



Cape Neddick Tide

What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church September/October 2018

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Pastoral Ponderings

Train 686, Amtrak's Downeaster, pulled into the Durham station last Friday. I was standing in the aisle talking with a passenger when the "thundering horde" of UNH students boarded. "Uh oh..." I forgot that it was after Labor Day. UNH is one of the busiest stops for the Downeaster on Friday afternoons from September through mid May. Students board the train looking for available seats, the conductors are scanning tickets, and I try to get out of everyone's way. Forgetting that a new semester was upon us I ducked into the restroom until all were seated with tickets scanned.

That night on the return trip to Portland, I checked my email to find that the Cape Neddick Tide material was due. Another "Uh oh..." I knew this was coming up

some time, but how did it happen so quickly. More frequently than I would like to think, time creeps up on me making me scramble to meet its demands.

Thus, I am reminded the days are dwindling until I take my leave from you. By the time you have this newsletter in your hands, the church may have a new pastor. There is a touch of bitter sweetness to that fact. The sweetness is that we have reached our goal. Shortly after Pastor Don left there was a little anxiety as to when the church would have a new pastor. That is only natural as his absence left a vacuum. The pulpit committee was formed and methodically chipped away at the task, with meetings, forms, surveys, lists of pastoral priorities resulting in a profile that was sent out to prospective candidates. The goal was getting closer. Candidates responded,

interviews were held, and a long list was culled. There is sweetness in achievement.

I was called to be your interim pastor. I too had a goal: preparing the church during the transition so that it would be ready to receive a new pastor, and be receptive to new directions in ministry. There is sweetness in knowing that goal is almost achieved.

The bitter part is leaving you. I knew that this would happen. My position is temporary. But, I have developed a deep affection for all of you and for the church as a whole. You warmly welcomed me and have been supportive of my efforts. You have a place in my heart and there it must stay as we part our ways.

I began by writing about trains. As you know, I like trains, both big and small. It is fitting then to conclude with this Appalachian hymn as my benediction.

Life is like a mountain railroad
with an engineer that's brave;

We must make the run
successful from the cradle to
the grave;

Watch the curves, the fills,
the tunnels; never falter,
never quail;

Keep your hand upon the
throttle, and your eye upon
the rail.

Blessed Savior, Thou wilt
guide us, Till we reach the
blissful shore,

Where the angels wait to join
us in thy praise forever more.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Results from the CNBC Business Meeting

We are delighted to report that Rev. Donna F.G. Hailson (Pastor Donna) has been called to serve as pastor of the Cape Neddick Baptist Church. She has accepted the call and will be starting her position as pastor on

Monday, October 1st. Pastor Donna will begin leading the worship services on October 7th. We praise God that He has guided us for the past twenty months of searching for a new pastor!



Marketfest 2018 on Saturday, September 22

Our church family sold hot homemade apple crisp at York Village's 2018 Marketfest. Thanks to all who made apple crisp and helped served at our booth under the food tent. All proceeds were donated to the York Community Service Association's (YCSA) Food Pantry and Family Support Programs.



Thank-You Luncheon for Pastor Dave

On Sunday, September 30th there will be a luncheon after the worship service in honor of Pastor Dave who has served as pulpit supply and our interim pastor for over twenty months. Please join us as we thank Pastor Dave for his service to our church and

our Lord. A basket for cards and gifts will be available.



Donate to Purchasing New Shrubs for Our Church

The Church members present at the Business Meeting on September 19th voted to fund the \$2000.00 cost of removal of the old shrubs and the installation of new shrubs by donations. Please make a donation to improve the appearance of our church property.



October is World Mission Offering Month

Throughout October the World Mission Offering will be taken. The **priorities** of the 2018 World Mission Offering are: **World Health and Wellness, Abolishing Global Slavery and Economic and Community Development.** Please help support God's mission throughout the world.





On Tuesday, September 11th, members of the Board of Christian Education and the Diaconate participated in a Church Fair at Gordon-Conwell Seminary from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We were able to reach out to the students and provide information about Cape Neddick Baptist Church. We encouraged them to come to Cape Neddick and see who we are and what we are doing.

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

For our VBS missions project this year we had an opportunity to help with HEAL Africa EcoDim which stands for Ecole de Dimanche or Sunday School. There are many abandoned children and many street children in Eastern Congo. HEAL welcomes these kids and has programs for them every week. There are between 300 to 500 street kids ages 2-17 who come for Sunday School. The children used to meet standing in the dirt outside, no matter the weather. Three classrooms and a Sunday School office have been built above the Tuungane School. These new classrooms needed white boards. CNBC VBS raised a total of \$721.00 for white boards, erasers and markers. As you can see from the photos from Ann Clemmer, the white boards are up and in use. They are a blessing to the teachers and the children. It is exciting to be able to reach out from Cape Neddick to the Congo and make a difference in children's lives.

As for the future, CE is working on plans for Parenting Groups and partnering with Caring Unlimited and Safe Havens. We continue to cooperate with our sister churches in York. Our Sunday School will be resuming in October. Surely God has amazing plans for Cape Neddick Baptist Church. Working together, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, we will discover those unfolding plans!

It's not quite Shoebox time, but here is a wonderful story about what can happen when a child receives a shoebox.

"In Malawi, 12-year-old Angella squealed with delight when she opened her shoebox gift. Her parents couldn't afford to buy her school supplies, but in her box she found pens, pencils, a notebook, and a ruler. The flashlight inside was a real treasure because there was no electricity in their home. But by far, Angella's favorite item was The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet that accompanied her shoebox.

"When I read the booklet, it proved to me that God is there," Angella said. "That encouraged me to start going to church. As I learned about the Bible, I was being transformed."

She soon accepted Christ as her Savior and began reading the booklet to her family. Now all 10 of them are attending church and have decided to follow Jesus too!

"Wild Wednesday"

Faith Crafting

I will be offering a few different paper crafting options for you to try, and ideas for future events ahead to share...Please come join us for fellowship, fun and a little food!

Wednesday Oct 10th 2-4pm
Please email or call me if you can attend: 207-752-1994