World Communion Sunday and Peace & Global Witness Offering

On Sunday morning, October 4, 2015, we celebrate World Communion Sunday, the day where more Christians from around the world celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper than on any other day of year. We will be using different types of bread symbolizing breads from around the world. World Communion Sunday reminds us of our connection with Christians from many different countries, races, creeds, and backgrounds!

A special offering for peacemaking and global witness will be taken on Sunday, October 4th. Twenty-five percent of our special offering will be given to Hotline, our community’s local shelter for battered women. The remainder goes to the larger church for peacemaking and witness projects throughout the world.

South Sudan is a nation riddled with conflict. Violence levels are extreme, but mission workers operating alongside RECONCILE Peace Institute are training leaders to become peace builders in their communities.

An issue that affects peace and justice in Colombia, causing struggle for many of the nation’s citizens is land grabbing, whether by the government, wealthy land owners, or the cocaine industry. Peasant farmers are run off, harassed, or even murdered. Colombia mission workers volunteer with the Colombia Accompaniment Program which allows Presbyterians to stand in solidarity against violence in the face of intimidation. The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the Presbyterian Church of Colombia Collaborate with this program in order to help those affected by land grabbing.

Your gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering will help initiatives like those in South Sudan and Colombia provide support for those affected by violence and injustice around the globe as well as here in Dare County.
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
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
Nancy Worsley
Those Serving our Country

In Loving Memory

Ruth M. Alleva, 92, passed away on July 18, 2015 at her home in Kill Devil Hills. Ruth was a member of OBPC for 30+ years dating back to the old A-Frame sanctuary. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on July 24 at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. Ruth’s cremains were placed in our church Bible Garden. Please continue to keep her children, Barbara and Joe, in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days!

Andrew Douglas Stover, 26, passed away on July 21, 2015 at his home in Nags Head. Andy is the son of Doug and Joan Stover, of the home. Joan is a regular attendee of Outer Banks Presbyterian. A funeral service was held on August 1 at Lighthouse Fellowship. Andy was buried in Washington National Cemetery. Please continue to keep his parents, Doug and Joan, and his sister, Jennifer, in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days!

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule
Oct. 4.........................Administration
Oct. 11.....................Outreach & Witness
Oct. 18.........................Worship
Oct. 25..................Jeanne Martie/John Webb

Flower Schedule
Oct. 4......................Dave & Lucy Kidwell
Oct. 11....................Buzz & Ann Boyd
Oct. 18.....................Available
Oct. 25......................John & Evelyn Webb

Liturgist Schedule
Oct. 4........................Margaret Brown
Oct. 11........................Ben Cahoon
Oct. 18........................Nonie Booth
Oct. 25........................Jody Lewis

Children’s Church
Oct. 4........................Jody & Hollie Lewis
Oct. 11......................Barbara Hardy / Warren Davis
Oct. 18......................Ben & Melanie Cahoon
Oct. 25......................Jim & Jean Sias

We are thankful to the Worship Committee for providing the elements for The Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, October 4, 2015.

October Birthdays

Oscar VanEe .................................. 1
Marion Jones .................................. 4
Zoe Manolasa .................................. 4
Greg Browder .................................. 5
Debi Baum ...................................... 6
Bonnie Langdale ................................. 7
Marilyn Smith .................................. 9
Barb Nowland ................................ 10
Reid Hinson .................................. 11
Nancy Messinger ............................... 12
Jerry Manolasa ................................ 13
Buzz Boyd ................................. 14
Brenda Brown ................................ 14
Samantha Leopardi ............................ 14
Donna Lewis ................................. 14
Mollie Bass ................................. 17
Mickey Meekins ............................. 17
Shirley Lillard ............................ 18
Gary McGee .................................. 19
Barbara Rust .................................. 19
Terry Collins ......................... 21
Jean Sias .................................. 28
Nonie Booth .................................. 29
Ben Cahoon ............................. 29
Frank Moore .................................. 29
Wray Grumiaux ...................... 31
JoAnne Kelly ............................. 31

October Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy DeSanto ............ 7
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Siefferman ............. 8
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Baum .................... 9
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hammill .......... 10
Mr. & Mrs. Don Frye ..................... 15
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Aldridge ............... 17
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Vercauteren ........... 20
Mr. & Mrs. John Webb ................. 21
A Word from our Pastor

First of all, thanks to all of you for the well wishes following the birth of Joseph Gilbert Moore III and Anna Carolyn Moore on August 11. Jeanne and I have been overwhelmed by all of the support and prayers that you have extended to us. We have also eaten very well with all of the food you have provided for us. Your cards, gifts, prayers, hugs, and love have meant more to us than we can describe.

