



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

It is often said that Maine has five seasons: spring, summer, fall, winter.....and mud. Hearing this may bring a smile to your face, or it might bring a knowing frown, for mud season is real!! It runs roughly from late March to mid-May, and so you've probably noticed that we are now in the midst of this 'watch where you step' season.' Of course, mud season started later this year due to the long-lasting cold and snow, but there's no doubt that it is here!!!

Mud!! We are all familiar with its literal meaning, yet there is also a figurative meaning. At one point the Psalmist David reflects on some challenging circumstances that he's encountered, and then says:

*I waited patiently for the Lord;
He turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
Out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock,
And gave me a firm place to stand. (Psalm 40:1-2)*

How reassuring!! When challenges come, we don't have to sink or wallow in them, nor is it inevitable that we'll be swallowed up by them. Instead, the Lord is always ready to put us on solid ground. In fact, he is our solid ground. As the hymn says, 'On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.'



Great words!!! Let's all endeavor to find our footing in Christ each day.

By the way, it was a joy to see so many children enjoy the **Easter Celebration** on Easter Sunday. Each of them found lots of eggs between the piles of snow, enjoyed a snack, and heard the Easter story. Plus there were a number of spinning helicopters flying around!!! Many thanks to Dianne Hludik, Sheri Nadeau, and Sue Norton for planning and organizing this.

One further note!! On three Sundays this month we will reflect upon three very important **attributes of God:**

His power, His knowledge, and His presence....and we will see how these attributes can affect our lives as followers of Christ.

WORK DAY

Fun, fellowship, and even food! All that and more will be part of our Spring Work Day on Saturday, **May 30**, beginning at 8:00 AM. There will be projects outside, possibility some inside too. Please come if you can for as long as you can that morning (yes, the 'day' is just the morning). The more hands there are, the more we will accomplish.

NEW TOPIC

The Friday afternoon *Life Together Group* begins on May 8 a six-week study on **angels**. People have a lot of questions about angels, such as 'Do angels have wings and fly, do they protect us from accidents, will we become angels?'

There are a lot of questions out there, plus a lot of misconceptions.....so it's important that we look to the Scriptures for our answers.

Come on Fridays and discover the wonderful ministry that angels do have in our lives!! If you've never joined in on Fridays, NOW is a good time to start!!!

A MAY CHALLENGE

Thank you for your contributions to the York Food Pantry. It is greatly appreciated as we have 61 families to help.

We would like to make a May challenge to see if we can fill the box with **condiments**. However, we do appreciate anything you choose to bring. The Pantry's wish list is on the table at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one. You are doing a great job!!! Joanne Maus

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

Do you know that we have a **website**??? When's the last time you looked at the website??? Let me remind you of some of what is on our site:

- Our beliefs
- Our mission
- Upcoming events
- The newsletter
- A profile of our missionaries
- Sermons, recorded live!

Plus links to the American Baptist Churches of Maine, the ABC of the United States, as well as links to other helpful sites.

I encourage you to check it out. The site is www.cape-neddick-baptist.org Many thanks to *Frank Hludik* for continuing to maintain and update the site!!

SPRING IS HERE

In recognition of the arrival of Spring two spring-like books are highlighted this month from the Church Library! The first is John Stott's



The Birds, our Teachers: Biblical Lessons from a Lifelong Birdwatcher. The second is Allen Swenson's *Flowers of the Bible and How to Grow Them*. You will find both books at the back of the sanctuary. Take, enjoy, and return!

IRON SHARPENS IRON THOUGHTS

The Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference was once again inspiring. A thousand Christian men from New England getting charged up through motivational presentations, a live band, and seminars to pick from that apply to you specifically!!! If you haven't gone yet you don't know what you are missing. Ride along with us next year!!

Ryan Appleby

FAITHCRAFTING

Monday May 11th 10-4p in the church vestry. Come when you want and stay as long as you want! Crafting supplies will be available for your use! Please bring your own project of choice to work on! No need to RSVP, and bring your own lunch if you wish!

