



JANUARY 2020

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIENDS

CELEBRATE THE LIGHT OF THE LORD THAT IS DAWNING!

Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-22

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn... 19 The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. 21 Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land for ever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. 22 The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Here we go again Celebration! As we turn the page on 2019 and WELCOME 2020, God is lighting the way for us. Let us walk in the light of the Lord as we embrace the opportunities and challenges we will encounter in this new year. We are so blessed to have each other in the extended Celebration community of faith and it is comforting to know that we don't have to face life alone. Thank God we have each other and together we can share strength and prayer and support and laughter and tears come what may in 2020.

May we be open and watchful, always looking for opportunities to share the God we have come to know in Jesus Christ. Like the Magi of old who followed the light of a special star that led them to the Christ child, may we be open to Epiphanies great and small that will illuminate our way as we seek to faithfully follow and serve Jesus right here in Carolina Forest and surrounding neighborhoods of Myrtle Beach. Perhaps we will be the ones to encounter a neighbor in need who is feeling overwhelmed by darkness and we can share the light of God's love with them and an invitation to join with us at Celebration for worship and service and fellowship and outreach to other neighbors in need. Isaiah invites us to get up and get going in God's light when he says "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Let's go with God, day to day, and "Shine On" throughout 2020!

In Christ's Service,

Tom Dendy, Pastor

PS – If you've made a resolution to spend more time daily with God in 2020, I recommend you try **D365.org** which is an online daily devotion with a gentle soundtrack that offers a new devotion for every day of the year. (Try It- It's FREE!)

I also recommend **THE ONE YEAR BIBLE** (English Standard Version) arranged in 365 daily readings to lead you through the entire Bible during 2020. Published by Crossway \$8.99 on Amazon.



Pastor Tom Dendy

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SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

Generative time- Peace be with you. We shared with each other Christmas traditions that were meaningful to us. Some reflected on family traditions, other spiritual services and some work in the community.

The Finance Committee provided an update. With Preschool back in session and the sharing of expenses the bottom line is now in the black. The overall Stewardship giving for 2020 is down but there is still time to provide your estimate of giving.

A discussion around steeple repair was robust. The church has located a grant opportunity for small church repairs that if approved would cover the cost of the steeple repair. The grant announcement will be made in March and the session will revisit the repair when all information is available.

The Finance Committee and Session approved to move forward with a mortgage refinance application with Anderson Brothers Bank. The Session is also exploring New Harmony Presbytery paying off the current mortgage and become the mortgage holder. Either of these options will decrease the monthly payment and help with the church's month to month expense management.

Special offerings for 2020. Everyone is welcome to contribute on their own but envelopes for special offerings will not be placed in the bulletin.

Mission will continue with Helping Hand in 2020. A blood drive will be hosted at the church on January 15 from 3:00-7:30pm. See Nanette Kelly to sign-up. The schedule for Shepherd's Table for 2020 has been completed. We will continue with five teams. Sneaker collection for Salvation Army is at 78.

Worship - The cantata was streamed on Facebook and is available for replay. The opportunity to move forward with sharing our church with others through livestream will continue. Christmas Eve service will be at 5pm and invitations were sent to the preschool families inviting them to join the service.

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Pine Lakes was well received. The toys collected for the Salvation Army filled Jeanne's Escape.

Tom's microphone is still creating feedback and continues to be a work in progress to decrease the static.

Children's church needs adult volunteers during worship for 2020 to assist Trudy. If willing, please connect with Myra Burrows.

New members of Session will have training in January and be installed on February 2.

Each of the Session members are so grateful to our church members and friends of Celebration who regularly help make Celebration a warm, inviting and mission-oriented church. Thank you one and all for your dedication to the ministries of Celebration.

Celebration Presbyterian Church 2020 Session

Tom Dendy, Moderator, Cecilia Evans, Clerk

Class of 2020

Jeanne Bredbeck, Cecilia Evans, Ken Krenzer, Terry Pettijohn

Class of 2021

Myra Burrows, Kathy Wechter, Katrena White

Class of 2022

Sara Bamrick, Wayne Harms, Anthony Tiani

Please pray for your session members as they lead Celebration.

S'MORES II - GAME NIGHT

By Cecilia Evans



S'mores with our preschool was a big hit for the students and church members. The children were very well behaved. I am not sure they knew the gooey goodness that awaited them after they roasted their marshmallow. It was a wonderful way to interact with the preschool. Thanks to all who participated.

S'mores II- Game Night

If you ever wanted to try your hand at indoor s'mores join us on Friday, January 31, from 6-9 pm for an evening of hotdogs, games and s'mores.

Feel free to invite your friends and bring your favorite game.

DIRECTOR OF THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE



Sunday, January 26, 2020, Brandon Oates, Director of The Shepherd's Table, will share a few minutes for missions during worship and will be available for you to meet and greet him after worship. We have five teams from Celebration who cook for The Shepherd's Table on a rotating basis. Elder Kathy Wechter is our mission coordinator. If you would like more information about The Shepherd's Table or any of our other local mission endeavors, please contact Kathy.



In 2019 you donated 983 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.

PER CAPITA

By Terry Pettijohn

Elder Pettijohn Explains Presbyterian Per Capita

The official definition: "Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians" (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

Per capita is just a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA.). It is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund -- part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

We pay dues to the organizations to which we belong. Per capita is basically our dues to the church. It is a tradition in the Presbyterian Church going back to Philadelphia in 1734. Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member -- per capita apportionment -- to their respective presbyteries. 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) -- based on their respective budgets for the coming year.

