



# Cape Neddick Tide

## *What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church July/August 2018*

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### **Pastoral Ponderings**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> is our quarterly business meeting. Hopefully, we will have an encouraging report from the pulpit committee. Also, I hope that boards and committees will have reports on the progress that is being made from the short range strategic plan that we derived in the spring.

There are several reasons for this, the first is that we cannot plan something and then do not do it. A criticism that I heard when I proposed having a short-term strategic plan was that the church had done that previously and nothing ever came from it. That is a shame. There is nothing that kills enthusiasm quicker in any organization, especially a church, than having a plan and ignoring it. People like doing things, especially when asked, and will give their time and

energy to bring it about. But having a plan and not putting it into action breeds discouragement and a lack of faith in the church.

Secondly, when your new pastor arrives, it is good to have ongoing projects that he or she can build upon. It takes time for a pastor to become established in a church and a community. One has to get one's bearings. That takes time further delaying any progress the church wants to make. If there are some established plans that the pastor can promote and use his or her skills to enhance, then the church is moving forward. Do not look to the new pastor to have ideas ready to impose upon the church. Those ideas may develop and a new pastor can lead a church in new directions. But to avoid the resistance that can come when old meets new, it is good to

have projects of transition in which the pastor/ church relationship is fostered.

When I became your interim pastor it was during Advent, a great time to become an interim because Advent is about pregnancy. I reiterate what I said then. Do not assume nothing happens until the new pastor arrives. The only time nothing happens is death. There is always something happening in a living organism and a church is a living organism. If the church does not see itself as a living organism then it is a corpse in need of burying.

One model of interim ministry is to bring in the old, retired guy to preach on Sunday and let things be as they always were. The other is to be a midwife to a new ministry. Midwives assist women giving birth, and birth is a transition from life in the

womb to life in the world. So it is with interim ministry. I hope I have been a midwife to you, helping you to transition from Pastor Don's ministry, to that which is to be. Birth is a time of promise of what is to be. I hope that I have helped you to anticipate the promise and prepare you for what you can be.

Babies, even in the womb, are never still; neither should the Cape Neddick Baptist Church.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*



### **Good News from the Pulpit Committee**

We are pleased to inform you that the members of the CNBC Pulpit Committee have selected a pastoral candidate to recommend as our pastor. Once the recommended pastoral candidate and our committee have reached a final agreement and wish to proceed, we will send the entire congregation a letter introducing the recommended candidate. We are hopeful that the letter can be sent in August and a candidate weekend and business meeting scheduled for September. We ask you to join us in praying that God will continue to lead us in our discussions with the recommended candidate.



### **Baptism and Church Membership**

Are you interested in being baptized and/or joining our Church membership? The Diaconate members: Pam Trafton, Crystal Butler, Frank Hludik or Pastor Dave would love to speak with you.

#### **Matthew 28:19-20 –**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.



### **Quarterly Business Meetings Meeting July**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

There will be a Cape Neddick Baptist Church quarterly business meeting on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> after the worship service. Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend!



### **Hazy, Hot and Humid Faith Crafting Fun! Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30a-Noon** (come and go as you chose)

*Join me in a Pot Potpourri Morning of Fellowship with other ladies.*

*Bring your own personal project to work on...Whether it be needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, coloring in a doodle book, sewing or, paper crafting!! (I might even have a few things for you to do if you can't think of anything)*

*The whole point is to get out of your house and get together with everyone who might be attending.*

*Coffee and Scones will be provided by me so please let me know if you are coming!*

*Thanks,*

*Crystal*

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Brothers Colin and Thomas Gardner will be

attending a week-long overnight youth camp session at Oceanwood Camp in Ocean Park. Their cousin Brenden Perkins will also be attending a week-long overnight youth camp session at Oceanwood. There are still some openings available, but you do need to register soon! This is a wonderful opportunity. Don't miss out!



Ann Clemmer has blessed us once again



by suggesting a Mission Project for our VBS 2018 Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. This



year we will have an opportunity to help with HEAL Africa EcoDim which stands for Ecole de Dimanche or Sunday School. There are many abandoned children and many street children in Eastern Congo. HEAL welcomes these kids and has programs for them every week. Sundays are the highlight. There are between 300 to 500 street kids ages 2-17 who come for Sunday School. Imagine that!!!! They are dismissed before the sermon and taken out by the 27 volunteer teachers, who

themselves were former street kids. They are taught the Bible and about Jesus and how He loves them. The children used to meet standing in the dirt outside, no matter the weather. Three classrooms and a Sunday school office have been built above the Tuungane School. These new classrooms need white boards. White board 3 feet by 5 feet = \$150.00; 3 feet by 6 feet = \$180.00; and 4 feet by 8 feet = \$200.00. Our goal is to be able to purchase white boards for 3 classrooms. How wonderful to be able to help so many children learn about

Jesus the rescuer!



At the end of June the

recipients of the Cape Neddick Baptist Church Sunday School Scholarship for the academic year 2018-2019 were announced. Congratulations to Alexander Lumenello, a third year PreMed student at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Nicholas Lumenello, a fourth year Medical Biology student at the University of New England; and Benjamin Nadeau, a first year Engineering Student at the University of New Hampshire. As their church family, we are proud of these young men.

We are thankful that we are able to uphold them in prayer and support them financially as well.



As you read this newsletter, 'Shipwrecked'

our VBS program will be underway. Our sanctuary, vestry and grounds will be transformed so that we are reminded that through every storm of life we know that God is by our side and He will never let go of us. (S.O.S. = Save Our Souls) We are thankful to be able to reach out to children in our community in this way. We pray that hearts will be opened and filled with God's love.



**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