



JULY 2019

THOUGHTS FOR THE SUMMER

Summer is such a great time as we vacation, visit with family and friends, and take a break from some of our normal routines. With daylight savings time, we enjoy evenings on a porch, days in the pool, the ice cream man or if you are in the right location catching fireflies.

Some of us wait for the summer harvest to enjoy the fresh fruits and veggies. What is better than a tomato sandwich?

This summer Rev. Dendy is on Rest and Renewal leave for July taking advantage of all the wonderful things summer has to offer.

As a church, we have the same opportunity to take advantage of the many wonderful things available in the summer. We will have guest speakers, sing hymns that we have requested, have a hymn sing Sunday and a special fellowship Sunday.

In Proverbs 6:6-8 There is a verse about ants and their preparation from the harvest. As I think about the favorite things of summer ants are not typically at the top of mind. They are more of a nuisance but we can learn from the ants to prepare for the winter by reaping from the wonderful bounty of summer. We can store the food, the sunshine and the relaxed feelings for the rest of the year to carry us forward. So live in the moment and utilize what God has provided!

We invite you to come and join us in worship at 11:00 am each week to get renewed and reenergized for the year!

Proverbs 6:6-8 (NRSV)

- 6 Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise.
- 7 Without having any chief or officer or ruler,
- 8 it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.



Pastor Tom Dendy

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VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
AUGUST 5-8
6PM NIGHTLY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming!! It will be held Monday through Thursday, August 5-8, starting at 6pm. Volunteers are needed. You can sign up on the webpage or there are forms available on the bulletin board. If you have never volunteered before why not give it a try this year!

This year we will be traveling *To Mars and Beyond*. See Myra Burrows for more information.



SOCKS FOR SANTA

Socks for Santa. We will be collecting new socks of all shapes, sizes and colors for school-aged girls and boys during the month of July. These will be taken to the Salvation Army in December with the sneakers we will collect later in the year. The Salvation Army distributes the socks and sneakers to children in our area at Christmas. Last year, we collected over 500 pairs of socks. Look for sales and bargains on socks and bring them to church during the month of July.



OUR YOUTH

We have two youth that will be attending Explorer Camp at Camp Pee Dee this Summer. Jason and Gary Tomlin will be attending camp July 7-12. Mail call is a big part of the day at camp. Please take a moment and send Jason and Gary each a card or two or a short note to let them know you are praying for them as they are away at camp. Maybe mail them the end of the week before so they will have one when they get there.

The address is:

Jason Tomlin and Gary Tomlin
c/o Camp Pee Dee
1201 Camp Pee Dee Rd
Bennettsville SC 29512

The plans for our youth this summer are:

Fallon will be working.

Katelyn will be attending band camp.

Jimmy will be working and prepping for CCU.

Have a great summer.

Youth of
Celebration

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our May luncheon took us to Toffino's in Market Common. There were 16 Ladybugs in attendance and we welcomed our newest Ladybug Trish Jordan. We were also happy to celebrate with and sing Happy Birthday to Marjorie Jones.

We collected \$100.00 for charity, which will be combined with \$100.00 currently in the "kitty" and send \$200.00 to Camp Pee Dee. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

Sandwiches, salads and pizza could be seen decorating our table and we had a very nice and efficient waitress taking care of us. As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, July 11, 2019, noon at Abuelos's Mexican Restaurant at the Coastal Grand Mall. We elected to move the luncheon a week because the first Thursday was the Fourth of July. If you plan 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

Evangelism: Good turnout for movie night the next movie night will be July 9 at 6pm.

Finance & Stewardship: An update will be made to the congregation on July 14. Currently, we are running at a \$5000 deficit. Pledges are down year over year by \$2,000 a month. Have reached out to PILP to discuss a potential refinance. Ann Marcello, our bookkeeper, shared financial outlook with session. Rainbow Connection has raised \$4,327.00 to date.

Missions & Outreach: Our blood drive, held on June 12, collected 28 units. Thanks to hospitality for the soup. Best food on the beach. Thank you Nanette Kelly for leading this

Christian Education: VBS will be held August 5-9, 6pm nightly. Volunteers are needed.

Hospitality: Thanks for the soup for the blood drive, it was a hit. Thank you for the cakes for the church's birthday.

Personnel: Terry and Katrena—the Personnel reviews were informative. Reminder to turn in background check form. Office hours will be 10am-2pm until August 5. Sarah was given an extra personal day for travel to PAM

Property: Two main things—sanctuary painted and steeple need to get quotes. The quotes for the steeple solely, and then steeple and sanctuary together. The closet in the sanctuary was cleaned

and need to reattach handle to window for kitchen.

