



Newbegun United Methodist Church

Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People

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The State of our Church and How to Proceed

With the current national and global concerns regarding coronavirus, this is a time for caution and a time for prayer. The numbers that we see daily reveal that this may be the greatest need for prayer that we have seen in our lifetime. Our health comes from God and we know that we will get through this crisis. This is a time for us to rededicate ourselves to his love and grace and to our faith in him.

As United Methodists, we are united in our faith, duty, and purpose. As Christians we are committed to our Church and our ongoing obligations to keep it strong and viable. In meeting these obligations our gifting, giving, and tithing needs to continue as we normally would each Sunday, week, or month. (Pastor Roger has outlined mailing procedures within this newsletter.) Our obligations are not only to our church, but they are also to our community and ourselves.

Change saved for Noisy Coin collections continues to grow. It can be given to the church or saved for future Noisy Coins when we return to church.

In summary, our church remains strong and healthy and we wish the same for each of you as we continue our service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Kenny Houtz, Chair
Administrative Board

Roy Daniels, Chair
Finance Committee

As we keep our 6 feet social distancing, we won't be able to gather in places that squeeze us together. As you know, worship services have been canceled until the beginning of May. We therefore have to find ways to keep our financial capabilities going. There are many ways to make contributions in this modern age of email, e-finance, credit, and debit cards. For our little congregation we will keep it nice and simple. Please send your offerings through the mail.

You may use any one of the following addresses:

Newbegun United Methodist Church, 2119 Nixonton Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909

or

Roy Daniels, 1257 Toxey Rd. Elizabeth City, NC 27909

(I would also come to your home and pick it up from your front door – just call me at 334-9916. Pastor Roger)

April Birthdays ...

8 Cheryl Oneyear Marion Powell	14 Ginger Bundy 15 Anita Elliott	19 Kathy Parks 24 Matt Small
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And Anniversaries...

6 Mike and Carol Donohue
8 Gladys and Curtis Jennings
16 Ed and Katherine Evans



Stewardship
Report



Financial Update – 2020

2020 Budget	\$74,417	100%
Needed Weekly	\$1,431	1.9%
3/29/20 needed (13 Sundays)	\$18,603	25%
3/29/20 Collected	\$19,881	27%
Ahead of Budget	\$1,278	+2%

NOISY COIN HAS COLLECTED \$434.00 THROUGH March 29, 2020

Serving Sundays in April:

Acolytes

April 5	TBS
April 12	TBS
April 19	TBS
April 26	TBS

Greeters and Ushers

April 5
April 12
April 19
April 26

Readers

April 5
April 12
April 19
April 26

Flowers

April 1
April 8
April 19
April 22

Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood
Trustee for April:

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Fannie Cowell

Family and friends at home:

Ron Wells; Cheyenne Darling

Members and friends in nursing homes:

Melba Norrell – Brookdale of Elizabeth City

Eva Harris – Cary, North Carolina

Faye Moore – Elizabeth City Rehab



- Newbegun church ministries & members
- Our school partner – Weeksville Elementary School
- Our leaders in church and government
- Our mission outreach and missionary
- Our spiritual growth
- Our financial stewardship

WE GRIEVE, but with Christian hope of eternal life, over the death of our dear Beverly Small. Her funeral, held in our sanctuary, was a wonderful tribute to her. We have since received this thank you letter from her daughter, Anita Oldham:



Dear Newbegun,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, love, and kindness when mama died. We appreciate you sending the beautiful mixed basket; it made the church and service even more special.

I hope you all know how much mama loved Newbegun and all the members and friends. She found much comfort in the caring in the church people. Elvin, Mark, and I continue to find comfort in the love and prayers of Newbegun UMC.

Much love, Anita.

AND THE SIGN SAID:

Until one has loved an animal,
A part of one's soul remains unawakened.

THE COLLECTION BOX in the foyer will be for TOILETRIES for the food pantry clients. We will collect soaps, shampoos, conditioners, paper products and any other related products. The Mission Committee thanks you.

