

FALL 2019



NORTHEAST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | PCA

MEMBERSHIP

Are you interested in becoming a member of, or in learning more about, Northeast Presbyterian Church? We will offer a four-meeting opportunity in which we will share with you who we are as a church and as a denomination (PCA, Presbyterian Church in America), what our cardinal beliefs are, and how we hope to help you become more the person God has called you to be through both community & discipleship. Each of the four meetings (or lessons) will be offered twice every week in order to accommodate the challenging working and travel circumstances of you who worship with us. Each lesson will be offered once on four Sunday mornings at 11:15 beginning October 6 and then again on four Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning October 9. You may come at the times that work best for you each week. Childcare is always available as are various options for children and students. If interested you may sign up at (www.nepresbyterian.org/join), or on a Sunday worship bulletin tear-off and we'll send you more details. Love to have you come explore with us! Next class will be offered in March 2020.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please keep these eleven men and women in your prayers. They are the ones you in our congregation elected to lead the search to find the person God has already chosen to replace me as Senior Pastor when I step aside from this position in May 2020. This is God's church, and as always, He knows exactly what He is doing! To refresh your memory the chairman is **Anthony Livoti**, the co-chairman **Dr. Ben Jones**, and the other members **Ron Bell, Marcia Bradberry, Craig Currey, Maria Currey, Andrew Eckstrom, January Fowler, Manny Rodriguez, Anne Turner & Tammy Wood**. They have been commissioned for this sacred task by you the congregation, so you will be the very first group to whom they will report when there is any news.

A STRANGE CREATURE CALLED "RMD"

If you are at least 70 ½ then you will probably know what a Required Minimum Distribution is. But did you know you can designate your RMD or a portion thereof to an IRS 401c3 ministry like NEPC (& many others) and pay no taxes on that amount! For more information about the "how to's" contact your financial advisor. Or feel free to contact NEPC Financial Director Linda Killinger or Director of Administration Richard Hucks with any questions. That's what I do with my IRA and it sure feels good giving without owing taxes on it.

BON VOYAGE TO PASTOR ROPP



We wish God's richest blessings upon Pastor John Ropp & his lovely wife Linda as they step into full-time retirement following 45 years of pastoral ministry, the final six at NEPC. How our hearts have been blessed by your wonderful ministry!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD

Here is your Women's Ministry Board for 2019-2020. I know they covet your prayers.

- **Maria Currey**, Director of Women's Ministry
- **Anne Turner**, Women's Ministry Focus Coordinator
- **Tara Fox**, Women's Ministry Coordinator
- **Gloria Bell**, Prayer
- **Andrea Berry**, Ladies Night Out
- **Edith Brown**, Titus II
- **Susan Craft**, Circles
- **Peggy Ley**, Anchor Discipleship
- **Laurie Lumpkin**, Simply Still
- **Janice Rausch**, Fellowship/Conference
- **Gina Walsh**, Member-In-Reach
- **Gert Wells**, Community Outreach

THE LORD GIVETH

We wish God's richest blessings to:

- Marriage of **Tyler Burns & Alisha Tabor** on June 30 in Columbia.
- Marriage of **Witt Bauknight & Kate Murrell** on July 12 at NEPC.
- Marriage of **Kyle Walker & Wendy Zwanka** on July 13 at the Shandon College Ministry building.
- **Ruby Elliot Anderson**, born on August 17 to **Matt & Alison Anderson** (& big sister Perrin & big brother Everett).

