



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

December 2016

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Christmas

At Outer Banks Presbyterian

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir
& Orchestra

Saturday, Dec. 3 | 5:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 4 | 5:00 pm

See page 4 for more information!

Merry
Christmas



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Saturday, Dec. 24
5:00 pm

Join us for our Christmas Eve Worship Service
featuring Lessons, Carols and Candelighting!

CHRISTMAS



OFFERING

Supporting Past, Present &
Future Leaders

Each year we take a special offering to assist retired church professionals - ministers, educators, missionaries - who have medical needs. A portion of this offering goes to support racial ethnic schools and colleges. Watch for a bulletin insert in the next few weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for these special groups of people.

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Prayer Concerns

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

- Jack Abernethy
- Marc Basnight
- The Rev. Dr. Richard Batzler
- Morris Bennett
- Don & Nancy Bierwerth
- Shawn Bowman
- Warren Davis
- Ruth Dutt
- Gwen Engleright
- Karen Foard
- Al Grimm
- Shirley Grimm
- Bev Jones and family
- Family of Warren Judge
- Karen Lurie
- Mickey Meekins
- Nancy Messinger
- Lynn Miller
- Landon Moore
- Jane Smith
- Max Strange
- Jan VanEe
- Rev. Nick White
- Family of Leah Williamson
- Those Serving our Country

2016 Advent Devotionals



The Advent devotional booklet for 2016 has been selected by the Worship Committee and is now available in the Gathering Space. The daily devotions have been written by faculty and staff of both the Richmond and Charlotte campuses of Union Presbyterian Seminary.

If you would prefer to receive and read your daily devotion online, you may go to the following website: www.upsemdevotions.wordpress.com.

Under "Follow Blog via Email" on the right hand side, enter your preferred email address and it will be delivered to your email inbox.

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

- Dec. 4 Stewardship
- Dec. 11 Fellowship
- Dec. 18 Christmas Reception
- Dec. 25 Brenda Brown

Flower Schedule

- Dec. 4 John & Helen Dick
- Dec. 11 Available
- Dec. 18 Available
- Dec. 25 Gary & Linda McGee

Liturgist Schedule

- Dec. 4 Brenda Brown
- Dec. 11 Nonie Booth
- Dec. 18 Jean Basnight
- Dec. 25 Margaret Brown

Children's Church Schedule

- Dec. 4 Barbara Hardy
- Dec. 11 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- Dec. 18 Braymiller / Wood
- Dec. 25 No Children's Church

December Birthdays

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| Arthur Sheets 7 | Charles Hardy 24 |
| Chris Schleiter 8 | Charlie Jones 24 |
| Barbara Hardy 10 | Carol Sparks 24 |
| Jon Baum 14 | Ruth Dutt 25 |
| Bob Scott 15 | Irene Gibbs 25 |
| Warren Davis 16 | Vera Berg 26 |
| Jaylen Lindsey 18 | Joanne Hale 27 |
| EJ Markwood 18 | Brittany Oustland 27 |
| Jason Evans 19 | Chuck Olejasz 29 |
| Chris Lewis 20 | Ashley Lowcher-Norris 30 |
| Hillary Stautzenberger 20 | Leanna Seal 31 |

December Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. John Dick 10
- Rev. & Mrs. John Rickers 18
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary McGee 19
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hartman 27

A Word from our Pastor



I want to thank everyone from the congregation for your overwhelming support of our Food Pantry Thanksgiving Project, where we collected paper bags filled with food for Thanksgiving meals. I am often amazed at the wonderful response you continue to provide to help our neighbors in need. The church library

was absolutely overflowing with over fifty bags of food. There is a picture of all the bags we collected in the newsletter (on page 7). Those bags have been sent to the Beach Food Pantry and by the time that you read this article, many families in our community will have enjoyed a joyous Thanksgiving meal thanks to your generosity.

