



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

Let me make a special appeal and invitation to all of the Members and Friends of Celebration to enjoy some special church events in May that *may* well help you get to know other new and older members and friends of Celebration and cultivate deeper friendships and relationships within our congregation:

Sundays, May 1, 15, 22 & 30 – we invite you to join **THE WAY** Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. taught by Cheryl Dulin.

Sunday, May 1 – Join us for Worship at 11:00 a.m. and share Holy Communion.

Mondays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23 - we invite you to join **TOOL TIME** Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. taught by Dr. Becky Kiser.

Saturday, May 7 – we invite you to help us host our **ANNUAL BIKE AND BIKER BLESSING and light luncheon here at Celebration from 10 a.m. until 12 noon**. Come hear the rumble of the motorcycles, share in a blessing and enjoy table fellowship and getting to know our co-hosting biker friends from the Blue Knights and other area bikers who join us for this blessed occasion. *(Rain Date – Saturday, May 21 from 10 am – 12 noon.)

Sunday, May 8 – Honor Your Mother on **MOTHER'S DAY** by joining us for Worship at Celebration

Sunday, May 15 – **WEAR RED TO 11 a.m. WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST** – *Help us celebrate the Birth of the Church and the Coming of the Holy Spirit!*

Sunday, May 15 – Join us after worship for a **CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC LUNCH at the MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK**. (We have reserved **SHELTER B1** near the pier store.) The Church will provide: meat, condiments, drinks, ice, cups, plates, paper products and utensils. **PLEASE BRING SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS TO SHARE!!!** This will be a *fun in the sun and shade* time of food and fellowship together at the park that provides easy parking, beach access, a pier with gift shop and clean public restrooms. There is a \$3.25 per person charge for those 65 and older and \$5.00 for all other adults, children ages 6-15 \$3.00 and children 5 and younger are free.

Sunday, May 22 – Celebrate **TRINITY SUNDAY** as we worship the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all Life, together at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 29 – Join us as The Rev. Joan Yates leads worship. (*Pray for Pastor Tom and Andrea Dendy as they are traveling to Standardsville, Virginia to share in and conduct son Adam Hager and his fiancé Gilly Becker's wedding on Lydia's Mountain.

Monday, May 30 – Celebrate **Memorial Day!** (The church office will be closed.)

As you can see from this lengthy list of church activities, there are many ways in May to enjoy worship and fellowship and fun with your friends and friends-to-be here at Celebration! May GOD bless ALL our MAY events!

In Christ's Service,
Tom Dendy

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served May 1.

Next Session Meeting is Monday, May 16, at 5:15 pm.

The Session met for their monthly stated meeting on Monday, April 18.

Here's what happened at our meeting:

The Session welcomed Pastor Becky to the meeting. She has started her work as Temporary Supply Minister with the church.

The Evangelism Committee made church brochures available at the recent Relay for Life and Spring Fling Carnival Events.

There will be no Sunday School on Mother's Day.

The Spring Fling Carnival was a success with 55 children and their families attending. Special thanks to Laurie and Roy Andrews and all the other volunteers who made the event possible.

Adult Christian Education started a new book, "The Way" during Sunday School. Tool Time continues on Monday mornings.

We will have a church-wide picnic on May 15 following worship. Myrtle Beach State Park will be the location. The church will provide bar-b-que, hamburgers and hotdogs. Everyone is asked to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Note that there is an entry fee to go into the park. If you have purchased an annual pass for the park, you may wish to allow others to carpool with you to avoid the entry fee.

The Annual Blessing of the Bikes is set for May 7 with a rain date of May 21. This is a fun event with friendly folks from the Blue Knights motorcycle club bringing their bikes to the church. Pastor Tom blesses the bikes and sprinkles them with

holy water. Anyone with a bike that would like a blessing is welcome to attend. The event starts at 10am and lunch will be served.

Tickets are available for a special Pelicans baseball game "Faith and Family Night" on June 26.

The church-owned riding lawn mower has been repaired. We have two volunteers willing to help with cutting the grass during the warm months, but we really could use additional help. If you are interested in helping with lawn care, weed eating and edging, please call the church office.

Duties of the "Elder of the Week" were discussed. The Elder on duty is to ensure that the church is opened and closed for church services. They are also responsible for making sure everything is set up and ready for worship.

The Session will require a trained church representative to be present any time outside groups use the church's media equipment.

The search is still on for Acolytes. If you have a child that is interested in serving, a training class will be provided in June. Call the church office or sign up on our website.

