



# Cape Neddick Tide

## *What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church November 2018*

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### **Pastor's Ponderings**

*Be thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that Thou art—Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Dear Family of Faith,

As I write this, it is a month to the day since I launched in as Pastor of the Cape Neddick Baptist Church. From the moment I saw the notice, on the Gordon-Conwell website, that you had opened a search for a new shepherd, I have felt—deep in my spirit—that it is with this congregation that the Lord would have me serve. The extraordinary provisions that have followed, blessings that came even in the aftermath of a hurricane, have assured me I was indeed sensing God's will. Gene and I are enormously grateful for the warm welcome; gracious

words of encouragement and praise; and all the provisions of food, friendship and furniture extended to us (incidentally, you'll find I love alliteration). We look forward to getting to know everyone as we—together—embark on this new journey of faith.

Cape Neddick Baptist Church has faithfully served its community and the world for nearly 200 years and I am excited about and honored to be your Pastor. I was recently reminded that my first months here will likely be "foggy," as I strive to adjust, settle in and get the lay of the land. I want my first three priorities to be feeding the flock, fellowshiping with the church family, and following up on guests and lost people (there's that alliteration again). I know that God does a different gospel-oriented work in different places. There are no one-size fits all

in New Testament church life. Every church has its own personality, regional culture and unique identity; I will need your help in learning all that is distinctive about our church as a body, our folks as individuals, and our community and region as a mission field.

We have been blessed so that we may be a blessing. All that God requires of us is faith and the willingness to take the first step. So, as author Robert Kaylor has put it, "when God calls, we haul, even if that means we leave behind the familiar and step into the new and the strange." We show our faith in the faithfulness of God most especially by what we trust Him to do for us in the present and in the future and I believe, as we step out in faith, we will see an over-awing outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will open onto a great revival in our part of the

world. I pray that, as with the Great Awakenings of the past, God will deepen our prayer lives and draw countless numbers of people into relationship with Him so that the building where we gather will burst at the seams with those eager to glorify God.

I pray we will see: light in darkness, healing for wounds, righteousness within, guidance from the Lord, satisfaction for our souls in scorched places, a unified church fully focused on bringing glory to God, being so watered by the Lord that we are as a spring of water where the thirsty may drink and find refreshment. Onward we go.

Love in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Donna



**The World Mission Offering was Taken is October**  
The **priorities** of the 2018 World Mission Offering are: World **Health and Wellness**, **Abolishing Global Slavery** and **Economic and Community Development**. Thank you for giving to this international offering that helps support God's mission throughout the world.



### Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Cape Neddick Baptist Church and the Ogunquit Baptist Church will celebrate Thanksgiving together on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at the Ogunquit Baptist Church. Rev. Jeffrey Patnaude and Rev. Donna Hailson will lead the worship service. There will be a joint choir and participants from each Church. Please join us as we thank God for providing all our needs and blessing us with unending love.



### The Special Fellowship Offering

This offering is taken on Communion Sunday, which is the first Sunday of each month. The Diaconate administers this offering and uses it to help support those in need of help with expenses such as food, shelter, medical bills, utility bills and transportation. We thank the Lord that we are able to help those who have special financial needs in our community and Church family.



Our new season of Sunday School began with the Sunday School taking part in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This is one of our favorite yearly projects. At the printing of this newsletter, we will be looking forward to our

third Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, when we will be wrapping and filling shoeboxes. Once all of our boxes are completed, they will start their journeys to children around the world. The purpose of distributing these boxes is to introduce and connect children and their families to the love of Jesus. We will be able to track the countries to which our shoeboxes travel from Cape Neddick. The cost for shipping is \$9.00 per box. Here are a few ways you might still wish to participate: praying, wrapping, making or purchasing items, filling, writing personal notes to be included, donating for shipping costs or delivering completed boxes to the drop-off location. Share in this joy and be blessed!



Looking ahead:  
On  
November

18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, the Sunday School will make breads to be included in the Community Thanksgiving Baskets. Join us for this labor of love.

We will create decorations for our Sanctuary Christmas Tree on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. And on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent, we will decorate our Sanctuary Christmas Tree, at 9:00am, with our ornaments, new and old. Join us and prepare for the season of our Lord's birth.



### Thank You

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for the lovely reception provided for me after my last worship service with you on September 30th. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and of course the delicious luncheon. It has been both pleasure and privilege to serve you as interim pastor and I leave you to pursue your next journey of faith with Pastor Donna.

Yours in His Service,  
Pastor Dave

### From the Heart

December 4 & 5  
6:45-9:00 PM.  
Bethany Church  
500 Breakfast Hill Rd.  
Greenland, NH

Guest Speaker will be Melanie Shankle, author of "Antelope in the Living Room" and "Sparkly Green Earrings".  
Come and enjoy refreshments and a wonderful time!  
Tickets are \$10.00.  
603-431-3646  
[bethanychurch.com](http://bethanychurch.com)

**936 Pennies...** is a book of personal stories where Eryn and Grayson Lynum tell the story of when they dedicated their second child, the pastor gave them a jar with 936 Pennies. Each penny represented one week she and her husband would have with their child until he turned 18. Each penny represented a week she would never get back, so she tells how she started parenting intentionally in

order to live a life of no regrets. "I got this idea; and what we did was—we set up a second jar. This is the jar now where we put a penny every week—because when we see that first jar going down, the temptation is to mourn the loss or to be overwhelmed with guilt, and regret, and shame—but instead, now, we see the other jar building up. It's—an investment!"

If you're a parent or grandparent, you can start "investing" your pennies in the life of that child. You'll not only have a jarful of pennies, you'll have a lifetime of memories, lessons taught and learned, and a rich relationship with that child. Learn more from Eryn at [936pennies.com](http://936pennies.com)

### Food Pantry

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

### Faith Crafting

Count your Blessings... Name them one by one... During the month of November members & guests, are encouraged before or after Church service to write a blessing or something they are grateful for, on the slips of paper provided.  
Please tape it to the Blessings Board in the back of the church.  
No need to sign your name, just something you are

thankful or feeling blessed about!

Christmas Card making Faith Crafting Event  
Let's start the Holiday Season off with some joyful creativity!  
Yummy cookies will be provided.  
Invite a friend to join the fellowship fun!

Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm  
Please rsvp to Crystal 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](tel:2073638009)