



**CAPE CARTERET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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“Why are you walking the Camino?” This is the question I am asked most often these days. It’s a good question. Why would anyone willingly want to walk 15 miles a day for close to seven weeks?

Initially my answer to this question was “It’s on my bucket list.” I first heard about the Camino about 10 years ago, and it has indeed been something I have longed to do ever since. Of course, I have a lot of things on my bucket list. There are many places where I would love to travel. However, the more time I have had to think about my pilgrimage, the more I have grown to understand that this trip is far more than visiting a famous site or traveling to an exotic location. Walking the Camino has become to me something more than a box to check.

It probably goes without saying but I have done a lot of walking to prepare for my journey. A lot!!!! Walking is wonderful for a number of reasons. There certainly are physical benefits from exercising on a daily basis. I find myself growing stronger with each passing mile. There is also a sense of accomplishment. I enjoy setting a goal and then working hard to achieve it. So another reason I often offer for walking the Camino involves the challenging aspect of it. I have never challenged myself in this way before. In addition to the physical challenges are the ones that come from spending close to two months in a foreign country and navigating everything from ordering food to seeking directions in a language other than my own. These things push this born and bred Eastern NC native way outside his comfort zone. I believe it will be good for me to be challenged in ways that I have never been before. Yet this also doesn’t really fully answer the question at hand.

I can guess what you are thinking about right now. Ben is going to say he is walking the Camino for spiritual reasons. My response to this would be not really. The reason I am not going for spiritual reasons is because I don’t feel separated from God right now. In fact, I have felt God’s gracious hand at work in me, in Suzanne and in our session throughout this whole process. I have no doubt that God will be walking with me every step towards Santiago!

So why am I walking the Camino. I’ll let you in on a little secret I have discovered over my time of preparation. One of the biggest benefits of walking is the gift of time. Walking for long periods of time gives a person a great deal of time to think (if they choose to do so). With only 5 weeks to go until I take my first step out of St. Jean, I find myself longing for the time to just be and to fully live in each precious moment. It is my hope in this precious time I have been given that I will reflect on my life and my life’s journey up to this point. I hope to spend a good bit of time thinking about those I hold dear to my heart and how I might better serve them. No doubt I will spend some time thinking about my call to the ministry, as well as what it has meant to serve the Lord’s church the last 20 plus years, so there is a spiritual aspect to my walk. However, mostly I hope to walk each day open to receiving whatever that day has to offer, and in the process find myself renewed, encouraged and strengthened for whatever God has in store for the next chapter in my life. Isn’t this part of the good news of Easter? That even when we think the story has come to an end ... it hasn’t!!! God is always doing something new and good and life giving!

Easter Blessings and Buen Camino! *Ben*

Good afternoon CCPC Kidz and Families,

I just wanted to reach out to let you all know of a few upcoming events/dates regarding Children's Church Kidz. We will have a procession of the Palms at the start of church on Palm Sunday, April 10th. The kids will also be singing on this Sunday instead of children's time with Paster Ben. We will have our annual Easter Egg hunt during Children's Church on Easter Sunday, April 17th. May 29th will be our last Children's Church date before we take our "summer break," but not to worry we will have VBS again this year June 28th, 29th and the 30th from 9:30am- 12pm.

Palm Sunday, April 10th: The Procession of the Palms/ all children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to start our Church service with the waving of the Palm Branches. We will have costumes set up in the library for kids to wear. This is a tradition within our church and a sweet way for our kids to help us celebrate Easter.

After the Procession kids can return to parents or return to the library. We will enter as a group during "Children's Time" to sing and recite a Bible verse.

Songs:

Hosanna

<https://youtu.be/i7OmW6PNPNI>

Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1 only)

<https://youtu.be/IJxrBmX8pGA>

Bible Verse: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

-Deuteronomy 6:5

April 17th: Easter Sunday: We will have our Easter Egg Hunt during Children's church. If you have children that generally do not attend Children's church and would like to participate, please just let me know in advance, we would love to have them. All the children need is an Easter basket from home.

May 29th: Is the last day for Children's Church until Labor Day. We take a break on all Sunday school and Children Church's activities during the summer. We will use this time to prepare our teachers, classrooms and work on curriculum for the upcoming church year.

June 28th-30th VBS. I am super excited to announce that we will be traveling to Jerusalem Marketplace in our church Fellowship Hall during this time. We will experience what it would have been like for Jesus as a young boy to walk the streets of Jerusalem while we learn and grow in God's word and love.

I will be sending out registration forms for children who would like to attend and if you feel called to volunteer. we would love to have you! I am already in the process of ordering kits for our children so please let me know as soon as you can if they would like to attend. We will be opening up our VBS this year so spots are limited. It will be open to church members and friends and family of our church, then we will open it up to our preschool families. Once the spots are full because of supplies and space we will not be able to add to the list.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I love spending time with your kids and I am excited to continue to watch them learn and grow.

