



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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Pastoral Ponderings

May 13th is Pentecost, a floating holiday occurring fifty days after Easter and one of the three significant dates on the Christian calendar; the other two being Christmas and Easter. As Christmas celebrates the incarnation of our Lord, and Easter Jesus' victory over sin and death, Pentecost observes the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

The second chapter of Acts tells how the Holy Spirit came as "tongues of fire and a mighty rushing wind" upon the those gathered in the upper room. Also gathered in Jerusalem were Jews from every nation for a pilgrimage. When the disciples addressed this multinational crowd, each person heard the gospel in one's own language. It was by the power of the Holy Spirit overcoming the barriers of language that the gospel was heard and received.

In a sense the Holy Spirit is about language and communication. The Spirit is the God part of the equation. Proclaiming the gospel is more than the physical act of speaking and hearing, it is also about receiving what is heard in a transforming way. Unfortunately, mere mortals do not have that ability. We say many words during the day and hear just as many, but most communication is not life transforming. The Holy Spirit working in the heart of the hearer prepares the way for the good news of new life in Christ. As one called to preach the gospel, I know that my words are inadequate. For me sermon preparation always includes prayer, that through my fallible utterings I may be a voice for God's word to be known. It is not important that my words are heard but that God's word is. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit may transcend all the

barriers of communication between preacher and hearer.

The meaning of Pentecost for our church is that our witness to the gospel is heard and received in the "language" of those to whom it is addressed. We may all agree that people need the Lord, but in our diverse society people live in a multitude of situations so that what people need of the Lord differs from person to person. One size does not fit all, so it is the wise church that recognizes this and adjusts its witness accordingly.

However, in the end it is the Holy Spirit that uses us, even in inarticulate and faltering ways. It is the Holy Spirit that overcomes barriers that would block simple human communication. Therefore, as we move forward as a congregation, with burdened hearts for those who know not our Lord, let us beware that there is a great diversity of

people waiting for good news. Then let us beseech the presence of the Holy Spirit in all that we do and let us be sensitive to all that the Spirit is already doing.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



News from the Pulpit Committee

We are grateful that the Lord has provided us with a number of prospective pastoral candidates. 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.



Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Our Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser began on April 1st and end on Mother's Day. This fundraiser helps support the Sanford, Maine, Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC). Alpha PRC has served Sanford and the surrounding communities as a safe, compassionate, confidential place for those facing an



unplanned pregnancy.

Walk for Life

Alpha PRC is sponsoring a Walk for Life on Saturday, May 12th starting at 10:00am in Gowen Park, Sanford. Registration is at 9:00am. Alpha's Annual Walk for Life is a family-oriented fundraiser event to raise awareness of the sanctity of human life in our community. There will be a signup sheet for the Walk for Life in our sanctuary.



Sarah Jean Nash Missio

nary to Bolivia

On Sunday, April 22nd Sarah Jean Nash spoke about her mission assignment in Bolivia. Sarah has been endorsed to serve as an International Ministries (IM) missionary in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She will minister through the new extension of House of Hope in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The new extension in Santa Cruz offers tutoring and after-school programs for children with high-risk mothers, conducts programs for youth with addictions, serves the homeless and provides medical and dental clinics for children with mental and physical challenges.



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”.



Mother's Day Worship Service

Please join us in honoring our mothers on Sunday, May 13th Mother's Day worship service. The service begins at 10:15am. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who honor Him by devoting their lives to their families.

Memory verse for May:

Psalm 107:2 "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so."



The Board of Christian Education

will be arranging for the church's honoring of our 2018 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 that graduate to receive a card of acknowledgement of his/her accomplishment, please let Pastor Dave, Dianne, Sheri or Sue know by June 1st.

Your York Churches Collaborate group continues to meet to work on areas of collaboration for all of the York churches. We will be meeting in May to put together a brochure 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.



Throughout May the CE Board will be

receiving and reviewing applications for the CNBC Sunday School Scholarship for the academic year 2018-2019. For more information contact any member of the Board of Christian Education.



It is not too late to 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). Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



We are excited about **VBS 2018 Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus.**

It will be held July 16th-20th 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. This should be an sensational week learning that God will see us through everything, even "the shipwrecks" that happen in our lives. We will experience hands-on-object lessons and be able to set our anchors in God's truths. Be sure to watch the website and weekly bulletins as details unfold! Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas of service. All are encouraged and welcome to join in the fun.



On April 17th from 9:30-4:00, Pastor Dave, Sue

Norton and I took part in the *Partnering to Address Domestic Violence Training* held in Portland. We each were amazed by all that we experienced during the training. There are many resources

available, right in our part of York County. Knowing where to get help is key. We learned to be victim-focused. This helps the *victim* to become the *survivor* who is able to overcome. Over the next few months we will be sharing more about the ways that we as a church body can bring God's healing and hope to vulnerable members of our community.



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:2073638009)

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

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