



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

May 2015

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A Word from our Designated Pastor



I am preparing to reach the finish line for my Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree at Columbia Theological Seminary. I began working on the degree in 2008. After sending in four drafts between October 2014 and March 2015, I submitted the completed thesis in April for binding. Copies will be available at Columbia's library and here in our church's library. Thanks to all who participated in my public presentation here at OBPC in March. Most of all, thank you to everyone who has taken my project to heart by supporting the young people in our church and community. I will be away from you the third week of May for my graduation. The graduation ceremony will be May 16 at 10:00 am at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. A few of you have asked about whether you could come to the ceremony. Anyone is welcome to attend the graduation, although I certainly do not expect anyone from our church to make such a long trip. I am grateful for your encouragement and care for me as I have been completing my degree!

Pentecost will be celebrated Sunday May 24, 2015. Pentecost is the third most important Christian holiday of the year (Easter and Christmas are the two most significant holy days). Pentecost is the "birthday of the church," when the early church recognized the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will have a birthday cake during the fellowship time after worship. The liturgical color of Pentecost is red, which represents tongues of fire and the power of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday, we invite everyone in the congregation to come to church wearing something red. Pentecost is important to Christians today because we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us.

Pentecost Sunday will be extra special this year because we will be receiving several members of the youth group as new members that day. Seven youth have been participating in a confirmation class this spring. Hollie, several elders, and I have been teaching the classes. It has been a joy for me to spend time with these young people in the classes: they are sincere, kind people who are genuinely interested in learning about and growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Please be in prayer for these youth as they continue in their confirmation journey.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

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This is God's House! All are Welcome!

Prayer Concerns

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you..." II Corinthians 9:8

- Jack Abernethy
- Ruth Alleva
- Charles Anderson
- Les Basnight
- Marc Basnight
- Morris & Marge Bennett
- Shawn Bowman
- Nancy Clemmons
- Kristen Daughtrey
- Karen Foard
- Helen Gauvreau
- Tom Hartman
- Mickey Meekins
- Landon Moore
- Jane Smith
- Lauren Taylor
- The Family of Betty LeBlanc
- Those Serving our Country
- Leah Williamson

Outstanding Older Adult Award



Each year the Congregational Care Committee nominates an individual for the Outstanding Older Adult Award. On Sunday morning, April 19, Winkey Roberts received this award. Winkey has spent countless hours working on our Building & Grounds Committee. Winkey has been involved with the new addition to the church, the refurbishment of the Sanctuary, taking care of our heating and cooling systems, maintenance to our exterior and countless other things. Winkey also has served on the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Thank you Winkey for all that you do for us. An award well-deserved!

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

- May 3..... Lydia Circle
- May 10..... Stewardship Committee
- May 17..... Building & Grounds
- May 24..... Worship Committee
- May 31..... Outreach & Witness

Flower Schedule

- May 3 Buzz & Ann Boyd
- May 10 Karol Browder
- May 17 Available
- May 24 Judy Dempsey
- May 31 Ben & Melanie Cahoon

Liturgist Schedule

- May 3 Jeanne Martie
- May 10 Nancy Mathews
- May 17 Nonie Booth
- May 24 Susan Harman-Scott
- May 31 Jean Basnight

Children's Church

- May 3 Ben & Melanie Cahoon
- May 10 ... Hollie Lewis/Andrea Braymiller
- May 17 Karen McIver
- May 24 Jeanne Moore
- May 31 Barbara Hardy

May Birthdays

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jack Abernethy..... 1 | Jeanne Kramer.....22 |
| Sam Martin 5 | Megan Munson23 |
| Jan VanEe 13 | Raleigh Thompson.....26 |
| Jane Smith..... 16 | Cathy Hammill.....27 |
| Amanda Martin 19 | Carol Jackson27 |
| Ellen Berg 20 | Pat Yoder29 |
| Nancy Clemmons 20 | Gail King.....30 |
| Jerry Hale 20 | Caroline Hastings.....31 |
| Morris Bennett 21 | Caroline Lowcher31 |
| Nancy Dod..... 21 | |

May Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Chris Braswell 6
- Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Futrell 6
- Mr. & Mrs. Matt George 15
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gauvreau 21
- Mr. & Mrs. Walter Werner 23
- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hale 29
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Charlton 31

Sermons Series May 2015

Sermon Series on "The Power of God"

Reverend Jody Moore

Reverend Jody Moore's sermon series on the Power of God, began on Easter Sunday, April 5th, and continues into May. The God that we worship is Almighty, which means all-powerful. On Easter Sunday, God displayed that power when Jesus Christ won a decisive victory over the powers of death and evil through his resurrection. When we are weak, we can depend on God's strength. During the sermon series, we will focus our attention on the many ways the Lord demonstrates God's power.

May 3: John 17:6-19. *The Power of Prayer.* John records Jesus' prayer on the night before his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus sought out God through prayer in his most desperate hours. What role does prayer have in our lives? What can we learn from the ways that Jesus prayed?

