

The Newsletter of Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church

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News of the Pews

November 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Blessings to all of you as the leaves begin to change, the weather begins to cool down, and as we draw our worship year to a close. On Sunday, Oct. 29, we will have Pledge Dedication Sunday and the Session asks everyone to send in your completed pledge cards that reflect your planned financial commitment to the shared mission of the congregation. The amount you pledge is confidential and is known only to you and the church Treasurer. The Session only hears about pledges as the total amount pledged toward the next budget year. These financial pledges are an important part of our life together because they make it possible for our church leaders to plan the budget based on information that is far more accurate than guesses or estimates based on last year. Special thanks to Mark McLamb of the Budget and Finance Committee for sharing the minute for Mission last Sunday in which he pointed out that all of the positive things that we have enjoyed as a congregation (lots of active mission work in the community, children in Sunday school and VBS, our beautiful Fellowship Hall, paid staff, full-time clergy, etc.) can mask the need for everyone to participate in the mission of the church through their time, talents, and financial gifts. This is a time of year when your mail box and email inbox are likely receiving appeals for end of the year contributions to a wide variety of charities and causes. Many of those worthy causes are able to make an appeal to millions of people for support. Our congregation relies on **you** among only about 200 others. That makes it even more important for all of us to participate in the volunteer and financial support of our shared mission.

The elders work hard to control our costs as a church. We have purchased an office printer that has a much lower per-page cost to print and one of the elders donated a second color laser printer that was also a reduced cost per page over the printer it replaced. We also negotiated some savings on our copier contract for 2018. The Buildings and Grounds committee has reduced our costs on pest control, saved c. \$600 by getting an alternate bid on the new HVAC unit, and performs some of the larger projects to maintain the church property through volunteer labor instead of paying a contractor. The CE committee has rotated our Sunday School curriculum to reduce our annual cost and has also purchased VBS curricula for the following year after the Summer season to be able to purchase it at a lower cost. The Budget and Finance committee monitors our spending across the year and helps the Session and committees to be aware of how costs are shaping up. The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee runs a tight ship for our kitchen and members of the committee themselves most often provide the food at their own expense as part of their gifts to the church. Likewise, the Congregational Care Committee members put together care packages for our college students and home bound members at their own expense. One member of the Mission & Benevolence Committee receives donated meat from Lowes at Monkey Junction to prepare the monthly Meals on Wheels. Add to that the many who prepare the meal do so at their own expense. The Membership Committee has been blessed to hear from an elder about a web design professional who will be doing a website redesign for the church for FREE! These are just a few of the ways the Session seeks to be good stewards of the gifts you commit toward our shared service to God and our neighbors.

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Please remember prayerfully to consider and to plan ahead for your giving toward the mission of the congregation. We use the word “stewardship” a lot in the church at this time of year. That word has a special meaning for the church. It is our recognition that all we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Each of us has a unique set of experiences, talents, and opportunities in our lives that are part of our story. Those gifts, whether tangible or intangible, come to us with a limited time frame to use them toward good purposes. God has brought us together to be a congregation and to serve God and neighbor together in this place. That requires each of us to participate in our own unique way based on the gifts we have. It is a responsibility, but it is also a wonderful opportunity! God bless you as you decide how you and your household will participate in our life and mission together.

Jonathan Bowling



Music Notes

It is hard to believe we are already at the beginning of November. In just a few short weeks, we will be celebrating with family and friends over a delicious meal of turkey, ham, sweet potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie. The leaves are turning into many different and dazzling colors and there is a nip in the air.

We begin this month of November with a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the day Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg. Luther, a Catholic monk was not happy about the way the church was running at the time. The mass was in Latin, a language the common people didn't understand. In addition, the practice of selling indulgences to the church to obtain a forgiveness of your sins or even get a loved one out of Purgatory was commonplace. Luther did not want to start a new church, but merely reform the Catholic church. Nevertheless, he was seen as a heretic and ended up fleeing from the church.

