

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

January 2016

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dare County Celebration

Saturday, January 16, 2016 11:00 am



The annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 11:00 am. This year's festivities will be held in the Manteo High School Auditorium located at 829 Wingina Street in Manteo, NC. This year's speaker will be Pastor Frank Lessen. Pastor Lessen is the founder (2009) and pastor of The Source Church located in Manteo.

Following the celebration of Dr. King's life, a free fellowship meal will be held. During this meal, you are invited to mingle and dine with folk of other races, denominations and walks of life.

For more information regarding this event, you may contact Mrs. Ruth Lewis at (252) 473-3151 or (252) 305-1934 and by email at Clarence.lewis@aol.com or contact The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves at (252) 480-9276 or (252) 216-6863 or by email at spottswoodgraves@gmail.com. All are invited to attend!

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This is God's House. All Are Welcome!

Prayer Concerns

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

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

Your Stated Session for 2016



Left to Right (Back): Jeanne Martie, Buzz Boyd, Bev Jones (Clerk), Tom Smith, The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Jim Perry & Kathryn Lamb

Left to Right (Front): Judy Whittle, Melinda Mogowski, Melanie Cahoon & Nonie Booth

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

Jan. 3	Building & Grounds
Jan. 10	Administration
Jan. 17	Congregational Care
Jan. 24	Tom Smith / Jeanne Martie
Jan. 31	Finance

Liturgist Schedule

Jan. 3	Mollie Bass
	Jody Lewis
	Joseph/Cailin Lewis
	Susan Harman-Scott
Jan 31	Jean Basnight

Flower Schedule

The new flower schedule for 2016 has been posted in the Gathering Space. All Sunday's in January are available. This is a great way to honor or memoralize a loved one! Please sign up or call the church office!

Children's Church

Jan. 3	Bev Jones/Jorge Diaz
Jan. 10	Ben & Melanie Cahoon
Jan. 17	Jean & Jim Sias
Jan. 24	Andrea Braymiller/Lynda Wood
	Barbara Hardy/Marron Davie

January Birthdays

Larry Langdale	4	Gary Martie	23
Glynn Powell	7	Mark Martin	24
Catherine Hammill	8	James Cahoon	26
Oscar Northen	8	Shirley Grimm	27
Dan Haynes	14	Kyle Lewis	27
Ron Baker	15	Sharon Aldridge	28
James Seal	15	Rose Dugger	28
Carla Hardy	16	Laura Worsley	28
Howard Miller	19	Evelyn Webb	31

January Anniversaries

Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Horne	7
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar VanEe1	4

A Word from our Pastor



Happy New Year! As I am writing this article during the week of Christmas, I want to give thanks for all the wonderful things that God has done in our midst here at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church during 2015. I always look forward to the Annual Congregational Meeting, which this

will be January 24, 2016, because we get a chance to see our church's Annual Report. It always amazes me to read all of the things that our church's committees and members have been doing for the sake of our Lord. Our church is blessed in so many ways: I am grateful to work with a strong staff, we have many hard-working committees, a wonderful youth group, a growing children's church program, an impressive music ministry, and three caring Presbyterian women's circles. Most of all, I am grateful for the love that binds us together as a congregation.

We will be ordaining and installing our new group of elders on Sunday, January 10th. I want to say a word of thanks to Fred Gauvreau and John Webb, who are wrapping up three years of faithful service on the Session. Buzz Boyd and Tom Smith will be joining the Session and Jeanne Martie has agreed to serve an additional three year term. I hope that you will be present in worship on January 10th as we lay on hands and pray for these elders, which is an important sign of our support for these individuals as they lead our congregation. Please pray for our elders and our Session.

Thank you to the members of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church for the many ways that you continue to support Jeanne and me. I am thankful for all your encouragement this past year as I completed my doctorate and we welcomed the twins, Joseph and Anna, to our family. We are grateful for all of the Christmas cards you sent us and for your prayers. We are also appreciative of the generous donations that so many of you made to the Pastor's Purse. We are absolutely overwhelmed with all of the people who support us and the ministry of Jesus Christ at this church. Thank you so much for your kindness!