May 10: Acts 1:1-11. *The Power of the Ascended Lord.* Jesus ascends to heaven, leaving the disciples behind to manage without his physical presence. Like those early disciples, we cannot see Jesus face-to-face, so we have to rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance. What does it mean for us to serve our resurrected and ascended Lord in our daily lives?

May 24: Acts 2:1-21. Pentecost Sunday. *The Power of the Holy Spirit.* On this Pentecost Sunday, we will hear the story of the first Pentecost where the disciples were gathered together and wondering what was next for them. God sends the Holy Spirit to equip them to spread the Gospel. We will discuss the Holy Spirit and its role in our lives as believers. The Confirmation Class will be received as new members.

May 31: 2nd Timothy 1:2-3, 8-14. *The Power of the Triune God.* On this Trinity Sunday, we will discuss what it means to worship one God who we have come to know in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will explore why the doctrine of the Trinity is important for us as we seek to know and be in relationship with God.



The new church directories are slated to be shipped on May 1. They will be handed out to those who were photographed on Sunday, May 10 in the Gathering Space!

Pentecost Offering

Pentecost Sunday is May 24th. A special offering will be taken that day for the benefit of programs for children, youth, and young adults. Sixty percent of funds collected will go to the larger church for programs to help young people develop tools to be Christian leaders, such as the Young Adult Volunteer Program.

Forty percent of the offering will stay in our local community, and Session has designated **Dare County Friends of Youth** to be this year's recipient. The mission of this mentoring program is to place at-risk youth between the ages of 6-17 with caring adult volunteers who serve as role models and friends. These youth face everyday challenges just like any other adolescent or pre-teen, but they often do not have the resources necessary to deal with their problems.

The program also provides opportunities to participate in group activities such as cook-outs, beach clean-ups, ball games, etc. In addition, funds are needed for scholarships for camps and various recreation programs, such as swimming lessons at the YMCA.

This church emphasizes our children and youth. Here is another way we can help the youth of our community. Please give generously to this special Pentecost Offering.

April Session Meeting Notes

The Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church combined the April and May Session meetings. The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 28 and the notes from that meeting will be available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space and will appear in the May edition of the church newsletter!

Third Thursday Lunch: May 21

It seemed like a long winter, but suddenly we are at the end of our Third Thursday lunches! May's lunch will be at the Kilmarlic Golf Course in Powells Point. Go over the Wright Memorial Bridge to Currituck County. Remember to allow yourself a little extra time since one of the bridges will be closed for maintenance. The golf course/restaurant is on the left (west side). Drive through the brick gateway, and then continue on that street until you see the club house/restaurant on the left. There is a ramp at the front of the restaurant, if you need it. For those who would like to ride together on our new church bus, you may meet at the church at 11:15 am.

The date will be Thursday, May 21 at noon. Please let Jeanne Martie (441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net) know by Sunday, May 17 if you will be at Kilmarlic Golf Course. Also, let Jeanne know if you want to ride the church bus. The first 14 to sign-up for the bus will get to ride.

Presbyterian Women



The Dorcas Circle meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 9:30 am at the home of Helen Beshens.

The Lydia Circle meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 9:30 am at the home of Jean Basnight.

Hope, Faith, Love Circle will meet on Thursday, May 28, 5:30 at the church. For information call Lisa Rhodes at (252) 441-4615.

The circles do not meet in the summer. A September meeting of all the circles will be held with installation of new officers. Also, Presbyterian Women of the New Hope Presbytery will host a weekend retreat May 16-17th at Camp Albemarle in Havelock, NC. Contact Vikki Smith, Area 7 Representative, at 252-335-1596 if you are interested in attending.



Our May retreat has been changed to May 30 and 31st from 9am Sat. thru 4pm on Sunday and the cost is \$155 (\$85 to the ladies of our congregation as we raised funds at our Sept. yard sale). The dates and costs have changed due to the large increase being charged at the 4-H Conference Center. The retreat is called a Garden Getaway and promises to be another inspiring occasion for our women! Ladies signed up for the retreat look in your notions box (i.e. buttons, rickrack, pieces of material) shells, beach glass, bird feathers, dried flowers, magazines, and pictures for things you might like to use for decoration and put aside to bring to the retreat. If you are interested in attending put the date on your calendar and make reservations with Carol Trotman or Margaret Hartman.

Faith Knitters

The Faith Knitters visited Colony Ridge on Tuesday March 25th and distributed 45 prayer shawls to the residents. This is a most rewarding ministry and supported by members from three area churches, Emmanuel Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and Outer Banks Presbyterian. Those pictured are Karen O'Brian and Karen Corbett, (seated), Paula Stensvaag, Lynn Miller, Barbara Nock, Janet Kott and Ann Cramer. Members who were unable to attend but contributed in making the prayer shawls are Helen Gauvreau, Barbara Nowland, Alice Pratt, Lois Werner, Judy Whittle and Susan Smith. The Faith knitters also gave 12 prayers shawls to Tidewater Oncology in Kitty Hawk and 12 shawls to the Kidney dialysis center in Manteo. If you are interested in joining Faith Knitters call Barbara Nock at 255-5979 for information on the times and place we meet.



Save the Date

Join us on Sunday, June 7 following the morning worship service as we will hold a reception for our pastor, The Rev. Jody Moore, in honor of his receiving his Doctorate of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary!

