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Baptist By-Line

OCTOBER 2017

Message from Rev. Dr. Carl Heick

Dear friends

These recent weeks have seen the arrival of unprecedented natural disasters. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, coupled with the fierce fires in the west and the powerful earthquake in Mexico are reminders of how fragile and vulnerable are our circumstances at any time. The toll taken by fellow humans in the face of these natural disasters is mirrored in the untold suffering inflicted by human beings on one another through crime, terrorism and war. We are prone to ask once again, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" I certainly have no easy answer to this question.

Some years ago, Rabbi Harold Kushner, whose young son struggled with a degenerative disease, wrote a book with just that title. In part, his answer was that God was unable to thwart some of the worst which comes our way. That response has never seemed adequate to me. The question arises, is the world of the Bible familiar with natural and man made disaster? Did Jesus encounter tragedy and the questions it provokes in His ministry?

Of course there is the story of Novak and the flood. Paul was shipwrecked in a violent storm though he survived. Jesus exhibits awareness of sudden disaster in Luke 13. He speaks of the brutal slaughter ordered by Pontus Pilate of Jewish worshippers in the Jerusalem temple. He notes the death of those crushed by a collapsing tower which guarded the water system. He understood that such things do happen. He also knew that many tended to blame the victims as if these tragedies were their own fault because of their sin. He clearly states that the victims were not responsible for what happened. He does not attempt to explain why God would allow these things to happen. Rather, He calls us to turn our lives around (this is what it means to repent) and seek the kingdom of God. He calls us to be a blessing to one another even in the face of disaster. God's kingdom involves care for the least powerful and most vulnerable among us. Have we not already seen this kind of concern for our neighbor in the midst of the recent storms.

Jesus himself was no stranger to personal tragedy. He was tortured and brutally executed. It was not his fault. He uttered several memorable words while he hung on the cross. He honestly cried, My God, my God why have you forsaken me? He was human like us. However He did not forsake His Father. Having asked forgiveness for His tormentors, He said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. We don't have all the answers to suffering but we do have a Savior who has walked that path before us and triumphed.

In Christ,

Carl



Ladies, if you want to spend a morning having a good time and joyful fellowship, then join us each **Tuesday at 10AM (Year-round)!**

September 2017

The month of September is gone. Fall is here. So much weather this month. Warm, cold hurricanes. Prayers for those all affected by those storms. Our first meeting was a garden party at Betsy and Silvia's garden. Good companions and conversation. It was bring your own lunch. We went to Wingate Rehab to do a craft project with the residents who are able. We made bead bracelets and two of the ladies who are in their 90's without glasses were able to thread the beads! Next was our business meeting and we had a brunch. Silvia made waffles and Karen made quiche. Bacon, sausage, fruit and juice, coffee. Yum, yum. And our favorite spot was another trip to Grey's Beach. Weather was perfect as was the company. Our service project for October is the Seafarers. Collecting knit hats, gloves, socks, pens, stationary, toiletries. Another beach trip, Yankee swap and much more. Come join us!

Our functions and purposes are service and outreach, self-development (sharing & learning) and fellowship (overcoming aloneness). We invite all ladies of the church and their friends to join us anytime.

October Planned Activities:

Oct. 3rd - 8:30AM - Car pool (meet at church) to breakfast at the Blueberry Muffin restaurant in Kingston.

Oct. 10th - 10AM T.B.A.

Oct. 17th - 10AM Business meeting bring packed lunch for auction to benefit our kindergarten class in Kentucky.

Oct. 24th - 10AM - Doing our nails.

Oct. 31st - Halloween! - please dress up!

October Service Project: Seafarers



Financial Secretary Report

8/31/2017

Mortgage

Committed	\$ 36,956.00
Total Amount Given This Month	\$ 3,790.00
Total Amount Given To Date	\$ 8,494.00

Current (General)

Total Annual Pledge	\$ 61,932.00
Total Amount Given This Month	\$ 5,497.00
Total Amount Given To Date	\$ 9,617.00

Missions

Total Annual Pledge	\$ 10,036.00
Total Amount Given This Month	\$ 1,225.00
Total Amount Given To Date	\$ 2,308.00

Expenses Report on Greeter's Table.