The reforms Luther posted became the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The main ideas of the reformation included that the Bible is a Christian's religious authority and that our salvation comes through faith, not works. Most of our main denominations come out of this reformation. These include the Lutheran, Presbyterian and Baptist churches, just to name a few. After all, one of the main sayings in the Presbyterian church is to “reform and keep on reforming.”

During the service on November 5th you will hear music dealing with the reformation. The choir is presenting two anthems based upon the main tenets of the reformation: grace and faith. We hope you will be with us as we observe this wonderful day.

The choir is also hard at work for our Christmas Cantata “Sing Joy to All the World” by Lloyd Larson. They will be presenting it at 4pm on Sunday, December 17th. If you would like to come sing with us, just come to rehearsals from 7-7:30 on Wednesday nights.

On Sunday, November 19th we will have the Girls' Choir of Wilmington back with us. They will be presenting a concert at 5pm in the sanctuary. This is going to be a great event that you will not want to miss. Please invite all your friends and neighbors to this wonderful concert.

We end the month of November with our celebration of Christ the King Sunday. This service takes place on November 26th and is the last day of the church year. On this day we observe and celebrate the sovereignty of Jesus. Come help us celebrate the last day of the year, before we begin our journey of Advent which will lead us up to Christmas Eve.

Come be a part of a glorious November here at CBPC.

Bob Norem



There will be a **Worship Education Class** for children EVERY SUNDAY in November from 9:45-10:45. This class will be led by Reverend Bowling, in the Pastor's study, and will enhance children's understanding of the order and content of the worship service. It is geared towards transitioning 7-8 year-old children from attending the 11:00 Children's Worship to attending the sanctuary worship service. It will also be helpful for children who attend the 8:30 worship service, where no Children's Worship is offered. Any child in kindergarten through third grade is invited.



The Presbyterian Men's breakfast, hosted by Gordon's Gladiators, will take place Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 A.M. Guest speaker will be Beth Ann Scisco, Development Director of Community Counseling Center (formerly Presbyterian Counseling Center). All men in the congregation and their friends are invited to attend the breakfast.

Pack 210 spaghetti supper



Enjoy a delicious plate of spaghetti, bread, and salad, and support a good cause. Pack 210 is sponsoring the annual spaghetti supper on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 4:30pm till 7pm. The cost is \$8 per ticket. Water, tea, and lemonade will be available, and there will be baked goods for sale. People can eat in the Fellowship hall where the scouts will serve, or get a to-go plate either from the fellowship hall or from the drive-thru line. We will also be collecting canned goods which will be donated to the island Help Center.



It's time to **FALL BACK! Daylight**

saving time ends on November 5th at

2:00 A.M. Turn your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday night and get an extra hour of sleep!



Plan on joining the church family Monday, Nov. 27 for the annual **decorating of the church** for the Advent season. We'll begin at 6:00 P.M. with a sub sandwich dinner and then get to the task of adorning the church. With many hands, the work-load is light, and you will quickly feel the holiday spirit.

Food drive update: the September food drive netted 467 canned or dry-good food items

plus 200 individual teas and coffees, and 150 personal-care items. As is customary for the CBPC family, the goal of 425 items was surpassed – job well-done! A great big thank you to Sally Hillbeck, who kept the weekly count, to Cindy Snead and the ushers for helping get the items from the sanctuary to the front bench, and to Dale & Tootsie Stevens, who each week delivered the goods to the Help Center.

News from 'A SAFE PLACE'

An EMERGENCY SHELTER for the benefit of rescued victims of human trafficking is being launched this month. This extension of a successful mission which began in 2012 includes a CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS in Wilmington's faith community to assist in one of several ways.

