



Cape Neddick Tide

*What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church
April 2017*

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Pastoral Ponderings

As I begin my interim pastorate among you I am deeply appreciative of the warm welcome that has been extended to Cyndi and me. We have felt very much at home here and I look forward to the future months when you and I will be working together, not just to keep the ministry of the church afloat but to move it forward. It is the ministry of the church, not just that of a particular person that we are to evaluate, reflect upon, and reshape if necessary. Churches do ministry. Pastors lead the church so that the church is empowered to do its ministry.

These are not easy days for churches. The rapid changes in our society have had their effects upon congregations. While there are many "Church Gurus" who have assessments of the present and may even offer solutions to declining

congregations, the reality is that nobody knows where this church or any church will be in the next ten years. We cannot go back to another time that was more favorable (was there ever such a time?) for that is mummification. We cannot stay the same because that is stagnation. The only choice is to move into the future even when the road is unclear.

Of course the Bible tells us that the way of the people of God has always been to move into an uncertain future. The Hebrews must leave slavery in Egypt for a forty-year sojourn in the wilderness, and without a road map or GPS. When they arrived at the Promised Land they were not the same people they were when they crossed the Red Sea. The Risen Jesus tells to women at the tomb to tell the disciples to go to Galilee; there they will meet him. Again, they faced more

that was unknown than known and they became not the same people they were when he called them by the sea.

So pick your preferred metaphor, the sojourn in the wilderness or the road to Galilee. Both may seem daunting and both resulted in change, something most of us don't like. However, it was the Lord who called the Hebrews and was with them, and it was Jesus who called the disciples to join him at the designated place. It was also the Lord who was in charge of molding them to be the people they needed to be for the coming age.

We have begun a journey together. It may seem like a wilderness at times and we may wonder where the Lord is in all of this. But he is with us and before us, and it is my privilege to share this journey with you.

Christian Education



You're invited to our Easter Celebration 2017 Event: The Great Surprise.

This fun-filled event will take place on Easter Sunday, April 16th from 9:00-10:00 A.M. Kids will experience hands-on fun with a variety of surprising activities including an egg hunt, craft, games, story and snacks. Join us and discover for yourself the amazing surprise that Jesus is alive!



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Rev. David Strosahl was welcomed as our interim pastor on Sunday March 19th during a refreshment and fellowship time, which was held after the worship service.

The committee members are currently conducting a self-study of our congregation that will lead to the development of a Church

Profile. The Church Profile will be shared with potential candidates. During the self-study information will be gathered related to the direction our congregation is moving. Nine areas of self-study called church reflections will be covered.

These church reflections include our church information, demographic information, our history, our congregational style indicator, our image in the community, our church life, our worship life, what we believe, our vision for ministry, what we want to do and what we want our pastor to do, ministry priorities, and a benefit package. We will be asking our congregation to help provide information for a number of these reflections.

Church Calendar Entries:

Holy Week Services:

- Sunday, April 9th @ 10:15 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service
- Thursday, April 13th @ 6:00 pm- Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper and Communion

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- Friday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm - Joint Good Friday

Evening Tenebrae Service at the Ogunquit Baptist Church

- Sunday, April 16th @ 5:50 am - Easter Sunrise Service at the Israel Head Lighthouse on the Marginal Way, Breakfast to follow at the Ogunquit Baptist Church.
- Sunday, April 16th @ 9:00 am – The Great Surprise Easter Celebration – This annual fun event will include an egg hunt, story, craft and refreshments.
- Sunday, April 16th @ 10:15 am – Easter Sunday Worship Service



Muffins Needed for Easter Breakfast

The Cape Neddick Baptist Church family will supply muffins for the Easter Breakfast at the Ogunquit Baptist Church as we have done in the past. The breakfast is held after the Easter Sunrise Service on the Marginal Way. Deliver your muffins to the Cape Neddick

Baptist Church kitchen on Saturday April 15th. Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary to supply muffins. Thank you.

Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper and Communion Service

On Thursday April 13th we will commemorate the last supper our Lord Jesus had with His disciples before His crucifixion. The pot luck supper begins at 6:00 pm with a Communion service to follow the meal. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share.

March 2017 Newsletter from Ann and Bill Clemmer

The latest newsletter from missionaries Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer is posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. In March International Women's Day is celebrated. In this edition of their newsletter the life of a woman from The Democratic Republic of Congo is told. It tells of her daily struggles to survive and raise a family.

CNBC Faith Crafting Together Group

"Come Get the Dirt"

Faithcrafting Together

When: Friday, April 28

1-3p in the Church Vestry

Please rsvp to:

Crystal 363-7036

Book Club

The Book Club continues to discuss "Wearing God". We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join.

Pam Trafton

Verse of the month

Bible verse for April:

Jeremiah 29:11(NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Coming Soon: "The Case for Christ" movie! In theaters starting April 7. " Based on the true story of award-winning investigative journalist Lee Strobel -- and avowed atheist -- who applies his well-honed journalistic and legal skills to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife... with unexpected, life-altering results. "<http://caseforchristmovie.pu-reflix.com/>

Sue Norton

Food Pantry

We continue to collect donations for the Food Pantry. The collection box is located in the back of the sanctuary.



Prayer Shawls

On March 5th, 2017 Rev. David Strossahl dedicated a number of prayer shawls. The shawls were given to members of our church family and to York Hospice. Our knitters have been prayerfully working producing a number of prayer shawls. The Lord is blessing our group as we strive to send blessings to others.

Betty Lovering

Birthday & Anniversary List

The church family past and present are on our monthly birthday list and for the youth we include their age! Wouldn't it be nice if all that are able would send the youth a card. It would be a shower of blessings on their special day.

Also, let's celebrate marriage! If you'd like to share the anniversary year you are celebrating please let me know and I will include it on our birthday/anniversary list.

Betty Lovering