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Let Freedom Ring

A Musical Celebration of
America's Independence

Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:00 pm

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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
- Don & Nancy Bierwerth
- Gwen Engleright
- Lori Gallagher
- Al & Shirley Grimm
- June Harris
- Karen Lurie
- Gary Martie
- Mickey Meekins
- Etta Parrott
- Richard Pfersick
- Bud Sheets
- Jane Smith
- Nancy Worsley
- Those Serving our Country

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

- July 2 Worship
- July 9 Congregational Care
- July 16 Communion Guild
- July 23 Booth/Bass
- July 30 Dorcas Circle
- August 6 Hope, Faith & Love Circle
- August 13 Christian Education
- August 20 Goes/Mogowski
- August 27 Fellowship

Flower Schedule

- July 2 Tom & Marilyn Smith
- July 9 Available
- July 16 Available
- July 23 Tom Williamson
- July 30 Available
- August 6 Jason Evans
- August 13 Available
- August 20 Available
- August 27 Fred & Susan Smith

Liturgist Schedule

- July 2 Nonie Booth
- July 9 Jeanne Martie
- July 16 Brenda Brown
- July 23 Kevin Sheets
- July 30 Jean Basnight
- August 6 Brenda Brown
- August 13 Nonie Booth
- August 20 Kevin Sheets
- August 27 Brenda Brown

Children's Church Schedule

- July 2 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- July 9 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- July 16 Bev Jones
- July 23 Braymiller/Wood
- July 30 Hardy/Davis
- August 6 Bev Jones
- August 13 Braymiller/Wood
- August 20 Hardy/Davis
- August 27 Ben & Melanie Cahoon

July/August Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Graham Norwood ... July 2
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Abernethy 3
- Mr. & Mrs. Martin Booth 19
- Mr. & Mrs. JR Mathews 23
- Mr. & Mrs. Pogie Worsley.....26
- Mr. & Mrs. Eric Stautzenberger28
- Mr. & Mrs. Jody Crosswhite 14
- Mr. & Mrs. Ron Baker 15
- Mr. & Mrs. Phil Davis 15
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jackson 17
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith 19
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Moore 20
- Mr. & Mrs. Dick Blackmon 25
- Mr. & Mrs. August Michler 31

July/August Birthdays

- Anne Cramer July 3
- Susan Harman-Scott 3
- Aidan Braswell 4
- Mary Hardy 5
- Kim Futrell 6
- Heather Day 7
- Reed Lawson 7
- Jillian Tillett 11
- Suzanne Olejasz 12
- Karen Foard 13
- Marilyn Hinson 14
- Bobby Gentry 16
- Lee Baity 19
- Donna Frye 21
- Peggy Baum 23
- Emily Gerhardt 23
- Merrill Hastings 28
- Don Frye 30
- Louise Roberts 30
- Nina Raveling 31
- Anne-Marie Munson August 2
- Clara Ann Baker 4
- Jody Lewis 5
- Arlene Evans 6
- Helen Gauvreau 8
- Caroline Harman-Scott 9
- Michael Bennett 10
- Anna Moore 11
- Joseph Moore III 11
- Karen Lurie 12
- Caden Gerhardt 13
- John Webb 14
- Gayle Goetschuins 15
- Case Aldridge 17
- Fred Smith 19
- Frank Butler 22
- Phil Moore 27
- Al Ihrig 29
- Joe Morgan 30
- Norm Sparks 31

A Word from our Pastor



I am writing this article to you one week before my sabbatical ends. I will be back in the office on June 28th. First of all, I want to say thank you to the congregation for the privilege of the sabbatical. It has been a gift to me: an opportunity to connect with pastoral colleagues, focus more intently on my own spiritual life through reading, study, and prayer, and spend quality time with Jeanne, Joseph, and Anna. I want to thank so many people who have helped make the sabbatical possible: Reverend Walt Hunting and his wife Elizabeth, our hardworking and committed staff members, our Session and church members who have offered a helping hand, and our committees that have continued doing their work faithfully. I am looking forward to reconnecting with you very soon!

I look forward to sharing with you some of the things that I have learned during my sabbatical in the coming months. I took a three-day class at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA on "The Gospel of Matthew: Challenges and Resources for Preachers Today." Texts from the Gospel of Matthew appear in the lectionary throughout this year and I have already started to think about how I can incorporate some of those insights in future sermons.

I also would like to share a few thoughts from one of the books that I have spoken to me that I also hope might be meaningful to you. The book is called Jesus Is the Question: The 307 Questions Jesus Asked and the Three He Answered written by Martin Copenhaver. Many of us know that the crowds, the disciples, and the religious leaders of first century asked Jesus many questions. People asked Jesus 183 questions in the Gospels, but as the title of Copenhaver's book suggests, Jesus directly answers only three of the 183 questions he is asked. Jesus prefers to ask questions instead of providing direct answers.

