



# Cape Neddick Tide

## *What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church November 2017*

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### **Pastoral Ponderings**

This is the month of Thanksgiving giving me the opportunity to thank you, the church, for your graciousness and kindness extended to me, especially during the pastor appreciation event after church on the October 15<sup>th</sup>. Not only was it nice of you to mark the day with a collation, but also with the numerous cards and gifts I have received from you. The collation I knew about, but the gifts and cards were something else. I did not expect your kindness to be expressed in such tangible ways. They were appreciated and I was touched.

I also did not expect the format. Again, it was very touching that a number of you read portions of scripture that highlight the qualities of a pastor. I must tell you that I fall far short of those qualities. But the fact that you read them and associated them with my ministry helps me to "press on toward the goal for

the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

If I may, let me share another verse from Philippians 1:3: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in everyone of my prayers for all of you." On the fifteenth I said a few words in response to you and unexpectedly my wife, Cyndi, asked if she could speak. She introduced her self as a professional interim minister, one who is trained specifically in the skills needed to do interim ministry, and has done numerous interims for thirty years. She said to you, "all churches are not like you." I have listened to her stories of dysfunctional churches with toxic people whose dysfunction and toxicity is exacerbated when the pastor leaves. That is not the case here. You are a warm, loving fellowship. You have accepted and embraced Cyndi and me, and I thank God

for you and the joy you have brought me by serving you.

It is almost a year since Pastor Don retired. His faith-filled leadership served this church well and to him I am indebted so that I began this interim ministry with a healthy church. Yes, there are challenges that we face and perhaps we may have to develop new ways of thinking about how we carry out the business of being disciples of our Lord Jesus. But we do it with a solid footing on a firm foundation where pastor and church have a mutual appreciation for what each has to offer.

Again, thank you for your appreciation; thank you for your gifts; and as we await a new pastor I will cherish the days I have here.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*



### **News from the Pulpit Committee**

Time sure flies! In a few weeks the CNBC Pulpit Committee will have been established for a year. We have completed our CNBC Profile and finished the process of thoroughly reviewing the first group of potential pastoral candidates' profiles. We still have many steps in the process yet to be completed. 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.



### **Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm**

This year the Cape Neddick Baptist Church is hosting the annual Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service that we share with the Ogunquit Baptist Church. You are invited to join in this service of thanking God for all He has provided us throughout the year.



### **Wednesday Bible Study @ 1:00 pm**

Please join Pastor Dave for his weekly Wednesday Bible Study in the vestry. Each week he will be looking at the verses that will be used in upcoming sermons. It will be a time to gab, enjoy each other's company, have a little refreshment, and provide opinions to the Pastor as he seeks input for future sermons. All are encouraged to attend.

### **Memorial Plaques**

Our Memorial Plaques (on the wall facing the parking lot) have been updated. The following names have been added: Lucille Potter, Joanne Maus, Alan Crosman, Beth Worley, Mildred Adams, Roger Paul, Elizabeth Todd, Raymond Weare, Iris Weare, Richard McNeil, Charles Moulton, Roberta Dunstan, Fred Ricker, Avis Briley, and Virginia W. Parsons.



**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)



### **It's Shoebox Time!**

Zambia, Uganda, Philippines. Where will our shoeboxes go this year? It will be fun to find out! Please bring toothbrushes, toothpaste, small toys, games, puzzles, small stuffed animals, crayons and paper! The shipping cost this year is \$9 per box, so however you would like to help will be a blessing. This is always a fun time for our whole church family!

Collection week is November 13–20. Complete lists of items for shoeboxes will be on the table at back of church.

### **Love Packages**

Our church sends Christian reading material to an organization called Love Packages, which then distributes the material all over the world. Here is a grateful and amazing letter from Ghana. " A Muslim woman received a Bible and a book, "Blessing or Curse" by Derek Prince. She had been very sick but upon reading these she was healed. Her two brothers came to me rejoicing over their sister's healing. They ask for more books and literature with Bibles for twenty-eight members of their families. After a short time, they have come to accept Jesus and are baptized. Wow!"

How wonderful that we can help others come to know the Savior!



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

***Something different!***

The Maine Garden Railway Society, of which Terry and Sue Norton are members, will be operating a wonderful large-scale train layout at the Maine Mall in South Portland from November 17-Dec 24. There is a circus train, ski lift, trolley, and many interesting buildings and scenes. Come and enjoy an old-fashioned hobby!



**SPREAD  
Holiday Cheer!**

# FaithCrafting event

## Christmas Card Creations & optional Cookie Swap

Come join the fun night out  
Thursday November 16th  
6p-8:30p  
Church Vestry

PLEASE let me know if are interested asap  
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