Sunday School: 9:00 am Worship: 10:00 am

May 2015

Elder of the Month: Melanie Cahoon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Note: There are sessions of AA that meet Mon-Sat at 7:30 am and at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.</i></p>					<p>1 8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 <i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> 5:30 pm: Youth Group 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>4 1:00 pm: Worship Committee 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 5:15 pm: Bible Study 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>6 4:30 pm: Confirmation Class & Dinner 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>7 9:30 am: Dorcas Circle</p>	<p>8 8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 5:30 pm: Youth Group 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 9:30 am: Faith Knitters 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>13 9:30 am: Lydia Circle 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 7:30 pm: Handbells</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 11:15 am: Healing Service 5:30 pm: Youth Group 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>20 2:00 pm: Cong. Care 4:30 pm: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 7:30 pm: Handbells</p>	<p>21 12:00 N: Third Thursday Lunch</p>	<p>22 8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <i>Pentecost</i> 5:30 pm: Youth Group 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>25 <i>Memorial Day Offices Closed</i> 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 9:30 am: Faith Knitters 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 7:30 pm: Handbells</p>	<p>28 5:30 pm: Faith, Hope Love Circle</p>	<p>29 8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>30 <i>Presbyterian Women Retreat Begins</i></p>
<p>31 5:30 pm: Youth Group 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>						

Youth Group News

Our youth group enjoyed some time off over Spring Break after a very busy few months preparing for Youth Sunday. Once we returned, we enjoyed two nice evenings out including our inaugural trips on the new church bus.

First, Mr. and Mrs. Sunkler (Ronnie's parents) invited us over to their house to enjoy dinner and to watch "The Bible A.D." on television. We enjoyed watching the story of Jesus' last days, crucifixion, and resurrection. We also enjoyed pizza and lots of delicious baked goods.

Then, following the worship service on April 19 we traveled to the movie theater in Virginia to see the "Do You Believe?" This film, by Pureflix Productions, is the story of a pastor who is reminded that true believe always requires action, and his response ignites a faith journey among 12 members in the community that only God could orchestrate. It is a powerful movie and struck many emotions with our youth.

A group of our youth continues to deepen their faith in Confirmation Class. We have enjoyed learning about our church and our relationships with Christ. Thank you to Rev. Jody Moore, Jim Perry, Melanie Cahoon, and Nonie Booth who have helped teach this class and thank you to those who are serving as mentors for our youth.

It seems hard to believe that next month we will be heading off to Massanetta Springs for our Summer Middle School Conference, "Wear Love." Please be in prayer for the six youth and two adults we have registered: Chloe Futrell, Chyla Huber, Cailin Lewis, Samantha Leopardi, Ryan Braswell, Joseph Lewis, Jody and Hollie Lewis.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth group!

In His Grip,

Hollie

~ Upcoming Events ~

**Massanetta Springs Middle School
Youth Conference
"Wear Love"
June 18-21, 2015**

**Montreat High School
Youth Conference
"This is Our Story"
July 19-25, 2015**

**Vacation Bible School
"Everest"
July 27-31, 2015
9:00 am-11:30 am**



Pardon our Dust While We Make Improvements!

Pardon our dust while we improve the exterior of our building and make improvements to the Bible Garden. We are currently in the process of replacing the siding on the south side of our church facility.



In addition to the replacement of the siding, we are replacing many shrubs in the Bible Garden. The hedges of the Bible Garden really took a beating during the extreme cold temperatures. A new look is coming soon!



Music Ministry Notes

The Music Ministry presented a successful Easter Musical on Palm Sunday Weekend (Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29) entitled "The Love of God". We were so blessed to have members of the community to join us in singing in the choir giving us a total of 55 choristers.

The choir was under the direction of guest conductor, Donna Thomas and was prepared in rehearsals by Nonie Booth, Steve Blackstock, Jo Anne Swartz and Jason Evans!

The choir was accompanied by Pianist, Jason Evans; Organist, Steve Blackstock, Percussionist, George Graham; Bass Guitarist, John Blackstock; Violinists, Sue Waters, Billy Tanner and Stacy Walters; Violist, Beth Argiro; Cellist, John Griffin; and flautists, Suzanne Blackstock and Katie Blackstock-Blanchard along with soloists, Pamela Tanner, John Buford, Elaine Reed and Donna Thomas.

CD's are available of the concert for \$10.00. Please contact the church office to place an order.

~ Upcoming Musical Events ~

Let Freedom Ring Patriotic Concert

Sunday, July 5, 2015 ♦ 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Presented by: Sanctuary Choir, Jubilate Ringers
& Guest Musicians/Singers

ECCS Hymn Festival Concert

Sunday, August 30, 2015 ♦ 4:00 pm

Guest Conductor: Billye Brown-Youmans
Accompanied by Jason Evans, Organist &
Virginia Symphony Brass/Tympani Ensemble

Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian

Saturday, December 5, 2015 ♦ 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 6, 2015 ♦ 5:00 pm

Presented by: Sanctuary Choir, Jubilate Ringers
& Guest Musicians/Singers

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