



AUGUST 2019

THOUGHTS FOR THE SUMMER

Parts of Worship in Celebration Presbyterian Church (adapted from PCUSA website)

As we gather for worship at Celebration every Sunday, there is a pattern of worship that every Presbyterian Church follows. Here is a brief explanation for why we worship as we do. Next Sunday, look for the elements of Reformed Worship at Celebration Presbyterian Church.

- Elder Terry Pettijohn

Praise - As God's people gather for worship, through Scripture or song, we focus our attention on God and away from ourselves. We sing a **hymn** and **greet one another**. Our hymns are examples of God-centered worship, and are one of the hallmarks of Reformed Theology.

Confession - Worshipers today, like the prophet Isaiah, cannot come into the presence of our holy God without realizing our own sinfulness. When we confess, we do so for ourselves and for the church as a whole.

Assurance of Pardon - After our Prayer of Confession, we have the Assurance of Pardon, when we proclaim that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Scripture calls us to confession; Scripture also assures us of God's love.

Affirmation of Faith - The Presbyterian Church USA is a confessional church, and part of our worship is to state what we believe. For example, we often state the Apostle's Creed.

Prayer - Part of our response to the living Word is Spirit-prompted prayer, including **Prayer of Intercession** and **the Lord's Prayer**.

Thanksgiving - Our greatest rejoicing can come only around the Table of the Lord as we share in communion with Christ and with God's people. When we do not have communion, offering of ourselves and of our tangible gifts can be a beginning response to the Word. After the offertory we have a prayer of **Thanksgiving and Dedication**.

Illumination - Before attempting to listen for the Word of God, we pray for the assistance of the Holy Spirit to open our ears to hear and our hearts to receive what God is saying to us through Scripture and interpretation.

Word - The Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, comes from the pages of **Scripture**. Interpretation of God's Word comes through a Spirit-inspired **sermon** from the minister.

True Worship - When the liturgy of the church is concluded, we have a **benediction** and a **charge** to live as Christ wants us to live. Then our true worship begins. Everything we know about God teaches us that true worship, lifestyle evangelism, is an intentional living of each day in prayer and mission, in our home, our work, our study, our recreation: glorifying and enjoying God forever.



Pastor Tom Dendy

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Vacation Bible School IS HERE!! It will be held Monday through Thursday, August 5-8, starting at 6pm. !

This year we will be traveling *To Mars and Beyond*. See Myra Burrows for more information. It's not too late to register to attend or volunteer.



SOCKS FOR SANTA

Thank you, as we go to print the newsletter you have donated 362 pairs of socks. There's still time if you would like to bring in a pair or two. Of the 362 pairs, 160 are boys and 202 are girls socks.

We will pair the socks with the sneakers that we will collect in November to be distributed to children in our area for Christmas.



FALL ON BROADWAY II

Start Planning Now for **Fall on Broadway II** to be held on October 19. This event received rave reviews last year so plan on attending and bringing a friend. Tickets are \$20.

If you would like to help with the event there are many opportunities before, during and after. Currently, we are starting to organize raffle baskets. If you would like to donate one sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Silent auction items were a big attraction last year. Marsha Meek is heading this up for us. If you have connections, please reach out to Marsha. You can reach Marsha at 703-932-3177.

We are looking forward to another great event



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our June lunch took us to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. There were 13 Ladybugs in attendance and we welcomed our newest Ladybug Cindy Ratcliff. Happy to have Cindy with us and hope she'll be back.

We collected \$80.00 for charity. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

Some of us took our chances with hot and spicy foods, while others opted for the more cooling effects of a salad. We had a very nice and efficient waitress. As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, August 1, 2019 at noon at P.F. Chang's in Market Common. If you are able to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited....hope to see you there. Come join a bunch of fun Ladybugs!



SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

The Session held a strategic planning session to discuss opportunities to continue to minister to our current congregation, the community and preschoolers and their parents.

Easy to say but now the execution. We will be sharing our children's ministry with the preschool parents. The goal is to provide programming for the rest of the year showing activities, scripture, music etc.

Slides will be created for the video board each week to remind and invite them to participate.

God Gab will be back in the fall with a new location and consistent Monday of the month.

Looking at fun activities to continue to build our fellowship and engagement. Ideas were movies, theater etc. Stay tuned for this announcement.

