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The last seven months have "literally" pulled us apart in ways that most of us could have never imagined. This Christmas season I would like to invite us to share in a journey of moving "back together." I would love to take credit for this idea but a fellow seminary graduate (Rev. Mandy Ealy) came up with this beautiful response to the challenging times we are facing. I am excited to share it with all of you.

At the heart of this spiritual exercise is a nativity set. Nativity sets come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and configurations. Suzanne and I have one made out of straw from Africa. I brought a carved olive wood set home from my time in the Middle East. Many of us have sets that have been passed down as family heirlooms. All sets include Mary, Joseph and of course baby Jesus. Many sets also contain shepherds, magi, and an angel. You will need these primary pieces to share in our activity. If you don't have a nativity set, please let me know and we will do what we can to help you get one.

We are entering into the Christian season of Advent. It begins Sunday, November 29th. Theologically we have always viewed Advent as a time of spiritual journey. Through scripture, prayer, and the advent wreath we journey towards Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. To help this journey take shape in our wonder and in our hearts everyone is invited to do something a little different this year.

Begin by placing an empty manger in a special place in your home. Next find a place in your home that is far away from the manger and place the magi/kings there. Make sure they are in a place where you will see them each day. Place the angel somewhere visible but high. Find a different place for Mary and Joseph. Finally find a place for the shepherds (and sheep if you have them) in the same room with the manger, but not too close to it.

There are four Sundays in Advent plus Epiphany. Each week I will be sending out a brief meditation with a few questions to ponder. Talk about these questions with your family. If you live alone call a friend and share your thoughts with each other. We will send the weekly meditation by email and post it on our Facebook page and our website. The first movement of our journey together is also in this newsletter. It would be amazing if you could take pictures of your set and post them on our Facebook page, or email them to the church office and we will post them for you.

So what are we going to do with our nativity pieces?! Starting on the 29th everyone is invited to begin to move their separated nativity pieces back towards the manger. You can move them a little each day or move them a greater distance each week – do what works for you! The cool thing about this exercise is that while you are moving your pieces at home ... we will be doing the same thing on a larger scale in the front lawn of the church. I'm not going to say any more about this except keep your eyes open for something special and new at our church!!!

I hope you will join me! The pandemic may have physically separated us, but the Christmas story reminds us that we are bound together by something far more powerful. Let us enter into this holy season with awe and wonder. Let us come together!

Ben

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

The Congregational Care Team would like to touch base with our church family and friends. This has certainly been a trying year for all of us and the world. Who would have thought when 2020 rolled in that in March, we would be locked down and our lives would be turned topsy-turvy.

We are thankful that we can meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, even if we wear masks and are socially distanced. We can live stream our service using YouTube to those who do not feel comfortable coming to church just yet. Another benefit is if you cannot watch right at 11:00, the service is available later in the day.

The Congregational Care Team has not started meeting again but that does not mean we haven't been doing anything. We have had to stop the in-person Visitation Ministry, but the Card Ministry continues and, of course, we are only as far away as a telephone call. We have also had to stop Fellowship luncheons, but it is not a matter of "if" we will have another one but when. What a celebration that will be.

Our Knitting Ministry is busy knitting and crocheting hats and scarves to include in the Backpack Friends bags to keep children warm when cold weather sets in. Please make the scarves at least 50" long. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Vera Fellows, 252-393-6724.

So, as we continue living through this new normal, please know that our Team is here is if you need anything.

God bless you all,
Susan Shetzer and Julie Ingram



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Joe & June Wilkins	12/27/52	John & Delores Worrell	12/12/71
Greg & Tracy Antonelli	12/07/97	Tom & Jany Leiser	12/21
Thumper & Ann Swann	12/10/83		



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 Susan Shetzer	10 Jonathan Harbolt	15 Megan Wright
1 Andrea Williams	11 Trey Mangus	15 Ed Holt
4 Allen Sutton	11 Arabella Molfetto	20 Cynthia DeFusco
6 Hunter Brown	12 Kylie Wright	27 Elizabeth Mae Detwiler
8 Jean Steidel	12 Ryan Williams	28 Taylor McClellan
9 Christian Ackerson Sr	14 Alma Frantz	

HOLIDAY
SERVICE
SCHEDULE

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

13 CCPC Choir Cantata 11:00 am

13 Angel Tree Gifts Deadline

24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

**25 ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS ★
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

The church office will be closed beginning Friday, December 25th and will reopen on Monday, January 4th. If you need assistance, please contact your elder or the elder of the month

If you would like to make your contributions online, go to **our website**, click on the **"GIVING" tab**, then click the **"GIVE NOW"** button.



