A New Playground for our Church!

The new playset was officially dedicated on Sunday, October 18, during Children’s Church. As you can see from the photo several children were enjoying all the activities included in the set – monkey bars, slide, climbing wall, baby swing, a tunnel to crawl through, two person glider, a sand box, picnic table and two swings. First a big thank you to all the many donors who made such a wonderful set possible. We far exceeded what was hoped for in gifts. And once the set arrived, completely unassembled, our wonderful Building and Grounds committee got to work, board after board, nail after nail piecing it all together. And unexpected bonus was the beautiful preparation of the ground beneath the set – safely and thickly mulched. On the day of the dedication there were special refreshments for the children, “pumpkin” bubbles and magic wands signed by Winkey Roberts with each child’s name on it.

We are just so grateful for everyone who made this special and happy day a reality in the life of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. Thank you, thank you.
Prayer Concerns
“God is able to make all grace abound toward you...” II Corinthians 9:8

Jack Abernethy
The Rev. Dr. Richard Batzler
Charles Anderson
Marc Basnight
Don Bierwerth
Greg Browder
Shawn Bowman
Nancy Clemmons
Kristen Daughtrey
Ruth Dutt
Karen Foard
Wray Grumiaux
Mickey Meekins
Landon Moore
Anna & Joseph Moore
Jody & Jeanne Moore
Jane Smith
Max & Jackie Strange
Alvah Ward
Nancy Worsley
Those Serving our Country

Anna and Joseph Continue to Grow!

Jeanne (Mom) & Anna
Jody (Dad) & Joseph

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule
Nov. 1.............................. Lydia Circle
Nov. 8.............................. Congregational Care
Nov. 15.............................. Finance Committee
Nov. 22............................. Thanksgiving Luncheon
Nov. 29.............................. Fellowship Committee

Flower Schedule
Nov. 1.............................. Available
Nov. 8.............................. Available
Nov. 15.............................. Available
Nov. 22............................. Available
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Liturgist Schedule
Nov. 1.............................. Susan Harman-Scott
Nov. 8.............................. Jean Basnight
Nov. 15.............................. Nonie Booth
Nov. 22............................. Jody Lewis
Nov. 29.............................. Margaret Brown

Children’s Church
Nov. 1.............................. Jody & Hollie Lewis
Nov. 8.............................. Bev Jones / George Diaz
Nov. 15............................ Barbara Hardy / Warren Davis
Nov. 22............................. Jim & Jean Sias
Nov. 29.............................. Jody & Hollie Lewis

November Birthdays
Joan Phifer................................. 3 Dorothy George............................. 20
Fred Gauvreau........................... 4 Corinne Abernethy.......................... 21
Taylor Ostlund............................ 6 Tyler Booth................................. 21
Susie Gentry............................. 7 Melissa Cahoon............................ 21
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November Anniversaries
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Mr. & Mrs. Monty Thomas............... 16
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A Word from our Pastor

As of November 1st, it is now official. The word designated has now dropped from my job title and now my position title is pastor: not interim pastor or designated pastor. It seems hard to believe that we are now in the fifth year of my ministry at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church: I began ministry in September 2011. I believe that God has blessed this pastoral relationship. I have absolutely seen God’s hand leading us as a congregation and me to this point and I am grateful for all of the ways that you continue to support and encourage me as your pastor.

On a personal note, many of you continue to ask for pictures of our babies, so we are including a picture of Jeanne holding Anna and another picture of me holding Joseph.

November 1st is All Saints Day. We will be remembering the three church members who have died over the past year during our morning worship service. On All Saints Day, the word saint refers, not to perfect people, but to all Christians who have died and have been made right or justified before God because of Christ’s death and resurrection. All Saints Day is always a meaningful day in the church year because we are all touched by the death, whether it is of a loved one, a friend, or facing our own mortality. In the face of death we sometimes feel powerless and we grieve, but All Saints Day reminds us of the hope that we have in Jesus Christ for eternal life.

On Sunday November 22nd, our congregation will host a Community Wide Thanksgiving Service at 4:00 pm. This is the third consecutive year that our congregation will be hosting the event. The worship service is sponsored by the North Dare Ministerial Association and is a chance for Christians from congregations throughout the Outer Banks to come together to offer thanksgiving and praise to almighty God. This has been one of the most meaningful worship experiences I have had here at the Outer Banks. If you haven’t been before, please make plans to join us. If you have attended in the past, please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Also on November 22nd, we will have a luncheon immediately following the 10:00 am worship service. The luncheon is a joint effort by the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees as a way to thank God for all of the blessings that the Lord has given to us as individuals and as a congregation.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

Sermons for November 2015

Nov 1: Revelation 21:1-6: On All Saints’ Sunday, we will hear God’s promises of a glorious future from Revelation. The passage states that while we suffer here on this earth, in heaven God will be with us and will wipe away every tear from our eyes because “death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.” We will explore what the Bible teaches us about heaven and the afterlife. We will remember those church members who have died during the past twelve months during this service.

