



## CAPE CARTERET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Over spring break my family took a short road trip. I have always found a change of scenery to be good at times. On most road trips you expect to see the ubiquitous fast food restaurants and gas stations. However, on this trip I began to notice quite a few roadside memorials. Perhaps you have seen one too. Usually the memorial is off to the side, perhaps at a tree line. There is usually a cross with a name and date written on it, or a wreath, or a spray of flowers. Upon seeing a roadside memorial, you instantly know that something tragic has happened at the spot. Your heart goes out because you know that a life was lost.

Seeing these memorials prompted me to think about the purpose they serve. I have never experienced such a loss, but I wonder if people want to memorialize a loved one because their lives were forever altered by what happened at that particular place and time. No doubt they want to honor the memory of their family member or friend. I suspect that it also has something to do with our deep human desire to hold on to that which we have lost.

Having just observed Holy Week, I was reminded of something that happened after the resurrection in the Gospel of John. We are told that Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' grave. She went to the tomb to mourn the loss of someone she deeply loved. She didn't have much left. But she did have his body. She had a tomb. So she went to grieve.

John tells us that her grief was so deep she almost didn't recognize the resurrected Jesus standing before her. When she finally recognized Jesus, she did the one thing that every one of us would have done. She tried to hold him. Can there be any thing more instinctive than wanting to grab on to the one you thought was gone? It

seems to me that roadside memorials are one way that some of us try to do the same thing Mary did: hold on any way possible.

I bring this up because Jesus' response to Mary can be very helpful to all of us who have suffered loss. He says, "Do not hold on to me but go and tell everyone I live." This is my paraphrase of the verse, but I do believe it gets to the heart of what Jesus was expressing. Mary wanted to hold on to the way things were. She wanted life to return to what she knew and loved. Who can blame her? Unfortunately, this is not the way of life. Jesus knew this. So, he did what he always does. He pointed Mary in the direction that led to living.

Now this is not to say there is no place and time for grief. There always is. We must grieve if we are to heal. But we also need to know that it is possible to move beyond the heartache and loss of a loved one. As much as we would like for life to be the way it once was, there is no going back. The invitation from Jesus is to not to hold on to what once was, but to live; for it is in the living that we honor those who have passed on.

Many may be familiar with the old hymn "Because He Lives." It is a classic for a number of reasons. I have always been fond of the second verse. "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, life is worth the living, just because He lives." I find echoed in this beloved hymn the same instruction Jesus gave Mary so many years ago. Because he lives we can experience life abundant (even in the midst of suffering and loss) and life eternal. Because he lives we can release our worry and anxiety and be vessels filled with peace. Because he lives, we too can live! Happy Eastertide!

Ben

2017 Financial Report:	MARCH
<b>Receipts:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 15,665.24
Building Fund	\$ 165.00
Wash Fund	\$ -
Non Budget Fund	\$ 2,001.41
<b>Year-to-Date Receipts:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 48,788.92
Building Fund	\$ 4,782.00
Wash Fund	\$
Non Budget Fund	\$ 2,001.41
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 16,480.99
Building Fund	\$ 5,040.13
Wash Fund	
Non Budget Fund	\$ 2,064.39
<b>Year-to-Date Disbursements:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 62,012.08
Building Fund	\$ 5,040.13
Wash Fund	\$ 2,075.68
Non Budget Fund	\$ 4,109.82
<b>Checking Account:</b>	
General Fund/Wash Fund	\$ 23,108.44
Non Budget Fund	\$ 8,631.96
<b>Money Market</b>	
General Fund	\$ 55,744.22
Building Fund	\$ (258.13)
Interest	\$ 7.90
Total	\$ 55,493.99
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	
1% Interest, Renewed, 6/16	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Average Attendance</b>	144
<b>YTD Average Attendance</b>	131



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Do you still feel pain over a loss that happened long ago? Do you sometimes feel anger or sadness over a break in a relationship with someone you once thought a lot of? Do you struggle to know what to say to someone who has lost a loved one? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you might like to participate in a grief recovery workshop at Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church offered by Suzanne Gould.

This class will teach you how to complete your grief, loss, or broken relationship and move on in your life keeping the good memories and laying the others to rest, giving you peace.

If you are interested, sign up by calling the church office, or Suzanne at 919-903-6313

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### MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The next luncheon will be on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Please bring a delicious dish to share and plan on staying for some great food and fellowship.

#### Upcoming 2017 Luncheon Hosts

- May - Adult Sunday School Class
- June - Congregational Care Team
- July - Men of Church
- August - Session

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### CHURCH COOKBOOK



We still have some of our cookbooks left!

They make great gifts...birthdays, bridal showers, just because!!

"Who Made That?" is available for \$20!!  
Contact Regenia Bell or the church office.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschoolers took a "Swing into Spring" and enjoyed a fun-filled April! It doesn't seem possible the end to another preschool year is quickly approaching!

The two and three year olds jumped into the month as they were introduced to the letters D, E, and R and the numbers -0-9. They focused on the color purple and the oval shape. They had a fun "Pet Day" during "Pet:" themed week by sharing their favorite stuffed animals with preschool friends. A pet rock was also created as a special little pet! The Easter Celebration was filled with delicious goodies but the Easter Egg Hunt was the highlight of the day. During Weather Week the children made it rain and played with clouds. They loved their new nursery rhyme, Mary Had a Little Lamb.