Crystal Butler

ABW

All women are invited to our May meeting on the 13th at 9:00 AM at my home. A very special thank you to all who participated in Women's Sunday on April 26th. It is amazing to think that it is God's plan to use us to minister to others. May we grow in Faith so that we can Serve. Gloria Nelson

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Life Together Christian Book Club will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month (**May 5 & 19**). Anyone is welcome to join and at ANY point. We meet at Pam Trafton's house at 10am. Come and join us for fellowship, sharing, and socializing...book reading too! The book we are reading is *"The Hiding Place"* by Corrie Ten Boom. Please contact Sheri Nadeau ([603-436-8289](tel:603-436-8289)) if you are interested. Books are available in the vestry; please see Sheri or Pam to get one. **ALL** are welcome!



*There was a young man so benighted
He never knew when he was slighted
He would go to a party
And eat just as hearty,
As if he'd been really invited.*
May is National Salad and Limerick Month

YOU are ALL INVITED!
May 16, 5:00PM. Supper.

Bring a funny **clean** limerick and salad to share. Try to find a limerick that will make others laugh.

We are looking forward to a night filled with fun.

Sign up at back of church if you plan on attending.

Dessert will be provided.

For more information call me at 363-3051. Pam Trafton

SOME RANDOM NOTES

*Just a reminder, we are now collecting for the **America for Christ Offering**. You can use the envelopes at the back of the church, or if it's easier you can mail your donation to the church.

*Thanks to all who gave to the ministry of **Bill and Fran Atchison** when they spoke on April 12. \$140 was donated.

*Please return the **Baby Bottles** for the Alpha Pregnancy by Mother's Day, May 10, if possible.

***Birthdays and anniversaries** are to be celebrated!! You can pick up at the back of the sanctuary at any time that month's list of birthdays and anniversaries.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

May 3 *Life Together*

May 10 *Mighty Mouth*

May 17 *Omni One*

May 24 *Omni Two*

May 31 *Omni Three*

NEWS FROM BCE

In May the Board of Christian Ed will be receiving and reviewing applications for the CNBC Sunday School

Scholarship for the academic year **2015-2016**. If you would like more information or a copy of the guidelines and an application please get in touch with a CE board member.

The Board of Christian Education will be arranging for the church's honoring of our 2015 **graduates** in June. If you are graduating or have someone in your family or know someone in the community who is graduating and you would like the graduate to receive a card of acknowledgement of his/her accomplishment, please let Dianne, Pastor Don, Sheri or Sue know by June 1st.

We have chosen Gospel Light's '**SonSpark Labs**' **Discovering God's Plan 4U= Jesus** as our curriculum for this year's **VBS** which will be held on **July 20-24** from 9:00-11:30 AM. Be sure to save the dates! This should be an exciting week! Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas of service. All are welcome to join in the fun☺



CNBC will be providing **camperships** for those affiliated with CNBC who wish to attend Christian summer camp sessions at China Lake Camp (China, ME), Oceanwood Camp (Ocean Park, ME) or even Aviation Camp (Mapleton, ME). Brochures are available in the back of the sanctuary, as well as on-line. For more

information contact any member of the CE Board.

Dianne Hludik

IT'S BACK

No, not snow, but 'Ask the Pastor.' This year **June 7** will be **Ask the Pastor** Sunday, when the sermon will revolve around questions submitted by you. Last year the questions dealt with the purpose of life, rest, debts and trespasses, the Second Coming, prayerful attitudes, and a favorite Old Testament character.

What will be the questions this year?? It's up to you. On *May 24* and *May 31* there will be bulletin inserts on which you can write down your questions. Be thinking about what you might want to ask.

CHURCH COOK-OUT

The annual Church Cook-Out will be on Sunday, **June 14**, following worship. Hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, and beverage will be provided. You are asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share. Save the date!!

LOOKING AHEAD

5/2 7:30 Men's Breakfast

5/5 10:00 Book Club

5/7 6:30 BCE

5/11 10:00 Faith Crafting

5/12 5:00 Trustees

5/13 9:00 ABW

5/16 5:00 Salads and Limericks

5/17 11:30 Fellowship Time

5/19 2:00 Book Club

5/30 8:00 Work Day

5/31 Food Pantry Sunday

6/2 5:30 Diaconate