1. **Prayer partners.** A Bible Study will be available to the women in the program. We are being asked to cover this group with our prayers.
2. We are invited to attend a monthly **PRAYER GATHERING** planned to include faith members as well as victims.
3. **POINT PERSONS** are needed to assist victims to help them find a church home.
4. **OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the shelter one Sunday night per month.

For specific information please contact Cary Ramsay at cary@asafelacetogo.com.

Warming ministry



The Warming ministry will have three final meetings for the year - Nov. 8 & 29 and Dec. 13 at 11:15 A.M. in the Sun room. Join us as we prepare fleece blankets for the upcoming cooler weather. Whether you knit or crochet or not, your help is needed in cutting and knotting the fringe. Be with us for fellowship and a light lunch. We will start up again in January 2018 and will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Book Club 2017-2018

All are welcome to join the CBPC Book Club at its next meeting on Thursday, November 9th as they meet in the Sun Room at the church at 7:00 p.m. Bonnie Fanelli will lead discussion on *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. Please invite friends to attend our discussions. The remaining titles for the rest of the 2017-2018 season are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title, author, Facilitator</u>
Dec. 14	<i>Behind the Beautiful Forevers</i> , Katherine Boo, Cherry Hershey
Jan. 11	<i>A Deadly Affection</i> , Guyler Overholt, Ruth White
Feb. 8	<i>The Empathy Exams</i> , Leslie Jamison, Linda Lorah
Mar. 8	<i>What Alice Forgot</i> , Liane Moriarty, Neil Rose
Apr. 12	<i>A Constellation of Vital Phenomena</i> , Anthony Marra, Barbara Honchell
May 10	<i>My Beloved World</i> , Sonia Sotomayor, Elaine Porter



If you need a small errand run - grocery store, pharmacy - a group of women is available to help! Members of the church ministry called "Go-Getters," part of the Mission & Benevolence Committee, are available to lend a hand. Pick up the phone and call on one of these ladies: Sally Hillbeck - 616-3290, Martha Mareello - 484-357-9644, Judy McMahon - 412-554-9875, Nancy Potts - 547-1201, Bettie Slusser - 232-5173, and Norma Weeks - 512-6510. If you would like to join this group, please let them know.

Memorial

In memory of Kenneth Withrow

by Robbie & John Ellen

Dear Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church,

Please accept our gift as a memorial donation in honor of our dear friend Kenneth Withrow who passed away May 10. We were very blessed by our friendship with Ken and continue to be blessed with our continued friendship with his wife Paula. Our many fond memories of Ken are of his ready smile, wit, calm presence, and his artistic abilities. This world was a better place through Ken.

Fondly, Robbie & John Ellen

November teams...

Ushers

8:30 - Pat Efird, Sarah Efird, Michael Younkings

11:00 - Ragan Clamme, Cherry Hershey, Camellia Rice, Barry Rudd, Susan Rudd, Cindy Snead, Juanita Winner, Scott Woodard - captain

Reception teams

8:30 - Pam Navarra

11:00 - Bonnie Fanelli, Becky Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Larry Powell, Sonja Powell, Faye Smith - captain

Sound system teams

8:30 - Jim Strickland

11:00 - Frank Grady

HBH (Hymnal, Bible, Hymnal - sanctuary cleaning)

Julie Bowling

Dear Friends,

I send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are doing well as a church as well as individuals. I have been reading your newsletter each and every time and I can tell that you are faithfully doing God's work. I constantly imagine myself in your midst, worshiping and singing to the Lord. You are a great team, a great family and a great nation that understands the meaning of serving God dutifully, responsibly and faithfully. I feel our togetherness even when I am far from you. I will live to thank God for bringing you in my life. I truly love you.

I have had sometimes to reflect on my life. It has been a time full of tears of Joy as I thank God for His great move in my life. My present situation had remained a nightmare until God brought you in my life and this is a great celebration in my life. I am convinced beyond doubts that this is just a step towards the land of the living! I believe that God is yet to surprise me. He is not done with me! I can feel greatness inside me and I know that I was created for a purpose. My journey has just begun. I am a remnant in my family, yes a remnant and this is a fact that I cannot and will never deny.