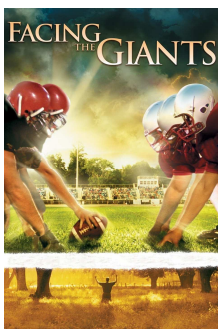
Worship/Media/Web: Sundays are covered for Pastor Tom's Rest and Renewal leave. Watch July 21st and 28th

Endowment: New committee elected—Steve Meeks, Donna Woodard, Anthony Tiani.

Preschool Board: Nancy R. and Kathy off until Aug.

Nominating Team to be elected in August .

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



Our next movie night will be Tuesday, July 9, 6pm, here at the church. Grant Taylor, a Christian high-school football coach (Alex Kendrick), gets some very bad news. Besides his and his wife's (Shannen Fields) infertility problems, he faces the attempt of local parents to force the school to replace him. His team, the Shiloh Eagles, has never had a winning season in the six years that he has coached the boys. Following a visitor's message, Grant tries to inspire his team to use faith to conquer fear and opposing teams. Light refreshments will be served.



RISK-TAKING IN SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Risk-taking in Spiritual Leadership by Joan Gray from Presbyterian Website. Suggested by Terry Pettijohn.

The gospel of Matthew tells the story of a man who entrusts a large amount of money to each of three servants and then goes on a journey. When he returns, he calls the servants for an accounting. Two of the servants have invested and made a profit. They are praised and rewarded. The third servant, motivated by fear, has buried the master's money in the ground for safekeeping. This servant gets a scathing rebuke and is thrown "into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew.25:14-30). What did this third servant do wrong? The story seems to say that he was judged harshly, not for losing the talent, but for failing to do anything with it. Fear of failure kept him from investing what belonged to the master for the master's purposes. For this he was thrown into the outer darkness.



Many churches wither and die because their leaders are afraid of failing. Like the third servant in the parable, they refuse to take the risks necessary to do the master's will. Investing in new ministries may call for a significant outlay of money without any guarantee of return. Leaders who are addicted to success cannot accept the possibility of failure. Rather than risk losing what God has given to the church, they turn into guardians of a building, a balanced budget, a tradition, or an endowment.

If we look to the life of Jesus for a picture of success, however, we see something very different. Jesus saw his ministry through the lens of faithfulness of God. This led him into risky places and finally to the cross. In his obedient death, a great failure and scandal in the eyes of his contemporaries, he reached ultimate success in faithfulness to God.

Effective spiritual leaders know that in the church, success is about faithfulness. Faithfulness sometimes requires taking risks. Because God calls us to walk by faith and not by sight, there are times when congregations must take risks. Sometimes a leap of faith is necessary to follow God's will. In all this, if leaders are fearful and tense, the congregation will begin to see itself as fragile and in danger. Anxiety and insecurity are contagious. On the other hand, the session's less-anxious presence in the midst of congregational anxiety calms fears and encourages the timid.

The PC(USA) Book of Order states "The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life". There are times when faithfulness requires risking what God has given for the sake of doing God's will. The risks may involve the church's finances, the church's buildings, or even the church's reputation in the community. This can be a frightening call. But those who are willing, in faith, to take the risk will receive the commendation of the Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Elder Pettijohn's Reminder On Per Capita

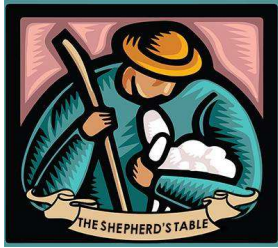
It is not too late to pay your per capita for the year. During the summer months, our church often has a tight financial budget. So you can help by paying the amount that we have to pay for your dues.

Per capita is basically our dues to the church. It is a tradition in the Presbyterian Church going back to 1734 in Philadelphia. Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member -- per capita apportionment. The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly (GA).

For 2019 the per capita (dues per person) that Celebration Presbyterian Church pays amounts to \$16.21. This is broken down into \$5.76 for our Presbytery, \$1.50 for our Synod, and \$8.95 for our General Assembly. Celebration pays per capita for each member each year.

Those people who would like to help Celebration Church by paying their own yearly dues (in addition to their pledges) are greatly appreciated. Just write a check for \$16.21 per person (or whatever you can afford) to *Celebration Presbyterian Church*. Thank you.





