



# Newbegun United Methodist Church

Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People

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## Making a difference

**“Each of you should look not only after your own interests, but in the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)**

I read an interesting article years ago. It was about a young man named Andy Law who lived in Hudson, Florida. One morning as Andy was reading the local paper he came across a news item that shocked him. A local resident was arrested and put in jail for having brown grass. Joseph Prudente, 66 years old, was sitting in jail for having brown grass. No kidding. Brown grass! Joseph had heard from his homeowners association that his grass was not up to the standards. Facing declining health and financial problems he could just afford the mortgage on his house and had no other means for non-necessities like green grass. So the homeowners association did what they had the power to do – they had him arrested and confined with no bail. (Commandment 11, intentionally left out, by a group of real estate agents from Moab – “Thou shall not enter into contracts with homeowners associations.”) (Ha, ha)

Here is where Andy comes in. He had troubles of his own. His business was failing and he was close to losing his own home and he was considering bankruptcy. But when he read about Joseph’s story he decided that something must be done. So he called up a few friends to help out. Soon the Prudente’s yard was full of workers. During the day people worked on his yard; others dropped off gifts; someone fixed the sprinkler system; and Andy contacted a local nursery and got them to donate equipment and sod. By the end of the day Joseph Prudente had a nice green lawn. With their work complete, the skies suddenly opened up with a beautiful downpour. What a glorious day it was!

The next day Joseph was released from prison a free man. He still faces fines and court costs, but at least he is free to live in his home – as long as the grass stays the right shade of green.

From my perspective this story is more about Andy than Joseph. Yes, it is outrageous to be put in jail for brown grass, but this is not the only aspect of the story. More impressive is the fact that a young man, down on his luck, and with many problems of his own, would put them all on the back burner to make a difference in someone else’s life. This is exactly what St. Paul means when he wrote, “Each of you should look not only after your own interests, but in the interests of others.” Maybe we should consider which of our worries we should put aside today and how we can use our time and resources to make a difference in the lives of others. May God bless the volunteers.

Grace and peace,

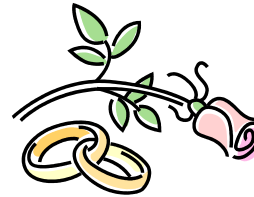
Pastor Roger

## May Birthdays ...

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Clinton Saunders | 22 Deb Willadson  |
| 16 Jessica Ward    | 28 Bill Trueblood |

## And Anniversaries...

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| 24 Bob and Janice Clement |
| 28 Wendy and Elvin Small  |



Stewardship  
Report



## Financial Update - 2018

|                                |           |      |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------|
| 2018 Budget                    | \$117,862 | 100% |
| Needed Weekly                  | \$2,266   | 1.9% |
| 4/22/18 needed<br>(16 Sundays) | \$36,256  | 31%  |
| 4/22/18 Collected              | \$30,486  | 26%  |
| Behind Budget                  | \$5,770   | 5%   |

***NOISY COIN HAS COLLECTED \$616.00 THROUGH APRIL 22, 2018***

### Serving Sundays in May:

#### Acolytes

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| May 6  | TBS |
| May 13 | TBS |
| May 20 | TBS |
| May 27 | TBS |

#### Greeters and Ushers

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| May 6  | Louise Brown and Anna Jennings |
| May 13 | Louise Brown and Anna Jennings |
| May 20 | Louise Brown and Anna Jennings |
| May 27 | Louise Brown and Anna Jennings |

#### Readers

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| May 6  | Beverly Trotman |
| May 13 | Roy Daniels     |
| May 20 | Donna Moore     |
| May 25 | Bill Kruse      |

#### Flowers

|        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| May 6  | Stacy and Mark Small      |
| May 13 | Carnations (Mother's Day) |
| May 20 | Ginger and Clarence Bundy |
| May 27 | Carolyn Anderson          |

**Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood**

**Trustee for May: Kenny Houtz**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### Members at home:

Fannie Cowell; Janice Clement, Fay and Herbert Moore, Alise Irvin

### Family and friends at home:

Ron Wells; Cheyenne Olivia Darling (Cathy and Phyllis Harris); and Brandi Buffkin (Janice and Bob Clement)

### Members and friends in nursing homes:

Mary Overman – Currituck House, Moyock, NC

Melba Norrell – Brookdale of Elizabeth City

Eva Harris – Cary, North Carolina

Beverly Small – Concordia



- 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

The following “Thank you” letters are made possible through our Noisy Coin collections every Sunday.



### Thank You Notes

Heifer International has received our \$33.00 we sent to them for building strong farming families in impoverished nations like Peru, India and Ghana.

The Salvation Army received our recent donation of \$88.00 to be used locally for families in dire emergencies. They also assist with utilities, rent, clothes, food, prescriptions, spiritual guidance, special youth programs, thanksgiving, Christmas, and winter relief programs. They are a blessing to have in our community.

Helpers needed during testing. The Pasquotank schools are in need of “Proctors” who are adults who sit in the classroom with the teachers while the students take their state tests. Dates are May 25 – June 8. (Usually for less than 3 hours a day.) If you can serve for any day, call or see Pastor Roger to sign up.

