



Cape Neddick Tide

*What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church
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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

2016 is here!!! Happy New Year to you all!!! The word 'new' has certainly filled the air the last few days; this word is also prominent in the Scriptures. A *new* song, a *new* covenant, and *new* mercies are often mentioned, plus the apostle Paul speaks of a new creation. Says the apostle in II Corinthians 5:17, *'if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come.'*

A NEW creation!! Through Jesus Christ we are new creations. God has redeemed us, forgiven us, cleansed us, made us whole, and imparted within us a '**new life.**' Isn't that great!!! Yet let's not forget that being a new creation also carries with it a responsibility.

In Colossians 3 Paul reminds us of the importance of clothing ourselves with the characteristics of the 'new self,' characteristics like compassion, patience, humility, forgiveness, peace, and love. At the same time he tells us that we are to

consciously put away those sins or foibles that belong to our old nature, whatever they might be.

A new year is upon us. May each of resolve, as '**new creations,**' to more and more show forth the characteristics of that new life in Christ!!!

By the way, for three weeks in January (Jan. 17, 24, and 31) I will be preaching about three significant experiences in the life of **Moses.** As we see what he was doing, we'll discover what God might want us to be doing!!

One further note---Gloria and I **thank you** very much for the generous Christmas gift and for the ornament presented to us after worship on the 20th. It is much appreciated.

WE MOURN

On November 27 *Roberta (Bobbi) Dunston*, a long-time member of our church, passed away. Her 100th birthday had been a couple of months earlier. May God bless her memory among us.

SNOW PALS



On **January 17** names will be drawn during worship. For the four weeks that follow, until February 14, you will have the opportunity to minister secretly to someone else within our church family.

There are many ways to do so. Some possibilities---a card, an encouraging note, an appropriate Bible verse, a small remembrance, OR even a plate or box of goodies. Items for your snow pal can be mailed (don't use a return address!), or left in the sanctuary.

If you know you won't be here on the 17th, yet want to participate, let Pastor Don know ahead of time.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of our church will be on Wednesday, **January 27**, at 7:00 PM. Reports will be received, the 2016 budget will be voted upon, plus offices and board members will be elected. This is an important meeting. Members as well as others active in our church's life are encouraged to come.

Speaking of reports, it is time for all boards, committees, and groups to be preparing their reports. Please turn them in by *January 20*. Thanks!!

CLEMMERS ARE COMING



Bill and Ann Clemmer, American Baptist missionaries now serving in South Sudan, will be with us on Sunday, **January 31**, at 4:00 PM. Bill serves as a doctor, helping to provide health care services for millions, including those returning as refugees. Ann works to meet the needs of a variety of health care workers, plus she ministers at a Christian school that she began. You will be inspired as you hear their stories, so put it on your calendar now!!

There will be time for questions, plus there will be refreshments afterwards.

NEW FRIDAY TOPIC

The Friday afternoon Life Together group begins a new study on January 8. Subject will be **I John**, one of three letters written by the apostle John. To help us apply the truths of this letter to our daily lives we will use the Serendipity Study Bible. You are encouraged to join in each week at 2:00 PM for this 5 week study.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

The box in the back corner of the sanctuary continues to be filled on a regular basis. Your support of the **York Food Pantry** is much appreciated, both by those who are on the receiving end of the ministry and by those who administer the pantry. Once a month Bud and Joanne Maus deliver the food to the pantry's location at 38 Woodbridge Road in York. Let's continue to fill the box!! Though the last Sunday of each month is our Food Pantry Sunday, canned and packaged items can of course be left at any time. This month's challenge item is canned fruit.

HELPFUL BOOKS

The circumstances of life can sure be challenging. A number of books in the church library address those challenges. In **Ambushed by Grace** Shelly Beach gives help and hope to those on the *care-giving* journey. In **Living with Thorns** Mary Ann Froehlich gives some

Biblical hints for dealing with unchanging circumstances. Check out these two books at the back of the sanctuary.

RANDOM NOTES

*Thanks to all who donated Christmas gifts for the family we adopted from **the Alpha Pregnancy Center**. The gifts were delivered to the center on December 21.

*January's **Men's Breakfast** is a week later than usual. It will be held on Saturday, January 9, at 7:30AM at Norma's Restaurant.

***Offering envelopes** for 2016 can be picked up at church. If you used envelopes in 2015 you will find one with your name on it. If you didn't but would like to, just take a set and put your name and the corresponding box number on the sheet. Any questions, check with Sue Norton.

*It's not too late to give to the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering**. \$226.00 has been given towards our goal of \$800. Please use the special envelopes.

*Is your name on the **birthday/anniversary** list?? Hope so!!! If not, let Betty Lovering know (363-8009) so it can be added.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Jan. 3 *Jesus*
Jan. 10 *Be It Resolved*
Jan. 17 *Excuses, Excuses*
Jan. 24 *Heads Up, Hands Up*
Jan. 31 *Busy, Busy*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join the adults as they explore the **Parables of Jesus in the book**, "Parables: The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told." Jesus was a master storyteller, and the parables He told were ingeniously simple word pictures with profound spiritual lessons. Understanding the parables is a crucial matter for followers of Jesus. Jesus told parables so His people might comprehend His message about the kingdom of God clearly. Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM. *Sue Norton*

BIBLE VERSE



For the month of January lets train our spirits and our brains with 2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

FAITH CRAFTING

This Life Together Group will meet on Thursday, **January 7th** from 10 – 12 in the vestry. Come join the fun as we exercise our creativity. All are welcome! Any questions call me (363-7036) or email me (cbutler2@maine.rr.com).

Crystal Butler

ABW



On **January 13** at 9:00 we will meet in the vestry to begin rolling bandages for the 11 hospitals in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Below is a quote from Katherine Niles, White Cross leader.

"What does a Band-Aid cost? Ten cents? Now imagine running a hospital serving patients who make less than a dollar a day. The cost of daily dressing-changes for a burn, surgery, or deep laceration, paid at U.S. rates, might exceed a year's income for most patients. Rolled bandages save lives!"

*To all the "Holy Rollers" out there, and those who give to purchase these hospital supplies, we pass on to you the chorus of 'Thank You' expressed by the medical staff here in the Congo. If you have missed the blessing of being part of White Cross, join the fun and get involved. It's a wonderful way to become part of God's healing work through hospitals in the Congo." *Gloria Nelson**

SCRAPBOOKING DAY

Saturday, **January 30th**, will be an all-day Scrapbooking event in the church vestry for working on individual projects with the use of my tools and assistance as needed. We will have a Pot-Luck Lunch. And donations will be collected for the ABW missions project.

Crystal Butler



Favorite Things UN~Birthday Party!

You are invited on **Saturday, Jan. 16, at 3:00 pm**. Bring a favorite baby picture and favorite gift to share. Come and enjoy time together sharing memories, Cake and Ice Cream and Games too!

Pam Trafton

LOOKING AHEAD

1/5 10:00 Book Club
1/7 10:00 Faith Crafting
1/9 7:30 Men's Breakfast
1/10 11:30 Fellowship Time
1/12 5:00 Trustees
1/13 9:00 ABW
1/14 6:30 BCE
1/16 3:00 Birthday Party
1/19 10:00 Book Club
1/27 7:00 Annual Meeting
1/30 9 – 3 Scrapbooking
1/31 Food Pantry Sunday
1/31 4:00 Clemmers
2/2 5:30 Diaconate