Advent began on November 27th. Advent is one of our most holy seasons in the church and is intended to be a time for us to pray and reflect with great anticipation for the coming of the Christ child. This year, we have Advent devotionals written by the faculty and staff at Union Presbyterian Seminary. In addition to being able to pick up a hard copy of the devotional here in the church office, you may receive a daily email devotional by signing up at the following website: www.upsemdevotions.wordpress.com.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 5:00 pm. Please be sure to include worship into your plans for Christmas Eve! We will sing many of our favorite carols, hear the Christmas story read through a number of Scripture readings, and I will have a brief sermon. This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and we will have our Sunday morning worship service on Christmas Day. While I know many of you have your own family traditions on Christmas Day, I hope that you will join us for worship on Christmas morning at 10:00 am because celebrating the birth of Christ is the reason for the season! On Christmas, we proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. It is a familiar story, yet one that never gets old because it communicates the mysterious and gracious nature of God's love. May we prepare our spirits, our hearts, and our minds for that wonderful truth throughout this Advent season!

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore



Sermons for Advent/Christmas 2016

Sunday, December 4
(2nd Sunday of Advent)
2nd Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

2nd Thessalonians speaks to the urgent pastoral need of being filled with anxiety. The text describes the kind of hope and peace that we can find in Jesus to address our worries. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we receive tremendous comfort from his presence. We will light the candle of Peace on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, December 11
(3rd Sunday of Advent)
Matthew 3:1-12

Advent is a time for preparation for the coming of Christ. John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Jesus, speaks prophetic words about repentance. This Advent, John's words command us to turn away from our sin, rededicate our lives to God, and commit to serving Christ. We will light the candle of Joy on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, December 18
(4th Sunday of Advent)
Matthew 1:18-25

An angel announces to Joseph that Mary will bear a son named Jesus, who will save the people from their sins. Joseph has faith in God and follows the angel's instructions. We celebrate the wonderful, amazing gift of Christmas of Emmanuel, God with us! We will light the candle of Love on the Advent Wreath.

Saturday, December 24
(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. We will participate in singing the great carols of the faith and in a candlelighting service.

Sunday, December 25
(Christmas Day)
John 1:1-14

John's Gospel speaks to the darkness in the world and our need for a Savior. Jesus Christ is the light of the world and on Christmas Day we celebrate that he is the incarnation, the presence of God's own Son living among us full of grace and truth. How can we carry the good news of Christmas in our daily lives throughout the year?



Sat., Dec 3 @ 5:00 pm | Sun., Dec 4 @ 5:00 pm

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season! Their annual Christmas Musical will be presented on Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 pm.

This musical presentation will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir of the church along with other musical guests all combining to form a 50-voice choir and 9-piece orchestra all under the direction of Jason Evans and Nonie Booth.

The first portion of the concert will feature both sacred and secular sounds of the Christmas season along with the story of the birth of Christ through music in the second portion.

Soloists for the program will include: Pamela Tanner, Jo Anne Swartz, Elisabeth Writtenberry and Nick Hodsdon. Susan Harman-Scott will narrate.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Jason Evans, *Piano*; Steve Blackstock, *Organ*; George Graham, *Drums*; Pat Koppenhaver, *Bass*; Leslie Erickson, Sue Waters, Billy Tanner, *Violin*; and Suzanne Blackstock, Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, *Flute*.

We invite all to attend this Christmas musical presentation. Admission is free, and a freewill love offering will be taken. Nursery will be provided. Outer Banks Presbyterian Church is located at 907 S. Croatan Highway (Milepost 8.5) in Kill Devil Hills. For additional information about the presentation, please call (252) 441-5897 or you may visit the church's website at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.



**Outer Banks Chorus
30th Anniversary Concert
Sunday, Dec. 11 | 6:00 pm**

The Outer Banks Chorus will present their 30th anniversary Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 11 at 6:00 pm at the First Flight High School. Students from First Flight High School and Currituck Schools will join in on the singing! The choir is under the direction of Kyle Cook and accompanied by Cheryl Needham! Admission is by donation!