Nov 8: Jeremiah 1:4-10. So often in life, we feel defined by our limitations and what we cannot do. When Jeremiah was “only a boy,” God called him to be a prophet, but Jeremiah thought he could not do it because of his limitations. What is holding us back from being the people God created us to be? How are we letting our limitations get in the way of God’s plans for our lives?

Nov 15: Hebrews 10:11-18. This passage explains our basic Christian understanding about the forgiveness of sin. What does it mean to receive Jesus’ forgiveness, once for all? How do we understand that Good News, even though we continue to sin?

Nov 22: John 18:33-40. On this Christ the King Sunday, we will hear the conversation between Pilate, the earthly ruler, and Jesus, the eternal King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus intrigues Pilate with his insights and tells him that Jesus has come into the world to testify to the truth. We will consider how we can follow Jesus and live according to his eternal truth.

Sermons for Advent 2015

December 6, 2015: (2nd Sunday of Advent) Luke 1:5-25 & 1:57-79. Luke tells the story of John the Baptist’s birth to Elizabeth and Zechariah. The birth of John the Baptist was a sign that God is active in the world, fulfilling the divine plan. Once his son is born, Zechariah discerns all the wonderful things that God is doing and gives thanks to the Lord. Are we aware of how God is alive and working in our lives today?

December 13, 2015: (3rd Sunday of Advent) Luke 3:1-18. The prophet John the Baptist came before our Lord and Savior to prepare the way for Jesus. John invites us to turn from our sins, repent, and to focus our attention on God. We will explore what it means to repent.

December 20, 2015: (4th Sunday of Christmas) Luke 1:39-55. When Mary learns that she will be giving birth to the Messiah, she is filled with joy. The birth of a child is a moment full of great promise and excitement. Jesus’ birth is the most celebrated birth of all because God has sent humanity a Savior.

Dec 24th: (Christmas Eve): Luke 2:1-20. We will hear the Christmas story, which tells of Jesus being born in Bethlehem. The shepherds come to offer their praises to the Christ child. We will proclaim once again that God is with us because in Jesus Christ, God’s Son took on human flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.
Third Thursday Lunch:

November’s lunch will be Thurs., Nov. 19 at 12:00 noon at La Dolce Vita Italian Cuisine & Pizzeria in Manteo. When you drive through Manteo, it is on the left, in the Elizabethan Inn.

We are going to use the church bus for this outing. We are allowed to take 14 passengers. Because we are going to Manteo, there will only be one pick-up point – at church. You will need to be at church no later than 11:15 a.m.

If you want to ride the bus, let me know. It will be first come, first seated! If we have a lot more people requesting rides, we will try to arrange for carpools. Of course, you are able welcome to drive yourself to the restaurant.

Flu Shot Clinic Revisited

The local pharmacy hosted a flu shot clinic at our church on Sunday, October 25, immediately after the worship service. Injections were free with Medicare. Without Medicare insurance, the cost was $31.99 per person.

“FINISHING WELL: SURFING THE LAST THREE WAVES” SEMINAR

Following up on the presentation by Martha Grove Hipskind last year, Bev Jones presented our first seminar this fall; the goal of “Finishing Well” was to help all of us plan and manage our lives, wisely, as we age!

For Golfers, these discussions might be called “Planning the Last Three Holes” or for Ocean Buffs, call them “Surfing the Last Three Waves.” Twenty people attended and had very good conversation. More seminars are planned for the congregation and community in upcoming months.

Christmas Progressive Dinner

Members and friends of the church are invited to participate in the Christmas Progressive Dinner, topped off with a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

The dinner will be on Saturday, December 12. It will start at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers at the home of Fred and Susan Smith. Wine and punch will be provided. Between 5:45-6:00, everyone will divide up into pre-arranged groups to go to other homes for salads/soups and entrees. Dessert and the White Elephant Gift Exchange will be at the home of Lois and Walt Werner. If for some reason you are unable to participate the whole evening, you are welcome to come for any part of the evening.

What is a White Elephant Gift Exchange? Every participant (couples bring two gifts) can wrap up something they have bought (no more than $10) or wrap up something from their house as a tasteful joke! All presents will be unmarked, and we take turns picking a present from the gift table, OR can steal from someone who has already gotten a gift. Look for a sign-up sheet in the church’s gathering space. Directions to the Smiths’ home and the Werner’s’ home will be posted. We need at least 4 homes to host a dinner for 6-8 people. We also need people to bring an appetizer or two (must be able to arrive at 4:50 p.m.), bring a salad or soup to dinner, or bring dessert. Please sign up by Sunday, November 29, we can divide people into groups and the dinner hosts can plan their dinner.