Many of us have been inspired by Pope Francis’s recent visit to the United States. Jim Wallis wrote a thoughtful article inspired by Pope Francis’s trip entitled “Francis: When a Visitor Changes Your Home” and the article cited the ways that this man has helped us see new ways that we are called to live up to our promise as a nation. The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our interconnectedness to Christians and people throughout the world. I hope that you will join us in worship as we consider what it means to follow Christ who loves and cares for the people of all nations, races, and backgrounds.

Gratitude to God has been a common theme as we are leading up to Consecration Sunday on October 18, 2015. This July, the theme of the New Hope Presbytery meeting was on stewardship and our guest speaker focused on gratitude. It is important for us to recognize God’s many blessings in our lives; then we give, not out of compulsion or guilt, but as an acknowledgement of how much we have received from God. Our guest preacher on September 13, the Rev. Walt Hunting again focused on gratitude and how central it is to our giving. In the first moment for stewardship of the fall, Tom Williamson spoke on how a man who was just passing through his town built a bridge over a stream. The man did not have any family in the area. The Man would not benefit himself from the bridge, but he built it for people he did not know because others had been so good to him and he believed it was his job to do something for the benefit of those who came after him.

As we consider what we want to offer to God, I invite us to reflect on the ways that we are grateful to God. How has God blessed us? Anne Lamott, the Christian author, has said that there are basically two prayers that we make to God. The first is, “Help me,” and the second is “Thank you.” In response to all the ways that we are thankful for what God has done for us, let us look for ways that we can make a difference in the world for the sake of God’s kingdom.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

Sermons for October 2015
Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Sunday, October 4, 2015
John 6:32-35, 41-51

Immediately after feeding the crowd of 5,000, Jesus teaches about God’s kingdom using illustrations related to food and bread. Jesus explains that he is the Bread of Heaven. On this World Communion Sunday, we will explore how Jesus offers food that will not perish and hope to a hurting world.

Sunday, October 11, 2015
Job 2:1-10, 38:1-7, and 42:1-6

How do we relate to God when we are suffering? Job has lived a righteous life, but then undergoes tremendous suffering. Where is God in Job’s suffering? Where do we find God when we are suffering personally? What kind of help does God offer to us when we are down and out?

Sunday, October 18, 2015
Matthew 6:19-24

On this Consecration Sunday, we will consider how we are called to respond to God’s generosity and grace. Jesus tells us that he is concerned with what we value most. Jesus explains, “Where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.” How can we share the most precious treasures of our lives with God?

Sunday, November 1, 2015
Revelation 21:1-6 and John 11:32-44

On this All Saints’ Day, we will remember those brothers and sisters in the faith who have died and have joined their Father in heaven. In the face of death, we grieve, but we also depend on the promises of the Bible, where Jesus tells us that he is the “resurrection and the life.”
Church-Wide Picnic: Oct. 3

The Fellowship Committee will sponsor a church-wide picnic, on Saturday, October 3 beginning at 4:00 pm, in Chicahauk Park located in Southern Shores. Come on out for food, fun and fellowship!

Third Thursday Lunch: Oct. 15

Due to popular demand, our next luncheon will be at High Cotton in Kitty Hawk. It is on the Beach Road at milepost 2, across the street from the Hilton. The date is October 15, at noon. You will make your own selection off their menu, and receive a separate check.

In order for them to have enough seats and staff, please let Jeanne Martie (441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net) know by Sunday, October 11, if you will be at High Cotton. Hope to see you there!

Jeanne

Congregational Care Committee

Fall News

FLU SHOT CLINIC: Oct. 25

Rite Aid pharmacy will host a flu shot clinic at our church on Sunday, October 25, immediately after the worship service. Injections are free with Medicare, BC/BS of NC, Cigna and United Health Care, so please bring your card. Without these insurances the cost will be $31.99 a person. Children 14 years of age and older are also eligible for the flu shot. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Space.

