



Cape Neddick Tide

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

My favorite holiday of the year is Thanksgiving. One of my favorite hymns is the Thanksgiving hymn, *Come Ye Thankful People Come*....yet because it is a seasonal hymn I don't get to enjoy it very often.

Come Ye Thankful People Come!! It was written by Rev. Henry Alford in 1844. He was a hard worker. Not only was he an Anglican pastor in Canterbury, England, he was also the author of a four volume edition of the Greek New Testament; plus, in his spare time, he wrote hymns!!!

It is said that at the end of a hard day's work, as well as after every meal, it was customary for him to rise to his feet and give thanks to God for the ways that He had blessed him. Gratitude certainly filled Henry Alford's heart. No wonder he wrote this hymn of thanksgiving.

Come ye thankful people come;
Raise the song of
harvest home; All is
safely gathered in

Ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to
be supplied.
Come to God's own temple,
come; Raise the song of
harvest home.

The message of this hymn is not only that it is good to have thanks within our hearts, but that a grateful heart should lead us to worship the Lord. Come to God's own temple, come, Alford says!!! The Psalmist says the same thing in Psalm 95:2, *'Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.'* Good words....so I hope to see you in worship this month!!

By the way, one of the things I am most thankful for at this time is the **Cape Neddick Baptist Church** and all the encouragement and support you have given to Gloria and me.

One other note----I will be off **Thanksgiving weekend**. Not sure yet of our plans.

BREADS TO SHARE

Loaves of sweetbreads (pumpkin, banana, date,

zucchini, apple, etc) are needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets being put together for the Food Pantry. Please place your breads in the basket in the vestry by Sunday, **November 20**. Thanks for helping out. If you have any questions, contact Eleanor Todd (363-2823).

Also, Sunday, **November 20th**, the Sunday School plans to make loaves of pumpkin bread to be included in the Thanksgiving Food Basket.



BLESSINGS/GRATITUDE BOARD

During the month of **November** we will be asking you to share on an index sized card what you are grateful for or feeling blessed about. At the end of the

month we will display them all together.

So be on the lookout for the Blessing Cards! They will be in the church bulletin and at the back of the church. You can place them in the box with the phrase: ***We all can begin each day with a Grateful Heart!!*** *Crystal Butler*

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

This year the Ogunquit Baptist Church is hosting the annual **Thanksgiving Eve** service that we share with them. You are encouraged to join in on Wednesday, the 23rd at 7:00 PM



A Thanksgiving Concert sponsored by the York churches will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd, at 7:00 PM at First Parish Church in York. All invited.

ANOTHER WORD FROM PASTOR DON

I find it hard to believe that in just a few weeks I will be behind the pulpit for the last time as a full-time pastor. Preaching has been one of my favorite aspects of the pastorate.

On **November 6** I will speak about the joy of being citizens of heaven. This will be two days before an election that most of us as citizens of the United States will be glad to

say good-bye to. On **November 13** my text will be a passage of Scripture I hold dear----Romans 8: 37-39. On **November 20** I will get a bit more personal as I reflect upon God's grace, and then on **December 4** I will offer my benediction to you.

May God bless us these Sundays and in the days we share together.

LETTER FROM CLEMMERS

You might remember that the Vacation Bible School offering was used to provide **desks** for students in **South Sudan**. Here is a portion of a letter that Ann recently sent:

We just received notice that the Vacation Bible School money sent for desks in Jabal Lado has arrived. Thanks so much. I'd love to visit Jabal Lado, but it may not be safe on the roads at this point. We are committed to continuing to help. The South Sudanese have suffered greatly, and we are thankful God is allowing us to be the tools to bring relief in the form of health care and education.

LOTS OF LAUGHS

Two new books have been added to the Church Library, both by Cal and Rose Samra. The first is called *Holy Humor: Inspirational Wit and Cartoons*. The second is *More Holy Humor*. You will find these 2 books on the back table of this sanctuary. Just check them out, and return.