If you have any questions, or need directions, please contact Jeanne Martie by email at jlmartie@charter.net or by phone at 441-8608. This is a great way to start off the holiday season!
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OEA= Over Eaters Anonymous
Presbyterian Women Yard Sale

A grateful thanks to all those who helped with the Indoor Yard Sale September 26th. The rain pour put somewhat of a damper on the preparation on Friday and the day of the sale on Saturday but, many hearty souls participated. We had goods from a line of fishing poles to Karen’s handmade dish cloths.

There was an abundance of baked goods which were also offered Sunday morning after church. All in all a profit of $750.00 was made which is short of the $1200.00 made last year on a sunny day outside.

Circles have begun to meet in members’ homes and at the church. The 2015-2016 Bible Study Guide for Lydia and Faith, Hope and Love circles is “Come to the Waters” written by Judy Record Fletcher. Dorcas Circle is using, “Fearless, Why is Jesus so Racial?”

Lydia Circle will meet on Nov. 11 at the home of Jean Basnight, using Lesson 3. Dorcas will meet on Nov.4 at the home of Evelyn Webb, with Susan Smith leading the study. On. Nov. 12, the Faith, Hope and Love will meet at the church at 5:30.

In December the Angel Tree will offer members the opportunity to help provide gifts for needy children. It will be chaired by Carol Moore.

An idea has been proposed of having a Christmas Sale of crafts and Christmas cookies to help make-up the short-fall from the Yard Sale which is held to provide more women the opportunity to attend the Retreat on June 4th and 5th.

Those who have attended in years past have themselves spiritually uplifted and enjoyed the time of fellowship.

There will be a Spring Gathering in February at Duck Woods Country Club. Bags for Hot Line Women will be prepared and filled in the spring.

Presbyterian Women is open to all women of the church. The purpose of Presbyterian Women is to nurture women in our faith through Bible Study and prayer, to support the mission of the church, to work for peace and justice by building an inclusive, caring community of women empowered by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the power of God’s Kingdom.

Every day the Beach Food Pantry (BFP) gets closer and closer to having a home of its own! Max’s Bagels is gone! The space has been gutted and the renovations have begun. Volunteer carpenters from Caring Hands, led by Shelby Hines, are donating their time and skills to turn a bagel shop into a food pantry that is comfortable and efficient for our clients. The Board initiated a Capital Campaign this summer to raise money for the changes that have to be made. Along with this endeavor, there are numerous applications for grants and contacts with local businesses for their assistance. Of course, timing is always tenuous, but with good planning, hard work and help from Above, the BFP will be open at its new location by the middle of January.

Meanwhile, our church’s volunteers will be serving clients the week of November 9th. The lull of summer has ended. Every day the numbers of clients increase. If anyone is thinking of joining our group wants to get a “taste” of the job, please feel free to drop by and see us in action! We will be there from 1:30-4:15, all week except for Wednesday which is Veteran’s Day.

Speaking of “taste,” the BFP’s annual Chef’s Challenge is on Thursday, December 3rd. Chefs from restaurants in our community will be competing for the coveted 1st prize by preparing two dishes: A signature specialty and something delicious from our pantry shelves. All the proceeds from this event will go to the purchase of food for the needy residents of Dare County. If you would like to attend, contact Susan Smith @ 252-255-4855 or smifobx@live.com for tickets. It really is a wonderful way to have fun while helping people who need us.

Once again, we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child through the Shoebox ministry. The deadline for donations is Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015.

Suggestions for donations are as follows: small toys, kazoom, yo-yos, dolls, balls and stuffed animals, school supplies, crayons, coloring books, pencils, sharpeners, pens, notebooks, non-liquid toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, deodorant, washcloth) personal items...combs, brushes, hair clips, wallets, sunglasses, flashlights, socks, gloves.
Our Children at Children’s Church!

Our Youth Working at the Beach Food Pantry Fundraiser!

Youth Group with Gail Sonnesso from GEM Center
Presbytery Issues Passion Driven Ministries Grant for Room In the Inn

Below is a note that the New Hope Presbytery received from Room In the Inn for issuing a joint grant request from Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church and Outer Banks Presbyterian Church:

On behalf of the board of Room in the Inn, Pastor Lori, Pastor Jody, and especially the guests we serve, it is with deep gratitude that I start this letter. The Passion Driven Ministries Grant of $2,500.00 from The Presbytery of New Hope to Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church/Outer Banks Presbyterian Church/OBX Room in the Inn will allow us to help the homeless guests to access mental health services and other services that had not been available to them before. With more intense focus on each guest's needs, we believe we can help OBX Room in the Inn guests strengthen their belief in themselves and move forward toward independence and self-sufficiency.

