



## Cape Neddick Tide

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

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#### **Pastoral Ponderings**

There are privileges, personal privileges, to being a pastor. Not the privilege of having your own parking place (never had one), but the privilege of entering and sharing people's lives. A pastor shares the joys and sorrows of those he or she serves. We are there when new life comes into the world and stand at the grave when life leaves this world. A pastor sees parishioners at their best as when they are married, baptized, celebrate life's milestones, bear witness to their faith; and at their worst, as when they receive the cancer diagnosis, develop an addiction, when a family dissolves, a loved one dies. Unlike other professionals that are seen in offices for specific matters, parishioners see their pastor around town in many different contexts, and may even feel free to approach the pastor with an issue while they stand at the meat counter at Hannafords. Yet, at the end of the day a pastor knows what a great

privilege it is to be called to such a life.

While a pastor is given license to enter into the lives of others, the extent of that entry is also earned, and acquired with time as parishioners become comfortable and therefore trusting. Interim pastoring is somewhat different. The position is temporary. There may not be the time to get to know the interim to develop the comfort and trust that one may have with the settled pastor. As in my case, I am here part time and I live twenty miles away so I am not seen in the community. Therefore, pastoral care, the ministry to individuals and families, often at a time of personal need may not get done. Some may think it would be a bother to ask the interim to take the time to come here on an unscheduled visit. Others may not feel comfortable with a pastor they barely know.

All of this is understandable. However, pastoral care

should not be denied those wanting it. I am sure that in the interim period there will be those who are hospitalized, bereaved, shut-in, or seeking counsel. Please, do not hesitate to let me know. I am most willing to be with you when those personal and family issues arise. Indeed, it is in such times that the total ministry of the church is strengthened.

I have observed that this is a church that cares for each other. This becomes evident to me during our morning prayer in Sunday worship. We lift up each other. We are there for each other. There is a sense that we are very much the beloved community. There may be times however, when one desires a more personal and perhaps confidential ministry. Pastoral care is not a burden because of distance. It has always been a privilege for me.

Yours in His Service,

David



### America for Christ Offering

We received \$1263 for the America for Christ Offering. These funds will be used to support ABC-USA mission and special projects throughout America. Also, a portion of these funds go to ministries in the state of Maine.



### Pulpit Committee (Pastoral Search Committee)

On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> those attending the worship service met afterwards to discuss God's Vision for our church. A number of new ministries were suggested and discussed.

A vision is a clear and challenging picture of the future. The vision statement is what our church is going to do, and how we will fulfill God's mission. The vision considers the needs of the community and our congregational context and values.

The information from this brainstorming session will be used to formulate a Vision for the ministry of the Cape Neddick Baptist Church. Thanks to all who handed in the questionnaires and participated in the meeting.



### Cape Neddick Baptist Church Website

Keep up to date on what's going on at our church. Our website is mobile device formatted making it easy to stay updated wherever you are located. Miss a Sunday, sermons are available on-line. On vacation, the monthly newsletters can be found on our website. What missions do we support, a detailed list is there. The address for our website is:

[www.Cape-Neddick-Baptist.org](http://www.Cape-Neddick-Baptist.org).



### New E-mail Distribution List for our Members and Friends

We are setting up a new e-mail distribution list for those who would like to join. We will use the list to send periodic messages about events, notices and messages from the pastor. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential. To join the list send an e-mail containing your full name and e-mail address to:

[CapeNeddickBaptist@maine.r.com](mailto:CapeNeddickBaptist@maine.r.com).



### Praise God for the Gift of Our Mothers

Please join us to honor our mothers at the Mother's Day Worship Service on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. A mother is a true gift from God.



Applications for the CNBC Sunday School Scholarship for the academic year 2017-2018 are currently being received and reviewed by the Board of Christian Education. If you would like more information or a copy of the guidelines and an application please get in touch with any member of the Board of Christian Education.



The Board of Christian Education will be arranging for the

church's honoring of our 2017 graduates in June. If you are graduating or you have someone in your family or know someone in the community who is graduating and you would like the graduate to receive a card of acknowledgement of his/her accomplishment, please let Pastor Dave, Dianne, Sheri or Sue know by June 1<sup>st</sup>.



CNBC will be providing camperships for those who participate at CNBC and who wish to attend Christian summer camp sessions at China Lake Camp (China, ME), Oceanwood Camp (Ocean Park, ME) or even Flight Camp (Mapleton, ME). Flight Camp is for teens ages 14-18 and is held July 9-14. Brochures are available in the back of the sanctuary, as well as on-line. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. For more information contact any member of the CE Board.



We are planning for VBS 2017. It will be held in July. We will be announcing the dates shortly. Be sure to watch the 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☺

**CNBC Faith Crafting Together Group**

Faithcrafting Cards Workshop  
**Wednesday May 17th 1-3p**  
 Come join us for a few hours of fellowship, fun & food!  
 We will be making & putting together assorted cards using photos, papers &

embellishments and donating them to York Food Pantry! You'll be able to create one for yourself to send to someone in your life who needs a boost!  
 No skill or supplies needed!  
 Just a cheerful attitude!  
 Hope you'll consider joining us

*Crystal Butler*

**Bibles for Cuba**

Haven Ministries is partnering with the Bible Commission of Cuba and the United Bible Society to bring the Word of God to the people in Cuba. Just \$5 covers the printing and delivery of one hardback Bible printed on quality India Bible paper, which will last for years in Cuba's hot, humid climate. Haven Ministries does not take a handling fee. 100% of your gift for Bibles will go toward Bibles for Cuba. But please let us know if you'd like to send a gift to Haven as well. Call [800-654-2836](tel:800-654-2836) or donate online at:

[Haventoday.org](http://Haventoday.org)

**Scripture Verse for May 5, 2017**

Ephesians 3:17, 18 "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and

high and deep is the love of Christ."

*Sue Norton*

**Food Pantry**

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