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Crow*

PASTORS

Dr. George Crow
Senior Pastor

Rev. Eric Walter
Pastor of
Congregational Care

Rev. Josh Desch
Pastor of Community
and Discipleship

Rev. Jason Pittman
Pastor of Next Generation
Ministry

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP

Sunday School
for All ages

11:15 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Sunday School
for All Ages

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AVERAGES MAY–JUL 2019

Traditional – 380

Contemporary – 173

Total Average – 553

MEMBERSHIP

Communing – 1,277
Non-Communing – 218
(Active Members Children)

Total Active – 1,495
(as of August 14, 2019)



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Good News Club

*How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word. (Psalm 119:9)*



The NEPC / FNEBC Good News Club team is back at Polo Road to continue living before the children the Truths of scripture. As we “suffer the little children to come to Him,” partner with us praying these specific prayer requests:

- that children come each Thursday after school with energy and stamina to hear the Scriptures, the Bible lesson, the memory verse, and to receive the Love of Jesus.
- that all volunteers remain healthy throughout the September 26 – November 21 Thursday sessions, able to deeply engage with and relate to the children in their small group.

If you prayer-partner with those of us in the school, your prayer will foundation a coming “harvest of righteousness” at Polo . . . great teamwork! To God be the Glory!

ADULTS

Ged Labban joins the team!

The Men’s Ministry is excited to announce that Ged Labban has come “on staff” (really he’s a super volunteer) as the Men’s Ministry Discipleship Program Coordinator. He and his wife Cindi are longtime members of NEPC. Ged went through the first year of the men’s discipleship program and is excited to assist Pastor Josh with the second year of this program. We are grateful to have Ged on the team!



A New Sunday School class prepares to launch!

Craig and Maria Currey are preparing to launch a new Sunday School class called the “Connect Class” that will have a community group format and “feel.” The class will be offered at 11:15 starting September 10 in Room A-205. It launches with an eight-week video series called “The God Who Speaks” with interactive discussions and fellowship. Open to adults of all ages. For more information, contact Craig and Maria at mcurrey@nepres.com.

Save the Date—Men’s “Meet and Meat”

Monday, September 16, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Consider Serving in Home Visit Ministry



Pastor Crow has been recently emphasizing our need as a church to serve one another, and Congregational Care has several ministries that do just that. You may feel like you do not know enough to teach a class, or lead a small group, but we have a place for you if you like to make new friends. Our Home Visit Team is full of volunteers who call and visit with members who cannot get to church because they are home-bound, or are recovering from an illness or injury. We are having a luncheon on Sunday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m. in D-303 (Student Auditorium) to share visit experiences, ask questions and learn from each other. If you are interested in learning more about the Home Visit Ministry, we’d love to have you join us for lunch. Contact Lori Pittman for more details, lpittman@nepres.com or (803) 451-4654.



WOMEN

“Manos a Corazones” – Hands to Hearts



“Manos a Corazones” – Hands to Hearts is a bi-lingual afterschool program that will give parents and caregivers time to practice essential and practical skills for everyday living, implemented through conversational English. Simultaneously, their children will play educational games that build confidence and focus on social and conversational skills. Volunteers from within NEPC will be trained to participate with both the children and their parents. Spanish speakers are a plus to this outreach, but are not necessary for interaction with the children. Gert Wells, Community Outreach for Women’s Ministry, also Outreach Specialist at Richland Library, is the point of contact. Gert’s contact information: (803) 586-3274 or gertrudewells@yahoo.com. This exciting community outreach will be hosted at NEPC beginning September 10, 2019 through May 19, 2020, following the Richland Two school calendar!



MUSIC

Exciting Opportunities for YOU! Please join us!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "THE PROMISE!" WE NEED YOU!

Join the Chancel Choir as a seasonal singer!

Cantata Workshop, Sunday, September 29

2:30–5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Email Macy Canady at mcanady@nepres.com

Join our Drama Team as a Shepherd or Wise man!

(no experience required)

Email Kerri Roberts at kroberts@nepres.com

Join our Tech Team!