TREASURER'S REPORT

8/31/2017

Receipts To Date:	Pledges:	\$ 9,617.00
	Misc.:	\$ 1,672.00
	Rent:	\$ 2,820.00
	<u>Loose:</u>	<u>\$ 290.00</u>
		\$ 14,399.00

Checkbook Balance:	\$ 13,886.59
On Hold:	\$ 5,623.75
In/Out Payables:	\$ 0.00
Available Funds:	\$ 8,262.84

Mortgage Fund:	\$ 20,275.64
Memorial :	\$ 7,458.09

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Craft & Fair

Bake Sale



First Baptist Church of Hanson
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October 14th

10AM - 2PM

FREE Admission!

Multiple Vendors! Unique Items Offered!

Including:

**Paper
Crafts**

Crochet

**Home
Party
Reps.**

Jewelry

Yummy Home Made Goodies offered at our Bake Table!

Buy Coffee, or Delicious Lunch at our Famous Eatery !

Church Family Night

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons. If you plan to attend and have not signed up yet, please fill out the other side of this sheet and drop it in the collection plate with your offering.

The Deacons are offering a light supper (soup/stew, bread, dessert). Following will be part 2 of "Hidden Figures". Please let us know if you are attending by filling out the bulletin insert.

Thursday, October 19th at 6PM.

MISSION MATTERS

By Wanda MacCurtain & Carol Polio

“Faith, Hope, and Love, But the greatest of these is Love.” 1 Corinthians 13 :13

MISSION WORKS 2017 will be held October 13-14 in Leominster Massachusetts at the Double Tree by Hilton This is the American Baptist Churches of MA. annual mission Conference. There will be speakers and reports from the Mission Fields, exhibits, workshops, hands-on projects, uplifting music and messages. Also good food and fellowship. The deadline to register is October 6th. You may download info. and registration form at TABCOM.org or contact the church office as we have info. and registration forms. (located on the table next to the church office.)

WORLD MISSION OFFERING: September-October -A time for congregations to come together to celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world. Our gifts to American Baptist International Ministries (IM) supports over 1,800 long-and short-term global personnel in more than 70 countries around the world-meeting basic human needs in holistic ministry. Here is an example: Our church received a letter from IM Global servants Wayne and Katherine Niles serving in the Congo. "Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry. We ask you to pray that we would find a qualified Doctor to serve at Baptist Hospital at Mulolo. We found our Doctor and we could not have found a more qualified person! Thank you for your prayers!! Dr. Alain and his wife went immediately to this rural hospital which had been without a Doctor for 5 months. He found the hospital in a disarray. Dr. Alain did two C-sections on a home-made wooden operating table. " Here are some prayer requests: The critical problem is the people in Mulolo need CLEAN WATER! The Doctor will be treating many people for diarrhea. Good news the people in the community have been cleaning up the water supply. The hospital needs medical equipment, supplies and additional space. Thank you for praying and being a part of this team!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - National Collection Week-November 13-20-"Every Shoebox is an opportunity for the Lord Jesus Christ to wrap his arms around a child." Praise the Lord for using Samaritan's Purse to distribute 147 MILLION Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts since 1993! First Baptist Church Hanson will be giving assembled decorated shoeboxes and info in October. Here is an update form Samaritan's Purse: Please do not put candy or toothpaste in the shoebox gifts. Remember we do have free shoeboxes for you to use and also more info and labels. Does require a check for o help cover shipping.

Thank You Card received from “Lower 9 Resilient’s Warrenetta Banks - She writes: To all my Brothers and Sisters of the FBC of Hanson! Thank you so much for the long term commitment, love, hard work and hope you continue to show to me and the residents of the Lower 9th Ward Community for so many years! We are truly grateful and may you be abundantly blessed for your "Good Works"! Prayerfully Warrenetta Banks, Lower 9 Resilient.

OLD COLONY BAPTIST – FALL DAY OF MISSION – OCTOBER 28TH

at the Community Baptist church of Gay Head at Aquinnah on Martha’s Vineyard. Maintenance tasks for all ages and abilities. Tentative Schedule: 8:15am Ferry leaves Wood’s Hole (arrive at 7:30am). 9am: Meet at Vineyard Haven terminal for shuttle to Community Baptist. 9:30am: Devotions and form project teams. 12:30pm: Lunch. 3pm: Closing Worship. For further information, please go to www.oldcolonybaptist.org Some are planning to stay overnight in order to attend the installation of Rev. David Berube at the Federated Church of Edgartown the following afternoon. *(Individuals to make their own arrangements.)*



Dinner &

Trivia Contest ? ? ? ?

