A Word from our Pastor

First of all, Jeanne and I would like to thank the entire congregation of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church on the occasion of Joseph and Anna’s baptism. We appreciate how so many different people and groups in the church helped make their baptism such a special day!

May was an important month for us to celebrate our connection as a congregation with people of all ages. In worship on May 15, we heard the Pentecost story where Peter offers his vision of the church as being a place for all, young and old, men and women, working together in harmony. The Youth Sunday service on May 8th was deeply meaningful and I am grateful for the ways that our youth ministered to us through music, skits, and prayers, adding their own personal touch. Thanks to all of you who donated to our youth group fundraiser, which will help defray the costs for our youth who are attending the youth conferences at Massanetta Springs and Montreat this summer. These conferences are life-changing experiences and our youth look forward to them throughout the entire year.

On May 16th, I taught a seminar on the spiritual needs of older adults as we age. I was grateful for a wonderful conversation as we met together. I asked the group several questions, including what wisdom that they have learned over the years. Their answers were so good that I thought that they needed to be shared. Here are some of the examples of the wisdom that the members of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church have learned over the years:

- We can’t do it alone
- Wish I could have told myself when I was younger how important faith is
- Wisdom allows us to become more tolerant and to see the positives
- Concern about children and wanting to pass on faith to them
- Importance of letting go of the small stuff and not worrying too much
- See things less in terms of clear black and white and more grey
- More patience
- Only have one body – take care of it
- More active you are the better
- Staying connected – get out and be with others
- Be open to change, because change is inevitable
- Leave a legacy—a way that we have left our mark in the world
- Be a link between generations--make connections with those younger and older than we are to gain perspective

One of the reasons that we need the church is that we benefit from one another’s perspectives and insights. I’m thankful that the church is a place where we can have important conversations informed by our faith. We are planning to have more seminars in the fall and I hope you will participate.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore
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
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
Greg Browder
Shawn Bowman
Nancy Clemmons
Kristen Daughtrey
Ruth Dutt
Karen Foard
Al Grimm
Charles Hicks
Joanne Hoelterling
Karen Lurie
Mickey Meekins
Lynn Miller
Landon Moore
Anna & Joseph Moore
Alicia Norwood
Jane Smith
Max & Jackie Strange
Rev. Nick White
Leah Williamson
Nancy Worsley
Those Serving our Country

The Baptism of Joseph & Anna Moore

Sunday, May 22 was indeed an exciting time in the life of our church. Jeanne and Jody Moore presented their children, Anna and Joseph, for Baptism during the morning worship service. The Revs. Ted and Moffett Churn were with us to baptize the babies. Following the service the Fellowship and Worship Committees hosted a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule
June 5..............................Evangelism
June 12.............................Finance
June 19..........................Tom Smith / Judy Whittle
June 26..........................Administration

Flower Schedule
June 5 .........................Buzz & Ann Boyd
June 12 .........................Judy Dempsey
June 19 .........................Barbara Nock
June 26 .........................Hollie & Jody Lewis

Liturgist Schedule
June 5............................Nonie Booth
June 12...........................Nancy Mathews
June 19........................Jean Basnight
June 26........................Jeanne Martie

Children’s Church
June 5 .........................Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis
June 12 .........................Bev Jones
June 19 .........................Andrea Braymiller
June 26 .........................Warren Davis

June Birthdays
Don Bierwerth..........................1
Jeanne Martie........................3
Whitney Rogers......................4
Madeline Schalk.....................4
June Harris .........................5
Ryan Braswell .......................7
Stephen Mogowski .................7
Barbara Nock ........................8
Dorothy Henderson .................9
Bob Messinger ......................9
Judy Dempsey ......................12
Marion Siefferman ...............12
Stephanie Blackmon .............17
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Jody Crosswhite ....................21
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Kevin Sheets .......................22
Connie Rogers .....................27
Bev Jones ..........................28
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June Anniversaries
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Cahoon .........1
Mr. & Mrs. Reid Hinson ........4
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Trotman ..5
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Miller ......7
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Martie ........9
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Martin .......11
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brown ..........19
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mogowski ..23
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Yoder ...........27
Sunday, June 12, 2016

Genesis 32:22-31. Jacob has made many mistakes in his life. He has cheated his brother Esau. He has run away from his family in disgrace. As Jacob is preparing to return to his brother to own up to his mistakes, he meets a mysterious man, with whom Jacob ends up wrestling all night long. It is through the wrestling, through the struggle, that he receives God's blessing. In life, there are times that we deal with difficult circumstances. This text shows how God can bless us because we have gone through those trials. We will be honoring our graduating seniors in worship this Sunday.

