



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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Pastoral Ponderings

I was relieved when church was cancelled two weeks ago because of a snowstorm. It wasn't because of hazardous travel or that my driveway had not yet been plowed, but because of the school shooting in Florida on February 14th. Like many of you I was dismayed. Again! Again! When will it never end? I knew that during our prayer time on Sunday morning someone would offer this up for prayer. That is what we do when these tragedies happen. However, I was feeling angry and was afraid of what I may caustically say at our time of prayer, or even in my prayer. Thankfully, the Sunday off gave me time to collect myself.

I am not a person that likes controversy and I try to stay away from controversial subjects in the pulpit. There are times when controversial topics call for a pulpit response and I have not shied away from

those occasions. However, controversial subjects are not a steady diet for me. So, I offer you some thoughts on how I approach the responsibility of preaching.

Every time I look out from my pulpit on a congregation I see good and righteous folk trying to walk with the Lord just as I am. We may have differences of opinion on some issues, but I would never want to use the pulpit to make others feel that their Christian practice is less than mine.

Every time I look from my pulpit I see people who are dealing with personal crisis, who are grieving, and anxious, and who are in need of the good news that heals rather than a challenge to address the latest social issue.

When a tragedy occurs like the recent shooting in Parkland, Florida the talking heads quickly permeate the media

with their opinions. I do not want to be another talking head amidst the cacophony of the hour. To address the issue, I must have something other to say than the opinions bandied about ad nauseam. That entails searching the scriptures and praying for guidance.

If I am to address an issue I must discern whether it is because of a theological conviction or a political opinion. If it is of the latter I must keep quiet. If it is of the former it deserves to be known.

Most of us lead lives filled with responsibilities and pressures. While our time in church should not avoid the world, it is a place to find rest, where we can leave behind the trials of the day and be lifted into the presence of the living God to be renewed for what we do in this world.

Finally, I believe that most of us try to live by the ancient word addressed to the prophet

Micah. "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." May God's grace be upon us, for these simple words are not always easy to do.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



News from the Pulpit Committee

In February a number of prospective candidates were sent CNBC profiles, copies of our annual reports, our bylaws and sample worship bulletins; along with a request for addition information. We have received the additional information from a number of candidates.

On Sunday, March 18th there will be a meeting after the worship service to discuss developing a strategic plan to improve the ministries and facilities of our church. The results from the CNBC survey will be reviewed and discussed. We will formulate a plan of action that will implement our strategic plan in a timely fashion. The entire congregation is encouraged to join in on the discussion and formation of the plan of action.

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 May 5th

The men's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference will be held this year on Saturday, May 5th 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 24th. We will car pool from the Church parking lot on May 5th. Please join us; the conference will change your life!

Holy Week Schedule

- Sunday, March 25th at 10:15am – Palm Sunday Worship Service at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church.
- Thursday, March 29th at 6:00pm – Maundy Thursday Pot-Luck Supper and Communion Service at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church; bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share.
- Friday, March 30th at 7:00pm – Joint Good Friday Evening Service with the Ogunquit Baptist Church at the

Cape Neddick Baptist Church.

- Sunday, April 1st at Sunrise – Easter Sunrise Service at the Israel Head Lighthouse on the Marginal Way.
- Sunday, April 1st – Breakfast at the Ogunquit Baptist Church after the Easter Sunrise Service.
- Sunday, April 1st at 9:00am – Easter Youth Event at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church.
- Sunday, April 1st at 10:15am – Easter Worship Service at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church.



The Sunday School will be hosting our annual Easter event on Easter Sunday, April 1st from 9:00-10:00 am. **"Celebrate Jesus"** will include an egg hunt, story, snacks and a surprise or two! Expect a joy-filled time. All are welcome!

Partnering to Address Domestic Violence

Caring Unlimited, York County's Domestic Violence resource center, is partnering with Safe Havens to bring a unique interactive learning opportunity that is Partnering to Address Domestic Violence designed especially for the faith community leaders, colleagues and friends. "Partnering to Address Domestic Violence"

will take place on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 9:30am-4:00pm. The event's purpose is to provide an opportunity to learn more about bringing healing, hope and strength to vulnerable members of our community when they need it most. We will be able to learn more about the trauma that victims experience and the ways that we can work together to help people in York County stay safe. Several of us from the CE board and Pastor Dave hope to attend. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please let Dianne, Sue or Pastor Dave know.

Community Collaboration

Pastor Dave, Sue Norton and Dianne Hludik met at First Parish Church with representatives from two other York churches to discuss opportunities for collaboration among the York churches. We came up with some very interesting and exciting ideas of how we can work together this summer for the children and youth of our community. We decided to support each other in the programs we already do for example: VBS, Summer with a Twist 3-day programs, concerts on the Green and outdoor family movies. We will publish a flier or some other type of communication giving the whole summer schedule to each other and the entire community. Our next meeting will be on April 4th at 7:00 pm.



We are excited to announce plans for VBS 2018! We have decided to use Group Publishing's "Shipwrecked : Rescued by Jesus". It will be held on July 16th-20th from 9:00-11:30 am. Be sure to Save the Dates!! Watch our website and weekly bulletins for details. This should be an exciting week. Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas of service. All are welcome to join in the fun 😊

Memory Verse

1 Cor. 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Faith Crafting "Fun Time" in March

Come join some fellowship in an afternoon of Crafting FUN Join us in the church vestry on Wednesday March 14th 1-4pm Come and go as you please! Wear something green and a smile!! Please RSVP to: Crystal at 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](tel:207-363-8009)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

March 15, 16, 17, 18 @ 6:30 PM St. Christopher Church, [4 Barrell Lane, York, Maine](#)

Fuel Assistance

If you or someone you know needs help with heating bills, York County Community Action can help! Call the Low Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at 324-5762 or [1-800-965-5762](tel:1-800-965-5762).

Here's another wonderful letter from **Love Packages Ministry**

Zimbabwe: Thank you for the Sunday school material I decided to go to a school to give out the literature and low and behold the teacher Catherine started weeping. She said, "Christian literature in my school. How did you know I teach these children the love of Jesus? I was missing one thing, the literature, thank you, thank you."