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

Sermons for January 2016

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

January 3: Luke 2:22-40

Joseph and Mary present the baby Jesus in the temple with little fanfare. There are no angels announcing the presence of the Messiah, yet the prophet Anna is paying attention to what God is doing and knows that this is a special child. Are we aware of the wonderful things that God is doing in our midst?

January 10: Isaiah 43:1-7

The prophet Isaiah speaks to how God has called each one of us to follow. God tells us that when we walk through the fire or the rivers or whatever troubles come our way that the Lord will be with us. What does it mean for us to serve God and rely upon the Lord no matter what happens in life?

January 17: 1st Corinthians 12

Paul describes the Christian church as being similar to a human body where we are all different parts of the body. Paul states that each part of the body is needed and useful. Paul uses this analogy to illustrate that while we may have been given different spiritual gifts, all of us have something positive to contribute. While Christians may have different opinions and talents, we are united by Jesus Christ, who is the head of the church. What are the implications for us in our diverse world?

January 24: Luke 4:14-30

On the Sunday that we will have our annual congregational meeting and review what we have done as at OBPC over the past year, we will hear Jesus' vision for his own ministry. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus announces to his hometown synagogue that he has been sent to "bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free." How can our church's vision connect with Jesus' ministry and his longing for us to share his Good News? How can we make a difference in our world today?

January 31: 1st Corinthians 13

Paul shares that love is central to the Christian faith. How do we, as Christians, love one another, especially those who are more difficult to love? Paul explains that love is more than a feeling and we are called to love one another even when we may not feel like it. What are the implications of this kind of self-giving love for our relationships?

Third Thursday Lunch: Jan. 21

Happy New Year Everyone!

Hope you had a glorious Christmas holiday! Our next Third Thursday lunch will be at the Jolly Roger (on Beach Road, behind K-Mart). The lunch will be on Thursday, January 21 at noon.

Everyone -- members AND friends -- is invited to come. You will select what you want to eat from their menu, and pay your own bill. Please contact Jeanne Martie by Sunday evening, January 17, if you are interested in attending -- 441-8608 or ilmartie@charter.net.

-- Jeanne

Room in the Inn Volunteer Opportunity

Room in the Inn is a local effort by the churches of the Outer Banks to provide shelter for our community's homeless population during the colder months of the year. Churches volunteer to provide housing and meals for the people who are staving at Room in the Inn. OBPC has the opportunity to provide meals—dinner and a bag lunch for the 10-20 people who will be staying at Room in the Inn during the week of January 31-February 7. We need volunteers who would be willing to be paired with another church member to provide meals that week. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Mollie Bass at (mbss0858@aol.com) or the church office at 441-5897 (office@outerbankspresbyterian.org).

Welcome New Member



On Sunday morning, December 13, we were pleased to welcome Leah Williamson into our church family. Leah is the daughter of Tom Williamson and the late Marlene Williamson. Leah comes to us from First Baptist Church of Garden in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Leah is no stranger to Outer Banks Presbyterian Church! She is involved in many church activities in the life of the

church and is a member of the Dorcas Circle. Please be sure to give Leah a very warm welcome into our OBPC family!

Leah Williamson 5219 Sycamore Lane Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 (252) 255-2930 (202) 607-6483

Veterans' Collection Thank-You

Barbara Nowland, John and I would like to thank everyone who donated to our Veterans Collection. The generosity of our congregation is amazing. We will be able to take 20 boxes of items and 23 prayer shawls to the VA Hospital in Hampton, Virginia and give a Merry Christmas to those who have served our country.

Thank you!

Barb Nowland, John and Evelyn Webb

Stewardship Committee News

At the Stewardship Luncheon I incorrectly reported that there had been a significant increase over last year's giving, when in fact there is only a slight increase. While the total of pledges for 2016 was accurate I picked the wrong number from 2015 for comparison. The 2016 total (on the date of the luncheon) was \$284,826.00. I apologize for all of the undue euphoria, concern, and confusion this has caused.