The new Facebook page (Celebration Presbyterian Church) is seeing increased activity. If you haven't already done so, please "like" the page. We are posting notices about church happenings, and lots of pictures! Please be sure to "share" the posts with your friends so we get wider coverage. We have started paying to boost our posts for some church events and are reaching many more people in the community.

The new website

www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org has each week's sermon available for you to listen to just in case you missed church. Look under the "media" heading to find an archive of sermons – you can even print out a bulletin! We hope you will take advantage of the Bible study resources, the church calendar, and ability to email folks from the church. If your group has an event you would like publicized on the website or on Facebook, contact Linda in the church office.

Celebration hosted a Cluster Meeting conducted by New Harmony Presbytery to discuss what the Presbytery will look like in the future and what we see as our needs from Presbytery. The meeting was held on April 24 and included church leaders from our church and First Presbyterian.

The next meeting of New Harmony Presbytery will be on May 10 at Surfside Presbyterian Church. Elders Lamar and Torcivia will be the commissioners for the meeting.

The Session approved the monthly asking from Presbytery for \$3,600 in financial support. We will receive support for the rest of this year and all of next year, then we will "be on our own" financially.

With great pride, the Session endorsed Elder Cecilia Evans' participation and admission to the Lay Pastor Tract in the South Carolina Lay School of Theology. Elder Evans will attend classes over four years.

The Session offered up prayers for the sick and injured in our congregation. Please pray for our church every day. God bless you all!

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL BE
ON
MAY 20, 9AM
AT
THE VETERANS
CAFE



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Pat Teal

It's always such a joy being with friends, especially those from Celebration, although I don't want to limit it to them. We have lovely guests from time to time, and it's a joy to have them.

Our Breakfast was at the Olympic Flame and thanks to Judy Leonard for being our

hostess. Jim, the manager, came over to welcome us. He is a very pleasant person with a smile always on his face.

The food was excellent, as always, and service the same. Richard Fraser was there with Laurie, and Ann came with Bill and me. We enjoy having others attend and if someone

would like to invite others to come to the Breakfast, the more the merrier.

Our next Breakfast is at the Veterans Café at 9 am on May 20 and Carol Butler will be our hostess. All are welcome, but please sign up in the narthex so we have a head count.

SPRING FLING CARNIVAL

By Carol Butler

Our very first Spring Fling Carnival turned out to be a great success. Despite competition from the huge Horry County fair, we had 55 children and their families join in the fun. The children bounced in the bounce house, got their hair colored, their faces painted and walked away with bags full of prizes from all of the games played. The bounce house was iffy for a

while because of the high winds; but once Pastor Becky said a "go away" prayer, the winds died down and the men were able to set it up. The bake sale went well and the youth did great selling popcorn, water and sno-cones.

Our congregation once again stepped up to the plate to volunteer. A great big

thank you goes out to all of you who helped with the volunteer lunch, registered families as they came in, ran the games and activities and lastly cleaned up after it was all over. This was not a one-person, two-person or three-person undertaking, it was a family coming together and it is a blessing to be a member of this Celebration family.

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE AT
DAMON'S GRILL
MAY 5 AT
12NOON



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

For our April luncheon we made a return visit to the Coastal Ale House. Thanks to Pat Teal for making the arrangements.

There were 16 Ladybugs in attendance. We welcomed our newest Ladybug, Gail Alexander, who along with her husband Joe recently joined the church. Marilyn Wallace brought along her friend and neighbor, Michelle.

We collected \$90.00 for charitable purposes. We all agreed to send a donation of \$100.00 to 'A Day of Hope' which provides backpacks full of goodies and necessities to underprivileged children. Many thanks to the ladies for their generosity.

Good food, service, fellowship and laughter always surround us at these luncheons and we always look forward to the next one.

The next lunch will be Thursday, May 5, at noon at Damon's on South Ocean Blvd where we will also celebrate Norma Jean Markiewicz's birthday. 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.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans

April was a busy month for Missions and Outreach. The Neighbor to Neighbor training took place on April 11; we had five members that were trained to provide rides to our neighbors. When you listen to the volunteer director speak, she emphasizes it not only gives the neighbor a ride but it provides socialization and independence to the neighbor. If you are interested in more information on being a volunteer or if you need a ride, please reach out to Laurie Andrews or Neighbor to Neighbor directly.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Relay for Life. Nanette Kelly provided great leadership in organizing the team, making the raffle baskets and selling luminaries to recognize our loved ones. When Nanette spoke on this event she shared "everyone knows someone

who has been affected by cancer". That is an impactful statement and shows the importance of our involvement in this event.

