



Cape Neddick Tide

What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church January 2018

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Pastoral Ponderings

Thank You Again!

Again, Cyndi and I have been the recipient of your overwhelming generosity. In the morning service on Christmas Eve I was presented with an envelope with a cash gift. I can only express my gratitude to you in so many ways without sounding trite, so thank you. This church means much to me.

Looking Toward the New Year

The month of January is thought by some to be named after the Roman god, Janus. Janus has two faces, one facing forward and the other backward. He is the god of beginnings and endings. When you think of it, every beginning is an ending and every ending is a

beginning. The news this past week between Christmas and New Year's was filled with the names of celebrities who had died in 2017. It was also filled with the prognostications of what will be happening in 2018.

Maybe it would behoove us at Cape Neddick Baptist to give the old Janus a little thought. Shortly, those responsible for preparing annual reports will report on what has been done this past year and the intentions for the year to come. We know what the past looks like, but what about the future? Who knows? 2018 may see the arrival of a new pastor, but that is not a given. However, that is no reason to put things on hold, so here are a couple of ideas about preparing for the future.

The sanctuary could use updating. The lighting is dated and the pews are right out of the nineteenth century. I know that this is cosmetic and has nothing to do with the gospel. However, people are creatures of their times and when anyone under the age of 60 enters our sanctuary the impression is that we are outdated. We do makeovers to our own houses, why should God's house be any different. Remember, visitors to a church make the decision as to whether to come back upon the first two and a half minutes of entering the building.

Also, maybe our music program needs updating. Kim does a marvelous job and I appreciate her creativity. I would like to see us utilize her creativity

beyond the expectations that we put upon her. I am not a music person and I have not mentioned this to her yet, but I believe she can lead us to another level and I would like to explore that with her. Let us praise God in song from the wellspring of our past and the Spirit's leading into the future.

So, here's to Janus and January, beginnings and endings, and to what we have been and what we can be.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



News from the Pulpit Committee

We have identified a number of potential pastoral candidates. Our area minister Rev. Scott McPhedran has inquired as to which of the potential candidates are still "open to move". An initial letter was sent to those "open to move" asking if they would like additional information about our church and facilities. Those who responded received our Church Profile, copies of our annual reports, our bylaws and sample worship bulletins; along with a request for addition information from the potential candidate. Those

candidates who returned the additional information requested will move from potential candidate to prospective candidate status. Next the references of each prospective candidate will be contacted. The committee members will then arrange for an initial telephone interview to discuss the ministry needs of our church. 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.



Snow Pal Ministry

On January 14th names will be drawn during worship.

For the four weeks that follow, until February 11th, you will have the opportunity to minister secretly to someone else within our church family. There are many ways to do so. Some possibilities include: a card, an encouraging note, a Bible verse, a small remembrance, or even a plate or box of goodies. Items for your snow pal can be mailed (don't use a return address!) or left in the sanctuary.

Annual Meeting

The Cape Neddick Baptist Church Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th after the worship service.

Refreshments will be served before the meeting. Your typed reports are due on Thursday, January 18th.

Memory Verse

Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Offering Envelopes

If anyone would like a box of offering envelopes, the boxes are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Simply record the box number and your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you, Sue Norton



A Big Thank-You to Frank and Dianne Hludik

for our Christmas decorations, including our Christmas tree, Nativity, and window candles! Thank you, Frank and Dianne!



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:207-363-8009)