At each GA, the per capita rate is set by dividing the total GA-approved budget by the total PC(USA) church membership. At the GA level, per capita helps to pay for sending commissioners to GA, training events, exams for future pastors, various committees, some expenses of the moderator, the historical society, and interchurch events. At Synod and Presbytery levels, per capita pays for administration and programs for members. Per capita makes it possible for Presbyterians to govern ourselves the way we do. Our Constitution provides a moral and theological compass that builds community and calls us to Christian faithfulness in gratitude to God.

For 2020 the per capita (dues per person) that Celebration 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. Each year, each church is asked to pay its fair share. Our share is \$16.21 per person. Celebration pays per capita for each member each year. But since many of us do not come from a Presbyterian background, we might not be aware of the per capita system. In many Presbyterian churches, members are asked to pay per capita over and above their estimate of giving pledges as this helps the church focus on its main mission.

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.

Happy New Year!

In December, our giving envelopes were distributed to those who wanted to use them.

If you did not get yours and you want to use them, please see Linda. We have more. All she needs is your name so she can pair you with a number on the box. If you do not want to use envelopes, because you give electronically or some other reason, please give your box back to Linda so she can know your intent.

This is just a reminder that you can start using them now! Just put your money in the envelope each week, and place it in the offering plate.



THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE 2020

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Nancy Torcivia Dom Torcivia Margaret Reeder Beth Bruton Marsha Meek Steve Meek	Laurie Andrews Roy Andrews Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh Anita Brooks Lou Brooks	Kathy Wechter Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes Doug Larson	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Geri Byrne Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Rosie Rashid Jerry Rashid Patty Youngblood Paul Youngblood
January 9	January 16	February 6	February 13	March 12
April 16	April 23	May 7	May 14	June 11
July 9	July 16	August 6	August 13	September 10
October 8	October 15	November 12	November 19	December 10

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!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

By Ken Krenzer

The Adult Bible Study will resume on January 12, 9:15am. They will continue on with the Book of John chapter 11. All are welcome to attend the study that is held each Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

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.

- Jan 2—Carol Butler
- Jan 3—Billy Moore
- Jan 9—Jackie Sinnet
- Jan 10—Jade Bender
- Jan 12—Myra Burrows
- Jan 18—Priscilla Mulligan
- Jan 20—Kathy O'Halloran



GOD GAB

GOD GAB will meet on January 21, 2020, Tuesday, at Bob Evans on River Oaks and Hwy 501 at 6pm. All are welcome to come eat, fellowship and join in for a lively discussion on the Bible topic of the day. Bring a friend!



SNEAKERS FOR SANTA

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We delivered 78 pairs of sneakers and the socks collected in the summer to the Salvation Army and they were distributed to children/youth in our area in time for Christmas.

BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 15, 2020

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the church on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 3-7:30 pm. If you have not donated since November 15, please consider coming on January 15 to give blood to help those in our community. You can sign up online at the red cross website.



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

Welcome to 2020, I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. The Preschool enjoyed some time off with our families and we are now ready to move on with our year.


Before the break, all the preschoolers celebrated the holiday season by going on a field trip to see Christmas on Ice and having festive holiday parties. Having these two activities in one week made for a very busy time for all the children (and parents too). I think all our parents went above and beyond to make our parties special. We are so fortunate to have such caring and involved parents.

This month, we will be learning about winter. The children will have the opportunity to play in fake snow. They always love this week. Maybe we will have some colder weather this winter and get the chance to play in real snow. Keep your fingers crossed for one of those Myrtle Beach snowstorms where the kids get to play and have fun and then all the snow is melted by 10:00am.

Next month, we will be having registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are a current church member and are interested in registering your child for the fall, please contact the preschool no later than February 24, 2019. All church members registering children will be allowed to register with our staff children.

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 Church Office Closed	3	4
5 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Communion	6	7 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Scouts 5pm	8	9 LadyBug Luncheon Carolina Ale House 9am Team A Cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	10	11
12 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Reception for Carol Butler	13	14 Quilters 10:00 am	15 Blood Drive 3-7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	16 Team B Cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	17 Breakfast Buddies Donald's Pancake House 9am	18
19 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Stated Session Meeting 12:30pm	20	21 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Scouts 5pm GOD GAB Bob Evans 6pm	22 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	23	24	25
26 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	27	28 Quilters 10:00 am	29 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	30	31 S'mores II 6pm-9pm	



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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 Jan 5—Jeanne Bredbeck Jan 12—Cecilia Evans Jan 19—Ken Krenzer Jan 26—Terry Pettijohn</p> <p>Liturgist Jan 5—Carol Butler Jan 12—Kathy Wechter Jan 19—Nancy Torcivia Jan 26—Elizabeth Wills</p> <p>Visitors Table/Greeter Jan 5—Betsy Hughes Jan 12—Heidi Cherry Jan 19—Linda Miller Jan 26—Nanette Kelly</p> <p>Children’s Church—Trudy Miller</p>	<p>Nursery Jan 5—Donna Woodard Jan 12—Nanette Kelly Jan 19—Vicki Simon Jan 26—TBA</p> <p>Media Shout Jan 5—Katrena White Jan 12—Bernadine Lamar Jan 19—Anthony Tiani Jan 26—Katrena White</p> <p>Sound Booth Jan 5—Bernadine Lamar Jan 12—Carol Butler Jan 19—Carol Butler Jan 26—Bernadine Lamar</p>	<p>Ushers for the month Jesse Wallace, Bob and Linda Miller, Anthony Tiani</p> <p>Communion Elders Jeanne Bredbeck, Carol Butler, Bernadine Lamar, Terry Baker, Nancy Torcivia</p> <p>Chimes Jan 5—Cindy Smith/Janet Rouseff Jan 12—Kathy O’Halloran/Sharon Mook Jan 19—Cindy Smith/Janet Rouseff Jan 26—Kathy O’Halloran/Sharon Mook</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!