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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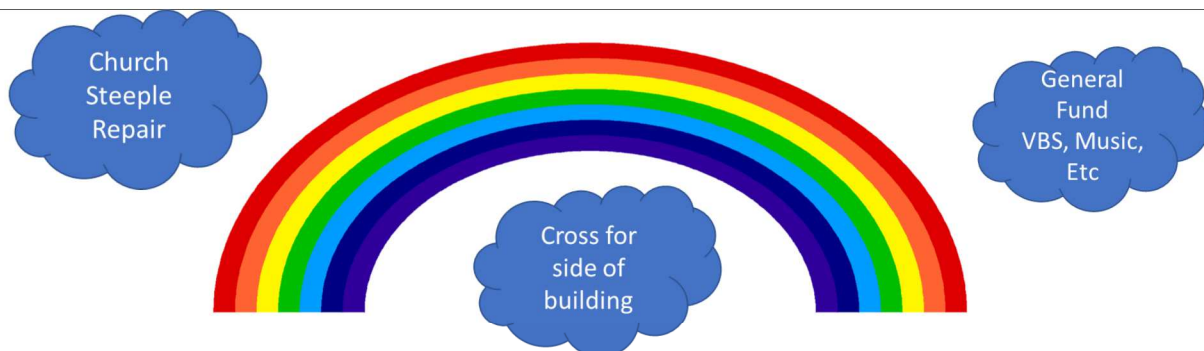
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BIRTHDAYS IN JULY



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| Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes. | 3—Corey Jacobs 5—Sara Bamrick 7—Daniel Baker 7—Dom Torcivia 9—Kathy Harms 13—Judy Leonard 14—Charles Schmidt 16—Art Hughes | 17—Marsha Meek 21—Kaitlyn Watson 21—Khloe Watson 22—Terrance Baker 24—Bernadine Lamar 29—Alli Wright 31—Ashlyn Burrows |
| If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know. | | |

RAINBOW CONNECTION FUNDRAISER

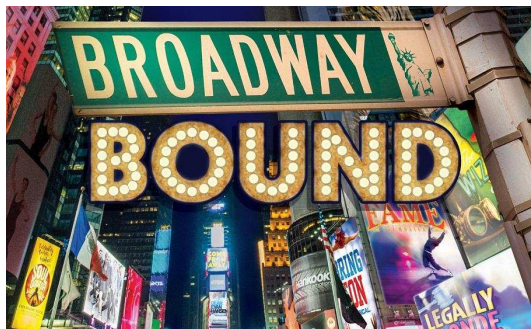


The church has several items we would like invest in.

How can you help?

- Pick an envelope
- Fill the envelope with the dollar amount printed on the envelope
- Return envelope by June 30

**Fundraising: Rainbow Connection-
Thank you for your support!
Due to popular demand
will be extended through July.**



Fall on Broadway II - October 19, 2019

Share the date with your friends. Ticket \$20. Start planning your baskets now: Suggestion a game basket, Relaxation, etc.

Organizational meeting Conference call on Tuesday, July 9, 1pm 866-747-5167 Ext. 14126407#

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, they 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.

JULY 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|---|-----|---|--|-----|
| EACH SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery | 1 | 2 Quilters 10:00 am | 3 | 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY  | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night 6pm | 10 | 11 LadyBug Luncheon Abuelo's 12noon Team A cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Quilters 10:00 am | 17 | 18 Team D cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm | 19 Breakfast Buddies Crepe Creation 9am | 20 |
| 21 STATED SESSION MEETING 12:15PM | 22 | 23 Quilters 10:00 am | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Quilters 10:00 am | 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

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| <p>Elder of the Week Jul 7—Cecilia Evans Jul 14—Ken Krenzer Jul 21—Kathy Wechter Jul 28—Myra Burrows</p> <p>Liturgist Jul 7—Carla Baker Jul 14—Rick Thornburgh Jul 21—Anne Brallier Jul 28—Sara Bamrick</p> <p>Visitors Table/Greeter Jul 7—Priscilla Mulligan Jul 14—Heidi Cherry Jul 21—Linda Miller Jul 28—Nanette Kelly</p> <p>Pre K –Kindergarten Children’s Church— Tonja Paolini</p> | <p>Children’s Church Grades 1-5 Trudy Miller</p> <p>Nursery Jul 7—Vicki Simon Jul 14—Leslie Eckert Jul 21—Betsy Hughes Jul 28—Nanette Kelly</p> <p>Media Shout Jul 7—Donna Woodard Jul 14—Katrena White Jul 21—Donna Woodard Jul 28—Katrena White</p> <p>Sound Booth Jul 7—Bernadine Lamar Jul 14—Bernadine Lamar Jul 21—Carol Butler Jul 28—Bernadine Lamar</p> | <p>Ushers Jul 7—Corey Jacobs, Kathy Wechter, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker Jul 14—Corey Jacobs, Kathy Wechter, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker Jul 21—Corey Jacobs, Kathy O’Halloran, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker Jul 28—Corey Jacobs, Kathy O’Halloran, Beth Bruton, Terry Baker</p> <p>Communion Elders for June Cecilia Evans, Bernadine Lamar, Nanette Kelly, Barbara Barranco</p> <p>Chimes Jul 7—Cindy Smith Jul 14—Kathy O’Halloran Jul 21—Sharon Mook/Cindy Smith Jul 28—Cindy Smith</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!