



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

December 2017

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Christmas At Outer Banks Presbyterian

Featuring the 55-Voice Sanctuary Choir
& 13-Piece Orchestra

Saturday, Dec. 2 | 5:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 3 | 5:00 pm

See page 4 for more information!

Merry
Christmas



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Sunday, 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 will be taken on Dec. 17 and 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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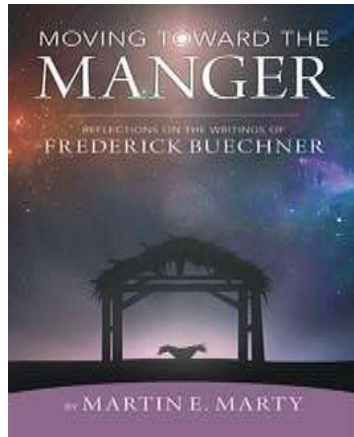
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Prayer Concerns

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

- Jack Abernethy
- Kathy Ballard
- Marc Basnight
- Lou Batzler
- Don & Nancy Bierwerth
- Gwen Engleright
- Lori Gallagher
- Cindy Goes
- June Harris
- Ansley Johnson
- Karen Lurie
- Mickey Meekins
- Etta Parrott
- Richard Pfersick
- Tommy Redmond
- Bud Sheets
- Jane Smith
- Russell Taylor
- Tim Tiller
- Nancy Worsley
- Those Serving our Country

2017 Advent Devotionals



The Advent devotional booklet for 2017 has been selected by the Worship Committee and is now available in the Gathering Space.

The title is: *Moving Toward the Manger* with Frederick Buechner. Each day of Advent, thought provoking quotes from Buechner’s beloved works are paired with insightful reflections by the preeminent religious commentator and biblical scholar Martin E. Marty.

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

- Dec. 3 Stewardship
- Dec. 10 Fellowship
- Dec. 17 Christmas Reception
- Dec. 24 The Session
- Dec. 31 Dorcas Circle

Flower Schedule

- Dec. 3 Available
- Dec. 10 Karen Lurie
- Dec. 17 Poinsettias
- Dec. 24 Poinsettias
- Dec. 31 Available

Liturgist Schedule

- Dec. 3 Brenda Brown
- Dec. 10 Barbara Hardy
- Dec. 17 Ben Cahoon
- Dec. 24 Nonie Booth
- Dec. 31 Jeanne Martie

Children's Church Schedule

- Dec. 3 Hardy / Davis
- Dec. 10 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- Dec. 17 Bev Jones
- Dec. 24 Wood / Braymiller
- Dec. 31 Hollie & Jody Lewis

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Morgan 4
- Mr. & Mrs. John Dick 10
- Rev. & Mrs. John Rickers 18
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary McGee 19
- Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Anderson 23
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hartman 27

A Word from our Pastor



introduce yourself to her if you have not already done so.

Cathie Feild officially started as our new church secretary on November 13. Her complete biographical information may be found in this newsletter on page 7. She has already been eager to learn her responsibilities and to do whatever she can to help our church. I hope that you will welcome Cathie to our church and

On November 19, I preached on the parable of the sheep and the goats, where Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry, offer drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned, and welcome the stranger that we are ministering to Jesus himself. This November and December, our church has taken on a number of projects to fulfill our Christian calling to serve our neighbors in need. The youth group has been collecting items for the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our congregation has adopted several needy families in the community and provided gifts to make their Christmas even merrier through the Angel Tree. Many church members have donated personal items that will be given to our veterans. The Gathering Space was overflowing with many bags filled with food that our church members dropped off so that the Beach Food Pantry was able to provide meals to families in our community this Thanksgiving. Thanks for the many ways that you have shared your blessings with others this holiday season.

Many of you have asked me about having an opportunity to learn more about my pilgrimage to Israel this September. I feel so blessed to have been able to walk around some of the same places that Jesus and his disciples did. I have already shared my experiences with our youth group and am looking forward to sharing my pictures, experiences, and thoughts with our congregation. I will offer a presentation on my pilgrimage to Israel about 15 minutes after the worship service concludes on Sunday, December 10. I hope you will make plans to stay after church on December 10 to hear my presentation.