Sermon Series on the Lord’s Prayer: June and July 2016

Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer as a helpful way for us to connect with our Heavenly Father. Each week in worship, we say the Lord’s Prayer together. What does the prayer really mean? How can we take Jesus’ words and this important prayer to heart? For six weeks, we will explore in depth the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer. In addition to reading the Lord’s Prayer, we will explore other Scripture passages that help explain its meaning.

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Luke 11:1-9 and John 15:8-14. “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. . .” We will explore the first part of the Lord’s Prayer, where Jesus gives us the amazing invitation to call his heavenly Father our Father as well. What does it mean for us to pray to the Father and to bless God’s holy name? In John, Jesus explains the Father’s love for each one of us.

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Matthew 6:9-13 and Micah 6:8. “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . .” Jesus invites us to pray for God’s kingdom to reign and for God’s will to be done, not only in heaven, but also throughout the earth. What does it mean for us to seek God’s will for us and for our world? Micah 6:8 explains God’s will for us “to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.”

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Luke 11:3, Mathew 6:25-34, and John 6:35, 47-51. “Give us this day our daily bread. . .” Jesus shows us how we can and should ask God to provide what we need. He invites us to pray not only for me to have my daily needs met, but for each of us to be fed, which calls us to fight for others who are hungry. In John, we also see that Jesus is the bread of heaven and he offers us eternal spiritual food that will never perish.

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Matthew 6:9-15 and 18:21-22. “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. . .” First of all, we need to acknowledge before God and one another how we have sinned and are in need of God’s grace. Once we have received that grace, we are called to forgive those who have sinned against us. Over and over again throughout the Bible, Jesus calls on us to be merciful, not hold onto grudges, and forgive one another when we are wronged.

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Matthew 6:9-13 and James 1:12-16. “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. . .” The Lord’s Prayer acknowledges that temptation is a part of life and that each one of us must battle against evil. We daily need to depend on God to give us strength when temptations come our way.

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Revelation 1:4-8 and Ephesians 1:20-23. “For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.” The Lord’s Prayer ends with a statement of trust, that God is in control of all things and has the power to accomplish the divine plan. After we have offered our hopes to God, we acknowledge our faith in God’s providence and graciousness. What does it mean for us to trust in God’s eternal plans?

Emergency Disaster Services Program

The Salvation Army is offering an 8 hour training session from their Emergency Disaster Services Program. The course provides participants with an overview of the Salvation Army’s mission and its role within disaster work. Participants will also be taught how to prepare and equip themselves for a disaster deployment. Four hours of the training introduces participants to the basics of safe food handling. We need at least 15 people for them to conduct a class which will be held at the church. There is no cost and food and refreshments will be provided. The class will be scheduled after we receive commitments from at least 15 people. Those who receive the training will have the opportunity to assist their neighbors in need when a disaster hits. Contact Kevin Sheets, Charlie Jones, Donna Frye in the church office, or Pastor Moore if interested or if you have any questions.
Presbyterian Women

All three groups have met for the last time before our summer recess. Several of the Groups participated in the PW/Heavens Bible Study: COME TO THE WATERS. This was an enriching study which discussed: Creation, Baptism, Absence of Water (Thirst and Longing), God’s Deliverance, Faith, Justice, Forgiveness, Hospitality and Hope.

Many thanks to those who led the studies and to all who provided other services, such as goodies and their home for the meetings. The retreat will be June 4th and 5th at the Environmental Center Columbia.

Fifteen women have already signed up to attend. Please give your registration form to E.J. Markwood. The board has met several times to plan the activities.

On Monday, September 23 at 5:30, all groups will meet for a covered dish supper. This is always a good beginning for the new year.

Blessings to all. Please keep those dealing with illnesses in your thoughts and prayers.

Judy Dempsey

Communion Guild

We are very thankful for our volunteers who set up and provide the elements each month for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For June 5, our Communion Guild volunteers are Becky DeSanto and Shirley Garrett.

The Music Ministry has had a busy spring with first presenting our Ninth Annual Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Easter Musical and now preparing for our Ninth Annual “Let Freedom Ring” Patriotic Concert which will be held on Sunday, July 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm. In addition to the Patriotic concert, there are going to be two other wonderful musical opportunities to attend here at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church over the summer months. First, on Friday evening, June 24 at 7:00 pm, Ringers on the Green touring handbell choir will present a concert in our sanctuary. Ringers on the Green is a choir of 18 advanced high school bell ringers. Ringers on the Green were with us as part of our patriotic concert in 2012 and are returning to do a concert featuring them.

On Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 pm, there will be an organ concert featuring organist, Jesse Ratcliffe. Jesse is a native of Hinton, West Virginia. He is a graduate of Concord University, Athens, WV (BA), Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, VA (MM), and has completed post-graduate study at Westminster Choir College. He’s enrolled in the North American Carillon School (NACS) and is preparing for the Carillonneur Exam for the North American Guild of Carillonneurs. Jesse is the Director of Music at St. James Episcopal Church in Warrenton, VA and carillonneur of Luray Singing Tower, Luray VA. The Sanctuary Choir, Jubilate Handbell Ringers and pianist, Jason Evans, will join Jesse on various selections.

Ringers on the Green Concert
Friday, June 24, 2016
7:00 pm
Presented by: The Touring Youth Handbell Ringers from Presbyterian Church, Morristown, NJ.

Let Freedom Ring Concert
Sunday, July 3, 2016
5:00 pm
Presented by: Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra & Guest Vocalists

Organ Concert featuring Jesse Ratcliffe
Wednesday, August 24, 2016
7:00 pm
Pianist, Jason Evans and the Jubilate Ringers will join Jesse on select compositions.

Be sure to stop by the library and check out the many books, magazines, CD's, DVD's and more! What a great way to stock up on your summer reading materials!
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**Sunday School:** 9:00 am  **Worship:** 10:00 am  **Elder of the Month:** Melinda Mogowski
Youth Group News

On Sunday, May 15, our youth did a tremendous job leading us in worship! From the "orchestra" they put together, to the leading in the singing to the skits – it was a special day!

~ Those Playing Musical Instruments this Morning ~

Piano, Viola, French Horn
Parker Duck

Violin
Cailin Lewis
Delaney Hanf
Elisabeth Writtenberry

Flute
James LaCroix
Chyla Huber
Kristen Applebaum

Clarinet
Samantha Leopardi

Alto Saxophone
Logan Hanf

Trumpet
Jody Lewis

Trombone
Hopelyn Kovacs
Ronnie Sunkier

Cello
Ethan Duck
VBS June 13-17, 2016
9:00-12:00
Vacation Bible School for Children
3 years old through 5th grade!

Registration available on the church website

We are still in need of volunteers to help with VBS! We need folks who can help with arts, crafts, experiments as well as our week-end celebration cookout!

Please see Hollie to volunteer
holliewrittenberry@gmail.com | 252-489-0089

VBS Supply List

Here is a list of items needed for VBS decorating, crafts, snacks, and games. Many of these items are basic household items or can be purchased at the dollar store. You may drop these items off in the youth room at church. This list will also be posted in the gathering space and you can sign up to donate items. Thank you so much for helping make VBS a huge success!

- bags of assorted rocks and gems
- large black & brown trash bags or drop cloth sheeting (decorating...lots)
- magic markers
- crayons
- construction paper
- glue sticks
- empty paper towel rolls
- colored tissue paper
- empty toilet paper rolls
- googly craft eyes
- Crayola kids paint
- straws
- packs of tube socks
- dollar store flashlights
- child's small plastic wading pool
- buckets
- beach ball
- sidewalk chalk

Supply List (Cont.)

Lemons
wooden rulers or paint stir sticks
empty spray bottles
large car-washing sponges
cotton balls
goldfish crackers
bagged popcorn
frozen waffles
pancake syrup
small (bathroom size) plastic cups
circle shaped cookies
white cake frosting
twizzlers
large plain donuts
small donut holes
pretzel sticks
kids’ paintbrushes

Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World

Go spelunking through dark caves with Jesus as your light at Cave Quest Vacation Bible School! Kids learn Jesus is the one who lights our way and gives us hope for each new day. His love illuminates when the path is dark. Cave Quest VBS encourages kids to follow Jesus where ever he will lead them!

VBS Daily Bible Points

Jesus Gives Us Hope (Ps. 71:5)
The prophets foretell Jesus’ birth (Jn. 1:1-18; Is 9:2)

Jesus Gives Us Courage (Mt. 14:27)
Jesus & Peter walk on water. (Mt. 14:22-36)

Jesus Gives Us Direction (Pr. 3:6)
Jesus sheds light on how to live. (Mt. 5-7)

Jesus Gives Us Love (1 Jn. 3:16)
Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Lk. 23:1-24:12)

Jesus Gives Us His Power (2 Cor. 4:7)
Jesus ascends and empowers his followers. (Acts 1:1-11)
Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, we celebrated the birthday of the church with a special cake served during our Coffee Hour!