Email Billy Grooms at bgrooms@nepres.com

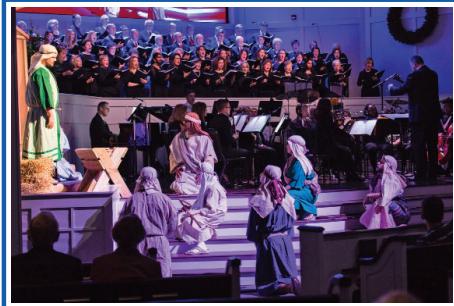
Want more information? Visit nepresbyterian.org/cantata or email

Jeremy Buzzard at jbuzzard@nepres.com

WEEKLY WORSHIP

THROUGH MUSIC

If you're interested in serving in music with the Chancel Choir, Celebration Orchestra, Joyful Bells, REACH Band, or Kids' Choirs, we would love to have you! Please check out all the details at nepresbyterian.org/music.



WOMEN

Women's Ministry Fall Happenings

FOCUS BIBLE STUDY

Looking forward to growing deeper still through a year of studying God's word? Join us for FOCUS, NEPC's signature in-depth Bible Study, Thursdays, September 5 – April 23, 2020, 9:30–11:30 a.m. We will be studying the books of Joshua and Mark. Children's program and nursery are available. Cost: \$40.00/woman; \$15.00/child. For questions contact Anne Turner, Focus Coordinator – aturner@nepres.com or 451-4618.

T.N.T. (THURSDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER)

Join us for a small group DVD-based Bible Study, Thursdays, September 19 – November 14, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall. We will study "Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything," by Jennifer Rothschild. Cost \$15.00. Contact: Mary Turbeville, BTurbe9628@aol.com or 730-0318.

PALMETTO PRES WOMEN FALL RETREAT

Friday–Sunday, November 8–10, 2019, Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort at Kingston Plantation. Guest speaker will be Courtney Doctor, with worship led by "Called Worship." Information on registration and hotel reservations can be found at www.palmettopreswm.com. Register by October 1 to receive the \$40.00 registration and early bird room rates. If interested in carpooling, contact Tara Fox, tfox@nepres.com or 451-4649.

Save the Date!

SIMPLY STILL

Sunday,

November 17

5:00–6:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary.

Details to come.



NEPC KIDS

Wednesday Nights are BACK!

Join us Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Kids Area for activities for infant–5th grade!

- TeamKID – Kindergarten–2nd Graders! Join us for our brand new program where we learn about being kids in discipleship!
- KidsQuest – 3rd–5th Graders! Join us for a time of games and laughter followed by bold and adventurous training as we go through the catechisms!
- "God Loves Me" – Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. (Nursery available starting at 5:45 p.m.)
- Infant through 4K, join us for an interactive time of Bible teachings and activities!

Mothers Morning Out

Mother's Morning Out has recently begun a new year! Are you interested in enrolling your child (toddlers – 4K) and joining all of the fun? Contact Cindy Kunkel, ckunkel@nepres.com or 451-4613.



Summer Recap

This summer was amazing! We had so much fun at VBS and MAC Camp! What a fun way to learn about Jesus!



STUDENTS

Here's what's going on in Student Ministry!

LOOKING BACK:

WE HAD A FULL SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER, GROW AND GO!

- Edge Summer camp for MS students
- Bridge VBS for rising 6th graders
- 704 HS Bible study
- HS Waffle Wednesdays on Monday nights
- HS Dallas Mission trip
- MS Green Bean Recon and Rainbow Tag



LOOKING AHEAD:

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET CONNECTED WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER!

- HS Gathering meets Sundays at 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium
- MS Gathering meets Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the 803 area
- Cedar Cliff!!! November 22–24

Check out <https://nepresbyterian.org/students/> for all the details and see where you can gather, grow and go!



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



HOSEA
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*Unfailing
Love
Changes
Everything!*



Thursday, September 19
through November 14

7:00–8:30 pm, Grand Hall

• nepresbyterian.org/women or tfox@nepres.com •

Good News! Great Joy!

Operation Christmas Child



Collecting shoeboxes
October 13–November 10

Stay tuned for upcoming details in Sunday worship bulletins and midweek updates