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NewsLetter
DEADLINE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st

Articles for the JANUARY 2021 issue of the newsletter need to be submitted **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st**. Please bring any articles you wish to have included to the church office, or email to capecarteretpres@gmail.com



BACKPACK FRIENDS

For the month of December, we will be collecting **TUNA** packets/pouches!

Did you know:

*BackPack Friends delivers over 650 backpacks of food to children in 18 schools throughout Carteret, Craven, Onslow, and Jones counties each week, all packed by caring volunteers with 100% donated food supplies at an annual cost of almost \$200,000.

*1 in 5 children in NC are hungry. CNBS states that NC "ties with Tennessee and West Virginia in ranking No. 10 in the country with the highest food insecurity rates projected for 2020, according to Feeding America's calculations."

A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and my each breath that hits, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator
Presbyterian Church of Canada

**SNAPSHOT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER 2020**

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
-GENERAL FUND*	\$17,398.23	-GENERAL FUND	\$20,209.83
-NON BUDGET FUND**	\$2,366.76	-NON BUDGET FUND	\$3005.16
YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS		YEAR-TO-DATE DISBURSEMENTS	
-GENERAL FUND	\$209,014.32	-GENERAL FUND	\$192,899.57
-NON BUDGET FUND	\$26,140..44	-NON BUDGET FUND	\$24,782.00
CAPITALCAMPAIGN (GOAL \$250,000.00+)		CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DISBURSEMENTS	
-RECEIPTS FOR MONTH	\$2,455.56	-DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH	-0-
-RECEIPTS-TO-DATE	\$144,953.57	-DISBURSEMENTS -TO-DATE	\$125,678.21

*Building fund is now included with General Fund

**Wash fund is now included with Non Budget Fund

FUND BALANCE

CHECKING ACCOUNT		MONEY MARKET ACCT	
-GENERAL FUND	\$52,882.93	(GENERAL FUND)	
-NON BUDGET FUND	\$14,283.74	(BUILDING FUND)	
		(-CAPITAL IMP.FUND)	
CERT. OF DEPOSIT	\$107,817.32	TOTAL MONEY MKT	\$82,451.65
(0.70% INTEREST)			
MO.AVG. ATT	41	YTD AVG. ATT	104
MO.AVG VIRT. VIEWS	123	YTD AVG VIRT. VIEWS	166

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your daily prayers the following,
Addresses are available in the church office

Assisted Living:

Carteret House Jim Yoder Room 303	Carteret Landing Micky Mullikin Room 16D
Pennybryn Vivian Gibson Apt 133	Brookdale Loma Linda Anne Stanley Room 115
The Lodge at Old Trail Harriet Mozingo	Brookdale Morehead City Shirley Lowder
The Addison of Fayetteville Apt C16 Blanche Phillips	

Concerns and Joys:

- Our nation and its leaders
- Please remember all those who have served and are serving, especially those who are deployed
- Caregivers
- Pastors, elders, CCPC adult choir, Sunday school teachers, preschool & preschool teachers
- Chris Molnar, maintenance chemo, friend of Dee Phillips
- Avery Cooper, family friend of Janet Kolb (14 yr old), brain cancer
- Gail Skinner, Waldenstrom's lymphoma
- Laura Lauffer, Vivian Gibson's niece
- Noah Parker and family
- Robert Gray, Ruth Smith's brother-in-law, myelodysplastic syndrome
- The Harbolt Family
- Charlie Pake, friend of Kathe & Larry Smith, liver cancer
- Bill Gould, David Gould's father, lung cancer
- Stephanie Fleischer, friend of Joli Brooks, breast cancer
- Hugh Boy, Dick & Susan Shetzer's son-in law, inoperable liver cancer
- Jean King, under hospice care
- Richard Burns, Lisa Kelly's brother in law, cancer, hospitalized for adverse effects
- Terry Lanier, Gail Skinner's daughter, starting chemo for Lymphoma
- Jana Blackman, friend of Linda Wilkins, awaiting surgery for liver cancer on 11/9
- Bob & Dot Bell, friends of Betty Butler, both having issues
- Gary Sheppard, Debbie Starliper's brother, recovering at home
- David Willoughby, RL Willoughby's brother, cancer
- Betty Butler, recovering from surgery at New Hanover Medical Center