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

December 2016

Elder of the Month: Jim Perry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Note: There are sessions of AA that meet Monday-Saturday at 7:30 am & 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.</i>				1 9:30 am: Dorcas Circle	2 7:00 pm: Choir/Orch. Rehearsal	3 10:00 am: Choir/Orch. Rehearsal Choir & Orchestra Christmas Concert 5:00 pm
4 The Sacrament of Holy Communion Choir & Orchestra Christmas Concert 5:00 pm	5 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am: Faith Knitters 1:30 pm: Officer Training 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	7 6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study	8 5:30 pm: Hope, Faith Love Circle	9 8:00 am: Men's Study	10
11 11:15 am: Flu Shot Clinic 3:00 pm: Stamp Club 5:00: Youth Group	12 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	13 6:30 pm: Stated Session 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	14 9:30 am: Lydia Circle 6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study	15	16 8:00 am: Men's Study	17
18 Christmas Reception 11:15 am 5:00: Youth Group	19 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	20 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	21 6:30 pm: Adult Study	22	23	24  Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31

Third Thursday Lunch

There will be no Third Thursday Lunch this month! We will look forward to starting back up in January!

Mark Your Calendars Now!

PRE - VALENTINE
PROGRESSIVE DINNER
& WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Details and Sign-ups in January

With Appreciation...

Dear Church friends and family;

John and I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and yummy food during my recent fall and subsequent surgery. We so appreciate all of them and it means a great deal to us and certainly helped with my healing.

A special thank you to Nonie Booth and the choir for the wonderful meals you provided. We never knew not only can you all sing, but are wonderful cooks.

We are so blessed to be part of this Church family and friends.

Thank you all,

John and Evelyn Webb

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of someone are currently being accepted. The cost is \$8.00 each. Order form envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. The last day for placing your order is Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Christmas Reception

The Annual Christmas reception will be Sunday, December 18 following the morning worship service. The Fellowship Committee will host this event and requests that finger foods be brought for refreshments. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the Gathering Space. Come - celebrate the season with your church family!

Faith Knitter Updates

The Faith Knitters have been very busy over the summer knitting prayer shawls to be donated to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hampton Virginia. We finished 35 shawls and many were done in patriotic colors of red, white and blue. This is always a very rewarding project that the knitters undertake. We will also be donating 10 prayer shawls to Virginia Oncology located at Regional Medical Center in Kitty Hawk and 10 shawls to UNC Cancer Center in Nags Head. These shawls are given out to patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. The Faith Knitters are from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Emanuel Lutheran Church, and Grace Lutheran Church. Our December 13th meeting will be held at the home of Susan Smith who lives in Martins Point and our January meetings will be at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church until our founder Alice Pratt recovers from an illness. If you are interested in joining this worthwhile ministry, please call Barbara Nock at 255-5979 for more information. We have room for beginners, experts, and anyone in between whether you knit or crochet.

The Best Christmas Ever

A store owner was doing some last minute Christmas shopping with his young son when he saw another store owner with whom he had been friends for some time. The two of them exchanged greetings and spoke with each other about what a financially profitable season it had been for their respective stores. The small boy overheard his father say, "This has been the best Christmas ever."

As the store owners parted company, the father and son continued their shopping, but the father noticed his son had become very quiet. He inquired as to his son's silence, and his son replied, "Dad, you just told Mr. Johnson that this was the best Christmas ever."

His dad replied, "I did, son. The economy is great, and people are really spending."

"O.K." the son replied, "It's just that I always thought the first Christmas was the best one."



