4	5
6 Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am Communion Usher Meeting and Training 12:15pm	7 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	8 Quilters 10am	9 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	10 Team C at The Shepherd's Table	11	12 Landscaping Work Day 9:30am
13 Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am He~Brews Café Congregational Meeting Mission Team Mtg Youth and Choir Sing at Reflections 2pm DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	14 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am Neighbor-To- Neighbor Training 6:30 pm	15 Quilters 10am SESSION 5:15pm	16 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Breakfast Buddies Joe's Airport Diner 9am	19 Rain date for Landscaping Work Day 9:30am
20  PALM SUNDAY Bible Study 9:15am Worship 11am He~Brews Café	21 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	22 Quilters 10am	23 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	24 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 6pm	25 Preschool Closed	26 
27 EASTER Worship 11am	28 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	29	30			
		Preschool Closed March 25 through April 1				



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Linda Berry—Office Administrator

COME CELEBRATE EASTER WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 11:00 AM

CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

By Barbara Barranco

AN INVITATION TO WORK IN THE CHURCH GARDENS ON MARCH 12

It's almost Spring! And most of us are looking forward to an end to winter!! So we're giving you a chance to be outside on what we hope will be a beautiful Spring day, and to help our small but dedicated members of the Landscaping Committee make our church's gardens look their absolute best for Easter!!

Did you know Easter is almost here--on March 27? So we have scheduled a Church Garden Work Day on Saturday, March 12, and are asking for a lot of volunteers to help us. Our rain date is March 19. If we have enough wonderful volunteers, we should be done in two hours and you'll be home for lunch.

We will need to weed the gardens, cut back the deadwood on the perennials, and prune the hedges, as well as add some mulch and put down fertilizer and Preen.

Please join us about 9:30 a.m. and bring your gardening gloves, trowels and clippers, if you have them. You can call me on my cell 843-421-9438 with any questions.

We support **Helping Hand** weekly buy collecting food items. Suggested food items for Helping Hand include, but not limited to: rice—small bags/boxes, mashed potatoes—small boxes/packets, canned potatoes—white and sweet, dry pasta, hamburger/tuna helper, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, jelly, peanut butter, canned chili, tuna, beef stew, spam/canned meat, canned spaghetti/ravioli, pasta sauce, canned soups, Ramen noodles, canned corn/peas/beets/mixed veggies, cereal, oatmeal—individual packets or small boxes, grits—individual packets or small boxes, coffee—small packs/cans, tea—individually wrapped bags, Kool-Aid. Nonfood items include diapers, deodorant, razors.

Helping Hand exists to serve transients and locals, men and women. Many people in our area exist on employment in hotels, motels, restaurants and other tourist-based employment. During the slower season, many people are left without jobs or with hours so severely cut that they are unable to maintain their households. Many are unable to collect unemployment and many do not qualify for other assistance, thus forcing them to seek assistance at Helping Hand. The staff of Helping Hand consists of an Executive Director, three Counselors, one Data Analyst and a Pantry Manager. These six employees, along with a support staff of about fifty-five volunteers, cover the center between 8:30-4:30 pm—Monday through Friday.