Ben

News from the Library

The library has a new look. Through the generosity of many of our church family and those who purchase books we were able to purchase two new chairs for the library. Thank you to Barbara Nowland and Mollie Bass for helping me chose the new chairs. They definitely add a brightness to the library.

So when you are browsing our library or want to read an article in our many magazines enjoy our new comfortable chairs.

I am looking for someone to cover the library for the months of January, February and the first week of March. If you are interested please give me a call at (252) 255-1085.

Hope to see you in the library!

Evelyn Webb

Sunday School: 9	chool: 9:00 am Worship: 10:00 am January 2016 Elder of the Month: Jeanne Martie			Martie		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					8:00 am: Men's Study	2
The Sacrament of Holy Communion 5:30 pm: Youth Group	4 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	5 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	4:00 pm: Girl Scouts 6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study 7:30 pm: Handbells	7 5:30 pm: Hope, Faith & Love Circle	8 8:00 am: Men's Study	9
10 3:00 pm: Stamp Club 5:30 pm: Youth Group	11 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	9:30 am: Faith Knitters 6:30 pm: Stated Session 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	9:30 am: Lydia Circle Gail Sonnesso Speaks 1:30 pm: 4:00 pm: Girl Scouts 6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study 7:30 pm: Handbells	14	8:00 am: Men's Study	Dr. King Celebration 11:00 am – Manteo High School
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24 11:15 am: Annual Cong. Meeting 5:30 pm: Youth Group 31 11:15 am: Christian Ed. 5:30 pm: Youth Group	25 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	9:30 am: Faith Knitters 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study 7:30 pm: Handbells	28	8:00 am: Men's Study	30

Music Ministry News

This Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church held their annual Christmas Musical on Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6. The concert consisted of a 61-voice choir and a 14-piece orchestra who sang and played to 631 people over the course of two evenings!



The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church begins their new year on Wed., Jan. 6. 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: 7:30-8:15 pm Contact Jason Evans for more information!

Gail Sonnesso to Speak at OBPC in January

The Congregational Care Committee (CCC) is pleased to invite everyone to the **Senior Seminar on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 1:30 pm** in the church to hear Gail Sonnesso of Gentle Expert Memorycare (GEM). Gail will present information and local care-giving options for people with Dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Many know Gail as a well-known leader here on the Outer Banks for people with Alzheimer's or Dementia and for their caretakers. However, you may not know that Gail has recently been selected by the Alzheimer's Association as an Alzheimer's Ambassador.

As the population ages, the importance of addressing memory issues and solving them becomes paramount. This promises to be a timely seminar for us, our community, and our country. Please join the CCC in welcoming Gail!

Faith Knitters

The Faith knitters made a contribution of 23 prayer shawls to the Veterans collection. The shawls will be delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Hampton Virginia. Jody blessed the shawls after church on Sunday December 13th. Pictured are Jean Sias, Lois Werner, Lynn Miller, and Evelyn Webb, who coordinated the Veterans collection, Barbara Nock, Judy Whittle, Susan Smith and Rev. Dr. Jody Moore. Other Faith Knitters not pictured who contributed shawls are Ann Kramer, Karen Corbett, Helen Gauvreau, Barbara Nowland, Brenda Brown, Alice Pratt, Judy Swanson, Karen O'Brian and Paula Shensvaag. If you are interested in joining the Faith Knitters call Barbara Nock at 255-5979.



Presbyterian Women



The angels were busy this December urging church members to choose them and purchase gifts for their charges.

If you went through the foyer in early December, you might have had a little difficulty because it was filled with

abundant toys, clothes and bikes for the needy children of Dare County.

All these items were removed to the conference room at the Baum Center for Social Services to distribute to the families. Blessings to all who participated.

Monthly meetings were held in the designated homes of members. The women were able to exchange cookies and gifts while enjoying each other's company.