News from the Presbyterian Women

The monthly circle meetings for the Presbyterian Women of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will be held as follows:

DORCAS CIRCLE

Thursday, December 1 | 9:30 am

This meeting will be held at the home of Carol Trotman. Sharon Moore and Helen Dick will be leading the study of lesson 10. All members are asked to bring a \$10.00 gift for a White Elephant exchange.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE

Thursday, December 8 | 5:30 pm

This meeting will be held at the church.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Wednesday, December 14 | 9:30 am

This meeting will be held at the home of Jean Basnight.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

While some Scouts from Troop and Pack 116 were participating in the Veterans Day Sunday Service at the Church, others were at the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Base for a Merit Badge Weekend. The CG Base opens its doors for the Albemarle District Boy Scout Troops to have a Merit Badge Weekend. Scouts from around the Albemarle area have the opportunity to explore the base Rescue Facility as well as other places around the base. They have the chance to earn various Merit Badges from Aviation, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety and Cooking, a total of 30 Merit Badges are offered. During the Chess Merit Badge one of our own Aiden Phillips challenged 16 Scouts to a Tournament and won.

Troop and Pack 116 are always looking for Community Service Projects, so if you know of any that we could help with please contact: Blair Siefferman 252-715-1361

Yours in Scouting,
Blair Siefferman
Scout Master / Troop 116
Cub Master / Pack 116



Food Pantry Thanksgiving Project

Photo of bags filled with food for the Beach Food Pantry Thanksgiving Project!



In Loving Memory...

Warren C. Judge, III
Nov. 30, 1950-Nov. 5, 2016



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Warren C. Judge, III who passed away on Nov. 30 following a brief illness. Though an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Warren and his wife, Tess, have been big supporters of our church's music ministry and have selflessly provided accommodations at their hotels for many of our guest artists and musicians over the years.

Funeral Services for Mr. Judge were held on Sunday, Nov. 13, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nags Head. Burial followed the service at Southern Shores Cemetery. Please be in prayer for Tess the entire family over the days and weeks ahead as they adjust to life without him following such an unexpected loss.

News from the Youth Group!

It is hard to believe December is here already. It has been a busy fall for our OBPC Youth. Our focus this year has been on missions and outreach, and November was another successful month as our youth assisted with the Beach Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags and packaged and shipped a grand total of 29 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will track the shoeboxes' journey as they travel overseas and are distributed to children in need just in time for Christmas morning. November was also a busy month for our very talented youth & children....thank you to the church members who came out to support Chloe, Grace Hook, and Ronnie in the First Flight High School production of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" and Delaney Hanf, Elisabeth Writtenberry, Grace and Jaxon Folds in Dockside Theatre's production of "The Lion King." It is great to see our youth using their gifts in the community.

This December, our youth will continue our focus on missions and outreach as we spend an afternoon Ringing the Bell and manning the Salvation Army Kettle. We will be stationed outside of K-Mart on Sunday, December 11 from 4:00-6:00 PM. If any church members would like to join us, we would love to have you. Please help us support those in need this Christmas. Then, on Sunday, December 18 our youth will have our annual Christmas party. This year's theme is an "ugly sweater sock exchange" and will include Christmas carol karaoke. You don't want to miss this fun evening.

As 2016 draws to a close, all of our youth and children want to thank you for your support this year. We had a very successful year in ministry including many mission projects, VBS, Montreat, and more. None of this would be possible without your support of our Youth, Children, & Young Families ministry. From all of us, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In His Grip,

Hollie, Jody, & the OBPC Children and Youth



Veterans Recognized

During our Sunday morning worship service on November 13, we honored the many veterans, past and present, in a special worship service. The service featured patriotic music, the Presentation of the flags by Scout Troop #116, a stirring presentation regarding the "Taps" by Bob Messinger followed by Bobby Gentry singing the "Taps". Following the worship service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall where the book, "Stories of our Veterans", containing real life stories of the veterans of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, was presented. A special thanks to Evelyn Webb and Bev Jones for spearheading this project!



Top Left: Scouts bearing the flags for the branches of the Armed Services.

Top Right: Vera Berg receiving her booklet and flag.

Middle: Al Grimm receiving his booklet and flag in his home.

Bottom Left: Tom Smith receiving his booklet and flag.

Bottom Right: Scouts presenting the flags of the Armed Forces in worship.



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