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I hope that most of you are aware I will be starting my Sabbatical on April 18th. This is a tremendous gift to me from all of you. I am very grateful. By now you may have also heard that a significant part of my sabbatical will be walking the ancient pilgrim's trail known as the Camino. If you would like more information about either my sabbatical or pilgrimage, please contact the church office. A resource is available that will answer most of your questions.

On average I will be walking around 15 miles a day. As you might expect, I have been preparing for some time to meet the challenges of walking such long distances. In fact, I spend so much time walking that I have to break up my walks throughout the day. Typically I take a good long walk first thing in the morning and then go for a longer one after the work of the day is done. It has been a blessing to be outside in God's beautiful creation for such extended lengths of time.

I have some good news to share with you. I can report first hand that winter is quickly being pushed aside. Over the last few weeks I have been thrilled to witness pregnant buds blushing on the trees. Golden yellow daffodils are beginning to awake from their slumber. If you look close enough, you will even see some grass blades beginning to transform from brown to green. There has also been a change in the air. You notice such things when you are outside as much as I am. The simple miraculous truth is the seasons are changing just as God ordained from the beginning of time. It is a privilege to witness it take shape each day.

In many ways my time of preparation reminds me of our upcoming liturgical season of Lent. In the days and weeks of Lent, we prepare our hearts and our minds to receive the good news of Easter. It would be natural to want to rush to Easter and to the celebration of our dear Savior's resurrection; however, to do so is not in our best interest. Just as I need to put my steps in each day in order to prepare for the Camino, so we must use the precious time we have in Lent to prepare and reflect on what it means to truly follow the One we call Lord.

Might I suggest that in the coming weeks of Lent that each of us consider marking this important time by stepping out of our daily routines and immersing ourselves in God's creation, God's Word, prayer, and self-examination. Perhaps there is a spiritual discipline (silence, fasting, lectio divina, centering prayer to name a few) that you have always been interested in but never set time aside for. Consider implementing one for the 40 days of Lent. There are many ways in which we can nurture our interior life. I encourage you to do so throughout Lent.

Preparation makes a difference. Putting the steps in now will hopefully allow me to have a fuller and richer experience on the Camino. Setting time aside now to nurture our faith will undoubtedly open us up to the fullness of Easter in many meaningful ways.

May each of you feel God's closeness each day. May your hearts be filled with joy and wonder. May you know His love and grace in life transforming ways.

Peace and love to us all,

Ben

In the Session with the Session

The session met on January 30, 2022. As church elders, we continue to pray for God's wisdom to guide our discussions and decisions relating to our congregation. The following is a summary of the highlights from our meeting. Jan Holt, Clerk of Session.

- The session unanimously voted to extend a Temporary Supply Contract to Rev. Ted Churn for the period of April 18, 2022 through July 31, 2022. Total cost of interim package is \$14,300.
- With the increase in active cases of COVID in the community, the session voted to return to stricter pandemic guidelines for in-person worship. Pandemic guidelines will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis.
- Rev. Burrows shared that through the generosity of the church, \$3,300.65 was sent to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Fund to help families devastated by tornados in Mayfield, Kentucky.
- The session voted to elect the 2022 Church Corporate Officers – Cynthia DeFusco, President; Ann Swann, Vice-President; Susan Shetzer; Secretary & John Bell, Treasurer. The session also elected Jan Holt to serve as 2022 Clerk of Session & Susan Shetzer as Deputy Clerk of Session.
- The session approved with pleasure the membership of Ashley-Anne Hovis and the Baptism of children William Ryan and Allyanne Elizabeth.
- Crystal Coast Choral Society's request to use the church facilities for a spring concert was reviewed and approved. The concert date is April 8th.

- A contribution of \$500 to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Pastors Emergency Fund, was approved by the session in remembrance of Molly Lowery, wife of Jerrod Lowery, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.
- Debbie Starliper was elected as Elder Commissioner to attend the March 5, 2022 Coastal Carolina Presbytery Meeting.
- New committee assignments were made. Debbie Starliper and Heather Molfetto will co-chair Faith Formation. Dee Philips will be co-chairing with Susan Shetzer on Congregational Care.
- An update on the kitchen remodel was offered. Everything is still on go but we are currently waiting for cabinets to come in. They have been delayed due to supply issues.

Session was closed with a time of sharing prayer concerns and then praying for our nation, its leaders, and all those suffering from illness and life challenges.



The flower chart can be found in the narthex! Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday morning, or if you would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers. **Please specify flowers vs. donation, and to whom you would like it in memory/honor of.**

If you are placing real flowers, **the church office will place the order.** If there is anything specific you would like (colors/flowers), you may call Through the Looking Glass as your date approaches, and place your request. **The florist will bill you directly.** You may take your flowers home with you after worship on Sunday!

ASHES TO GO

Remember that you are dust...



and to dust you shall return

WHEN: MARCH 2ND

WHERE: CCPC SANCTUARY

**TIME: Drop by anytime between
11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Why "Ashes to Go?"

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became custom to begin the season of Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

Ashes remind us...

- Of those around the world who are mourning and suffering.
- That we all have sinned, we all need repentance, and we all have been forgiven by the grace and love of Christ.
- That no matter what our past or present circumstance may be, we are still called, named, claimed, and loved children of God.

The reference to dust reminds us...

- Of the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God.
- That in the passage of time, we will all someday die. And that our hope lies in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"Ashes to Go" offers us a chance to stop in the midst of our busy lives and turn to God.