The business meeting included collecting the least coin, a report on the purchase of the village well with the support of church members, an update on members suffering health concerns and plans for the future.

Presbyterian Women is providing the provision for the first Lenten Luncheon. Judy Dempsey promised to use chili powder instead of cinnamon in her chili this year.

Lynn Miller is busy sewing bags for Hot Line to be filled by members in March. In February all women will meet in a joint meeting at Duck Woods. The cost will be \$17.00 this year.

A big thanks goes to Kevin Sheets who came Saturday afternoon to help move tables and set up the trees and crib. On Sunday morning after service a bake and craft sale was held to make up for the shortfall from the rainy day yard sale in the fall. They were able to make-up for the short-fall. Another big thanks goes to all the people who baked and fixed crafts to sale. Tom Williamson and his lovely daughter, Leah were the last to leave and helped with the clean-up. It was greatly appreciated.

The children's church members all received bells and the Youth were the beneficiaries of the remaining baked goods.

Mollie Bass presented the bible study for Lydia Circle, "Absence of Water, Thirsty and Longing." It focused on the dry spells in the wilderness and likened it to the times of crisis in our own lives. When God initiates, He goes in front of and before us. This takes faith, trust and obedience. Not easy when we are undergoing crisis. On the cross, Jesus said, "I thirst," then died.

His suffering and death accomplished our redemption. The Little Flower believed our suffering can be offered to God for the good of others. St Augustine in his "Confessions says,"...our hearts find no peace until they rest in You (God)."

May we rest in the knowledge that God knows our difficulties and walks right beside us.

Submitted by Judy Dempsey

Beach FOOD PANTRY

The Beach Food Pantry is moving to its new building at 2723 N. Croatan Highway...nestled between the Wright Place and a mattress store where Max's Bagels used to be. The newly located pantry will be ready to open on January 4th. I think you will be pleased with our new home. It is smaller, certainly not as warehouse-like as our previous pantries, but adequate for our present needs.

Our new building has been completely renovated, and believe it or not, we have been able to do this all for under \$10,000! The OBX Community Foundation and other funding agencies have given generously and we raised monies through our Capital Campaign for Building. Additionally, community businesses have been very generous: Home Depot gave us flooring, a paint manufacturer donated the paint and a gardening service gave us landscaping materials for the front of the building, just to name a few. We are especially thankful for **Caring Hands**...a wonderful group of retired men organized through the Duck Methodist Church. They donated over 2000 hours renovating the building and over \$8,000 worth of materials. (Our very own Dave Kidwell and Tom Williamson worked as part of that group!) The generosity of those men, the funding agencies and others is a testimony to our community's willingness to help those in need.

This is all very exciting! However, we have an even bigger announcement to make! When we open in January, we will initiate a new, more customer-friendly service model. Using a **Shopping Model**, our "costumers" will be able to select the food they want and need just as though they are walking through a grocery store. Eventually, each shopper will have a list of the amounts of each food category they can select. This change is going to be done gradually and it will take awhile for us to have the smooth running machine we have had in the past.

All of these changes mean that we will need even more volunteers than we have had in the past. Extra hands will be welcome as we serve the shoppers from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on the days scheduled for our church; and we will need people to work an hour or two one or two day a week to help restock shelves, keep the freezers organized and rotate the breads and vegetables for freshness. If you are interested in helping, please contact Susan Smith at 252-255-4855 or smifobx@live.com.

Youth Group News

The OBPC Youth Group and Children's Ministry has had an exciting and busy December! Please enjoy these photographs from activities such as Advent Candles being made in Children's Church, The Youth and Children donating 40 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child and the Youth White Elephant gift exchange!



Advent Candle Making during Children's Church



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Delivered to Ukraine on Dec. 25!



The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore with the Youth at the White Elephant Gift Exchange



White Elephant Gift Exchange

Souper Bowl of Caring

Did you know?



