



Cape Neddick Tide

What's Coming and Going at the Cape Neddick Baptist Church

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans! I didn't come up with this sentence. It's a phrase that has appeared all over the place, from the Reader's Digest to a song written by the Beatle John Lennon. Another popular phrase goes like this---today is the first day of the rest of your life.

No doubt, there is a lot of truth in these phrases. They remind us that while there is a place for planning and for thinking about the future, we need to make sure that we make the most of our life right now. The Psalmist puts it this way, *'This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.'* (Psalm 118:24). How important it is that we live to the full each day God gives to us.

Good words for any time of the year, extra-good words for the summer, especially since many of us will say at one time or another in the coming weeks, *'Where has the summer gone?'*

My hope for the rest of the summer is that I will take advantage of the beautiful weather and the longer days (though they are now getting shorter!!). I hope you will too. To paraphrase John Lennon and the others, *'summer is what happens while you are making other plans.'*

By the way, I will be on **vacation** the week of August 3 and the week of August 24. During the week of the 3rd Kimberly, Nathan, and the boys will be visiting. Later in August, from August 30 into Labor Day weekend Gloria and I hope to be at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York, for my **Continuing Education** week. Primary speaker for the week will be Dr. Duane Litfin, former president of

Wheaton College and professor of Biblical Studies and Theology. I look forward to hearing him and to attending the daily seminars.

One other note---the Friday afternoon **Life Together Bible Study** on *God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions* has begun. I encourage you to join in at 2:00 PM whenever you can.

PICNIC



All are invited to a Church Family Picnic at Fred and Sandra Ricker's (3 Hilltop Drive, York) on Saturday, **July 11**, at 1:00 PM. Chicken and beverage will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and, if you can, a lawn chair.

CONCERT INVITATION

The First Baptist Church at Kittery Point invites us to a concert by **The Spencers** on July 26 at 6:00 PM. *'From the Kansas plains, with their original songs, acoustic folk arrangements, and a passion to make much of Christ, the Spencer's are a family band that will delight your heart and encourage your soul.'* No charge, a free-will offering will be taken.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As we look around it is easy to see a complicated, conflict-ridden, unbalanced world with needs almost too great to measure. And yet, by the grace of God, we have been given resources to share, and the gifts we give make the world more the way God intended it to be. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is an opportunity to share our abundance with others in need.

In 2014 grants through this offering went **around the world**---to earthquake relief in China, for example, Ebola relief in Liberia, refugee relief in Nicaragua. Help was also given **here at home**----drought relief in California, flood relief in New York, and mudslide relief in the state of Washington, just to name three places.

We will take the One Great Hour of Sharing offering

beginning on July 19, and continuing to August 16. Our goal as a church is **\$800**. Please use the special envelopes. Thanks.

CHRISTIAN ED BOARD

July 20th-24th the sanctuary, vestry and grounds of CNBC will be transformed into **SonSpark Labs** for our annual **Vacation Bible School**. From 9:00 to 11:30 each day, children, teachers and helpers will be discovering God's plans: 2 MAKE Us, 2 BE WITH Us, 4 Us 2 KNOW Him, 2 SAVE Us and 2 LOVE Us 4-Ever. In other words: GP4U =J. *Sing, praise, listen, pray, experiment, create, play and snack* - what could be better??



The Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce that Bridjet Ely, Kevin Lumenello, Nicholas Lumenello, Shawna Norton and Sheryl Woodworth have been selected to receive **CNBC Sunday School Scholarships** for the academic year 2015-2016.

Bridjet is in her second year at York County Community College where she is majoring in Business Administration. **Kevin** will be beginning his first year at

Southern Maine Community College where he will be studying nursing. **Nick** will be studying Pre-med at UNE. **Shawna** is studying at San Diego State University where she is majoring in Kinesiology. **Sheryl** is in her second year at York County Community College where she is majoring in Liberal Arts. It is a privilege for our church family to be able to encourage and support these young men and women in this way.

Both Nicole Perkins and Kalista Perkins will be attending **Youth Summer Camp** at Oceanwood Camp located in Ocean Park, Maine this summer. Nicole will be attending Middle Camp for a week and Kalista will be attending Junior Camp for a week. The theme for camp this summer is *The Choice is OURS!* How do we know what the right choice is?

