



Cape Neddick Tide

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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

I am very thankful for this church, and I am glad to be a member of this church. In fact, as it is for anyone, my participation in church didn't automatically make me a member. I officially became a member a few weeks after I became the pastor. In fact, it was on October 15, 2009 that Gloria and I (along with Millie Adams) were given the right hand of fellowship during worship.

A few years ago Leadership Magazine, a magazine for church leaders, printed excerpts from a church brochure that listed a number of reasons to join a church. Here are three of them:

1) Membership says, '*We share the same ministry goals*,' and God says that believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact (Ephesians 4:16).

2) Membership says, '*We accept responsibility for a group of fellow believers*, and

God says that is His plan as well (Galatians 6:1-2, 10).

3) Membership says, '*We all have something to offer in deciding how things are done here*,' and God says that is how it should be (1 Corinthians 12:20-27).

On an even more practical note, membership gives an individual the opportunity to serve as an officer or on a board; plus a member can vote on matters that come before the church.

You might be a member, you might not be, you might not be sure if you are. Whichever you are, I am very thankful for you!! We are family.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member, or has questions about membership, just let me know so we can get together.

By the way, what a joy it was to be part of the group who gathered at the Woodworth's on the 23rd to devour some delicious lasagna and watch the movie '**The Hiding Place**.' Thanks much, Tom and Suzanne.

One other note: **Bill and Ann Clemmer** will be with us on Sat., July 23. I encourage you to read their most recent newsletter, at the end of this newsletter.

WE MOURN

We were certainly saddened by the passing of *Lucille Potter* on April 5. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary on the 11th.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST



Beginning on May 8 we will collect the America for Christ offering, an offering which helps support the mission of the **American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)**. ABHMS ministers as the caring heart, serving hands, going feet, and prophetic voice of Jesus Christ as it

establishes ministries of discipleship, justice, and evangelism. Plus a percentage of the offering comes back to the American Baptist Churches of Maine, assisting all of us in our ministries.

Our goal as a church is \$800. Please use the special envelopes which will be available until the beginning of June. Thanks.

WORK DAY

Who likes to have fun?? Who enjoys a sweet snack or two?? Who cares about how our building looks, inside and out??

If you can answer YES to any of these questions YOU are encouraged to come to the Spring Work Day on Saturday, **May 21**. Whether you can come for an hour or two, or for the entire morning (yes, the 'day' is a morning), please come!! The more hands and minds there are, the more we will accomplish.

ASK THE PASTOR

Back by popular demand (?) is 'Ask the Pastor' Sunday. This year it will be Sunday, **May 29**. On that Sunday the sermon will revolve around questions submitted by you. Last year the questions dealt with works of eternal value, Eli's wicked sons, reaching families, poor people, and following God's will.

What will the questions be this year?? It's up to YOU. On *May 15 and May 22* there will be bulletin inserts on which you can write down your questions. Be thinking about what you might want to ask.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

Over the years many of you have dropped items into the **Love Packages** box at the rear of the sanctuary. As I wandered around the sanctuary a recent morning I realized that some of you might not be familiar with the love package ministry. This organization, based in Illinois, collects new and used Christian literature and then sends it out to missionaries and churches.

You may have some of what they accept just sitting around!! Here's the list: **Bibles and portions of Bibles**, tracts, reference books and commentaries, Christian books (adult and children, fiction and non-fiction), Bible games and puzzles, CD's and DVD's, and daily devotionals.

Donations can be placed in the box at any time. We sent in a lot a year or so ago, we'll send more once we get enough to do so.

LIFE TOGETHER BOOK CLUB



The Antelope in the Living Room
by Melanie Shankle
Marriage....you gotta laugh!
Come and join this lively group.
Every other Tuesday at 10 AM.
Please pick your book up in the vestry.

FICTIONAL DELIGHTS!

Do you like inspiring stories?? A new series called '**Home to Heather Creek**' has just been added to the church library. Come Home, says the book jacket, and get to know Charlotte who is raising her grandchildren on the family farm after a tragic accident. See how God, who makes the sun rise and the crops grow, watches over our lives too.

You can pick up these books from the corner table in the sanctuary. Other inspiring fiction can be found in the hall on the shelves to the right of the ramp.

RANDOM NOTES

*Thanks to all who took the **baby bottles** for the Alpha Pregnancy Center. Please return them by May 8.

*The food challenge item this month for the **Food Pantry** is canned fruit.

*You are encouraged to pick up from the back table in the sanctuary this month's **birthday/anniversary list**. You will be blessed as you send cards; others will be blessed by you.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

May 1 Women's Sunday
May 8 *Careful Conversation*
May 15 *The Temptations*
May 22 *Three in One*
May 29 *Ask the Pastor*

ABW SPRING RALLY

On April 2 Gloria Nelson and I joined other American Baptist Women at the United Baptist Church in Saco for a

wonderful time of encouragement and edification. York Association President Marcia Pike started us off with a message on the importance and power of prayer. She shared her own experience of praying for a friend's salvation for 61 years!

We also enjoyed wonderful singing and music provided by the Men's Choral Group, one of whom played a lovely haunting-sounding Native American cedar flute.

After a great lunch, we listened as Sherry Cates, RN, recounted her medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. What an amazing experience of joy, bonding, and seeing Jesus as Sherry worked and worshipped with the Dominican people!

Sue Norton

ABW

Our May meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on the 11th at the parsonage. I will present the program, and our coffee time fellowship will follow. Ladies, don't miss this special time of spiritual refreshment.

THANK YOU to all who contributed towards our MBMM mission project in Lexington, MA. We are so grateful for your generous gifts.

Also, thanks to all the women who participated in Women's Sunday on May 1st! It is wonderful to discover the many gifts and talents within our congregation! *Gloria Nelson*

BOARD of CHRISTIAN ED ANNOUNCES

In May the board will be receiving and reviewing applications for the **CNBC Sunday School Scholarship** for the academic year 2016-2017. If you would like more information or a copy of the guidelines and an application please get in touch with any member of the Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education will be arranging for the church's honoring of our **2016 graduates** in June. If you are graduating or you 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 Standard Publishing's *Deep Sea Discovery* as our curriculum for this year's **Vacation Bible School** which will be held on July 25-29 from 9:00-11:30 AM. Be sure to save the dates! This should be an exciting week learning that God is with us wherever we go! 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 who participate at CNBC and 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. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. For more information contact any member of the CE Board.
Dianne Hludik

SCRIPTURE VERSE for MAY:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."—John 14:6

LOOKING AHEAD

5/3 10:00 Book Club
5/5 6:30 BCE
5/7 7:30 Men's Breakfast
5/10 5:00 Trustees
5/11 9:00 ABW
5/14 5:00 Hoagie Hullabaloo
5/15 11:30 Fellowship Time
5/17 10:00 Book Club
5/29 Food Pantry Sunday
5/31 5:30 Diaconate
6/12 11:45 Picnic

Hoagie Hullabaloo



May 14, 5:00 pm

Please bring a salad or dessert.

Be ready for fun time together!

Please sign up at back of church we need to know number attending.

For more information call Pam: 363-3051

SHOEBOX UPDATE:

Guess where our shoeboxes went?

UGANDA!



There will be a church family cookout after the worship service on **Sunday June 12th**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, condiments and potato chips will be provided. We ask that you bring a salad or dessert to share. **Great Food and Fellowship.**

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