BACKPACK FRIENDS

Monetary donations received in

January 2022: \$ 535.00

February 2022: \$1407.00

YDT \$1942.00

During the month of **MARCH**

we will be collecting:

OATMEAL (individual servings)



Well, I am no longer awaiting surgery, I have had my operation on Dec 31st. I am doing well and am healing.

Over the past 14 months I have received so many phone calls, cards, and especially prayers from my church family at CCPC. My thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness. Even though I am 5 hours away, I still feel you all are my family. I miss you all and hope to get back to see you someday in future.

~Betty Butler



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of two of our members:

Jim Yoder 1/26/22

Georgianna DeRegotis 2/18/22

Please continue to keep their families in your thoughts and prayer.

Because we didn't have a **FEBRUARY** newsletter, we missed your birthday! Sorry about that! We hope your day was as special as you are!



- 1 Matt Adkins
- 4 Ann Swann
- 4 Dee Phillips
- 5 Heidi Williams
- 6 Patrick Hollifield
- 8 David Gould
- 9 Jackie Wood
- 11 Jacob Harbolt
- 18 Ben Burrows
- 21 Karen Wood
- 24 Alissa Harbolt
- 25 Scott McClellan
- 28 Lynn Anderson

And here you will find our **MARCH** birthdays and anniversaries! We hope your day was as special as you are!



- 2 David Sobotta
- 2 Gail Skinner
- 2 Lauren Burch
- 3 Burton Burrows
- 3 Dylan Wood
- 6 Lee Johns
- 11 Nicholas Antonelli
- 13 Ruth Smith
- 14 Vera Fellows
- 16 Steve Smith
- 18 Sandra Wagner
- 18 Brownie Trainham
- 18 Richard Phillips
- 22 James Garman
- 25 Mandy Tramell
- 28 Teri Wright
- 30 Evangeline DeMars

SPRING FORWARD



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 13th! Make sure you turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!!



- Brian & Teri Wright 3/14/92
- Steve & Lynn Anderson 3/14/87
- John & Heather Molfetto 3/27/10

SNAPSHOT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
-GENERAL FUND	\$44,810.69	-GENERAL FUND	\$22,440.84
-NON BUDGET FUND	7,278.28	-NON BUDGET FUND	4,087.28
YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS		YEAR-TO-DATE DISBURSEMENTS	
-GENERAL FUND	359,090.19	-GENERAL FUND	355,424.45
-NON BUDGET FUND	50,511.91	-NON BUDGET FUND	48,849.17
CAPITALCAMPAIGN (GOAL \$250,000.00+)		CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DISBURSEMENTS	
-RECEIPTS FOR MONTH	1,611.92	-DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH	1,378.95
-RECEIPTS-TO-DATE	271,230.80	-DISBURSEMENTS – TO-DATE	270,300.43

FUND BALANCE

CHECKING ACCOUNT		MONEY MARKET ACCT	
-GENERAL FUND	\$103,936.96	(GENERAL FUND)	
-NON BUDGET FUND	15,874.46	(BUILDING FUND)	
		(-CAPITAL IMP.FUND)	
CERT. OF DEPOSIT	108,670.50	TOTAL MONEY MKT	\$93,416.33
MO.AVG. ATT	102	YTD AVG. ATT	89
MO.AVG VIRT. VIEWS	59	YTD AVG VIRT. VIEWS	55

NOTICE: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENDED DEC 31, 2021

Our Capital Improvement Campaign ended Dec. 31, 2021. Thank you, thank you for helping exceed our goal of \$250,000. With total contributions and bequeaths we reached \$271,230.80. Should you desire to make future contributions to the campaign they will be credited to the Building Fund for Capital Improvements and Building Repairs as needed.

**SNAPSHOT FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 2022**

RECEIPTS:

OPERATING FUNDS	\$25,508
DESIGNATED FUNDS	2,464

RECEIPTS YR. TO DATE:

OPERATING FUNDS	25,508
DESIGNATED FUNDS	2,464

DISBURSEMENTS:

OPERATING FUNDS	24,540
DESIGNATED FUNDS	3,945

DISBURSEMENTS YR. TO DATE:

OPERATING FUNDS	24,540
DESIGNATED FUNDS	3,945

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

CHECKING	122,256
MONEY MARKET	93,417
CERT. OF DEPOSIT	108,830

ATTENDANCE:

AVG. MO. INPERSON ATTN.	77
AVG. MO. ONLINE VIEWS	87



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

<https://capecarteretpresbyterianchurch.org/>

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Assisted Living:

Brookdale-Morehead City
Shirley Lowder

Pennybryn
Vivian Gibson

Martha Jefferson House
Harriet Mozingo

SNF
Anne Stanley

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
- Gail Skinner, Waldenstrom's lymphoma
- Laura Lauffer, Vivian Gibson's niece
- Robert Gray, Ruth Smith's brother-in-law, myelodysplastic syndrome
- The Harbolt Family
- Terry Lanier, Gail Skinner's daughter, lymphoma
- Jana Blackman, friend of Linda Wilkins, liver cancer
- Steve Johns, friend of Teri Wright, recovering from liver transplant
- Phillip Hastings, multiple illnesses
- Dave Evans, Tracy Antonelli's uncle, aggressive bile duct cancer
- Elizabeth Cox, niece of Cynthia DeFusco, recovering from breast cancer surgery
- Melanie Lynn Mayo, brain tumor, recovering from surgery
- Tommy Smith, Jim Smith's brother, cancer
- Virginia Ripley, recovering at home
- Lorris Carter, Debra Nye & Lisa Kelly's father, heart problems
- Down East community