Copenhaver was talking with two friends about how Jesus asks so many questions and they had two completely different reactions. One of his friends said, "I love the idea that Jesus has so many questions because so do I. That is a comfort." The other friend said, "Funny, knowing that Jesus asks a lot of questions does not sound comforting to me. It sounds decidedly disquieting because I assume Jesus will use questions to challenge me." And of course, both of Copenhaver's friends speak to the truth.

What is the value of asking open-ended questions instead of simply giving the answer? Questions provoke us to think. Some of the best teachers that I have ever had didn't just spoon feed me the answers; they helped me think for myself. That is what Jesus longs for us to do: not just repeat the so called "right" answer because that is what we are told, but instead to have a life-giving relationship with God where we struggle and come to a faith that is authentic and true. The Jesus we meet in the Gospels does not provide easy or trite answers; instead he asks us hard, probing questions that are intended to bring us closer to God and provide for the transformation of our souls and our lives. My prayer is that we would continue to reflect on Jesus' questions throughout our lives so we can grow in wisdom and in faith.

Peace in Christ, Jody Moore

Sermon Series for July

Rev. Jody Moore: OBPC

July 2, 2017

Psalm 121

The psalmist recognizes that his help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. What does it look like for us to put our faith in God as our keeper, who offers us shade and protection? The Lord invites us to put our trust in God's wonderful promises.

Sermon Series for July 2017 on: Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet Experiences God's Grace

Jonah is one of my favorite books of the Bible. Jonah is more than just a story about a big fish! Compared to most books of the Bible, it is very short (only four chapters), but it has tremendous meaning for how we live as Christians today. Many of us can relate to Jonah. God interrupts his life when things seem to be going just fine for him. By sending Jonah where he does not wish to go, God teaches Jonah about his calling, expressing honest pain, repentance, and grace.

July 9, 2017

Jonah Ch. 1

Jonah resists God's plan for his life. We discover that following God's will is difficult. Some of the time, we ignore God's plans for us; other times life's many obstacles can get in our way.

July 16, 2017

Jonah Ch. 2

Jonah expresses pain and lament in the midst of his desperate plight. We discover that expressing our sorrow is healthy and necessary to the life of faith. Jonah eventually leans on his only true hope, God.

July 23, 2017

Jonah Ch. 3

Much to Jonah's surprise, God's Spirit can lead people to repentance and enable them to make dramatic changes to their lives. We discover that God can give us the determination to repent.

July 30, 2017

Jonah Ch. 4

God is merciful to and bestows grace upon the people of Nineveh. Rather than seeing it as good news, Jonah sulks because God is not fair. Scripture, however, reveals that it is much better for God to be gracious rather than fair!





"Let Freedom Ring" Concert
Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:00 pm



The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church invites you to join us on Sunday, July 2, at 5 pm for our tenth annual Let Freedom Ring patriotic concert.

This musical presentation consists of song selections to celebrate our Country's independence presented by a 70-voice choir and 17-piece orchestra. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore will narrate along with Scout Troop #116 presenting the colours and carrying the flags representing each of the Armed Forces. Additionally, we will honor both active military and veterans with a special presentation.

Guest conductor, Kyle Cook, will direct the choir and orchestra for the performance. Kyle has been the choral director at Currituck and Moyock Middle Schools for the past four years as well as is the conductor for the Outer Banks Chorus for the past two years.

Guest solo vocalists include; Pam Tanner, Elaine Reed, Kim LeClaire, Lew Gregory and Shannah Boone.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Steve Blackstock, organ; Jason Evans, piano; Cheryl Needham, keyboard; David Hopson, drums; Reid Stockdill, timpani; Tim Briggs, electric bass; Leslie Erickson, Shannah Boone, and Billy Tanner, violin; Sue Waters, viola; Suzanne Blackstock and Katie Blackstock Blanchard, flute; Christi Briggs, clarinet; Andy Moon, French horn; Pat McGee and Dylan Kruziki, trumpet and Bradley Schaefer, trombone.

We invite all to attend this moving patriotic presentation. Admission is free, and a freewill love offering will be taken. Nursery will be provided. For additional information about the concert, please call 441-5897 or visit us on the web at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.

A Choral Festival
Sunday, August 27
4:00 pm

Join us for a wonderful concert of choral music on the evening of Sunday, August 27 at 4:00 pm. This concert is being presented by the Eastern Carolina Concert Society and will feature a choir made up of singers from throughout the community under the direction of Billye Brown-Youmans. The choir will assemble on Friday evening and most of the day on Saturday (Aug. 25-26) for a weekend of choral fun prior to presenting this concert on Sunday.