# 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.**

**May 2018**

| DAY | READING 1        | READING 2            | READING 3 |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1   | Acts 14          | Joshua 22            | Job 31    |
| 2   | Acts 15:1-21     | Joshua 23-24         | Job 32    |
| 3   | Acts 15:22-41    | Judges 1             | Job 33    |
| 4   | Acts 16:1-15     | Judges 2-3           | Job 34    |
| 5   | Acts 16:16-40    | Judges 4-5           | Job 35    |
| 6   | Acts 17:1-15     | Judges 6             | Job 36    |
| 7   | Acts 17:16-34    | Judges 7-8           | Job 37    |
| 8   | Acts 18          | Judges 9             | Job 38    |
| 9   | Acts 19:1-20     | Judges 10:1-11:33    | Job 39    |
| 10  | Acts 19:21-41    | Judges 11:34-12:15   | Job 40    |
| 11  | Acts 20:1-16     | Judges 13            | Job 41    |
| 12  | Acts 20:17-38    | Judges 14-15         | Job 42    |
| 13  | Acts 21:1-36     | Judges 16            | Psalms 42 |
| 14  | Acts 21:37-22:29 | Judges 17-18         | Psalms 43 |
| 15  | Acts 22:30-23:22 | Judges 19            | Psalms 44 |
| 16  | Acts 23:23-24:9  | Judges 20            | Psalms 45 |
| 17  | Acts 24:10-27    | Judges 21            | Psalms 46 |
| 18  | Acts 25          | Ruth 1-2             | Psalms 47 |
| 19  | Acts 26:1-18     | Ruth 3-4             | Psalms 48 |
| 20  | Acts 26:19-32    | 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10    | Psalms 49 |
| 21  | Acts 27:1-12     | 1 Samuel 2:11-36     | Psalms 50 |
| 22  | Acts 27:13-44    | 1 Samuel 3           | Psalms 51 |
| 23  | Acts 28:1-16     | 1 Samuel 4-5         | Psalms 52 |
| 24  | Acts 28:17-31    | 1 Samuel 6-7         | Psalms 53 |
| 25  | Romans 1:1-15    | 1 Samuel 8           | Psalms 54 |
| 26  | Romans 1:16-32   | 1 Samuel 9:1-10:16   | Psalms 55 |
| 27  | Romans 2:1-3:8   | 1 Samuel 10:17-11:15 | Psalms 56 |
| 28  | Romans 3:9-31    | 1 Samuel 12          | Psalms 57 |
| 29  | Romans 4         | 1 Samuel 13          | Psalms 58 |
| 30  | Romans 5         | 1 Samuel 14          | Psalms 59 |
| 31  | Romans 6         | 1 Samuel 15          | Psalms 60 |

### **On art supplies for Weeksville Elementary School**

The art teacher at Weeksville Elementary School can use all kinds of things to use in her art class. These include, egg cartons; yarn, string, material, cups, plastic plates, used candles, and just about anything you can think of. Bring them to the church or take them to the school.

**Weeksville elementary School can also use:** any musical instrument you are not using any more; snacks and juices; different size mirrors; copier paper; volunteer readers from 2:15-2:50 pm each day and assistance at “Teacher Appreciation Week” and “Love the bus driver week.”



Please keep saving those aluminum cans and depositing them out back in the recycle receptacle.

We now have a large plastic bin underneath the outside stairs leading to the second floor. Put your clean cans in a plastic bag, tie them tight, and put them in the bin. Easy! And when the bin is full that will make a pickup load to re-cycle and get some cash.

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**AND THE SIGN SAID:  
Share unneeded stuff  
with the needy.**

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**NOISY COIN FOR MAY**  
May 6 – Benjamin House  
May 13 – Methodist Children’s Home  
May 20 - SPCA  
May 27 – Good Samaritan Fund

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**SPEACIL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We will again combine all the Sunday school classes this year for the summer months – June 3 – September 2. Our 14 week study will be The Book of Isaiah from the Effird Bible Studies. All ages are welcome.

## **KEEPING FUN IN FUNDRAISING**

Springtime is the season of fundraisers. Fundraisers are many things for a common purpose. They are work and plenty of it. Needed ingredients include organization, coordination, cooperation, planning, selling, cooking, setting up, taking down, tickets, advertising, promotion, support, and plenty of help. Throughout all of the work there is also an abundance of smiles, laughter, and old fun.

We live in a community that is very supportive of the various fundraisers that we have. We support each other which only strengthens this community that we call home. Many organizations have a long history of fundraising. Our Weeksville Lions Club has prepared chicken pot pie each year for over 50 years!

Our church has two fundraisers each year. We have BBQ chicken in the spring and our pre-thanksgiving pie sale in the fall. Both have proven to be very successful for us.

Fundraisers are held by churches, schools, Lions , Raritan's, Red Man, Kiwanis, Boys and Girls Club, 4-H, and Eastern Star, just to name a few. They are held to meet goals and obligations, provide services to the community, and assist in educational programs. They have a rich history and a bright future. Fundraisers make us better and stronger.

I doubt that fundraisers are mentioned in the Bible, but they play an important part in God's Kingdom today. They also provide fellowship, support to

our youth, and continued growth of our churches. Our Lord and Savior is pleased that we keep the fun in fundraising.

Yours in faith,

Roy Daniels

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO CAMP EXCEL

We are planning another great year for Camp eXcel with the children of the community. This year it will be three weekends long – July 14, 21, and 28 from 9:00 am until Noon. Please put the dates on your calendar and maybe we can get your children or grandchildren to attend or maybe you can volunteer for a snack or lunch or being one of those great adult readers. Camp eXcel is a great thing we do for the community. May God bless US.

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