



Newbegun United Methodist Church
Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People
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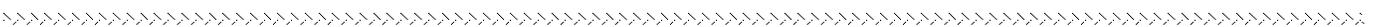
π is Fundamental

I was never that excited about math in high school. I loved history, English and grammar was, in its own way, fun and political science was just exciting. Math on the other hand, was boring, tedious, and many times went over my head, especially when it came to understanding the purpose and use of the mathematical constant Pi (π). However, as I got older and had to learn geometry and calculus all over again, I began to truly understand just how fundamental and important Pi is. It is used extensively to measure and calculate dimensions of objects as well as being used in the realm of physics and other sciences. It is a number that has been calculated and used in regions around the world and was highly important in ancient cultures in architecture and construction. Pi is so fundamental and important, that understanding the foundational aspects of creation becomes difficult without it.

It is amazing that God created a world so wonderfully precise and beautifully. Pi is a window into the mind of God, showing Him to be so caring about His creation and so detailed in the world that He designed for His children. But there is something else that is fundamental, something else that we should always remember when it comes to the nature and mind of God: love.

Our church is about to start one its most beloved and apparently famous events of the year, the pie sale. This is a two day event where the church sells homemade pies to the people of Weeksville, Elizabeth City, and anyone else that want a great pie for Thanksgiving. It may seem strange to compare Pi with pie, but I want make sure you all know that both of these are fundamental. Pi illuminates God in creation, but Newbegun pies illuminate God's love.

This tradition did not come from nowhere. In fact, the very reason Newbegun sells pies is because of an incredible act of love. Back in the day, there was a member that was in desperate need of help. A woman at the church came up with the idea to start a pie sale to help pay for his medical bills. From this origin of the pie sale we see a fundamental aspect of faith and life: love of neighbor, love to a brother or sister in faith, and love for community and God. Any act of love, kindness, and grace, showcases the nature of God and the spirit of love that God Himself has offer to all of humanity. Even today, we continue to share that love, care, and hospitality with every pie we bake. So, yes, Pi is fundamental in illuminating God, but so are Newbegun pies.

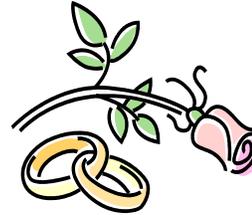


November Birthdays ...

3 Dale Fountain	12 Louise Smith	20 Ann Mueller
9 Shirley Trueblood	13 Faye Moore	26 Judy Garrity
12 Anna Jennings	16 Louise Brown	
Bill Kruse	18 Lavonne Meads Coley	

And Anniversaries...

12 Susan & Steve Meckert



Stewardship
Report



Financial Update – 2020

2020 Budget	\$97,765	100%
Needed Weekly	\$1,880	1.9%
10/25/20 needed (43 Sundays)	\$80,840	83%
10/25/20 Collected	\$64,055	66%
Behind Budget	\$16,785	17%

Serving Sundays in October:

AColytes

November 1 TBS
 November 8 TBS
 November 15 TBS
 November 22 TBS
 November 29 TBS

Greeters and Ushers

November 1
 November 8
 November 15
 November 22
 November 29

Readers

November 1
 November 8
 November 15
 November 22
 November 29

Flowers

November 1 – Wells
 November 8 –
 November 15 – Kruse
 November 22 – Smith
 November 29 –

Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood
Trustee for November: Mark Small

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Fannie Cowell

Family and friends at home:

Cheyenne Darling

John Spencer

Marian Powell

Family of Bill Felton

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



Thank You Letters:

Girls Inc.

Our staff and girls at Girls Inc. of the Albemarle want to thank you so much for the contribution you sent. We really appreciate it, and may glory always be given to God on your behalf.

Thanks again,
Wanda Huges

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Albemarle

I sincerely thank you for continuing to support the Boys and Girls Club in Elizabeth City. Your kindness will help us tremendously as we continue to serve as a remote learning site as well as helping us in our school program. We cannot do this without you.

Thanks again,
Elizabeth Mitchell

Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center

Thank you so much for your donation toward Covid-19 appeal. It has been a hard season as we lost our spring retreat and school groups and have not had many folks on rite this fall. We are now open for retreats, and we were able to operate camp at reduced capacity.

Peace of Christ be with you,
Jackie Lytton

AND THE SIGN SAID:
Pray, Believe, Receive

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.