Session continues to review and discuss finances and the refinancing of the mortgage. We are currently working with PILP and a local bank.

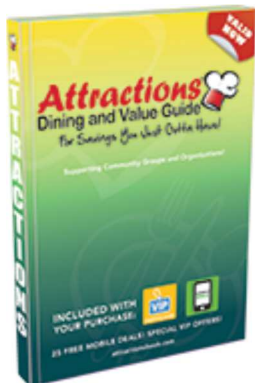
VBS we are looking forward to welcoming 30+ kids from our community. Thank you to the volunteers and remember to connect with Linda for the background check.



**HELPING
HAND**
OF MYRTLE BEACH, INC.

We are still collecting food for Helping Hand. Next time you are grocery shopping, pick up a few items to bring to church for Helping Hand. Some ideas are: can of Vienna Sausages, Pop-top Microwave Pasta, Pop-top Beanie Weenies, Fruit Cup, Bottle of Water + Single Pouch Flavoring (i.e. crystal light), Pop-tarts (pouch of two) or Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter Crackers (Lance or Austin – Any flavor), Plastic fork/spoon and napkin. Also peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal and much more. You can visit the website Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach for more suggestions. Thank you for helping others in our community.

**Adult Bible Study
will not meet
during the
summer and will
resume in the fall.**



The 2020 Attractions Dining and Value Guide Books are here. They are \$20 per book and can be used starting now. They are available in the church office. They make excellent gifts!

RISK-TAKING IN SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Ministry beyond church walls: an outward focus shows Christ's love

By Chip Hardwick in Presbyterians Today July 2019

Theologian Emil Brunner stated, “The church exists by mission, just as fire exists by burning.” This didn’t quite sink in until I heard Darrell Guder, former dean and missiologist at Princeton Theological Seminary, put it more clearly for me: “The church does not exist primarily for the benefit of its own members. Instead, it exists for the benefit of those outside its walls.”

These truths illustrate why the Presbyterian Mission Agency has chosen “outward incarnational focus” as one of the seven marks of vital congregations. “Outward incarnational focus” is simply how we take the Christ light within us and shine it upon others. It’s not that church members should not also nurture each other. They should. Caring relationships constitute another one of the marks identified in vital congregations. However, a congregation that worries only about its own members is not fully living out its call to ministry.

We see this in Luke 10:1–11, 16–20, where Jesus tells his followers that “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” The great need around him causes Jesus to send the 70, to go out into the world to share peace, rely on the goodness of their neighbors and proclaim the good news. The details of the passage sound peculiar to us today, but the takeaway is the same: The church is a force for redemption, bringing about Christ’s ministry out and about, not simply within its own building.

This challenges some of the ways we end up living out the faith. For instance, some churches want their minister to focus all of their time on caring for the members of that congregation. The members understand their pastor’s primary task to be pastoral care for those ailing. Whatever outreach there might be to those outside of the church is intended so that offering plates can be full again.

But Jesus didn’t appoint the 70 to stay put in their place of worship. Neither did he send them ahead to the towns so that newcomers would join their worshipping community. Jesus’ challenge was - and still is - to connect with folks on their own terms. He didn’t see people as potential ways to sustain church communities.

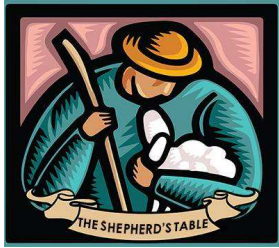
The second challenge from the Luke passage is that Jesus envisions a congregation whose energy is directed outside to the community, not toward the maintenance of the worship building. Surely a savior who charges his followers to depend on the goodness of neighbors would prefer that we think of our facilities as a means to accomplish our mission to the world, rather than as an end in itself.

One final challenge from the passage comes from the nature of the ministry to which Jesus’ followers are called. Jesus doesn’t tell them to send money so that other people will go out into the harvest as lambs among wolves. No. Jesus wants them to live out their faith with their lives, not just with their wallets. It’s true that God loves a cheerful giver, but financial giving is not enough. A church with outward focus moves beyond philanthropy. It lives and connects alongside its partners, building relationships for the sake of the gospel. After all, the church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning.

How great that Celebration has so many missional opportunities in our community!