Guest Conductor, Billy Brown-Youmans, is no stranger to OBPC as she has led us in two hymn festivals in the past three years! She is the Director of Music Ministries at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church in Chesapeake, VA and is a professor in the music department at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, VA. Mrs. Youmans is a versatile singer, active recitalist, clinician and conductor whose voice has been recognized for "her silvery high notes to her warm middle register" (*The Virginian Pilot*). She holds a graduate degree in voice performance and pedagogy from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and an undergraduate degree in voice performance from Belmont University.

If you would be interested in singing in this concert, the invitation is open. Please see Jason Evans or email him at cepianoman@aol.com or contact him in the Music Office at (252) 441-5897, Ext. 203.

The concert will be accompanied by brass, percussion, piano and organ. The concert is free and open to the public. Nursery will be provided and a freewill love offering will be received!



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

July 2017

Elder of the Month: Melinda Mogowski

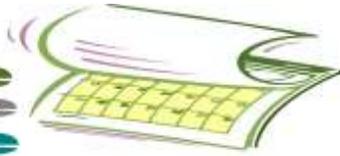
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9 5:30 pm: Youth Group	10 7:30 am: AA 10:00 am: AA	11 7:30 am: AA 10:00 am: AA	12 7:30 am: AA 10:00 am: AA 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	13 7:30 am: AA 10:00 am: AA	14 7:30 am: AA 8:00 am: Men's Study 10:00 am: AA	15 7:30 am: AA 10:00 am: AA
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August 2017

Elder of the Month: Mollie Bass

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**Save
the
Date**



Second Annual Worship/Picnic

On Sunday, September 10th we will have our second annual "I Went Down to the River to Pray" – Worship Service/Picnic. It will be held at Soundside Park in Point Harbor, just across the Wright Memorial Bridge. Lunch will be catered by Darrell's II – barbecue, fried chicken and all the fixins! It will be a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together.

A Special Thanks!

On behalf of the entire Outer Banks Presbyterian Church the Worship Committee and Session wish to express our deep appreciation and thank you to Walt Hunting. Walt has served as our interim for the past two months while Jody has been on his sabbatical. It has been a delight to have Walt and his wife, Elizabeth, with us every Sunday. Their granddaughter also participated in VBS. We are grateful for the inspiring sermons, visitations to those in need, moderating a Session meeting and the warmth and friendliness of their smiles, handshakes and hugs each week. We wish God's blessings on them both and look forward to future visits.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Thursday, September 17, 2017 | 5:30 pm



Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat

Saturday - Sunday,
October 28-29, 2017

News from the Session

Submitted by Bev Jones, Clerk of Session



Session Action

The Session met in a called meeting on Sunday morning, May 28, 2017, led by Moderator, The Rev. Walt Hunting.

Business included the approval of:

- A. A resolution, requested by Towne Bank, to appoint Mollie Bass as the Trustee of Signature, for the loan, which will fund part of the roofing and parking lot projects that are being completed this spring.
- B. Two recommendations from the Worship Committee and Director of Music Ministries:
 1. For the OBPC to host the *Cotton Patch Gospel* on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 7 pm. The ensemble will be coming from Wilmington, NC, under the direction of Curtis Campbell, former pastor at KHUMC. A love offering will be received
 2. For the OBPC to host the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Wendell, NC, as they present a musical cantata during the sermon portion of worship on September 24, 2017.

Matter of Record

Rev. Hunting has been given permission "to labor outside the bounds" by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.

Thanks!

The Session is very grateful to Rev. Walt Hunting and his wife, Elizabeth, for their willingness to fill the duties of our Pastor and his wife, during the Sabbatical Leave. Thank you for your ministry and your participation in our church's life. God bless you both.

A Bottle Washed Up on the Beach

On June 2, 2017, a native of Russia, Mila Vinogradov, was walking along a Nags Head beach near her rental home. Mila was here with her husband, Mike, who is serving as a Visiting Oncologist at the Outer Banks Hospital. Mila brought the bottle home and removed the cork. Inside she found a charm with each child's initial, angel wings, and a \$5 bill, along with this note:

"Please let me know when you find this bottle. My name is Roseann Quilty and my number is 501-837-3701. These are my 3 boys: Mark, who died at 53 from a rare disease; Tim, who had a heart attack at 50; and Michael Paul, who died shortly after birth. There's no worse pain than that of losing a child. We are a group of mothers who attend a retreat a couple times a year to celebrate our children's lives. Please help us by letting us know our child's bottle was found. Thank you and God Bless You!!"

Along with pictures of each child, she added:

"Mark was very much loved by anyone who knew him. He was so full of life and loved every day of it. Michael Paul was a beautiful newborn but got his wings at 1 ½ hours old. I often wonder what he would've been like; how different my life would've been. Tim was an identical twin and a jokester. He loved fooling people. His biggest pride and joy were his 3 boys. I miss them all so much!!"

