



# Cape Neddick Tide

## *What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church April 2018*

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### **Pastoral Ponderings**

As I write this on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. I am reminded that our lives are influenced and molded by many factors. Those influences that occur earlier in life tend to have a more lasting effect. I am a Baby Boomer, coming of age in the sixties and early seventies. Like many of my generation the two lasting influences were the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement. My parents, coming of age in the Depression and WWII, did not always see eye to eye with me. It was the "generation gap." I have had many other influences between then and now, yet, those two influences continued to be with me as I moved on with my life..

On Sunday afternoon, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2 to 4, Cape Neddick is hosting a mission event for the York Baptist Association. The time will be divided between Sarah Nash, who is

gathering support for her assignment to House of Hope, an American Baptist International Ministries partner in Bolivia; and Sarah Strosahl-Kagi reporting on the million dollar Rebuild, Restore, Renew project in Puerto Rico by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. If you recognize the name of the second Sarah, you are right, she is my daughter.

What is interesting about these two young women is that they are Millennials, the generation that came of age as the millennium was turning. They are the largest generation since the Baby Boomers. They are also the generation that is conspicuously missing from the church. They are the future. They came of age in a post 9/11 world. The cyber revolution is not a revolution to them. They grew up with it.

Yet, these two women, very much a part of their generation, have not only dedicated their

lives to Christ, but have gone beyond to become missionaries; one in the foreign field and the other in-home missions. What makes these two who are emblematic of their times buck the cultural trend of their generation by doing what they do?

I can assure you they are not a throwback to another time when men wore suits and women wore hats to church, and "In the Garden" was the most popular hymn. No, they are women of their times and will be leading the church well into the twenty first century, a place beyond the imagination of most of us. They know that no matter what the age or place, the world will still be in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in word and deed.

So, join us on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hear what makes Sarah and Sarah tick. If you have hope for the church of the future, come,

meet, and interact with those that will take it there.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*



**News from the Pulpit Committee**

During March we started interviewing a number of prospective pastoral candidates.

At the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting after the worship service the results from the CNBC survey were displayed and ranked in importance. At our April 15<sup>th</sup> quarterly business meeting a plan of action will be implemented to complete our strategic plan in a timely fashion.

We ask you to join us in praying that God will clearly reveal the person He has prepared to call to lead the ministry of our church family.



**Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference**

**ce May 5<sup>th</sup>**

The men's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference will be held this year on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church in Portland, ME. This conference will feature nationally known keynote speakers, a host of breakout seminars and a spirit-filled praise band. If you would like to attend this conference please contact Rev. David

Strosahl or Frank Hludik as we will be registering as a group. Early registration ends on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will car pool from the Church parking lot on May 5<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is on the table in the sanctuary. Please join us; the conference will change your life!



**America for Christ Offering During April**

The theme for the America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2018 is "Equipping Disciples". American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is promoting the AFC Offering 2018 to support American Baptist mission and ministry across the United States and Puerto Rico. Please join us in supporting the AFC offering through prayer and giving.



**Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser and Walk for Life**

Our Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on Mother's Day. This fundraiser helps support the Sanford, Maine, Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC). Alpha PRC has served Sanford and the surrounding communities as a safe, compassionate, confidential

place for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Alpha PRC is sponsoring a Walk for Life on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am in Gowen Park, Sanford. Alpha's Annual Walk for Life is a family-oriented fundraiser event to raise awareness of the sanctity of human life in our community. There will be a signup sheet for the Walk for Life in our sanctuary.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Business Meeting**

Our next quarterly business meeting will be on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. The items voted as top priority in the Maintenance, Improvements, Fellowship, Spiritual and Youth & Family categories will be discussed. Please attend the meeting as we develop a plan to complete these items to help fulfill our vision for our church.



**Meet Sarah Jean Nash Missionary to Bolivia All**

American Baptist Churches in Maine are invited to attend a gathering at our church on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm to meet Sarah Jean Nash. Sarah has been endorsed to serve as an International Ministries (IM) missionary in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She will minister through the new extension of House of Hope in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The new extension in Santa Cruz offers tutoring and

after-school programs for children with high-risk mothers, conducts programs for youth with addictions, serves the homeless and provides medical and dental clinics for children with mental and physical challenges. Rev. Sarah E. Strosahl-Kagi (Revs. David & Cyndi Strosahl's daughter) director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Emerging Leaders and Scholarship Program will be speaking at the gathering as well.



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great opportunity. For more information contact any member of the CE Board.



We are planning for VBS 2018 Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus. It will be held July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:30 a.m. right at Cape Neddick Baptist Church on River Road. The sanctuary, vestry and grounds will be the setting for oceans of fun. This should be an exciting week learning that God will see us through everything, even "the shipwrecks" in our lives. We will experience hands-on-object lessons and be able to set our anchors in Bible truths. Be sure to watch the website and weekly bulletins as details unfold! Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas of service. All are welcome to join in the fun!



Easter morning's Celebrate

Jesus Event was enjoyed by thirteen brothers, sisters, cousins and friends along with their families. Yes, there were ten boys and three girls- how about that! We discovered that what seems impossible is POSSIBLE! Ask anyone of the thirteen if it is possible to get an egg into a milk bottle and out again with that hardboiled egg still WHOLE. You may also ask them to show you how to make

a Celebration Launcher. How amazing God is and how great is His love for US!



Sarah Nadeau

presented a great Children's Message for eleven children during the worship service on Easter Sunday. She had the children tell her, and all of us, the Easter story using Easter eggs with clues inside.



### Birthday and Anniversary

sheets are on the back table. If there is anyone interested in having their name added to the sheets, please call. Betty Lovering. [207 363 8009](tel:2073638009)



**Food Pantry** We continue to collect donations for the Food Pantry. The collection box is located in the back of the sanctuary Here is a shopping list of some items you can pick up when you are at the grocery store.