



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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Pastoral Ponderings

In mid-April Diane Hludik, Sue Norton, and I went to Portland to join with other faith groups in a one-day workshop on domestic violence. We all agreed that this was worthwhile, informative, and a topic that should not remain dormant. Here is some information that is worth noting. While domestic violence is committed against both women and men, eighty five percent of the victims are women. However, those who are able to break the months and years of abuse do not consider themselves victims but survivors. Churches share some guilt surrounding domestic violence as they have often treated it lightly or inappropriately. Abusers rarely change. Abusers are great manipulators, even when mandatory therapy is required for their offense, convincing others that they

are changed persons, only to return to their abusive ways. Abuse is hidden. Abusers often know how to punch and strike areas of the body that are not publicly visible so that the abused person shows no signs of abuse. Abuse is not only physical but also psychological, wearing down the self-esteem of the abused to the point of feeling worthless. Often the question is asked, why don't those abused just leave? The answer is manifold but several reasons are that the abused are so worn down they are convinced that they cannot function by themselves in society. Another is that the abuser holds the purse strings. Abuse is not only physical and psychological, it is also spiritual. Abusers will ridicule one's religious beliefs and practices to the point that the abused may feel abandoned by God

The good news is that there are resources close by to deal with this. There are people who counsel, who protect, and who advocate in the court system. One who is abused does not have to stay in that situation and they need not feel that their freedom is solely in their own hands. Churches are an important part of that network, making connections between the abused and resources. Also, churches when properly educated are places where spiritual strength may be regained, thus becoming safe havens. That is why I am pleased that Diane and Sue were with me. I will be leaving when a new pastor arrives, but not only can they pass on the knowledge gained, they are also women who are the first line of defense for those escaping abuse.

One final note; I do not believe our church has

worked in an interfaith setting, that is with faiths other than Christian. Abuse is universal, knowing no creed or rite. Our workshop was made up of Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Universal problems cannot be addressed through parochialism. Action takes place when those of different beliefs work together with the common faith in God's love and justice that is found in all. Therefore, I hope that our horizons were broadened as we meet the challenges of a diverse world with justice, compassion, and a sense that God partners with us for the sake of redemption.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



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”.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering During June

OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.

Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Your York Churches Together continues to meet to work on areas of collaboration for all of the York churches. At our May meeting we put together a rack card highlighting all of the events for children and families our churches will be hosting this summer. We will be supporting each other by getting the word out and taking part in each other's programs when we are able. These rack cards are currently available for distribution.



News from the Pulpit Committee

We are making steady progress towards the goal of determining the one that God has called to lead the ministry of the Cape Neddick Baptist 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.



Father's Day Worship Service

Please join us in honoring our fathers at the Sunday, June 17th Father's Day worship service. The service begins at 10:15am.

We thank God for the gift of our fathers who honor Him by devoting their lives to their families.



The CE Board members are reviewing applications for the CNBC Sunday School Scholarship for the academic year 2018-2019. The recipients will be announced during the worship service on June 24th.



Though the end of school is fast upon us, you may still register for Summer Camp. CNBC will be providing camperships for those affiliated with CNBC who wish to attend Christian summer camp sessions at China Lake Camp (China, ME), Oceanwood Camp (Ocean Park, ME) or even Aviation Camp (Mapleton, ME). There are still a couple of openings for Aviation Camp which is for ages 14-18 and will be held July 8-13 in Mapleton. Don't miss out on these great opportunities!



VBS
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ed by Jesus will be held July 16-20, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Cape Neddick Baptist Church on River Road. The sanctuary, vestry and grounds will be the setting for oceans of fun. We will experience hands-on-object lessons and be able to set our anchors in God's truths. This should be a sensational week learning that God will see us through everything, even "the shipwrecks" that happen in our lives. Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas of service. We will be holding planning meetings for our volunteers and helpers

later this month. All are encouraged and welcome to join in the fun.



Partnering to Address Domestic Violence

Training is inspiring. Knowing where to get help is key. There actually are many resources available in York County. Being victim-focused, helps the *victim* to become the *survivor* who is able to overcome. We as a church body can bring God's healing and hope to vulnerable members of our community by being information conduits and helping victims reclaim control of their lives.



Full Moon Madness Faithcrafting Time

Thursday June 28th 10-12
Come for Fellowship, Fun, and Food
Cards & Bookmarkers will be created
Just need an RSVP to
Crystal Butler 207-752-1994



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

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