YEARLY BIBLE READINGS

You can read your Bible through in one year! Below is a format that lets you track how you are doing. Just check off each section as you go along. There are three readings for each day.

Have you read through the entire Bible yet? Make this the year.

Three verses a day keeps the blues away.

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DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1
2	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
3	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
4	Matthew 26:26-46	Deut. 1-2	Job 4
5	Matthew 26:47-75	Deut. 3-4	Job 5
6	Matthew 27:1-31	Deut. 5-6	Job 6
7	Matthew 27:32-66	Deut. 7-8	Job 7
8	Matthew 28	Deut. 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deut. 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deut. 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deut. 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deut. 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deut. 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deut. 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deut. 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deut. 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deut. 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deut. 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deut. 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:2-25	Deut. 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-15	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30

Unprecedented Times of Our Life

Unless you are over 105 years old, you probably do not remember the horrific flu epidemic of 1918. That is the closest medical disaster that is related to the current coronavirus pandemic - over ½ of all states have now issued a "Stay at home" order.

We have seen war, famine, the 9-11 attack, and natural disasters. During Hurricane Isabelle we lost power for 7-10 days locally which was trying, but we adjusted and survived with minimal loss of life.

This coronavirus pandemic is unlike anything we have ever seen. It spreads very rapidly and has a high mortality rate. New York appears to be ground zero for our country. Our prayers are extended to them and other hot spots across the United States. The doctors, nurses, first responders, and other medical personnel are the true heroes of this time. It is unfortunate that they cannot get the essential supplies that they need. Many lives will be lost before cases begin to decline.

In times of natural disaster we have seen food and necessary items be in short supply and this time is no exception. To see bare shelves of produce, meats, bread, eggs, milk, water, bleach, disinfections, cleaners, paper towels, and toilet paper is truly extraordinary. Many of the above have been restocked from time to time, but the lack of disinfections, paper towels, and toilet paper seem constant.

Social distancing is a new, but quite effective, term in our vocabulary. The precautions that we have been given are not difficult, but they are quite an adjustment to our normal routines. These adjustments will be the new normal for many weeks. At this time please assist family and friends as needed. Follow precautionary guide lines and be safe at home.

The world and this country have survived pandemics and epidemics in the past and we will survive this one. We have always heard that the Lord works in mysterious ways and this is no exception. Stay strong and keep the faith.

Yours in faith, fellowship, and a little less fun (at this time),

Roy Daniels



TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it is H to O.

AN EASTER MESSAGE FOR APRIL, 2020.

And Jesus said these words about himself: “I am the Alpha and the Omega; the First and the Last; the Beginning and the End. Behold, I died and yet, I am alive forever more ... and because I live, you will live also.”

It is the breaking of dawn on April 12, 33 AD. In the garden where the tomb is located there is no one around. The guards have fled; the mourners in bed; the caretakers resting from their work. People are in their homes stretching and yawning and starting their breakfast meals. But in the garden, with the tombs, it is silent and lonely. There is no one to witness the event.

But the event happened anyways. The event that would change lives, produce hope, create a new living world by a complete understanding of God as love and grace. The event will become known as the resurrection of Christ. It happened with no one there to experience it. It happened at the dawn, in the silence, in stillness, all alone.

Yes, some women came sometime soon after and saw the remains of the resurrection. They saw the risen Jesus after he was resurrected, but the actual event itself? No one saw it. It happened at the dawn, in silence, in stillness, all alone.

And this is how we will discover it this year. We won't bring it in with singing choirs, loud praises, or a breakfast meal together. Like the first resurrection we will bring Easter Sunday in on silent angel wings while each separate person embraces the quiet dawn. This year we will experience it like the very first day of resurrection. On Easter Sunday, go out before the dawn breaks, face to the east and ponder and rejoice that, even though everything is different; even though everything is silent and empty – the event still happened. And it will forever happen. We don't bring in Easter, God does and nothing can stop it.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Roger

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