“FINISHING WELL: SURFING THE LAST THREE WAVES” SEMINAR ON OCTOBER 15, 2015, 2 PM

Following up on the presentation by Martha Grove Hipskind last year, Bev Jones will present our first seminar this fall; the goal of “Finishing Well” is 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.” Look for the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or call the church office (252)-441-5897, if you plan to attend on Thursday, October 15, so that the Congregational Care Committee can make the right number of handouts. Thanks!

Playground Thank You

The entire Buildings and Grounds Committee has been hard at work constructing the new playground in the play yard. Here is Winkey Roberts, still smiling, showing that if you follow the directions it all fits together. The committee is just doing an outstanding job. It has not been an easy task at all. If you see a committee member please pat them on the back and given them a big thank you. As usual, they are saving our church hundreds of dollars by doing the work themselves.

To paraphrase –

It indeed takes a church to raise not only children but a new playground.
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**Note:** There are sessions of AA that meet Monday-Saturday at 7:30 am & 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

*OEA* = Over Eaters Anonymous

### October 2015

**1**
- 9:30 am: Dorcas Circle
- 5:00 pm: Food Pantry Fund Raiser

**2**
- 8:00 am: Men's Study

**3**
- Scout Award Ceremony
- 3:00 pm
- Church-Wide Picnic
- 4:00 pm

**4**
- *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- 5:30 pm: Youth Group

**5**
- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

**6**
- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

**7**
- 4:00 pm: Girl Scouts
- 6:00 pm: Choir
- 6:30 pm: Adult Study
- 7:30 pm: Handbells

**8**
- 5:30 pm: Hope, Faith & Love Circle

**9**
- 8:00 am: Men's Study

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**11**
- 3:00 pm: Stamp Club
- 4:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir
- 5:30 pm: Youth Group

**12**
- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

**13**
- 9:30 am: Faith Knitters
- 6:30 pm: Stated Session
- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

**14**
- 9:30 am: Lydia Circle
- 4:00 pm: Girl Scouts
- 6:00 pm: Choir
- 6:30 pm: Adult Study
- 7:30 pm: Handbells

**15**
- 12:00 N: 3rd Thursday Luncheon
- 2:00 pm: Finishing Well Seminar

**16**
- 8:00 am: Men's Study

**17**
- New Hope Presbytery Meeting

**18**
- *Consecration Sunday*
- 11:15 am: Healing Service
- 4:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir
- 5:30 pm: Youth Group

**19**
- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

**20**
- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

**21**
- 2:00 pm: Cong. Care
- 4:00 pm: Girl Scouts
- 6:00 pm: Choir
- 6:30 pm: Adult Study
- 7:30 pm: Handbells

**22**

**23**
- 8:00 am: Men's Study

**24**

**25**
- *Flu Clinic Following Worship*
- 5:30 pm: Youth Group

**26**
- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

**27**
- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

**28**
- 6:00 pm: Choir
- 6:30 pm: Adult Study
- 7:30 pm: Handbells

**29**

**30**
- 8:00 am: Men's Study

**31**

*Sunday School:* 9:00 am  
*Worship:* 10:00 am  
*Elder of the Month:* Jim Perry
Presbyterian Women Yard Sale
Thank-You!

A huge thank you goes out to Judy Dempsey, who headed up the Presbyterian Yard and Bake Sale project, and to the other many volunteers who assisted in making this year's yard sale a success.

Despite the bad weather, the yard sale was held on Saturday, October 24 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. The close to $600.00 in proceeds will be used to offer more women of the church the opportunity of attending the week-end retreat at the 4H Center in Columbia, North Carolina on June 4th and 5th of 2016.

Music Ministry Welcomes You

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church has started off its new year! We would love to have you join us in the choir or in the handbell choir. Our rehearsals are:

Sanctuary Choir: 6:00-7:15 pm
Jubilate Handbells: 7:30-8:20 pm

Contact Jason Evans for more information!

Committee Spotlight

The moderators and Session thought it might be helpful to run an article each month about all the committees and the work they do for the Church and also how members of the congregation can get involved.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"In terms of our overall life, stewardship involves managing our money, our bodies, our authority, our time, and our speech according to biblical teaching. Managing our money involves how we save it, spend it on our lifestyle, retire debt with it, pay our taxes with it, and give it away." (From the Acts 16.5 Initiative)

Our Stewardship Committee reminds us to live up to this premise through a year-round program encompassing Moments for Stewardship each quarter, developing a theme each year, arranging for Stewardship speakers, sending pledge cards, planning critical dates such as Consecration Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday, and following up to insure each member and friend of the church has the opportunity to participate.