The four year olds have grown in so many ways this school year- academically, socially, and emotionally! We explored pastel colors and introduced the oval shape. We reviewed the letters Y and Z, the sounds they make, and practiced numbers 1-20. We had an "All about Yy" week and created Yodas and Yarn Bowls. We made beautiful stained glass crosses using tissue paper, and Easter Eggs painted with shaving cream and paint! We played Easter Bingo and learned that is important to be a good winner AND a good loser, and that not everyone gets a prize. The children learned the true meaning of the Easter Season and waved palm branches during their Hosanna Parade. The fours enjoyed their Easter Celebration and QUICKLY found the hidden 480 eggs! "The children had a wild time during "Zoo Week". We learned about zoo animals and created lions, zebras, flamingos, and giraffes! They were excited to learn the last letter of the alphabet...Letter Z! We leaned new songs in preparation for our big night...Preschool Graduation, which is just around the corner!



## MEN OF THE CHURCH

We ate fresh fish at our April meeting, caught by Lee Johns and Roy Ingram and prepared by Lee and Susan Johns, and Dave and Vera Fellows. Outstanding. We have promises of lasagna at the May 10th meeting, at 6pm. Please come and bring a friend. We always have more than enough food. The food and fellowship are great. Sign up in the narthex.

Don't forget that the Men of the Church are available for tasks that may be overcoming at home. Give us a call, or better yet, fill out a request form located in the black letter box at the front door. "Your Request is Our Success"

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## KNIT, CROCHET AND PRAY



The Knit, Crochet and pray ministry continues to meet the needs of our community with pocket prayer cloths, prayer shawls, and lap blankets. The ministry supplies our congregation, the Hospice House and other community outlets with these items for the purpose of spreading the Spirit of God and ministering to people in need.

The group meets the second Monday at 1:00 PM and fourth Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the parlor area. Yarn is available for some projects. Seasoned crocheters, knitters, beginners and so-so knitters are all welcome – great fellowship and a wonderful community service.

For more information, call Vera Fellows at 393-6724 or Debbie Starliper at 764-9190

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## ONLINE GIVING



<https://presbyterianmissionexchange.org/dashboard/make-a-grant?orgId=37a634ce-31d2-435c-b129-5e2f407fe4d2>

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone, and it will take you directly to the webpage.





**MEET OUR MEMBERS-  
TRISH AND ALLEN BROWN**

Trish and Allen have lived in Emerald Isle for 9 years after relocating here from Advance, NC. They have 2 children who live in New Bern along with their 3 grandchildren. They won the business of LeBleu Bottle Water in Jacksonville, NC, where Allen now works, and Trish helps out from time to time in the office. Trish is retired from the NC school sister after 20 years of service.

Trish and Allen like to travel when they can, as well as enjoy time with family. When possible, they love spending warm days at the beach.

Trish and Allen feel they are truly blessed to have found CCPC, they place they can call their church home.

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A big "Thank you" to our scout troop # 446 who cleaned up the landscape at Western Park Community Center on a recent Saturday morning. With the Cape Carteret Garden Club, they pruned, trimmed, weeded, cut, and generally cleaned up around the building. What a difference it made! It was a fun and productive morning. We now have an attractive entrance to the community building used by many organizations. Thank you for this service to our community.

The Cape Carteret Garden Club meets thre the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 9:30 am. Visitors and new members are always welcome!!

Alma Frantz  
Cape Carteret Garden Club

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**CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM – MAY**

Visitation Ministry:  
Dave and Vera Fellows (252-393-6724)

Card Ministry:  
Linda Mylan (910-326-7727)

If you know of any needs or would like to volunteer with these ministries, please contact the names listed above or Debbie Starliper.

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

For the month of May, the youth will be collecting **jump ropes and miniature sewing kits**. Thank you for your continued support with this mission!



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE –  
MAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

Articles for the MAY 2017 issue of the newsletter need to be submitted Friday, **MAY 19<sup>th</sup>** Newsletters will be distributed on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any articles you wish to have included to the church office, or email them to [capecarteretpres@gmail.com](mailto:capecarteretpres@gmail.com)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 2  | Ellen Linden    | 23 | Marjorie McCray    |
| 3  | Pete Leo        | 25 | Jean Indoe         |
| 3  | Jim Smith       | 27 | Christopher DeMars |
| 7  | Liam Mangus     | 30 | Jan Holt           |
| 10 | John Molfetto   | 30 | Scott Wright       |
| 14 | Brad Walker     | 30 | Faye Darst         |
| 17 | Suzanne Burrows | 31 | Rowena Moncourtois |
| 20 | Fran Brooks     | 31 | Allen Brown        |
| 22 | Zach Wills      |    |                    |



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Zachary & Amy Wills           | 5/13/06 |
| Steve & Lynn Anderson         | 5/14/87 |
| Van & Mary Riggs              | 5/15/82 |
| Roy & Julie Ingram            | 5/15/98 |
| Max & Louise Morton           | 5/17/64 |
| Ed & Jan Holt                 | 5/30/75 |
| Trey & Ferrell Mangus         | 5/30/09 |
| Bob & Avis Blaylock           | 5/31/70 |
| Shelby-Wayne & Heidi Williams | 5/31/14 |