



OCTOBER 2019

### PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

***It's TIME to FALL INTO  
FAITHFUL FUN and FELLOWSHIP at CELEBRATION!  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS to JOIN US!***

Fall has arrived and we've already enjoyed a few days of lower humidity and lower temperatures here in Myrtle Beach. Not that the HEAT is fully gone to stay, but it is nice to feel the contrast of cooler mornings and evenings for a change from the summer's constant heat. Here at Celebration, fall has returned us to regular routines with the preschool in full swing and Choir rehearsal back on track each Wednesday at 7:00pm (we welcome newcomers to join us), and GOD GAB is gathering on third Tuesdays of each month at a new location—Bob Evans Restaurant (at River Oaks and Hwy. 501), plus monthly FREE Movie Nights at the church featuring family-friendly films.

October has our congregation working together toward our second annual FALL ON BROADWAY II FUNDRAISER which will be held Saturday, October 19, at 7:00pm. This will be a glorious evening of marvelous music to entertain us as well as a Silent Auction with some great items to bid on and a Raffle for some very special opportunities and items. We INVITE YOU ALL to FALL ON BROADWAY II and encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Ticket cost is \$20.00 and they are available at the church office or online at our website [www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.celebrationpresbyterianchurch.org). Proceeds for FALL ON BROADWAY II will help support the local mission of Celebration and the foreign mission of helping with post-Dorian rebuilding efforts at The Abacos, Bahamas and Carolina Forest High School music program. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT through ticket sales, silent auction purchases, and raffle tickets.

WE HAVE PRINTED "EACH ONE – REACH ONE" OUTREACH CARDS for you to use to invite a new neighbor or friend to worship at Celebration Church and also to FALL ON BROADWAY II. These cards include our address and worship times as well as details for FALL ON BROADWAY II. THESE CARDS ARE ON THE INFORMATION CREDENZA LOCATED IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX. PLEASE TAKE SOME AND SHARE THEM... **THANKS!**

I am grateful for each and every one you and I love that we are such a fun-loving fellowship of Christ followers. We truly have a wonderful church and it is too good not to share with others! Thanks for sharing the love of Jesus and the joys of Celebration Presbyterian Church with friends and strangers!

Share the LOVE!



Pastor Tom Dendy

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## FALL ON BROADWAY II

Fall on Broadway is October 19. Thank you for what you have already done to make this event a success. We will set up for Fall On Broadway at 5pm on October 18. On October 19, we will need assistance with raffle ticket sales, general hospitality, and refreshments.

If you are assisting with the event please plan to be at the church by 6pm on October 19.

Raffle basket preview- Chocolate Lovers, Rake in the Dough, Rainy Day Basket, Beach Goer Basket....many more

Silent Auction- Painting Party, restaurant gift certificates, Brookgreen Gardens, golf and more.



**A Fundraiser featuring**

**Artist from across the Grand Strand Performing Broadway Hits**

**One Night Only**  
**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
**7-10pm**  
**Tickets \$20**



## PRESCHOOL

*By Susan Spraker*

Well the month of September flew by. Being off the week of the hurricane made an already hectic month a little crazier. I am happy to report that all the children have settled into their classrooms and are learning new things every day.

I would like to take this time to welcome our two new staff members. Ms. Erin Ruggerio is the assistant in room 1. She has a nursing degree but decided to give up nursing to pursue a career in teaching. We couldn't be happier. Ms. Erin has been a wonderful addition to work alongside Ms. Kelly. Our other new teacher is Ms. Jill Kristick. Ms. Jill comes to us with a Masters Degree in Education. You will find her daily in our Lunch Bunch program planning and implementing fun and creative projects for all the children staying for Lunch Bunch each day. She is a definite asset to our lunch bunch program. Things couldn't go smoother each day.

October will be full of activities to celebrate Fall. Our annual trip to Thompson Farm will be on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. We are all excited to go to Thompson Farm this year to see the new farm location. October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, our students will celebrate Halloween with parties filled with games, food and spooky fun.

I hope everyone has a great kickoff to this fabulous Fall Season!



## LADYBUG LUNCHEON

*By Carol Butler*

Our August lunch took us to California Dreaming. We were originally supposed to go to Capriccio's Italian Restaurant, but unfortunately, they were closed for vacation. We will visit them in November.

There were six Ladybugs in attendance. Sixteen had originally signed up for the luncheon, but because of unforeseen circumstances, doctor's appointments or other commitments, several had to cancel. Despite the small number we had a great time and the food was yummy. We did not take up a collection this time; however, we agreed to donate \$150.00 to Hurricane Dorian relief. As always, the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, October 3, 2019 at noon at The Old Bull and Bush, which is located on the access road next to Hwy 17 Bypass. 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

**The fall New Harmony Presbytery Meeting** will be hosted by Melina Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 8. Pastor Tom Dendy and Elder Katrena White will attend.