The basic conviction of stewardship is, “What I own and the capabilities I have are literally from God to be used to honor God by meeting my basis needs and serving others.” You should hear this embedded in every prayer and sermon. We’re all the stewardship committee.

Mark your Calendars
Consecration Sunday will be October 18. Consecration Sunday is the day that we dedicate the offerings of our time, talent and financial gifts to God!
The new year for the Presbyterian Women began with a pot-luck supper at 5:30 on September 14. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Margaret Hartman began with a prayer.

There were several guests in attendance: Jim Perry (who did the Bible study), Lois Werner, Judy Diaz, Leah Williamson and Donna Lowcher.

Carol Trotman opened the Horizon series; “Come to the Waters”. Jim Perry presented the Bible Study (Many Thanks, Jim).

Several women, who had been to the retreat, presented their prayer boxes. Each person told the significance of their decorations.

Nancy Messienger read the minutes from the last business meeting, February 7.

Shirley Garrett gave the treasurer’s report.

Coffee Hour will be the responsibility of Lydia circle on Nov. 1st. Dorcas Circle will present coffee hour on Dec. 13th.

Once again, we will be hosting The Angel Tree during the month of November. Stay tuned in future newsletters and bulletins for more information about this worthy cause!

The Presbyterian Women winter gathering will be held at The Duck Woods Country Club on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

Individual circle meetings for October will be held as follows:

- Dorcas Circle: October 1 at 9:30 am (Evelyn Webb and Helen Gauvreau, Moderators)
- Lydia Circle: October 14 at 9:30 at the home of Barbara Nock
- Faith, Hope and Love Circle: October 8 at 5:30 pm at the church.

New board members were installed as follows: Karen Lurie and Carol Moore are the new Co- Moderators; E. J. Markwood will be treasurer; Helen Gauvreau will remain historian; Barbara Nock will head the Lydia Circle; Evelyn Webb and Helen Gauvreau will head the Dorcas Circle and Lisa Rhodes will head the Hope, Faith and Love Circle.

Many thanks were given to the out-going leaders.

Carol and Karen made some closing remarks with Karen ending in prayer.

A big thank you to the Dorcas Circle who set up and the Lydia Circle who cleaned up!

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The Beach Food Pantry (BFP) is about to move into a new and permanent home! During the last 25 years, the pantry has moved at least six times. However, early next year, it will move into its very own facility! A primary goal of the BFP’s Board of Directors is to ensure the sustainability of the pantry.

A permanent location with the same monthly payment is important to that goal. The money saved in leasing costs will be used to better serve the needs of the nearly 15% of Dare County residents who are food insecure. The Pantry is financing this purchase in part with monies raised in a Capital Campaign that was initiated last spring. Please consider supporting this campaign by sending your contribution to: The Beach Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1224, Kitty Hawk, NC, 27949.

Meanwhile, other news: The BFP has had a rather quiet summer due to increased summer employment. However, we are gearing up for the inevitable rise in client numbers when employment opportunities disappear as the numbers of tourists dwindle.

Our church has a dedicated group of volunteers who serve clients from 2:00-4:00PM at six different times during the year. Many thanks go to Ann and Buzz Boyd, Robyn Deger, Helen Gauvreau, Bette Kraemer, E.J. Markwood, Jeanne Martie, Barbara Nock, Barbara Nowland, Alicia Norwood, Joan Phifer, Mary Shannon, John Webb, Judy Whittle, Tom Williamson and Nancy Worsley for their contributions of time and support.

If you are not on this list, we can always use another pair of hands. Please consider joining us by contacting Susan Smith @ 252-255-4855 or smifobx@live.com. You will be amazed how rewarding this work can be!

In closing, mark your calendars for our fall Pancake Dinner at Stack’em’ High on October 1st from 5:00-7:00 PM.
Youth Group News

Our youth and children had a very busy summer. In June, we kicked off the summer with a family movie night. Our fellowship hall was filled with families who came to enjoy ice cream sundaes, popcorn, and the movie "Paddington." Later in June, six of our middle school youth traveled with Jody and me to Massanetta Springs for the middle school conference, "Wear Love." Our middlers enjoyed worship, keynotes, workshops, and recreation events all themed around Colossians 3:12-14. Of course, no trip to Massanetta would be complete without a whirl down Massanetta's famous slip-n-slide, which many of our youth and our fearless leaders enjoyed!

