



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

I John 4:7-21 God Is Love -- 7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

ALL LIVES MATTER – Friends, I write this article with a heavy heart over the state of racial tensions in our nation. Hardly a week passes that we don't hear news of more shootings of law enforcement officers or of African American men. Each death should be grievous to us as Christians because we know that ALL LIVES MATTER. How can we stand for LOVE amidst the mayhem, riots and needless killings? How can we affirm the POWER OF LOVE to overcome hate that divides people and stirs up anger and hostility?

In I John we are reminded that as followers of Jesus Christ we are commanded to LOVE as we have first been LOVED by GOD. John presses the point to say that we can't LOVE GOD without also LOVING our BROTHERS AND SISTERS. In other words, LOVE IS NOT OPTIONAL for us as Christians. To live the Christian life is to LOVE others by our words and by our actions. The call of Christ is to LOVE in the midst of haters who are hating. The call of Christ is to LOVE and to work for justice revealing our LOVE OF GOD and demonstrating our LOVE for our BROTHERS AND SISTERS by standing against those who insight violence and hostility.

One of the songs I teach the preschoolers in chapel each year is *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. It speaks of Jesus' Love for all God's children worldwide. "Red, brown, yellow, black and white, ALL are precious in His sight... Jesus LOVES the little children of the world." Our challenge is to live out CHRIST'S LOVE among all God's children regardless of their skin tone.

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served
October 2, 2016

Next Session Meeting is Monday,
October 17 at 5:15 PM.

The Session met on September 18, 2016.
Here is a recap of the items discussed.

Elder Jansson continues to have
packets about our church put
together. A recognition lunch for the
Greeters is being planned.

Work continues to transition church
accounting functions to the church
offices. A computer was purchased
and set up.

The Mission and Outreach team
received a great response to the
church work day for Habitat for
Humanity. The work day is on
Saturday, October 22. You can still
sign up to attend – the more hands
we have, the lighter the work. We
will be painting a home at Hope's
Crossing.

We continue to need volunteers for
teaching Adult Sunday School (a
course may be as short as 4 weeks,
or may be co-taught with more than
one person). If you interested in
serving as a Sunday School Teacher,
please contact Cheryl Dulin or
Pastor Becky Kiser.

Trudy Miller, our Sunday nursery
worker, will move up to the older
kids' classes for Children's Church.
Volunteers will staff the nursery. If
you are interested in serving in the
nursery for a Sunday or two, contact
Carol Butler.

Please note that at approximately
11:20 am on Sunday mornings the

church doors are locked as a security
measure. The Elder of the Week is
responsible for making sure doors
are locked once plenty of time is
allowed for latecomers.

The Personnel Committee is about half
way through the staff evaluation
process.

Thursdays are a chance for a spiritual
connection with our Lord through
enjoying some gardening with Pastor
Becky! Join the group at 9:00am to
pull some weeds.

Acolyte training and a light lunch are
planned for October 2.

Pastor Becky is leading the Tool Time
Bible study on Mondays at 10:30 and
they are reading the book "Waking
up White" that was recommended
for study by the co-moderators of
the General Assembly. The book
examines our personal feelings about
the lives we were born into and how
our views of race were formed.
Please join in the conversation!

Pastor Tom's discussions with our
executive Presbyter, Rev. Bruce
Ford, are ongoing. A process of
strategic planning has been
proposed, as well as a meeting with
the entire Session.

A fifth Sunday offering will be
collected at the end of October.
Funds will be used to pay the costs of
clearing and bush hogging our
property. During October, you will
hear from several Session members
with their thoughts on our property.

Preschool is back in session with 118
children and one service dog

attending. The new School Board
had its first meeting and is excited
for a productive year.

The annual required Employer
Agreement was submitted to the
PCUSA Board of Pensions by the
Clerk.

The next stated meeting of the
Presbytery of New Harmony will be
on October 11 in Manning, SC.
Elder Butler was elected
Commissioner to the meeting.

Pastor Tom has been asked to chair the
Program Council of the Presbytery
of New Harmony.

The Session accepted with deep regrets
the resignation of Elder Terry Baker
from the Session due to health
concerns.

Elder Bernadine Lamar is hosting a fish
fry on November 11 for the
members of the Session, including
the recently elected new Elders.

Elder Cecilia Evans continues with her
pursuit of her Certified Ruling Elder
credential through the Pathways
online study program.

During this season of Stewardship,
please pray earnestly for God's
guidance in your financial and
volunteer commitment to our
church. Every person at Celebration
Presbyterian is important and every
dollar and every minute of time
given cheerfully to the work of the
church is a true blessing.

Please pray each day for those among
us who are in need of God's grace.
Your Session and your Pastors
appreciate your prayers!