- Nearly 50 million Americans live in poverty?
- 1 in 6 Americans face hunger every day?
- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless?
- 23% of those struggling went to college?
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households?

On Sunday, February 7 our youth will once again lead our church as we participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Started in 1990 by a Presbyterian pastor, Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy of Super Bowl Sunday to tackle hunger in our own communities and beyond. Youth across the country collect food and money which is donated to local charities which feed hungry people. Last year, Souper Bowl of Caring generated over 8 million dollars with OBPC donating 282 pounds of food and \$462 to the Beach Food Pantry.

On February 7, our youth will participate in the worship service assisting with music, skits, and more. Prior to the worship service, they will collect non-perishable foods and following the service, they will be stationed at the exits with pots and pans to collect money. All of our donations will stay local at the Beach Food Pantry, where the youth will weigh and stock the food when they deliver it. We hope you will participate in this mission project and join us as we TACKLE HUNGER.

December Session Highlights

NEW MEMBER

On December 13, 2015, **Leah Williamson** was approved by session as a new OBPC member by letter of transfer. Please welcome our newest church member.

SESSION ACTION

At the December 15, 2015 Stated Session Meeting, the Session approved that:

- Jeanne Martie provide payroll services and serve as Disbursing Treasurer for 2016;
- Bev Jones serve as Clerk of Session for 2016;
- Tom Smith be ordained, and Buzz Boyd, Jeanne Martie, and Tom be installed as the OBPC Elder Class of 2018 during morning worship on Sunday, January 10, 2016.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 24, 2016, to distribute the 2015 Annual Report; explain the 2016 Budget; approve the Pastor's Terms of Call; and elect the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. Moderators, please send committee reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 6.

The Building and Grounds Committee received approval to proceed with the reface, repair, and upgrade of materials on the church sign at an estimated cost of \$1,700 - 2,000. The committee also reported that they are replacing the east side siding of the rental house.

The OBPC has been selected to host the 99th Stated Gathering of the Presbytery of New Hope on October 22, 2016. Session is actively forming a Task Force to prepare for this meeting, and our Pastor will be asking people to serve. **If you are interested in helping, please contact Jody or the church office.**

Committee Moderators will be approved in January. Committees are vital to our church work; please contact a session liaison if you want to serve on a committee.

The Session Liaison assignments for 2016 are:

Administration Melinda Mogowski Building and Grounds Buzz Bovd Melanie Cahoon Christian Education Judy Whittle Congregational Care Evangelism Tom Smith Fellowship Nonie Booth Finance Jim Perry Outreach and Witness Jeanne Martie Stewardship Kathryn Lamb Transportation Jeanne Martie Worship Judy Whittle

Session approved "A Service of Hope" on Sunday February 21, 2016 at 4:00 pm. This service is for all those impacted by cancer and will help raise money to support the American Cancer Society. Luminaries will be sold in honor or memory of loved ones. Carol Moore is the OBPC leader for this service/event.

Session approved plans: 1) to develop a booklet of the stories of our own OBPC veterans for our Veterans Day recognition in 2016; and 2) to begin an update of the history of OBPC in anticipation of the 40th anniversary of our church in 2019. **Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping.**

Session approved a request from the Transportation Committee for the Jewish Community of the Outer Banks (JCOB) to use the bus for an outing to Norfolk on January 17, 2016, to see the movie, "The Eichmann Show." **Our OBPC bus will get some visibility!**

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

- Jody noted that Tom Williamson has been actively providing free labor to the Outer Banks Food Pantry as they prepare to move into their own building. **Thanks Tom**!
- Mollie Bass is seeking volunteers to provide meals for the Room in the Inn guests, (10-20 people), for each day of the week of January 31 February 6, 2016. Please let Mollie know if you are willing to be paired with another volunteer to help.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sunday, January 10, 2016 Ordination and Installation of Elder Class of 2018
- Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 1:30 pm Senior Seminar presented by Gail Sonnesso of GEM on Dementia and Alzheimer's
- Sunday, January 24, 2016, Annual Congregational Meeting

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