SOME RANDOM NOTES

*This month's **Men's Breakfast** will be held on Sat., November 5, at 7:30 AM at Norma's Restaurant, Rte 1, in York.

*This month's Food Challenge Item for the **Food Pantry** is vegetable oil.

*It's not too late to give to the **World Mission Offering**. So far \$336 has been given towards our goal of \$800. Please use the special envelopes by the guest book.

*Thanks to all who gave to the ministry of **Family Builders** the Sunday that Willie and Cindy Batson were here. \$159 was collected.

LETTER

Michelle Surdoval,
Executive Director
York Community
Service Association

October 29, 2016

Dear Michelle:

The Cape Neddick Baptist Church sponsored an apple crisp booth at York's 2016 Marketfest on Saturday, October 15. All the proceeds from the sale of apple crisp are going to support the YCSA Family Service Program and the YCSA Food Pantry.

We had a very successful event and raised **\$1065.00**. Please accept our check for \$1065.00 to be used for the work of the YCSA Family Service Program and YCSA Food Pantry.

We thank the York Community Service Association for the support

and services provided to our local community.

In His service,
Frank Hludik, Diaconate
Chairman

VERSE for November

Philippians 4:6-7 " Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

LOVE PACKAGES

During October we have been collecting Bibles and Christian reading that will be sent to Love Packages. Here is an excerpt from their newsletter:

Guatemala: A pastor was working in a prison using Love Packages literature to share Christ. The Pastor had been asking a hardened prisoner to attend the Bible study but the man always refused. Finally the Pastor gave him the book, "**One Heart Beat Away**" by Mark Cahill and asked him to read it. When the Pastor returned to the prison, the man ran up to him and said this book opened up his eyes to what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He is now a member of the Bible study and is a growing Christian.

SHOEBOXES



We are now wrapping and filling shoeboxes at 9:00 on Sunday mornings for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child outreach. Our boxes will be completed on November 13th and ready to begin their journeys. Items are still needed to put in the boxes. A list of suggested items is included in the weekly bulletins as well as on our church website. The cost for shipping is \$7.00 per box. Share in this joy and be blessed.

CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL

Rediscovering Advent is the name of a 30-Day devotional that you are encouraged to use this Christmas season, from the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, to Christmas Day. Each daily reading features Biblical insight and encouragement from some of today's leading Christian voices, including Philip Yancey, Russell Moore, and John Ortberg. You can pick up one of these devotionals beginning **November 20**.



Celebrate the **Advent Season with the Sunday School**. On the 27th from 9:00-10:00 AM you are invited to make special Christmas Ornaments. Then join us as we decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00-10:00 AM.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Nov. 6 The Best Citizenship

Nov. 13 Love Divine
Nov. 20 Out of the Pit by the Grace of God
Nov. 27 GUEST
Dec. 4 Bless You

RETIREMENT and THANK YOU PARTY— Sunday December 4th

How do we say thank you to Pastor Don and Gloria for serving our Lord and this Church family for over seven years. In honor of Pastor Don and Gloria we are having a luncheon and fellowship time after the morning worship service on **Sunday December 4th**. This will be a time to express our thanks for their God-centered leadership and well wishes for a healthy and blessed retirement.

Pastor Don and Gloria have served our Lord in ministry for almost forty years. We are surely blessed that they have ministered to us for the past seven years. A basket for cards and gifts will be available.

Isaiah 40:31: *"But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint."* Bless You ~ Frank Hludik

LOOKING AHEAD

11/1 5:30 Diaconate
11/5 7:30 Men's Breakfast
11/5 TURN CLOCKS BACK
11/8 5:00 Trustees
11/9 9:00 ABW
11/15 10:00 Book Club
11/17 6:30 BCE
11/22 7:00 Thanksgiving Concert

11/23 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve
11/27 Food Pantry Sunday

11/29 5:30 Diaconate
12/4 11:45 Church

Luncheon