Christmas Eve this year will be on a Sunday, which means that we will have two worship services that day. I hope that you will join us both for our morning worship service at 10:00 am and then for our special Lessons and Carols service at 5:00 pm on December 24. At Christmastime, 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 2017

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Sunday, December 3
(1st Sunday of Advent)
2nd Peter 3: 8-15a

We worship a Savior who came into the world 2,000 years ago, yet 2nd Peter tells us that for God "a thousand years are like one day." When will God's plans be brought into fulfillment? Peter tells us that we do not know the details of God's plans, for the Lord will come like a thief in the night. How then should we prepare for Christ? Peter explains that we should strive for righteousness and peace. We will light the candle of Hope on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, December 10
(2nd Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 40: 1-11

The great prophet Isaiah offers comfort to his people who have suffered greatly under the Babylonian exile. Isaiah's words anticipate the coming of John the Baptist and the Messiah. We find our deliverance and hope in the one whose birth we await this Advent season. We will light the candle of Peace on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, December 18
(3rd Sunday of Advent)
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist is the great forerunner of Jesus, pointing us to the true light that came into the world. John prepared the people for Jesus' arrival. How can John's words about baptism and repentance encourage us to meet Jesus today? We will light the candle of Joy on the Advent Wreath.

Saturday, December 24 (10:00 am)
(The 4th Sunday of Advent)
Luke 2:1-20

Luke tells the story of Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a simple manger because there was no room for his parents in the inn. We see the depths of God's love for us in Jesus Christ coming to this world as a vulnerable and precious baby boy. We will light the candle of Love on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, December 24 (5:00 pm)
(Christmas Eve Service)
Matthew 2: 1-12

We will hear the Christmas story, which tells of Jesus being born in Bethlehem. The wise men hear of Jesus' birth and travel a great distance to bring valuable gifts to their king. What can we offer to our Lord and Savior this Christmas? We will participate in singing the great carols of the faith and in a candlelighting service.



Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian

Sat., Dec 2 @ 5:00 pm | Sun., Dec 3 @ 5:00 pm

The Music Ministry of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will present their 10th annual Christmas Musical on Saturday, December 2, at 5:00 pm and Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 pm.

This musical presentation will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir of the church along with other musical guests combining to form a 55-voice choir and 13-piece orchestra all under the direction of Jason Evans and Nonie Booth. The youth and children of Outer Banks Presbyterian, under the direction of Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, will also participate on select musical numbers.

The first portion of the concert will feature both sacred and secular sounds of the Christmas season sure to get you in the mood for the holidays! The second portion of the concert will focus on the story of the birth of Jesus featuring a portrayal of the Holy Family by Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis (Mary), Jody Lewis (Joseph) and their little boy, Gideon (Baby Jesus).

Soloists for the program will include: Pamela Tanner, Billy Tanner, Shannah Boone, Lew Gregory, Brian Hare, Hopelyn Kovacs, Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, Elisabeth Writtenberry and Nick Hodsdon. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore will narrate.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Jason Evans, piano; Steve Blackstock, organ; George Graham, drums; Ron Johnson, timpani/percussion; Tim Briggs, electric bass; Leslie Erickson, Shannah Boone and Billy Tanner, violin; Sue Waters, viola; Suzanne Blackstock and Katie Blanchard, flute; Pat Koppenhaver, French horn and Christi Briggs, clarinet.

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.

Other Christmas Musical Opportunities

Outer Banks Chorus Christmas Concerts

Saturday, Dec. 8 | 1:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 10 | 4:00 pm

The Outer Banks Chorus will present their Christmas concerts on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 pm at Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church and on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The choir is under the direction of Kyle Cook and accompanied by Cheryl Needham! Admission is by donation at the door!

ECCS Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 17 | 4:00 pm

Natalie Drummond and friends will be the feature of this year's Eastern Carolina Concert Society Christmas event. This concert will be held in the sanctuary of Kitty Hawk United Methodist. All are invited to join!

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 17 | 5:00 pm

The choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church under the direction of Choir Master/Organist, Steve Blackstock will present a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Southern Shores. In addition to the carols, their new pipe organ will also be featured! All are invited to join!

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

December 2017

Elder of the Month: Mollie Bass / Tom Smith

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

Congratulations!



We extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. Ben Cahoon for being the next elected mayor of the Town of Nags Head! He and his wife, Melanie have been long time residents of Nags Head and long-time members of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. Be sure to congratulate Ben when you see him!

Ben is pictured along with wife, Melanie and son, James. They also have a daughter, Melissa, who is not pictured with them.

Memory Care Seminar

On November 15, 2017, Gail Sonnesso from GEM Adult Day Services provided a seminar in the fellowship hall on Toolkits, Tips, and Resources to support caregivers, family members, and community friends who care for those with dementia. About 25 people from the church and community attended this seminar. Thanks to the Congregational Care Committee for sponsoring this event!



Christmas Poinsettias

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of someone are currently being accepted. The cost is \$10.00 each. Order form envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. The last day for placing your order is Sunday, December 3, 2017.