The Shepherd's Table ministry added two new teams in April. We now have five teams serving at The Shepherd's Table and 25 participants. It is a great way to help the community, but it also provides an opportunity to get to know other members of our Celebration Family. If you would like to participate, please reach out to Cecilia Evans.

In early April, those famous words of "play ball" were heard around the country at baseball's opening day. The Myrtle Beach Pelicans provide an opportunity for volunteers to work at the stadium and donate their wages to an organization of their choice. If you would

like to spend an evening or two working at the Pelicans games, please reach out to Bob Miller for information.

Weekly during Children's Church a collection is being collected for Help 4Kids. This organization provides food for children who do not have food at home. The money collected will be sent to the charity so they are able to purchase snacks for the kids.

As I write this article every month, I am inspired by the dedication our church family has in helping the community become a better place. Whatever your talent is, there is an opportunity for you to help the community and share God's grace and compassion with others. Peace and Blessing,

MEET YOUR ELDERS



Name: Paula Jansson

Family: I have two adult daughters, Carrie Koers and Christine Berry; two wonderful sons-in-law,

Aaron and John; four grandchildren: Sara, Caydence, Ethan and Kristopher.

Church Background: I was raised Catholic. After the birth of my children, I started attending Union Congregational Church in Braintree, Massachusetts. We moved to Abington, Mass. where I served as the youth leader at United Church of Christ. I also served on the Christian

Board of Education and was ordained as a Deaconess there. When I moved to Myrtle Beach, my neighbor, Karen Jones, invited me to attend Celebration where I found my permanent church family.

Career Background: I have an Associate's Degree in Legal Studies from HGTC with a minor in Public Service. I have worked in the medical field as an Office Manager and as an Assistant Director of a nursing home.

Hobbies and Activities: Crafts, decorating, reading, a "Nanee" to my grandchildren, walking and taking care of Eli, my Chihuahua. Spokesperson for Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center. focusing on depression in adults.

Celebration Activities: Elder of Evangelism, Worship team (liturgist/communion), CPC Preschool Board, Bereavement Committee Chairperson and Shepherd's Table cook Team D. In 2015, the establishment of a Blue Christmas Service with Pastor Tom Dendy.

My favorite thing about

Celebration Church: The Holy Spirit, which rises up in the members of Celebration, warms my heart and I believe it is the focus of our congregation. CPC is known for welcoming fellowship and biblical education for both adults and children of all ages.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

May 1—Jan Coulter
May 8—Carol Butler
May 15—Cheryl Dulin
May 22—Paula Jansson
May 29—Nancy Torcivia

Liturgist

May 1—Carol Butler
May 8—Priscilla Mulligan
May 15—Carla Baker
May 22—Cheryl Dulin
May 29—Peg Speidel

Visitors Table/Greeter

May 1—Sharon Hills
May 8—Nanette Kelly
May 15—Margaret Reeder
May 22—Heidi Cherry
May 29—Carol Lagassee

Nursery-Trudy Miller and

May 1—Donna Woodard
May 8—Donna Woodard
May 15—Vicki Simon
May 22—Betsy Hughes
May 29—Nanette Kelly

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

May 1—Mary Ann Bowie
May 8—Nancy Resnick
May 15—Sharon Hills
May 22—Cindy Bramble
May 29—Tiffany Bowie

Children's Church Grades 1-5 Mary Cait Jones and

May 8—Leslie Eckert

Sound Board

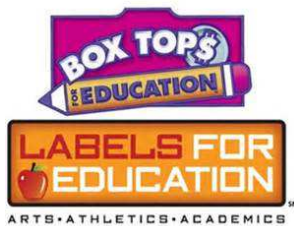
May 1—Neil Carter
May 8—Neil Carter
May 15—Harvey Dulin
May 22—Harvey Dulin
May 28—Neil Carter

Media Shout

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

Ushers —Jesse Wallace, Bob Stepanek,
Terry Baker, Nancy Torcivia

Communion– May 1— Cheryl Dulin,
Bob Miller, Cherie Hall, Scott Sinnet,
Paula Jansson



572 labels have been turned into to **Thornwell Home for Children**. These labels equal \$57.20 that can used for music lessons, musical instruments, laptops, and other extras. You don't have to spend any extra money to get these labels; they are found on products you use every day. Last year, Thornwell raised over \$6,000 with these labels.

When you have a label, such as a Campbell Soup label, you have to have the complete label that includes the complete bar code and the number of points.