Blessings,

Heather Molfetto
CCPC Kidz

In the Session with the Session

The session met on February 27, 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.

- Approved the elimination of the church mask mandate, and the removal of pandemic related signage effective March 2022. Endorsed the resumption of the passing of the offertory plate during worship service and reconvening choir activity.
- Approved a memorial service for Jim Yoder on February 27, 2022.
- Discussed the kitchen renovation project & the arrival of the new cabinets. Anticipated completion date of the remodeling project is April 10, 2022.
- Approved the 2021 CCPC Annual Statistical Report sent to Presbytery.
- Approved a social following worship on April 10, 2022 to extend best wishes & blessings to Rev. Burrows as he embarks on his sabbatical & to welcome Rev. Ted Churn as Interim Pastor.
- Reviewed & discussed proposed new cash counting procedures as recommended by church auditors. Approved implementation on a trial basis in March 2022.
- Received and accepted December 2021 & January 2022 Financial Reports.
- Approved an "Ashes to Go" service on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from 11:00AM-1:00PM.
- Moved next regularly scheduled session meeting to April 3, 2022.

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.

-Jan Holt, Clerk of Session



CCPC would like to ask you to think and pray about being a part of our music ministry. We need your voices - and most of all we need your loving spirits and unique personalities to join with us in developing our music program. No musical training is required to be a member of our adult choir. You don't need to know how to read music - just be willing to listen, sing and laugh. We promise not to have any expectations other than to enjoy being with you. Our next rehearsal is Thursday, March 31st at 11AM. We also gather in the choir room on Sunday mornings around 10:15 to prepare for worship. If you have any questions, contact the church office and our Music Director, Polly Page will be glad to talk with you about our adult choir program.



The church office will be closed Monday, April 18th for Easter Monday. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 19th.

Pastor Ben will be out of the office beginning Monday, 18th as he begins his sabbatical. Please contact the church office, or your elder if you need assistance.



HOLY WEEK EVENTS



Palm Sunday, April 10 – 11:00 am

Join us for our Palm Sunday Service.

Maundy Thursday, April 14 - 7:00 p.m.

*We will be sharing in the Lord's Supper during this time.

Easter Sunday – April 17

Sunrise Service, April 17 – 6:30 am

We will be having an Easter Sunrise Service
At 130 John L Hurst Drive, Swansboro
Bring a chair for your comfort!

Easter Service, April 17 – 11:00 am

Our regular Easter morning worship service
will begin at 11:00 am.



HE IS RISEN!

APRIL 17, 2022



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

We wish to extend our sympathies to Thumper and Ann Swann on the recent loss of both of Thumpers parents. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



On **Sunday, April 10th**, following the service, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall to send-off Pastor Ben and Charley Starliper and to welcome Pastor Ted Churn and his wife. Cupcakes and beverages will be served.



All of our worship services are streamed online on our YouTube Channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8-YuWEKYmg0KuCq8uUtKgg>



BACKPACK FRIENDS

Monetary donations received in

January 2022:	\$ 535.00
February 2022:	\$1407.00
March 2022:	<u>\$3839.62</u>

YDT **\$5781.62**

During the month of **APRIL**
we will be collecting:
APPLE SAUCE
(single serve containers)



- 1 Heather Molfetto
- 6 Helen Giltz
- 9 Dave Fellows
- 10 Tracy Antonelli
- 13 Max Brown
- 15 Steve Anderson
- 16 John Capps
- 17 Helen Holt
- 17 Carl Gull, III
- 17 Mark Williams
- 20 RL Willoughby
- 21 Sandy Sloan
- 21 John Worrell
- 23 Maureen Ackerson
- 25 Betty Butler
- 26 Matt Garman
- 27 Christine Erwin
- 27 Debbie Starliper

SNAPSHOT FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

RECEIPTS:

OPERATING FUNDS	\$14,765
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$3,482

YTD RECEIPTS:

OPERATING FUNDS	\$43,901
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$6,520

DISBURSEMENTS:

OPERATING FUNDS	\$18,618
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$3,131

YTD DISBURSEMENTS:

OPERATING FUNDS	\$42,610
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$6,902

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT:

CHECKING	\$122,152
MONEY MARKET	\$94,196
CERT. OF DEPOSIT	\$108,830

ATTENDANCE:

AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	91
AVG. WEEKLY ONLINE VIEWS	48



RL & Jenni Willoughby

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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
- Virginia Ripley, recovering at home
- Lorris Carter, Debra Nye & Lisa Kelly's father, heart problems
- Down East community
- Jackie Wood, recovering at home from a heart procedure
- Ann Swann, recovering at home from knee replacement
- Lee Johns, recovering at home from shoulder surgery
- Roy & Louise Wilkins, parents of Jerry Wilkins, congestive heart failure
- Thumper Swann, recent loss of both of his parents