I promised God that I will support my family when my dreams come true. I will stick to the promise as long as He gives me life. I am happy, very happy.

God has favored me. I am highly favored. Ooh yeah! We had a meeting for Bachelor of Education students on Wednesday last week. Our Head of Department thought that I will be in session next year. She could not even believe that this is my last semester in Daystar! She had to ask me to share how come I am completing my undergraduate studies within three years despite the fact that we have

constant challenges when it comes to projection of courses for B.E.D students. I actually did not know what to say because students were sharing their disappointments on the issue of course projections in the past semester. Our co-courses are never projected during May semester i.e. English and Education courses. I told the H.O.D that mine is a favor from God thus a testimony. I do not have the best words to express my gratefulness but God knows it all. I am overwhelmed. I feel loved and chosen!

Friends, I am shedding tears as I write this letter. I do not understand why. I cannot define the feeling neither. I am peaceful right from my heart. I remember when I was crying because I wanted to join college but I could not. I remember asking God why me why me several times and so I cried painfully. I remember a time when I was knocking from one office to another looking for a job simply to be told 'sorry, we do not employ uneducated people'. This was just a polite and indirect way of advising me to go to school. I could ask myself many questions. I asked God several times if my family was the marking scheme of poverty but He could not reply. I thought I could just go to Him and ask Him tough questions face to face but ... I questioned His fairness several times and I could not let that attribute be as long as I felt He was not fair in my life...

Anyway, I have learnt over time that I am blessed to bless others. I now know that I was born at the right time from the right family and faced my challenges at the right time. I believe that I could not be born from a different family. I am in the right family at the right time. Yes, I have no regrets. The challenges were there to prepare me for greatness!! I am higher lifted up and God has my life in His hands.

"People will come and go. Some will help you, others will ignore your situation but there is this one person who will be used by God to help you". I celebrate Helen (Cherry Hershey's sister) for her heart of Kindness. She is just amazing. I remember the first time I met her and I could not even speak English properly neither could I understand her. We struggled to understand each other because this was the only way out. I remember her telling me to write my autobiography. ha haha! This was just a drama. I wrote one letter several times till I felt like giving up. This is a long story... thank you so much Helen. May God bless you so much.

Cherry & Jere (Mum & Dad as I always call you) thank you so much. I actually lack appropriate words to express my thanksgiving. I love you right from heart. May God bless you so much. May He remember you.

Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church, what a great church, a great team, a great family, people with great hearts. You are so amazing. You are one in a million, I thank God for bringing you in my life. I am part of you; oh you are part of me! It takes God's grace for a group of people; leave alone a whole church to have a common understanding. I have nothing to give you as a sign of thanksgiving for what you have done in my life. May God who sees the hearts of men bless and uplift you. May He be on your side every time! Thank you so much my dear friends....

I would also like to express my gratitude to Musyimi and his wife Jenifer. They have been very instrumental in this journey. I know that they are not the only people who know me but God chose them among many to connect me to you so that He can accomplish His purpose in my life. They are blessed and have big hearts! I may lack enough words for them but I know that God is doing and will continue lifting them from grace to grace. May His blessings and love follow them all the days of their lives!

Oh! I would like to continue writing but I am writing from the atmosphere that allows me to pause and ponder... allow me to write to you soon. Blessings...

Yours in Christ, Cindy Emmah

Job opening...

Director of Adult Ministries Little Chapel on the Boardwalk

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk located on Wrightsville Beach, NC, is searching for a part-time Director of Adult Ministries who will develop, coordinate, and oversee a plan which focuses on adults and seniors to provide a variety of programs and activities which serve the needs of a mature congregation.

The Director will provide the leadership and support necessary to engage members in spiritual, social, educational, and recreational experiences. Well-developed programs are well balanced (mind, body, & soul) and encourage participation, interaction, fellowship, and engagement.