Thank you’s to Ann and Buzz Boyd, Barbara Nock, Barbara Nowland, E.J. Markwood, Gail Goetschius, Helen Gauvreau, Nancy Matthews, Evelyn and John Webb and my good friend Robyn Deger for helping at the Pantry this week. Although Monday and Thursday were slow, Tuesday and Wednesday were busy. In total, we served 39 households for a total of 57 individuals. That seems a lot for May when employment opportunities are usually beginning to increase. It is wonderful to know that we have a resource for our Dare County residents who are in need of food.

In May, the pantry had a very successful “food-raiser” with the Dollar Trees in Southern Shores and Kill Devil Hills. During this drive, shoppers were given a list of items that are needed in the pantry. If you would like to make a donation, the list included soup, instant oatmeal variety packs, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned corn, mayonnaise, salad dressing, oil, laundry detergent, bar soap, and (4-pack) toilet paper. All these items are available for only $1.00 at participating Dollar Trees.

Our next pantry duty falls on July 5th and 6th. If you are not on our list of volunteers and would like to help, please contact Susan Smith at 252-255-4855 or smifobx@live.com.

A note from the editor: When making newsletter submissions, please remember that the July and August newsletters are combined. So, be sure to think ahead! The deadline for this edition is Tues., June 20, 2016.
News from the Session

The Reception of New Member

On May 1, 2016, the Session met with Letha McDowell, who expressed her wish to become a member of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. The Session joyously received her by Reaffirmation of Faith, and she was introduced to the congregation at the worship service that Sunday. Please welcome Letha and her son, Liam, as you see them at our church activities.

Update on the Procedure for Cancellation of Services due to Weather

If a Worship Service is being cancelled due to inclement weather, we will post it on the website www.outerbankspresbyterian.org and on the OBPC Facebook page, as well as scroll it on local TV stations. However if things worsen overnight and a service has not been cancelled, please call the church office for an updated message. Remember that local TV stations and phones sometimes go off the air in severe weather or downpours.

Always use common sense in deciding the risks of high water, ice, and dangerous winds before travelling the roads. There are times when we are all better off to worship at home. Input is always welcome; call the office with your ideas.

Actions of Session

At the Stated Session Meeting in May, the Session:

- Acknowledged the "Cave Quest" curriculum for VBS, June 13-17, 2016. Please pray for Hollie, our Children and Youth Ministry Director, and all the volunteers who will be participating to make this event special for the children. If you are willing to help, please contact her at 252-489-0089.

- Approved Worship Committee’s recommendation to purchase a new baptismal font to replace the leaking one, using Memorial Funds.

- Approved Administration Committee’s recommendation for the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Captain George’s Restaurant allowing them to use the satellite parking lot for staff during the summer.

- Thanks to Captain George’s for allowing our church to use the restaurant’s facilities when OBPC hosts the New Hope Presbytery’s 99th meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

- Approved Christian Education Committee’s recommendation to award scholarships and honor the church’s graduating seniors on June 12, 2016.

- Anticipated plans for the Baptisms of Joseph & Anna Moore on May 22, 2016. The baptisms will be conducted by the Revs. Ted and Moffett Churn.

- Referred policies to be completed for the local Church Operations Manual:
  1. The Finance Policy has 3-4 sections to be completed by the Disbursing Treasurer and the Finance Committee; and
  2. The Child Protection Policy to be developed by the Administration and Christian Education Committees with input from the Children and Youth Director. This policy is now required in all PCUSA churches.

- Discussed the white paper, A Call to Action on Human Trafficking, which was sent by NHP "urging churches to help eradicate this scurrilous activity from our world". They suggested ways to help:
  - Spotlight Human Trafficking in worship. Present a minute for mission.
  - Include inserts in your bulletin, which are easily downloaded.
  - Conduct programs for children, youth, and parents.
  - Engage in Seven Days of Prayer and Action to End Human Trafficking. (pcusa.org/humantrafficking)

Please read the information that will be coming in future newsletters and bulletins, and pray for victims of this activity.

- Appreciated the work of Kevin Sheets (Moderator of the Outreach Committee) and Charlie Jones (Moderator of Evangelism), who are working with our Pastor and Captain Kenny Igleheart in planning for our Partnership with the Salvation Army (SA). SA hopes to train an Outer Banks Emergency Response Team here in September 2016.