Our program year for the guests runs from November 15, 2015 to April 17, 2016. We had 45 guests go through the program last year and we anticipate serving this many or more this next season.

Again, thank you!!! We are all truly blessed by your generosity, kindness, and caring concern.

Peace always,
Gail Leonard, Coordinator

Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, Nov. 22 | 4:00 pm

This is the third consecutive year that our congregation will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service. The worship service, held on November 22 at 4:00 pm, is sponsored by the North Dare Ministerial Association and is a chance for Christians from congregations throughout the Outer Banks to come together to offer thanksgiving and praise to almighty God. If you haven’t been before, please make plans to join us. If you have attended in the past, please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Sunday, Nov. 22 | Following Worship

Mark your calendars now! Sunday, November 22, at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, we’ll have a luncheon following our 10 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome. We’ll celebrate and give thanks to our Lord as a congregation for the results of our 2015 Stewardship Campaign. The luncheon is a joint effort by the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees as a way to thank God for all of the blessings that the Lord has given to us as individuals and as a congregation. Please sign-up on the sheet in the visitor’s space and join us for this wonderful opportunity to have fellowship as a congregation.

Handel's Messiah
Sunday, Nov. 29 | 4:00 pm

The Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah will be presented on Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. The community chorus, orchestra and soloists will be under the direction of Mr. John Buford. This event is sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Concert Society.

Christmas at OBPC
Saturday, Dec. 5 | 7:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 6 | 4:00 pm

Join us on for our eighth annual Christmas Musical in two presentations presented on Sat. Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm and Sun. Dec. 6 at 4:00 pm. The concert will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra and guest singers. Guest vocalists will include Pamela Tanner, Shannah Boone, Jo Anne Swartz, Nick Hodsdon and Joanne Gregory. The orchestra will be comprised of; Steve Blackstock, organ; Jason Evans, piano; John Blackstock, bass; George Graham, drums; Reid Stockdill, timpani; Leslie Erickson, violin; Shannah Boone, violin; Billy Tanner, violin; Sue Waters, viola and John "B.J." Griffin, cello. A nursery will be provided onsite and a freewill love offering will be taken.

For more information, please contact the church office at 441-5897 or email the Director of Music Ministries, Jason Evans, at cepianoman@aol.com.

Outer Banks Chorus Christmas Concerts
Friday, Dec. 11 | 7:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 13 | 4:00 pm

The Outer Banks Chorus will present their Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 pm at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Southern Shores and on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4:00 pm at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Nags Head. The Outer Banks Chorus is under the direction of Kyle Cook and accompanied by Cheryl Needham.
News from the October Session Highlights

AT THE STATED MEETING, SESSION APPROVED:

A. Christian Education Committee’s recommendation to purchase 2 upholstered chairs for the library out of the library designated fund.

B. Congregational Care Committee’s recommendations for a flu shot clinic on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015.

C. Stewardship/Fellowship Committee’s recommendations of November 22, 2015, for the Thanksgiving luncheon.

D. Christian Education Committee’s request for $250 to provide breakfast for 75-100 students at First Flight Middle School, when they participate in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) program.

E. Worship Committee’s recommendation that OBPC host the Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 pm.

OTHER ACTIONS

A. Jody asked that the Session Liaisons and their respective Committee Moderators prepare the 2016 budget requests for review by Session on November 10, 2015, and for the Finance Committee.

B. John Webb thanked the many volunteers from Building and Grounds and other members of the church, who helped purchase, prepare the area, and set up the new Playground Equipment.

C. Session approved that the name of the OBPC Director of Youth, Children, Youth, and Young Family Ministries be the designated name on the bus credit card. The card will be kept with the “bus package for the driver.”

PASTOR’S REFLECTIONS

A. The Elder Class of 2018 will be examined at the Stated Session meeting in December.

B. Jody has been the Co-Moderator for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the NHP in 2015, and he will be the Moderator in 2016.

C. Session will setup a new Committee/Task Force to plan the NHP meeting at OBPC on October 22, 2016. (Tell Jody if you are interested in serving)

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter received from the NHP, dated August 6, 2015, informing us that our Session Minutes and Membership Rolls and Registries for 2014 were approved without exception. (Thanks, Norm, for another job well done)

B. Jody received a report from the NHP. They gave a $2,500 grant to Room in the Inn, based on the partnership application submitted by Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church and OBPC.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bev Jones, Clerk of Session
Happy Birthday Visit to Clara “Mickey” Meekins

Karen Lurie, Ronnie Sunkler, EJ Markwood, Vera Berg and Dorothy and Matt George went to the nursing home on Sat., Oct. 17 to celebrate Mickey Meekins Birthday at Peak Resources. It was a real "festive" time and the youth had painted pumpkins and gourds that we also took over to share with the residents.