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If I have heard it once I have heard it a hundred times. "I can't wait until 2020 is done!" Whew! It has been one strange year ... hasn't it?

Multiple hurricanes in the gulf, devastating fires in the western states, and deeply divided political views just begins to describe what has been for most of us a very challenging year. 2020 also brought to the surface our struggle with long held prejudices that dared to challenge our cherished world views. We have fought over wearing masks and buying toilet paper. We have witnessed the pandemic steal the breath of over 300,000 Americans and prayed that we and our loved ones would not become infected. Story after story of exhausted front line workers, underpaid essential workers, and the rising rates of the impoverished have filled our nightly news. Even along our beloved Crystal Coast the number of food insecure children continued to rise throughout the year, and we had to pack more and more backpacks each week. Adding to the emotional toll was the loss of family members and not being able to hold a service in the way we have grown accustomed to. I could go on, but we all don't need reminding of just how hard this last year has been.

Traditionally, this time of year we begin to not only look towards the New Year with expectation but to also start making resolutions. It is with high hopes that we plan on exercising more, lose weight, get organized and perhaps take on a new hobby. Often the start of January motivates us to want to save more money or spend less. It renews a desire to not waste a precious moment and to live life to the fullest. No doubt given our social distancing in 2020, another hope is we will spend more time with others.

This week I have been thinking about not only the state of our current year but also my hopes and dreams for the one that lies before us. I think my resolution this year is going to look a little different from previous years. After a time of reflection, I am going to strive to learn from 2020 rather than put in my rear view as quickly as possible. Like all of you, I would love life to return to "normal". But I don't know if it ever will and I also don't know if I really want it to.

Please don't misunderstand me. I most certainly don't want our current conditions to continue. Along with others, I am hoping that the vaccine will help us return to a place where we can safely gather together. I don't want to see business owners, front line workers, and the vulnerable suffer anymore. The day when there are no deaths from Covid-19 will be a wonderful day. However, if we do not learn from 2020, then to me this will be just heaping tragedy upon tragedy.

This year has clearly shown us how much work we have before us. We have social issues that we must talk about. We have to learn to listen (really listen) to one another. We need to find a way beyond our division. Certainly there is more than one way to move beyond the things that have

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bound us and divided us as a country. I truly believe that reflecting on 2020 is an important and necessary step. As Christians we have a responsibility to be part of the healing and restoration of our country. In order to do so we must fight the urge for everything to return as it once was, but rather strive towards what Jesus has shown us we can be. Let us learn from our past and from each other. Let us learn from Jesus and God's Word. And let us embrace this new year to be the disciples we each have been called to be! Happy New Year!

Ben



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! CLASS OF 2020/21

Croatan High School

LACEY ACKERSON

ERICA ANTONELLI

Lacey and Erica both officially finished high school in December, and will be considered graduated the first week of January from Croatan High School. They will both be taking classes at Carteret Community College before making their final decisions on where they will be attending in the fall.



WINTER BIBLE STUDY

The winter Bible study will begin on Tuesday 12 January 2021. We will be studying David Jeremiah's "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven." For details or to register, please contact Joyce Brogdon at 252-393-8839 or Email her at joybrogdon7@gmail.com



BACKPACK FRIENDS

For the month of JANUARY, we will be collecting **pudding cups!**

Total Donations for 2020:

We collected 220 individual servings of tuna in December, and sent donations in the total of \$557.50.

**** To wrap up the year, we started **** collecting for Backpack Friends in March 2020. So just 10 months of collections. We collected a total of 8637 items, and sent monetary donations in the amount of \$6908.47.

IF we were to estimate the dollar amount for the food donations, and add the monetary donations...Our little church in Cape Carteret donated approximately \$15,545 to Backpack Friends in 10 months! That is amazing!! That's a lot of hungry local children we are helping to feed!



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Frank & Niki Reich 1/01/80
Christopher & Lydia DeMars 1/05
Dave & Vera Fellows 1/23/82



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Lacey Ackerson
11 Hannah Brown
14 David Hollifield
15 Greg Antonelli
15 Lynda Capps
19 Mae Leo
20 Bob Blaylock
22 Thumper Swann
23 Kathryn Ackerson
23 Larry Harbolt
24 Sara Williams
24 Winston Mangus
24 Lawrence Smith
27 Emmett Jones
29 Katie Wood
31 Jannie Stewart

If you would like to 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, JANUARY 25TH

Articles for the FEBRUARY 2021 issue of the newsletter need to be submitted **MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH**. Please bring any articles you wish to have included to the church office, or email to capecarterepres@gmail.com



Out of Office

Tracy will be out of the office beginning Thursday, January 14th and will return on Friday, January 22nd.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our dear member, Pete Leo. Pete went to be with our Lord on Sunday, December 6th. Please keep Mae and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

SNAPSHOT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
-GENERAL FUND*	\$23,727.54	-GENERAL FUND	\$18,100.07
-NON BUDGET FUND**	2,495.79	-NON BUDGET FUND	2,295.33
YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS		YEAR-TO-DATE DISBURSEMENTS	
-GENERAL FUND	232,741.98	-GENERAL FUND	210,999.64
-NON BUDGET FUND	28,636.23	-NON BUDGET FUND	27,077.33
CAPITALCAMPAIGN (GOAL \$250,000.00+)		CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DISBURSEMENTS	
-RECEIPTS FOR MONTH	3,995.35	-DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH	533.74
-RECEIPTS-TO-DATE	148,948.92	-DISBURSEMENTS -TO-DATE	126,211.95

*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	\$58,662.50	(GENERAL FUND)	
-NON BUDGET FUND	14,484.20	(BUILDING FUND)	
		(-CAPITAL IMP.FUND	
CERT. OF DEPOSIT	107,817.32	TOTAL MONEY MKT	\$86,666.47
0.70% INTEREST)			
MO.AVG. ATT	59	YTD AVG. ATT	95
MO.AVG VIRT. VIEWS	101	YTD AVG VIRT. VIEWS	159

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 (14), family friend of Janet Kolb, 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
- Terry Lanier, Gail Skinner's daughter, lymphoma
- Jana Blackman, friend of Linda Wilkins, liver cancer
- Bob & Dot Bell, friends of Betty Butler, both having issues
- Gary Sheppard, Debbie Starliper's brother
- David Willoughby, RL Willoughby's brother, cancer
- Betty Butler, recovering at home
- Blanche Phillips, recovering from a broken hip