Christmas Reception

The Annual Christmas reception will be Sunday, December 17 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 donated 46 prayer shawls to the Veterans to be delivered to the VA hospital in Hampton, Virginia. Many were done in patriotic colors of red, white and blue to show our appreciation to the Veterans for their service. This is always a very rewarding project that the knitters undertake. It gives us as much joy as hopefully it brings the Veterans. The Faith Knitters are from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Emanuel Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church. The ladies who contributed are Judy Swanson, Karen O'Brien, Gayle Goetschius, Barbara Nowland, Lynn Miller, Lora Nock, Susan Smith, Barbara Nock, Karen Corbett, Judy Whittle, Jean Sias, Paula Stensvaag and Veronica Reich. If you have an interest in joining this worthwhile ministry, please call Barbara Nock at 252-255-5979 for more information. Everyone is welcome whether you are a learner or and expert. We have room for everyone.





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 7 | 9:30 am
This meeting will be held at the home of Vera Berg.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE

Thursday, December 14 | 5:30 pm
This meeting will be held at the church.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Wednesday, December 13 | 9:30 am
This meeting will be held at the home of Judy Whittle. We will have our annual Christmas cookie exchange at that meeting. All ladies of the Church are welcome. Just give Judy a call at 252-255-0705 if you are interested.

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Project

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



We Welcome Cathie Feild

We welcome Cathie Feild to the staff of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church serving as our new church secretary.

Cathie brings a wealth of experience to the position of Church Secretary. She served several statewide organizations before she and her husband both retired to Nags Head in February 2016. Cathie served as executive director of the NC Academy of Physician Assistants, headquartered in Durham. Prior to that service, Cathie was executive director of the NC Association for the Education of Young Children in Raleigh. She was also a graduate research assistant for the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute in Chapel Hill. Before moving to the Raleigh area, Cathie was a program specialist for the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC.

A Bachelor of Science graduate of Towson State University in early childhood education, Cathie holds a MA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Education, specializing in early childhood, families, and literacy.

Cathie's mother, Susan Callens, joined Outer Banks Presbyterian Church in September of this year. Cathie and her husband are members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks. Cathie may be reached by dialing 441-5897 or sending her an email at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org.

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 Youth Group!



The Blessing of Gideon Wayne Writtenberry-Lewis held on Sunday, November 12, 2017.



The youth are enjoying a delicious dinner provided by Brenda Brown & Karen Lurie!



Shopping for Operation Christmas Child!



Youth at their annual Costume Party!



19 Shoe boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child!

Session News

REMINDERS:

- A. Be sure to listen to Ama Frimpong, who will be presenting the Mano al Hermano program and requesting new tutors, on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017. This is a program to help newcomers in our own community;
- B. Congratulations to Jody Lewis, Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, and their family on the blessing for their infant son, Gideon, on November 12, 2017. Pray for this little child.
- C. If you have not already returned your 2018 Stewardship Pledge, please bring it soon. It really helps the Finance Committee develop a Proposed Budget for the coming year. Remember, they asked for our individual commitment of time and talents also. A living church thrives on everybody's participation in its work and fellowship.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. At the Called Congregational Meeting on November 12, 2017, Melinda Mogowski was elected to fill the unexpired term of Buzz Boyd as Elder in 2018.
- B. Committee Moderators and Elder Liaisons are asked to submit their committee reports for the 2017 OBPC Annual Report as soon as possible. Our new secretary, Cathie Feild, and Jason Evans are ready to compile the report for handout early next year. This is also a time for everyone in the congregation to consider serving on a committee in 2018.
- C. If you have an interest in serving more broadly in the PCUSA, please consider serving the Presbytery of New Hope as a member of its Disaster Assistance Committee. Contact our Pastor if you are willing.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Wednesday evening, the Kill Devil Hills Town Council awarded the OBPC a Certificate of Nomination for the most impressive beautification of our church and

community. Winkey Roberts, Tom Williamson, and Tom Smith were present to receive the award from the city, for all the work they have accomplished in 2017 it included the new church roof, the newly surfaced parking lot, and completion of the North Wall repair, along with constant efforts to improve the gardens and grounds. Everyone, please tell these silent workers how much you appreciate their selfless commitment to our building and grounds!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 10, 2017

New Members received at 9:30 am in the Pastor's Office

Jody will present his Israel Trip after Worship

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Ordination and Installation of Elders, Class of 2020

Saturday, February 3, 2018 – 11 am-2 pm

Co-sponsoring "Harmony Café" at Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church

2017 Angel Tree

A special thank you to all the angels of our church for the lovely gifts for the Angel Tree. Many children will have a brighter Christmas because of your generosity. Thanks to our organizers from the Presbyterian Women, Carol Moore and Evelyn Webb.



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