**Property Updates:** The Lighted Cross for the front exterior of the sanctuary has been constructed by Seaboard Signs and will be installed asap. A security camera has been installed at the main entrance with a two-way monitor in the preschool director's office so that Susan Spraker can monitor who is at the door and communicate with them remotely.

**Finances:** The Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program (PILP) has granted us some cash flow relief with our mortgage, allowing interest only payments for 11 months. The session sought to refinance our mortgage locally with TD Bank. Our loan application was initially declined and we are appealing the decision and providing them some additional supporting financial records for their consideration. The mortgage balance is \$332,736. In August, church expenses exceeded our offerings/revenue by \$3,252. Current cash reserves are low. The session is very concerned about our

financial shortfall and is exploring ways to address our growing financial needs.

The Session directed Pastor Tom to invite The Rev. Gavin Meeks, Interim Transitional Executive Presbyter and Clerk of New Harmony Presbytery, to meet with us and share in brainstorming ideas for strengthening our church's financial position.

**There will be an open Finance Committee meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesday, October 2 to explore ways to strengthen our financial position.** Anyone interested is invited to attend! The Endowment Committee will meet immediately after the Finance meeting.

Elder Nancy Resnick will give a financial update to the congregation on Sunday, October 27, as we kick-off the 2020 Stewardship Season.

Stewardship Materials and 2020 Estimate of Giving Forms will be shared with each household in early November. Please prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship support for 2020. It takes each of our TIME, TALENTS and MONEY to support the ongoing ministry and mission of Celebration.

**Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 17, 2019 during worship.**

**Fundraising:** Fall on Broadway II is Saturday, October 19 at 7pm. Marsha Meek has done a great job engaging silent auction items. Raffle Basket are coming along. Refreshments will be provided by the Hospitality Committee. A portion of the proceeds will go to Carolina Forest High School and Abaco Island Dorian Relief.

**Evangelism:** Use EACH ONE REACH ONE CARDS to engage your friends and neighbors for a church invite and in support of tickets for Fall On Broadway.

**The WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be at 12 noon on Saturday, December 7, at Pine Lakes Country Club.

**Preschool** is off to a late but great start and Lunch Bunch is going well. Susan Spraker was approved for participation in water aerobics 3 mornings a week, and late arrival by 8:30a.m. those days.

**Mission:** The Shepherd's Table meal cooking teams are doing very well.



To date you have donated 802 pounds of food to Helping Hand. Helping Hand is a short-term crisis and referral agency which seeks to address the needs of our community not met by other existing institutions. Their mission is to assist individuals and families with immediate, short-term needs such as food, rent, utilities, and other specialized services, which if not met, would threaten an individual's or family's stability. By providing these services Helping Hand seeks to prevent those in need of basic services from falling into homelessness.

Canned or boxed food along with personal hygiene items are needed. We collect the items here and take them to Helping Hand.

**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!**

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Terry Pettijohn

**The General Assembly of PCUSA** meets every other year.

The 224th General Assembly (2020) will meet June 20-27, 2020 in Baltimore.

### **What is the General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?**

The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be ruling elders, half will be teaching elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries.

GA reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church, and serves as a symbol of unity for the church.

The General Assembly has several specific responsibilities outlined in Chapter 3 of the Book of Order. The assembly seeks to protect our church from errors in faith and practice, is responsible for assuring that the expression of our theology remains true to the biblical standards in our historic confessions. The General Assembly presents a witness for truth and justice in our community and in the world community. It sets priorities for the church and establishes relationships with other church denominations or ecumenical bodies.

### **How does it work?**

First, reports and recommendations come from the various arms of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly.

The Office of the General Assembly, headed by the Stated Clerk, is the ecclesiastical arm of the church. The Stated Clerk and his staff work to ensure that the Presbyterian Church maintains itself as a church. The Office of the General Assembly carries out all constitutional, and most ecumenical functions at the General Assembly.

Mission programs are carried out by the Presbyterian Mission Agency which supervises the work directed to be done by the General Assembly and can make certain decisions on behalf of the Assembly.

Overtures from synods and presbyteries are the second source of General Assembly business. These governing bodies use Overtures to bring recommendations and matters of concern before the whole church.

Commissioners Resolutions are a third source of General Assembly business. As a commissioner one is entitled to sign two resolutions which will come before the whole assembly.

The meeting begins with an orientation on Saturday afternoon and that evening the plenary, or whole General Assembly, meets together to elect a Moderator from among the commissioners assembled.

The Moderator presides over the plenary meetings for the rest of the week.

Once a Moderator is elected, the assembly breaks up into assembly committees to consider particular kinds of business. Each committee is responsible for considering a number of items, and reporting back to the General Assembly on completed actions or their recommendations.