November 2020

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	1 Timothy 3	Isaiah 36-37	Psalms 119:97-120
2	1 Timothy 4	Isaiah 38-39	Psalms 119:121-144
3	1 Timothy 5:1-22	Jeremiah 1-2	Psalms 119:145-176
4	1 Timothy 5:23-6:21	Jeremiah 3-4	Psalms 120
5	2 Timothy 1	Jeremiah 5-6	Psalms 121
6	2 Timothy 2	Jeremiah 7-8	Psalms 122
7	2 Timothy 3	Jeremiah 9-10	Psalms 123
8	2 Timothy 4	Jeremiah 11-12	Psalms 124
9	Titus 1	Jeremiah 13-14	Psalms 125
10	Titus 2	Jeremiah 15-16	Psalms 126
11	Titus 3	Jeremiah 17-18	Psalms 127
12	Philemon	Jeremiah 19-20	Psalms 128
13	James 1	Jeremiah 21-22	Psalms 129
14	James 2	Jeremiah 23-34	Psalms 130
15	James 3	Jeremiah 25-26	Psalms 131
16	James 4	Jeremiah 27-28	Psalms 132
17	James 5	Jeremiah 29-30	Psalms 133
18	1 Peter 1	Jeremiah 31-32	Psalms 134
19	1 Peter 2	Jeremiah 33-34	Psalms 135
20	1 Peter 3	Jeremiah 35-36	Psalms 136
21	1 Peter 4	Jeremiah 37-38	Psalms 137
22	1 Peter 5	Jeremiah 39-40	Psalms 138
23	2 Peter 1	Jeremiah 41-42	Psalms 139
24	2 Peter 2	Jeremiah 43-44	Psalms 140
25	2 Peter 3	Jeremiah 45-46	Psalms 141
26	Galatians 1	Jeremiah 47-48	Psalms 142
27	Galatians 2	Jeremiah 49-50	Psalms 143
28	Galatians 3:1-18	Jeremiah 51-52	Psalms 144
29	Galatians 3:19-4:20	Lamentations 1-2	Psalms 145
30	Galatians 4:21-31	Lamentation 3-4	Psalms 146

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.

AUGUST CALENDAR

November 1 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

November 4 – 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting

November 4 – 7:00 pm – Finance Meeting

November 8 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

November 10 – 7:00 pm – Admin Board Meeting

November 15 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

November 19 – 9:30 am – Food Pantry

November 22 – 11:00 am – Worship Service

November 24-25 – Pie Sale

November 29 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

“Can You Spare a Dime?”

This phrase was fairly common when we were younger. This was long before the homeless were at intersections with cardboard signs. Today when someone is at the same location on a regular basis, the spot and the income must be reliable. Signs used to say “will work for food,” or some effort to the work for compensation. Today work is not suggested, but money is expected.

Now due to Covid-19, cut backs, unemployment, materials, etc., we suddenly have a national coin shortage. Coins of any denomination can't be spared. Some businesses tell you that they cannot give you change. Some want you to round up to the next coin or encourage credit/debit cards.

The Salvation Army depends on coins during their annual kettle drives. Donations are already predicted to be down as much as 50% with demand and need increasing by 150%. Locally, they began accepting donations by credit cards at kettle stations last year. Their assistance needs peak during disasters and the holiday season.

Jesus reached out to the less fortunate (just as we should). He went to the lepers, the blind, the crippled, the hungry, the beggars, the prostitutes, and the poor. He went to their homes and broke bread with them. He loved those who most did not love or even want to be seen with. He said that the first will be last and the last will be first. He would spare those in need much more than a dime. As the holiday season approaches, what will be our response to the 2020 version of “can you spare a dime?”

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,
Roy Daniels

COVID-19 UPDATE

There are now 8.6 million cases in our country. The pace of the new cases continues to increase. The death toll now exceeds 225,000 (more than 5 consecutive years of flue deaths). The death rate per month also continues to increase. Continue to use personal safety precautions and please get your flu shot ASAP (if you have not already done so).

Be healthy and be safe.

Thanks to all,
Roy Daniels, Finance Chair

A Word About Giving

As we keep our 6 feet social distancing, as such we will 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.

Till we are past this stage in the epidemic, use any one of the following addresses:

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or

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

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