



# Cape Neddick Tide

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

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### **Pastoral Ponderings**

Let's have a party on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Of course, it is Halloween and some of us may be giving out candy to the neighborhood kids, but that is not the party I'm talking about. No, October 31<sup>st</sup> is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Now, maybe that doesn't make you want to break out the noisemakers and party hats like it does me. Still, it is an important anniversary that Lutherans and other Protestants will be celebrating, and it marks an event, or dare I say movement, that significantly changed Christianity.

Americans do not appear to be big on history. We tend to live for the moment. Few can name a Founding Father but they know exactly what Taylor Swift was wearing at the Grammy's. But to ignore history is to ignore it at our

peril for the past is present and the present is past. This is true beginning with biology. We are composed of genes, and genes are the biological history of our forbearers. Through the generations, our genetic structure has passed on our body type, strengths, and the predisposition to certain medical conditions. If grandpa was a diabetic, it is to our benefit to carefully monitor our blood sugar. So, it is with history. Ignorance of it is to our peril as we are doomed to repeat what we have forgotten.

Enough of the lecture already and back to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what began in Wittenberg, Germany by an Augustinian monk, Martin Luther. If you have been cured of a critical or life-threatening disease because of medical science, thank Luther. The Reformation liberated science and intellectual inquiry from the

Church that compelled such activity to be subject to doctrine. If you read your Bible in the comfort of your home or in an informal Bible study with friends, thank that Augustinian monk who took that Bible out of the control of the clergy and put it into the hands of the people. If you make up your own mind and act upon it concerning the issues of the day without beholden to the Church, thank the Reformation that valued your competency to determine how you would live your life. Finally, if you enjoy living in a free country with freedom of religion, speech, press, etc. give a nod to what happened in Wittenberg, for it was the beginning of a long string of events and people that influenced the Constitution of the United States.

Therefore, on October I will begin a sermon series in celebration of the

Reformation. Beginning Sunday, October first we will be looking at Biblical texts that lift up Reformation themes and what they mean for us today. Hopefully, we will not only honor the past, but also gain a better understanding of what it means today to be heirs of the Reformation.

Part of what we do in worship is remembering. Scripture is the story of our past as the people of God. The Reformation is also our story as the people of God, to forget it is to lose sight of who we are and how we came to be this way. In truth, the past is present and the present is past.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



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

Time to check-off two more tasks on the Pastoral Search Process Completion Chart located on the rear bulletin board in the sanctuary. At our next meeting we will complete our CNBC Profile and begin the process of reviewing pastoral candidates' profiles. The last time we met with Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher he explained in great detail how to interpret the candidates' profiles. As mentioned in previous newsletters the candidates'

profiles were selected using ministry criteria the Committee developed through completing the eleven Church Reflection exercises. The criteria that were used to search the American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS) national database found candidates that match our ministry requirements.

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.



### **Marketfest 2017**

We are glad to report that we are able to donate \$825.00 to the York Community Service Association (YCSA), the total proceeds from the sale of homemade apple crisp at York Village's Marketfest 2017. Thanks to all those who helped set up the booth, made apple crisp, served at our booth, cleaned up and made donations. What a great way to support our local community.



### **Pastor Appreciation Time - Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> after the worship service there will be a Pastor Appreciation Time during the CNBC Quarterly Business Meeting.

Refreshments will be served. This will be a special time for us to express our thanks to Pastor Dave for his Christian leadership and service to our Lord. All are invited to meet in the vestry after the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments. A basket will be available for appreciation cards and gifts.



### **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.



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

Zambia, Uganda, Philippines. Where will our shoeboxes go this year? It will be fun to find out! Please bring toothbrushes, small toys, games, puzzles, small stuffed animals, crayons and paper! We will start filling our shoeboxes on Sunday, October 29. Bring your friends, neighbors, family! Everyone can pitch in! 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.



### **CNBC Faith Crafting Together Group**

Faith Crafting afternoon on Tuesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm

Come join the FUN, FELLOWSHIP and a bit of FOOD

While we laugh, share stories and create something fun,

Whether it be a personal picture page creation (bring a few of your favorite pictures) or making cards (all supplies are available)

Just need you to join us in the afternoon.

RSVP is appreciated to Crystal Butler [207-752-1994](tel: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 give me a call. Betty Lovering [207 363 8009](tel:207-363-8009)



### **Food Pantry**

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