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2. PLEASE RETURN YOUR 2017 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS DURING WORSHIP. * IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE IN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 2, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!**

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES
WILL BE ON
OCTOBER 21, 9AM,
AT THE OLYMPIC
FLAME



THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE ON
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 6
AT 12 NOON AT
THE GRUMPY
MONK



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Pat Teal

Our breakfast at Hot Stacks only had a few people, nine to be exact, but how many or how few, there were still many with laughter, joking, good food, and the service was very good.

Our main goal with the breakfast buddies is to increase fellowship with not only our church family, but with friends, neighbors, and family.

Our next breakfast will be October 21, 9:00am, at the Olympic Flame, thanks to Judy Leonard. Please sign up in the front of the narthex and bring a friend.

FINANCE

By Jan Coulter

Your response to our Generosity Tree has been tremendous. Please take time to read the leaves. We are incredibly blessed people of God.

As we reach the end of our Stewardship season, please continue to think and pray about your response to God's incredible generosity in our lives personally, and the life of

Celebration.

Thank you for your participation.

GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our September luncheon took us to Ducatis Pizzeria where we had been once before. Thanks to Priscilla Mulligan for making the arrangements and being our hostess.

There were 16 Ladybugs in attendance. I brought Katelyn Burrows who had the day off from school, and it was nice to see Peggy O'Neil and Gail Alexander there as well.

We collected \$100.00 for the flood victims in Louisiana.

Also the previous month we donated \$150.00 to New Directions to help underprivileged children. I also informed the gals that we had received a thank you note from Emily Weisler thanking us for the fruit arrangement. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

The food was great as was the service. There were lots of yummy Italian dishes including pizza, of course. As it turned out all were well behaved, for a change. But there's always

lots of conversations and laughter at our luncheons.

The next lunch will be Thursday, October 6th at noon at the Grumpy Monk located on Route 501 across from Tanger Outlet. Pat Teal 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

THE SECOND AND
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EACH
MONTH IS OUR
HE~BREWS
COFFEE BAR!

YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans and Jackie Sinnet

The Youth kicked off He~brews Café in September discussing areas they would like to study and activities for the year. The group participated in the ever popular Minute to Win it Games for team building and tying them to reminders of God's grace and presence.

During the 4th Sunday Children's Sermon they deliver the message for the younger disciples. We are so blessed to have the Youth participate and utilize their talents to share the word with others.

Upcoming events for the youth include a Putt-Putt outing on

October 9, Belk Charity Days on November 5 and Breakfast with Santa on December 10.

The youth will be selling Belk Charity Days tickets on October 23 & October 30. Tickets are \$5.00 and will benefit youth programming.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans



We have two events this month that you can invite your friends to participate.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 24
3PM-8PM

Hospitality will provide light refreshments

Questions,
please contact
Nanette Kelly.



Habitat for Humanity Home Build (Painting)

Saturday, October 22

Hope's Crossing
8AM-3PM

Sign-up Sheet in
narthex

Lunch will be provided by
hospitality

Questions, please contact
Cecilia Evans



PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)



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I truly believe that LOVE is the strongest force in the world and that LOVE can and will overcome hatred and violence! Mother Teresa once said "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Our lives are intricately intertwined and

Christ has shown us that LOVE knows no bounds. Friends, we are called to transform the world by LOVING God with our heart, mind, soul and strength and loving our neighbors, ourselves and even our enemies. LOVE is our motivation and our purpose in life. John says it best when he

says, "We love because God first loved us!" May GOD help us to LOVE and work for peace among ALL people – because ALL LIVES MATTER!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Tom

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Oct 2—Nancy Torcivia
Oct 9—Terrace Baker
Oct 16—Cecilia Evans
Oct 23—Paula Jansson
Oct 30—Ken Krenzer

Liturgist

Oct 2—Carla Baker
Oct 9—Cheryl Dulin
Oct 16—Paula Jansson
Oct 23—Kathy Wechter
Oct 30—Nancy Torcivia

Visitors Table/Greeter

Oct 2—Carol Lagassee
Oct 9—Heidi Cherry
Oct 16—Margaret Reeder
Oct 23—TBA
Oct 30—Jade Bender

Nursery

Oct 2—Leslie Eckert
Oct 9—Donna Woodard
Oct 16—Vicki Jacobs
Oct 23—Leslie Eckert
Oct 30—Vicki Simon

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church—

Tonja Paolini

Children's Church Grades 1-5

Trudy Miller

Sound Board

Oct 2—Bernadine Lamar
Oct 9—Harvey Dulin
Oct 16—Bernadine Lamar
Oct 23—Harvey Dulin
Oct 30—Harvey Dulin