The combined insights of all those on assembly committees become the recommendations to the whole assembly. If they are approved, they guide the church in the years to come.





## 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 Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Mike Kitora 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!*

## AMAZONSMILE CAN HELP CELEBRATION

Do you order from Amazon.com? If so, consider using AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Celebration Presbyterian Church. So the next time you get ready to order, make sure you are on the **smile.amazon.com** website and happy shopping at **smile.amazon.com**!

## BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



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.

1—Nancy Thornburgh

2—Kris Zillioux

4—Riley Resnick

9—Mike Dunn

12—Paula Jansson

13—Ed Mulligan

15—Anita Brooks

17—Betsy Hughes

18—Laureen Walsh

20—Shirley Moore

29—Dana Zillioux



## GOD GAB



Come Join us for  
**God Gab**  
Bob Evans  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
Fellowship and Bible Verse  
discussion  
Sept. 17 Oct. 15 Nov. 19  
6PM

GOD GAB is back by popular demand.

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Bob Evans for fellowship and a lively discussion on the Bible topic of the day. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

The upcoming dates are October 15 and November 19 at 6pm.

## MOVIE NIGHT

*Courageous* will be shown at Movie Night, October 22, at 6pm. When a tragedy strikes close to home, four police officers struggle with their faith and their roles as husbands and fathers; together they make a decision that will change all of their lives. All are welcome!



## SNEAKERS FOR SANTA

Now that we have collected the socks (thank you very much) we need sneakers to go with them. We will be collecting sneakers during the month of November and they, along with the socks, will be delivered to the Salvation Army for children and youth in our area.

Watch for sales on sneakers and pick up a few and bring them in during the month of November.



Ladies,

The Celebration Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be held at The Pine Lakes Country Club at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 7. A menu and signup sheet will be coming soon. We hope you save this date and join us as we gather to start off the holiday season.

Jeanne Bredbeck



## FALL CLEAN-UP

By Rick Thornburgh

Join us for a Fall Gardens and Grounds clean-up day on Saturday, October 12, 9am, in preparation of Fall on Broadway II which will be held the next Saturday, October 19, at 7pm.

Many hands will help in getting the church property looking great for fall.

# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Quilters 10:00 am	2  Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm Endowment Committee 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	3  LadyBug Luncheon Old Bull and Bush Restaurant 12noon	4	5
6 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 <b>Worship 11am</b> <b>Communion</b> Children's Church Nursery	7	8  Quilters 10:00 am  Daisy Girl Scouts meet here at 5pm	9  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	10  Team A cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	11	12  Fall Garden and Grounds clean-up 9am
13  Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 <b>Worship 11am</b> Children's Church Nursery	14	15  Quilters 10:00 am God Gab 6pm	16  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	17  Team D cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	18  Breakfast Buddies Donald's Pancake House 9am <b>Setup for Fall on Broadway 5pm</b>	19  <b>FALL ON BROADWAY 7pm</b>
20  Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 <b>Worship 11am</b> Children's Church Nursery <b>STATED SESSION MEETING 12:15pm</b>	21	22  Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Girl Scouts meet here at 5pm Movie Night 6pm	23  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	24	25	26
27  Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 <b>Worship 11am</b> Children's Church Nursery	28	29	30			



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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

### Elder of the Week

Oct 6—Myra Burrows

Oct 13—Priscilla Mulligan

Oct 20—Terry Pettijohn

Oct 27—Nancy Resnick

### Liturgist

Oct 6—Nancy Thornburgh

Oct 13—Carla Baker

Oct 20—Anthony Tiani

Oct 27—Kathy Wechter

### Visitors Table/Greeter

Oct 6—Nanette Kelly

Oct 13—Barbara Barranco

Oct 20—Priscilla Mulligan

Oct 27—Carol Lagassee

### Children's Church—Trudy Miller

#### Nursery

Oct 6—Donna Woodard

Oct 13—Vicki Jacobs

Oct 20—Leslie Eckert

Oct 27—Vicki Simon

#### Media Shout

Oct 6—Bernadine Lamar

Oct 13—Katrena White

Oct 20—Donna Woodard

Oct 27—Katrena White

#### Sound Booth

Oct 6—Katrena White

Oct 13—Carol Butler

Oct 20—Bernadine Lamar

Oct 27—Carol Butler

### Ushers for the month

Corey Jacobs, Kathy Wechter, Marsha and Steve Meek

### Communion Elders

**Jeanne Bredbeck**, Carol Butler, Cecilia Evans, Ken Krenzer, Scott Sinnet

### Chimes

Oct 6—Kathy O'Halloran, Cindy Smith

Oct 13—Janet Rouseff, Kathy O'Halloran

Oct 20—Sharon Mook, Cindy Smith

Oct 27—Cindy Smith, Janet Rouseff



*If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please change with someone and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!*