



Newbegun United Methodist Church

Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People

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The chaos of too many canaries

The story goes that a man was driving down the road behind a large truck, and began to notice something strange. At every stoplight the driver would jump out of the cab and pound on the side of the truck with a baseball bat, then he would jump back in the cab and take off. After seeing this for five or six lights the man got curious and so when they stopped at the next light the man got out of his car and spoke to the truck driver. As the truck driver was beating on the side of the truck with his baseball bat, he asked, “Hey, fella, can I ask you what you are doing?” “It’s like this,” said the truck driver, “I have two tons of canaries and they are in a one ton container. I have to keep half of them flying or the truck won’t go.”

Have you ever felt this way? You have two tons of work in a one ton life? Here is one way to lighten the load: “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord, rather than for people.” (Colossians 3:23)

The same is especially true with our service to God or the church. When we volunteer, or agree to do something, it is much lighter when we realize that it is a work for God and not for people. It is not even to be seen of people or even something we do for ourselves. It is a labor that is for God and, done heartily, becomes real light work. Sure, our bodies may be sore, but our spirits are soaring!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Roger

February Birthdays ...

1 Dan Garrenton	15 Amanda Garrenton
7 Sue Kruse	17 Mark Small
8 Brandi Buffkin	22 Nick Overman
13 Donna Caras	25 Wesley Temple

And Anniversaries...

14 Roger and Susan Braun



Financial Update - 2018

2018 Budget	\$117,862	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,266	1.9%
1/21/18 needed (3 Sundays)	\$6,798	5.8%
1/21/18 Collected	\$7,217	6.1%
Ahead of Budget	\$419	.3%

NOISY COIN HAS COLLECTED \$75.00 THROUGH January 21, 2018

Serving Sundays in February:

Acolytes

February 4	TBS
February 11	TBS
February 18	TBS
February 25	TBS

Greeters and Ushers

February 4	Beverly Small and Ann Halbert
February 11	Beverly Small and Ann Halbert
February 18	Beverly Small and Ann Halbert
February 25	Beverly Small and Ann Halbert

Readers

February 4	Bill Trueblood
February 11	Gladys Jennings
February 18	Deb Willadson
February 25	Marion Powell

Flowers

February 4	Sue and Bill Kruse
February 11	Roger and Susan Braun
February 18	Joan and Roy Daniels
February 25	Ron and Ruth Wells

Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood

Trustee for February: Clint Saunders

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Fannie Cowell; Eva Harris (at Apex, NC); Janice Clement, Fay and Herbert Moore

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



- 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

Recovering at home this month is **Beverly Trotman** who spent a few days in Albemarle hospital for some tests. We pray that she gets good results and fixed up soon so she can be back in the choir!

And our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Elaine Roth** who passed away last month. Her energy, commitment, and larger than life personality will be missed by all of us. May God give her peace and comfort.

The following “Thank you” letter is because of our Noisy Coin collections.



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Benjamin House we thank the Newbegun United Methodist Church congregation for all their help during the years. Your last gift of \$45.00 will help us to continue to be a part of the legacy of caring and compassion offered by this community to Benjamin since his birth thirty nine years ago. Your gift is helping to make that same quality of life and nurturing concern possible for many others.

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	Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 41	Psalms 32
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalms 33
3	Luke 24:1-12	Genesis 43	Psalms 34
4	Luke 24:13-53	Genesis 44	Psalms 35
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1-46:27	Psalms 36
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28-47:31	Psalms 37
7	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	Genesis 48	Psalms 38
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49-50	Psalms 39
9	Hebrews 6:13-20	Exodus 1-2	Psalms 40
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3-4	Psalms 41
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1
12	Hebrews 9:1-22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2
13	Hebrews 9:23-10:18	Exodus 9-10	Proverbs 3
14	Hebrews 10:19-39	Exodus 11-12	Proverbs 4
15	Hebrews 11:1-22	Exodus 13-14	Proverbs 5
16	Hebrews 11:23-40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1-7:5
17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16-17	Proverbs 7:6-27
18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18-19	Proverbs 8
19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
23	Matthew 5:1-20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
24	Matthew 5:21-48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
25	Matthew 6:1-18	Exodus 33-34	Proverbs 15
26	Matthew 6:19-34	Exodus 35-36	Proverbs 16
27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37-38	Proverbs 17
28	Matthew 8:1-13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18
29	N/A	N/A	N/A

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Elizabeth City Soup Kitchen needs volunteers daily. Contact Pastor Roger or Ed Evans for details.

Organizations: Albemarle Hospital, American Red Cross, SPCA Pasquotank Animal Shelter, Local Schools, Hope House, the County Library, Food Bank of the Albemarle, Hospice.