- Elder Terry Pettijohn





THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

By Cecilia Evans

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Nancy Torcivia Dom Torcivia Margaret Reeder Beth Bruton Marsha Meek Steve Meek	Roy Andrews Laurie Andrews Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh Doug Larson	Kathy Wechter Bob Stepanek Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Mike Kotora Joann Piazza Rosie Rashid Jerry Rashid Paul Youngblood Patty Youngblood
January 10	February 14	March 21	January 17	February 21
April 11	May 9	June 20	April 18	May 16
July 11	August 8	September 19	July 18	August 15
October 10	November 14	December 19	October 17	November 21

Sub: Cindy Smith

If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please contact Cindy Smith to see if she is available and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!

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BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

Aug 3—Grace Vought

Aug 5—Jim Stewart

Aug 6—Gloria Flowers

Aug 10—Laurie Tiani

Aug 22—Katelyn Belyski

Aug 25—Terry Baker, Jr.

Aug 30—Adam Belyski

Aug 30—Katelyn Burrows

RAINBOW CONNECTION FUNDRAISER



Fundraising: Rainbow Connection-Thank you, thank you!
All the envelopes have been picked off the bulletin board.
It looks so nice seeing all the thank you hearts in their place.
If you have a envelope at home, you still have time to write
that check and turn it in.

Celebration has a **prayer chain** that prays faithfully for the joys and concerns shared by prayer cards in worship each Sunday. Linda emails members of the prayer chain on Monday, the joys and concerns. If you would like to add your name to the list to receive the prayer requests so you can pray for others, please email Linda at celebrationpesbyterianmb@gmail.com. You can submit your prayer requests during church on Sunday, by filling out a prayer card, or you can email the church office or call the church office during the week with any prayer requests or praises you may have.

Please call the church office when you are aware of a fellow member or friend of Celebration that is ill or in the hospital as we might not always have access to that information.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EACH SUNDAY</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery</p>				<p>1</p> <p>LadyBug Luncheon PF Chang's 12noon</p>	2	3
4	5	<p>6</p> <p>Quilters 10:00 am</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>Team B cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm</p>	9	10
<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6PM NIGHTLY</p>						
11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Quilters 10:00 am</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Breakfast Buddies Joe's Airport Diner 9am</p>	17
18	<p>19</p> <p>Preschool teachers return</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Quilters 10:00 am</p>	21	22	23	24
<p>STATED SESSION MEETING 12:15PM</p>						
25	26	<p>27</p> <p>Quilters 10:00 am</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Preschool Parent Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Preschool Open House 9am and 10:145</p>	30	31



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT
We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

<p>Elder of the Week Aug 4—Priscilla Mulligan Aug 11—Terry Pettijohn Aug 18—Nancy Resnick Aug 25—Rick Thornburgh</p> <p>Liturgist Aug 4—Nancy Thornburgh Aug 11—Anthony Tiani Aug 18—Kathy Wechter Aug 25—Nancy Torcivia</p> <p>Visitors Table/Greeter Aug 4—Heidi Cherry Aug 11—Nanette Kelly Aug 18—Barbara Barranco Aug 25— Carol Lagassee</p> <p>Pre K –Kindergarten Children’s Church– Trudy Miller</p>	<p>Children’s Church Grades 1-5 Trudy Miller</p> <p>Nursery Aug 4—Vicki Simon Aug 11—Donna Woodard Aug 18—Leslie Eckert Aug 25—Vicki Jacobs</p> <p>Media Shout Aug 4—Bernadine Lamar Aug 11—Donna Woodard Aug 18—Bernadine Lamar Aug 25—Donna Woodard</p> <p>Sound Booth Aug 4—Katrena White Aug 11—Katrena White Aug 18—Carol Butler Aug 25—Katrena White</p>	<p>Ushers Aug 4—Sharon Mook, Bob and Linda Miller, Terry Baker Aug 11-25—Sharon Mook, Bob and Linda Miller, Anthony Tiani</p> <p>Communion Elders Myra Burrows, Katrena White, Ken Krenzer, Kathy Wechter, Rick Thornburgh</p> <p>Chimes Aug 4—Kathy O’Halloran, Sharon Mook Aug 11—Sharon Mook, Janet Rouseff Aug 18—Cindy Smith, Kathy O’Halloran Aug 25—Kathy O’Halloran, Janet Rouseff</p>
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If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please change with someone and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!