The Director works with other members of the church staff to integrate new, current, and prospective members of the congregation into the fabric of the whole church family.

The Director of Adult Ministries will take an active leadership role in visiting current members as well as prospective members. The Director will also assist with planning and leading special church programs and activities throughout the year.

The Director is responsible to the Pastor, as the head of staff, and will be available for approximately 15 hours each week which includes Sunday School, Sunday worship, and weekly staff meetings.

The responsibilities of the Director of Adult Ministries may be altered as necessary to reflect changing situations and unexpected events. Salary for this part-time position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Qualified candidates may contact Gary Kohunsky at 910-352-7579 or at gwkohun@yahoo.com.

Looking ahead

- Fri., Dec. 1 - CB Christmas Parade, 7:30pm
- Sun., Dec. 3 - one 9:30am service - Hanging of the Greens
- Sun., Dec. 17 - 8:30am regular worship service, 11:00am Lessons and Carols, including Children's Christmas Program during worship, 4:00pm CBPC Choir Cantata, "Sing Joy to All the World"
- Sun., Dec. 24 - one 9:30am service, 7:00pm candlelight Communion service
- Sun., Dec. 31 - one 9:30am service

Homecoming, November 2018 - We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our church. Many of you have ideas and can contribute to the planning of this event. If you'd like to work with the committee in making these plans, please let Debi Taylor know.

Please submit newsletter articles to Norma Weeks,
weeksnorma@yahoo.com, or the church office by the 15th of the month.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2017

On Sunday, December 3 (the beginning of Advent), the Worship & Music Committee will place poinsettias in the sanctuary as memorials or honoraria. Contributions (suggested donation: \$10) over the actual cost of the poinsettias will be applied to the General Fund. **Please submit your order to the church office by November 27** by filling in this order form and mailing or placing it in the offering plate with cash or a check payable to Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church; please mark "poinsettias" on the memo line or the envelope. Donors and honorees will be listed in the December 3 bulletin.

In memory of _____ *by* _____

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To the glory of God by _____

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Men's breakfast 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir rehearsal	2 5:30 Daisies #347 6:30 CE 7:00 Boy Scouts	3	4 9:00 E. Community Presbytery Fall Gathering 4:30 Pack 210 spaghetti dinner in Fellowship hall
5 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Education class Reformation Sunday	6 12:00 Weight Watchers 6:30 PWCT	7 Election day 9:00 Chair exercise 10:00 Naomi Ruth 11:00 Al-Anon 6:30 Session; Cubs	8 10:00 Bible Study 11:15 Warming ministry 7:00 Choir rehearsal	9 7:00 Book Club 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 Veteran's Day observed 4:00-6:00 GS Troop #867	11 Veteran's Day 9:00-11:00 Meals on Wheels
12 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Education class AF: Congregational Care	13 12:00 Weight Watchers 5:30 GS Troop #4791 6:30 Mary Martha	14 9:00 Chair exercise 11:00 Al-Anon 11:30 Cole Burriss 6:30 Cub Scouts	15 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir rehearsal	16 5:30 Daisies #347 6:00 Membership 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 6:00-9:00 Parent's night out	18
19 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Education class Thanksgiving offering 5:00 Girls' Choir of Wilmington	20 12:00 Weight Watchers	21 9:00 Chair exercise 11:00 Al-Anon 6:30 W&M; Cub Scouts	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Office closed →	24	25
26 8:30 & 11:00 Worship with Communion 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Education class AF: Mission & Benevolence	27 12:00 Weight Watchers 5:30 GS Troop #4791 6:00 Advent decorating	28 9:00 Chair exercise 11:00 Al-Anon 6:30 Rising Women; Cub Scouts	29 10:00 Bible Study 11:15 Warming ministry 7:00 Choir rehearsal	30 7:00 Boy Scouts		