Help teach an adult how to read. Ask Pastor Roger for information.

Newbegun Food Pantry, which is every third Thursday of the month from 9:30am to 2:00pm. **Our mission project for the year will be our Food Pantry. Deposit canned or dry goods or toiletries (soap, Kleenex, laundry or dish soap, etc...) in the box in the Narthex.**

The Food Bank of the Albemarle is requesting volunteers immediately to assist on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to sort and bag food. This would be done in their warehouse and you don't have to stay the entire time. Any volunteer hours would be helpful and appreciated.

**AND THE SIGN SAID:
The cross is a key!
(For you and me.)**

NOISY COIN FOR DECEMBER
February 4 – Good Samaritan Fund (Local)
February 11 – All God's Children (North Carolina)
February 18 – Red Bird Mission (Kentucky)
February 25 – Salvation Army (Local)



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.

YOUNG AND ENERGETIC by Mr. Roy Daniels, III

After our son won a trip through his employer, Roy and Morgan were off to a resort in Mexico for five days. We had agreed to keep the grandchildren while they enjoyed some time in a warmer climate. They flew out just before our second snow of the season.

With the grandchildren came a weeks' worth of clothes, shoes, jackets, hats, medicines and vitamins, and food (for a baby boy of 10 months). Harlyn and "little brother" Vin came with a lot of energy and each had a cold (which really didn't slow them down). Having kept Harlyn each week and Vin from time to time we kind of knew their routine (on a short term basis).

Having them stay for multiple days would prove to be educational for them as well as us. Harlyn is good with one nap per day and Vin would need 3 to 4. At age 2 ½ Harlyn is the "big sister" even though she only outweighs him by four pounds. She has recently completed potty training 101 which is a big step for anyone.

The mornings consisted of Vin waking up first followed by Harlyn an hour or two later. Breakfast remains important no matter what the age. From infant milk, to cheerios, to pancakes, to the latest in packaged foods for children. The on the go pouches with fruits and veggies are wonderful and I'm sure they allowed that inventor to retire early. To watch a 10 month old devour 3-4 ounces of puree concentrate in a couple of minutes is truly amazing! And with no mess!

One constant for 60 years plus seen on television daily is the one and only Mickey Mouse Club House. It has the unique ability to educate and captivate the imagination of every child. Walt Disney has been a life saver for many adults. Reading remains as important as ever and Harlyn loves to have children's books read to her daily. In the mix we had games, toys, and puzzles. We were able to play in the snow and make a snowman.

At the end of each day would be bath time with plenty of bubbles and toys in the tub. After getting dressed for bed it would be hair drying time for Harlyn whose hair has gotten so long. Vin is a happy camper and his smile is effortless. He would go to sleep first and usually only wakes up once during the night. Harlyn's routine is to stay up later than "little brother" and have Joan read her books before bedtime. She loves her grandma!

Five days and six nights with the grandchildren adjusted the routine for all involved. From making Rice Krispy Treats, to taking cough syrup, to eating snow, we enjoyed a winter week with the grandchildren. Where grandma has the magic touch grandpa is still working on it. One electronic feature that found daily use was Face Time. That is when mom and dad would call Harlyn and Vin and could see them as we talked on the phone. That feature to keep a daily connection is an asset.

As I spoke to Pastor Roger about the energy needed to keep up with the grandchildren, he reminded me that that was why God planned it so we would have children when we are young and full of energy. So for a little motivation this winter when the sky is gray and you are tired and moving slow, just think of grandchildren and remember when you were young and energetic!

Yours in Faith, fellowship and fun
Roy Daniels

Dear Newbegun Church family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for my mother's funeral. She loved all of you at Newbegun Church and she loved flowers. Your kind visits, cards, flowers, and especially prayers helped us get past the difficult time of saying goodbye to mom.

Sincerely, Nelson White and family.

Dear Newbegun Church,

Thank you for everything the church did for the Frances Gray family during a very difficult time for us. Thank you, also, for the beautiful flowers.

Shirley and family and Bobby and family

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for all the work you have done for me and my family during the passing away of my husband, Sam. The fellowship room was beautiful. I am so blessed to belong to a warm and wonderful church family. I really need all of you.

Marion Powell

Dear Newbegun Church family and Friends,

First, thank you to the ladies of the Circuit Rider's for the Christmas cookies. My husband says an extra thank you because you ladies are so special. Secondly, thank you for the Christmas gift. Your love, care, thoughts, and kindness and the way you always remember me in so many ways is a beautiful blessing – just as everyone of you are to me.

From my heart, Louise Smith.

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