Dianne Hludik

RANDOM NOTES

***Point of Grace**, a Christian singing group, will be in concert at the Seaside Pavilion on Old Orchard Beach, on Friday, July 31, at 7:00 PM. This is a free event. Call 934-2024 for more information.

***War Room**, a movie from the creators of Courageous and other Christian films, is coming to theaters August 28. The subtitle of the movie is, 'Prayer is a Powerful Weapon.'

*The response to the monthly **Food Pantry** challenge has been super. Your challenge for the summer is juice and coffee.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

The **Leetch Fund!!** Many of you are aware of what this is, many of you might not be. In 1998 a sizeable amount of money came to our church from the estate of Ruth L. Leetch and Florence K. Leetch, sisters who were faithful members here for many years. The principal of the endowment that was established cannot be used, but the income from it can be, specifically for the **religious education of children and youth**. What a blessing this fund has been over the years.

Among other things, it has been used for Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Children's Church and the overall ministry of the Sunday School, plus with these funds the church has been able to provide camperships for Christian Camps and offer scholarships to those pursuing post-secondary education. We can sure be thankful to the Leetches for their generosity, generosity that continues to benefit others.

THANK YOU

The following letter came to us from Lorna Hansen of Auburn, Maine. She is a

member of the Board of Directors of **International Ministries** of the American Baptist Churches, USA.

I am writing to thank you for your generous partnership in our ministry. Your financial support helps our international missionaries both share the Gospel and meet real human needs around the world. I appreciate your continued prayers and your continued partnership in the ministries of International Ministries.



AFTERNOON ALFRESCO AFFAIR

**Ice Cream Social ~
Aug. 23, 2 pm
Come and enjoy an
afternoon of fun,
games and great
fellowship.
Bring your favorite ice
cream topping to share.
Pam & Ernie Trafton's
Hutchins Lane, Cape
Neddick 363-3051**

GOOD TO READ

No particular books to suggest this newsletter, just a reminder that there is a wide variety of books in our Church Library, located in the vestry. When you have a few minutes take a look!! You might find a book or two that

will be a blessing to you this summer.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

July 5 *Divine Forgiveness*
July 12 *The Poor Pigs*
July 19 *What Do You Want?*
July 26 *20/20 Vision*
Aug. 2 *What Happened?*
Aug. 9 Guest
Aug. 16 *Multiplied by Jesus*
Aug. 23 *It's Only Just Begun*
Aug. 30 Guest

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is now reading Ann Voskamp's book **1,000 Gifts**. The focus of the book is gratitude, which brings grace, thanksgiving and joy into our lives and draws us closer to God. Our eyes and hearts are being opened as we read. We meet July 14, August 4 & 18 at Pam's from 10 AM – noon.
Sheri Nadeau

LOOKING AHEAD

7/2 5:00 Trustees
7/11 1:00 Picnic
7/12 11:30 Fellowship Time
7/14 10:00 Book Club
7/15 7:00 Quarterly Mtg
7/18 2:30 Parking lot used
7/20 9:00 VBS begins
7/26 Food Pantry Sunday
7/26 1:00 Shower
7/28 5:30 Diaconate
8/4 10:00 Book Club
8/9 11:30 Fellowship Time
8/11 5:00 Trustees
8/18 10:00 Book Club
8/23 2:00 Afternoon
Alfresco
8/30 Food Pantry Sunday
9/6 7:00 Concert, Ogunquit
9/9 6:00 Choir Resumes
9/19 Church Breakfast

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Help Support the York Food Pantry

The Cape Neddick Baptist Church has established a Clynk returnable bottle and can account at Hannaford Supermarkets. All proceeds

from Clynk reimbursement of recyclable containers will be donated to YCSA's York Food Pantry. Instructions for donating your recyclable containers, bag tags and two free recyclable plastic bags are available at the rear of the sanctuary. It's easy to participate in this fundraising ministry; just place your returnable containers in a Clynk bag, attach a bag tag

and then take the Clynk bag to any Hannaford Supermarket. At Hannaford's you scan the barcode on the bag tag and the returnable deposits will be automatically credited to the Cape Neddick Baptist Church account. Thank you for being a *Food Pantry Clynker*.

***A Life Together Small
Group Outreach Project***

Frank Hludik