In July, OBPC sent sixteen youth, children, and chaperones to Montreat for the youth conference, "This Is Our Story." Montreat is always a life-changing event for folks. There is something about that “thin” place...where the distance between heaven and earth is so small, you can really feel God's presence. Nine of our high school youth enjoyed relevantkeynotes and intimate small group Bible Study and discussions. Three of our middlers and one elementary school student enjoyed the Montreat Clubs program, which features many activities such as devotions, art, swimming, boating, tennis, rock hopping, and music. In the evening, our middle and high school youth attended worship and recreation while our elementary student enjoyed the Montreat Child Care program. Meanwhile, as adult chaperones in addition to worship and keynote we also enjoyed networking with other youth leaders and attending special sessions just for back home leaders. There is something for everyone at Montreat. Of course, half the fun of Montreat is living together in the same house for a week, preparing meals, playing board games, and sharing late-night conversations. Each and every one of us who attended the Montreat conference left touched by the Holy Spirit and renewed and refreshed in our faith.

As school resumed, we ended the summer with a youth trip to Busch Gardens to celebrate a very exciting summer. We are looking forward to fall and all the promises a new school year brings. We spent several Bible studies focusing on resolve, commitment, and discipline. We also discussed the vision of our Youth Group for the next year. Thank you for all the support you gave our youth, children, and young families this summer. Your efforts did not go unnoticed; we appreciated each and every financial donation and we felt the love and support from every prayer.

Our final big event for the summer was our week of VBS. 32 children attended the week-long "Everest" event where we learned about God's power. The children enjoyed music, skits, Bible stories, crafts, experiments, snacks, games, and missions videos all themed around God's power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love us forever. Throughout the week we collected an offering for Operation Kid-to-Kid, a missions program that will send kid-friendly Bibles to Thailand. We raised a grand total of $195.50 which is enough to send 48 Bibles to Thailand! That surpassed our goal of one Bible per child, so at our closing celebration, our Base Camp Sherpas Hollie & Ryan each received a cooler full of ice water dumped over them! VBS would not be possible without the selfless, tireless commitment of our youth and adult volunteers. Most of our youth attended Montreat the week before VBS, and with only a few hours sleep at home were right back at church ready share God's love with others. I am so appreciative of their outreach ministry to our children.
News from the August/September Session Highlights

SESSION APPROVED

Stewardship Committee recommendation for Consecration Sunday on October 18;

Administration Committee recommendations:

- To establish a new Transportation Committee, to be chaired by Karen Lurie, with Fred Gauvreau as Session Liaison for 2015; and

- To approve use of the church’s fellowship hall on Wednesdays from 4 – 5:30 pm by the Girl Scout Troop 4737 beginning in September.

Christian Education Committee and the Youth Task Force recommendations:

- To host “Parents’ Night Out” again this fall by offering childcare, activities, and snacks for children up to the age of 11 one Friday a month. Session asks all committees and the entire congregation to volunteer in helping with these events. Please contact Hollie, if you are willing to help;

- To purchase new playground equipment as an attraction for young children and families; and

- After much discussion, Session did not approve the recommendation to move Children’s Church from the Fellowship Hall to the library on Sunday mornings. Session recognized that the Children’s Ministry is an important outreach and educational activity of the OBPC. If you agree, please keep the children’s area in Fellowship Hall ready for the children and teachers on Sunday mornings.

- Finance Committee’s recommendation to honor Norm Sparks as he retires after years of service as clerk of session and Receiving Treasurer. A recognition of Norm was planned for September 20, 2015 during worship. Thank you, Norm!

REPORTS:

- The letter has been sent to New Hope Presbytery, confirming the congregational vote to change the Rev. Dr. Jody Moore’s position from “designated pastor” to “pastor” effective November 1, 2015.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Buzz Boyd, Jeanne Martie, and Tommy Smith were unanimously elected to serve as the Elder Class of 2018 at the called meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2015.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 26, 2015, 8 am -1 pm – Yard Sale by Presbyterian Women
- October 3, 2015, 4 pm - Church Picnic at Chicahauk Park
- October 13, 2015, 6:30 pm – Next Stated Session Meeting
- October 15, 2015, 2 pm – “Finishing Well” Seminar
- October 18, 2015 – Consecration Sunday and Luncheon

Submitted by:

Bev Jones, Clerk of Session