November 4th

6 PM - 8:30 PM \$ 8.00 per person

Dinner Includes:

**Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Tossed Salad
Dessert: Brownie / Ice Cream Sundae with Homemade Fudge Sauce.**

Trivia starts Immediately after the Dinner.

3 Prizes per Game

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**Chuck Kantos - 1, John Reed - 1, Pat Gardner - 3, Bob Polio - 5,
Wayne Woodward - 5, Doris Corliss - 14, Justin Dickerson -14,
Kim Binder - 15, Bill Burge - 17, Scott Ibbitson - 21, Karen Hansen - 22,
Frank Francesco - 23, Marie Devine - 25, Shayna MacVicar - 27,
Barbara Meiggs - 27**



October Birthdays for our International Missionaries

Please remember them in your prayers as they spread God's message around the world.

**Debbie Myers (Mexico)-3, Patti Long (Mexico)-8, Jonathan Nambu (Philippines)-12, Kihomi Ngwemi (Haiti)-13,
Larry Martin (Thailand)-17, Dagoberto Zelaya()-24, Chuck Shawver (Mexico)-25,
Glen Chapman (Democratic Republic of the Congo)-29**

Contact For More Information:

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Hospitality: Karen Hansen - 781- 294-0358;
Missions & Evangelism: Carol Polio - 781-293-3502;**

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study; 9:15 AM Choir, 10 AM Communion Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	2 6PM-8PM - Thrift Store Open 	3 Helping Hands 10AM	4	5	6	7 8:30AM Band Rehearsal,
8 8:30AM - 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study; 9:00 Band Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	9 Columbus Day 	10 Helping Hands 10AM	11	12 6PM Executive Council Meeting	13 Fair set-up 6PM - 8PM	14 8:30AM Band Rehearsal, Fair set-up, 10AM-2PM - Craft/Bake Sale*
15 8:30AM - 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study; 9:15 AM Choir, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	16 6PM-8PM - Thrift Store Open 	17 Helping Hands 10AM	18	19 6PM Church Family Night	20	21 8:30AM Band Rehearsal, 10AM-2PM - Thrift Shop Open
22 8:30AM - 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study; 9:00 Band Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	23 6PM-8PM - Thrift Store Open 	24 Helping Hands 10AM	25	26	27	28 8:30AM Band Rehearsal, 10AM-2PM - Thrift Shop Open
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Coffee Fellowship after the worship service.; **Craft Fair & Bake Sale (see pg. 3); ***Operation Christmas Child starts this month. Please pick up your boxes starting October 8th after Church during Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Boxes are due back Sunday, November 12th. * 6PM Church Family Night (see pg. 3);
 Thrift Store open: Mondays: 6PM - 8PM & Saturdays: 10AM - 2PM (see pg. 5)**



HANSON FOOD PANTRY

Hours :
Tuesday 10AM - 12PM
6PM - 8PM
228 High Street, Hanson!

Did you know that the Hanson Pantry now provides food to Pembroke residents? As with Hanson clients, they just need to provide proof of residency.

For donations, First Baptist Church is being asked for the following food items: coffee and brown rice, as well as the following personal care items: toilet paper, shampoo, and dish detergent, deodorant and toothpaste. The Dollar Tree is a great place to find these items at a reasonable price.

Paper and plastic bags are always needed. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Starting in 2015 Please leave donations at either entrance of our church in the provided receptacles.

Like them on Facebook! Log into Facebook and Search for: **Hanson Food Pantry 2015** or copy this in the address line of your browser.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hanson-Food-Pantry-2015/375916832588832?fref=ts>



KID ZONE!

Youth Group

Our youth has joined forces with the Hanson Congregational kids for activities and events. Contact **Kathy Fuller (781-293-7997)** to get involved!



Asking for volunteers to go over pre-set curriculum with students.



Back to school time is a great time to start stocking up on items to fill your Operation Shoe Boxes! Keep an eye out for sales on crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, etc. Also, t-shirts will begin being on clearance. O.C.C. collection week will begin on November 12th. Pick-up your empty box on October 9th during coffee fellowship in Fellowship Hall.



The Fun Side of Church

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"You really should thank me for shredding those. They were atrocious. Want me to do your skirt next?"



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH THAT SEEKS TO BRING THE LOVE, CARE, AND EXCITEMENT OF CHRIST TO PERSONS OF EVERY AGE AND SITUATION. **WELCOME!**

JOIN US AS WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' "

~ Mark 12: 30-31

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