So the next time you are cooking, cleaning or sneezing check your box to see if there is a label and cut it out and bring it to church. There is a baggie on the bulletin board where you can place your labels.

FINANCE

By Jan Coulter

Quarterly Financial Update: This is our Financial Update as of March 31, 2016. Thanks to the contributions and faithfulness of all of our church family, we are right where we projected we would be as of the First Quarter of 2016.

Total Receipts (Church operations)	\$ 69,105
Pending Presbytery Support March	<u>3,600</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 73,005
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 72,288</u>
Net Receipts (Expenditures)	<u>\$ 717</u>

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action



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, please let Linda know.

3—Glorianna Belyski
5—Jean Markiewicz
8—Mark Hills
13—Joey Bruce
14—Carol Lagassee
15—Joseph Mehalick
15—Vicki Jacobs
17—Ken Krenzer
18—Mike Wechter

19—Mike Evans
21—Dorothy Parker
21—Maria Rivera
23—Alana Sinnet
24—Scott Sinnet
26—Lois Krone
27—Bill Basden
27—Nancy Galloway
28—Jan Lisboa

HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews



The 4th annual **Blessing of the Bikes** is Saturday, May 7, from 10 am-12 noon. A chicken bog dinner will be served. Ride on in on your bike and leave blessed.

The church picnic lunch will be held at the Myrtle Beach State Park, Shelter B-1, on May 15,

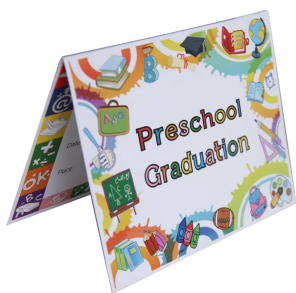
after the morning worship. Shelter B-1 is the one closest to the pier store. The church will provide the meat, beverages and table settings. You are asked to bring a side dish/ dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you have a park pass and would like to carpool, please indicate that

on the sign-up sheet. Otherwise, there is a per person charge. Come on out and enjoy the beach and good food and fellowship.

Looking to June we have the Faith and Family Night at the Pelicans Game on June 26.

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



MAY 26,
9AM AND 12:30 PM

I just can't believe we are already at the end of my 10 year at Celebration. It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school and everyone was trying to get settled in. Now, we are preparing for our largest class of 4K children to graduate and move on to "big school". This is always a very exciting time at the preschool.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our preschool graduation. This year's graduation will be Thursday, May 26. Due to the

size of our 4K program we will hold two different graduation ceremonies. They will be at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. If you are free on this day, please stop in and share in our special day.

The last day of preschool will be May 27. We will end our school year with a "CPP large play date at the beach". We will all meet at Myrtle Beach State Park and spend the morning playing in the sand with all of our school friends. This has become an annual event, enjoyed by everyone.

The teachers will return in mid-August to begin setting up classrooms for the fall. We hope everyone has a great summer.



MAY 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 Bible Study 9:15am Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11am Communion	2 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	3 Quilters 10am	4 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8am Choir Rehearsal 7pm	5 LadyBug Luncheon Damon's 12noon	6	7 Blessing of the Bike/Bikers 10am
8 NO Bible Study Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11am He~Brews Café MOTHER'S DAY	9 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	10 Quilters 10am	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12	13	14
15 Bible Study 9:15am Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11am He~Brews Café Church-wide Picnic at Myrtle Beach State Park	16 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	17 Quilters 10am Team E cooks at the Shepherd's Table 2-4pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19 Team B cooks at the Shepherd's Table 2-4pm	20 Breakfast Buddies Veteran's Café 9am	21 Rain date for Blessing of the Bikes/Bikers 10am
22 Bible Study 9:15am Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11am	23 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	24 Quilters 10am	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	26 Preschool Graduation 9am and 12:30pm	27 Last day of Preschool Fun day at the Beach	28
29 Bible Study 9:15am Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11am	30  MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED No Bible Study	31 Quilters 10am				



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

A FEW OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS FROM CELEBRATION



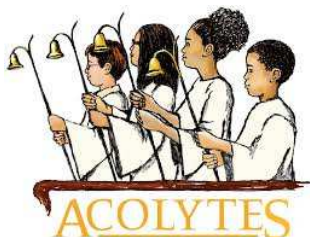
Nancy and Michael Resnick



Melissa Kiser, Kerry Kelly
and Becky Kiser



Carol Butler, Laurie Andrews
and Judy Leonard



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

Watch for more information soon.