Media Shout

Oct 2—Katrena White
Oct 9—Bernadine Lamar
Oct 16—Katrena White
Oct 23—Katrena White
Oct 30—Bernadine Lamar

Ushers for the month

Paul Youngblood, Terry Baker, Beth Bruton, Joe Alexander

Communion

Nancy Torcivia, Donna Woodard, Cecilia Evans, Scott Sinnet, Paula Jansson



The Campbell's Soup Labels for Education Program has been discontinued. The only label that we are collecting now for Thornwell Home for Children is the Box Tops for Education. The website that has all the products that have the box top on them can be found at www.boxtops4education.com. Please continue to collect these Box Tops for Education. There is a place on the bulletin board for you to place your box tops.



To date you have donated **1,296 pounds** of food to Helping Hand. Thank you for helping others in need. You may bring your canned goods and boxed goods to church on Sunday. Bob and Linda Miller take the food each week to Helping Hand! Reminder to check for expiration dates!

HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews



First Wednesday Night Dinner is October 5, 5:30 pm.

It is an Oktoberfest theme so bring a dish to share with a German theme, examples are German potato salad, sauerbraten. Or if you prefer, you may bring your favorite

potluck dish or dessert.

The dinner will begin at 5:30pm, so come and join the fun. The program will follow the dinner.



BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER



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.

Oct 2—Kris Zillioux

Oct 4—Anna Vaupel

Oct 3—Riley Resnick

Oct 12—Paula Jansson

Oct 13—Marilyn Wallace

Oct 15—Peggy O'Neil

Oct 17—Betsy Hughes

Oct 18—Laureen Walsh

Oct 19—Pat Teal

Oct 24—Andrea Dendy

Oct 29—Dana Zillioux

Oct 30—Mary Ann Bowie

OCTOBER 30 SPECIAL OFFERING

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ON
OCTOBER 30. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PAY
THE COSTS OF CLEARING
AND BUSH HOGGING OUR PROPERTY.



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second month of school. The year started out great and hasn't let up since. We have welcomed the largest number of new faces to our preschool family.

This month, we will be taking our first field trip. On October 17th we will be off to Thompson Farm for a fun-filled day with the farm animals and a hayride. The children always look forward to this trip.

The end of the month will be fun for everyone. On October 27th and 31st we will all enjoy our classroom Halloween Parties. Party days are always exciting in preschool.

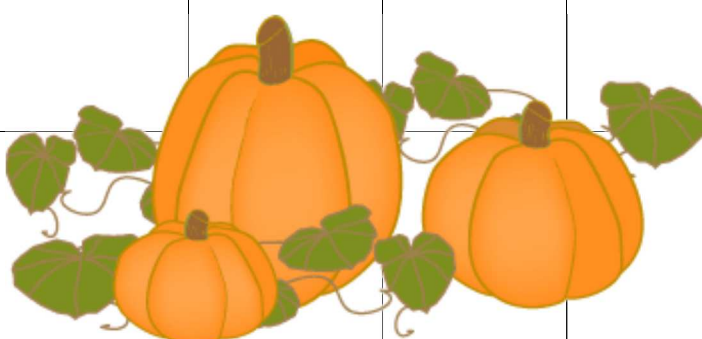
I hope everyone has had a chance to see the new playground equipment we purchased this summer. A big THANK YOU to Roy Andrews and all of his volunteers that helped install our new items. We have added a caterpillar and a school bus to our playground to replace

some of the items that were looking a little worn out. The school bus even has Celebration printed on the side. This has made the children's playground time more fun and exciting.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Halloween and keep away from the ghosts!

OCTOBER 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)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am COMMUNION Acolyte Training 12:00pm	3	4 Quilters 10am	5 Men's Break- fast at IHOP 8am First Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30pm Program to follow Choir Rehearsal 7pm	6 Ladybug Luncheon at The Grumpy Monk 12 noon	7	8
9 Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am Youth He~Brews Café	10 Tool Time Bible Study new study begins 10:30am COLUMBUS DAY Preschool closed	11 Quilters 10am	12 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	13	14	15
16 Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am Youth He~Brews Café	17 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	18 Quilters 10am Team D at The Shepherd's Table	19 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	20 Team A at The Shepherd's Table	21 Breakfast Buddies at The Olympic Flame 12pm	22 Habitat for Humanity Home Build 8am-3pm
23 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Youth-led Children's Sermon	24 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am BLOOD DRIVE 3pm-8pm SESSION 5:15pm	25 Quilters 10am	26 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	27	28	29
30 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Fifth Sunday Offering	31					



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OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

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

GOD'S GENEROSITY AND OURS



**Thanks to everyone who shared their leaves of Gratitude
during Stewardship Season!**