Mila brought the bottle and everything in it to her neighbor, Grace Wright, and asked Grace to "handle it." Grace called Roseann and asked if she could return everything, including the \$5. Roseann agreed except for the \$5; she asked that it be used for something for children.

Grace has been a member of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church since 1988, so she brought the story and the \$5 to our church; the rest, she returned to Roseann.

This all happened just a week before Vacation Bible School (VBS) and it turns out that the children's project for VBS was to raise money for a well or wells for children in poor villages in Peru. Children in the desert areas have scarce water, and children who live along the rivers often have only dirty or contaminated water to use for drinking, bathing, and washing clothes. According to the VBS lessons, "**\$5 will buy clean water from a well for one child for an entire year.**" In memory of her children, Roseann has given one child in Peru clean water for a whole year!

Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, our Director of Children, Youth, and Young Family Ministries, counted the money on the last day of VBS and found the children's offerings, including that of Roseann, totaled \$247.80

What a remarkable story! Thank you to all the VBS children and Roseann!



Photo of the *Clean Water for Peru* money collector



Photo of children placing their money in the *Clean Water for Peru* money collector



Photo of one of the children (orange shirt) placing the actual \$5 from Roseann in the *Clean Water for Peru* money collector



These items are the most current needs!

- Salad Dressing
- Vegetable Oil (16 oz.)
- Canned Soup
- Canned Chicken
- Mayonnaise (15 oz.)
- Pancake Syrup
- Jelly (16 oz.)
- Hamburger Helper
- Adult and Children's Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- **Please note** – The Beach Food Pantry is unable to take perishable food items, expired food, prepared food, homemade foods, items without ingredients listed, or open containers. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry between the hours of 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The food pantry is located at 4007 N. Croatan Highway in Kitty Hawk (milepost 4).

Third Thursday Lunch Coordinator

During the months of June, July and August, our Third Thursday lunch group takes a hiatus. We are in need of a coordinator for the lunches for the coming year as Jeanne Martie is passing the baton to another willing soul after many years of coordinating these lunches. The coordinator will be responsible for choosing a location for the lunch at one of the many restaurants we have here on the Outer Banks. Also, they would be the contact for people to RSVP for the lunch and let the restaurant know how many people to expect. Should you be interested in being the coordinator, please let any staff or session member know!

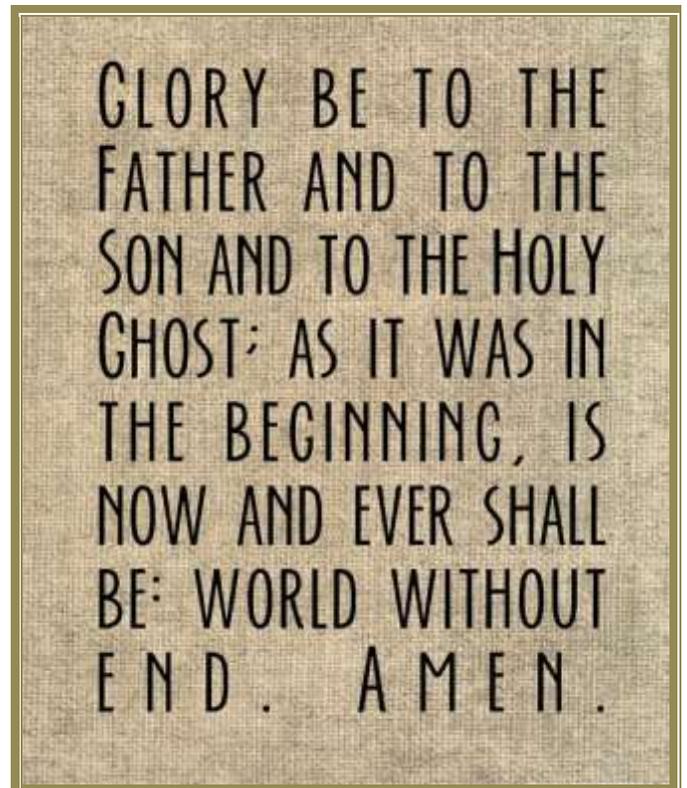
We say a huge thank you to Jeanne for quite efficiently coordinating these fine opportunities for good food and great fellowship!

Spotlight on the “Gloria Patri”

One of the most universally accepted forms of worship among Protestants, who would praise the Triune God in song, is the ancient "Gloria Patri." This is, strictly within the meaning of the term, a doxology, for a doxology is an alleluia or other expression of praise to the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity. "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost" expresses the fundamental doctrine of the Apostles Creed, and at the same time utters worshipful praise to God.

The story of the exact origin of the "Gloria Patri" is not known, though it is thought by many hymnologists to have come to us from the apostolic age. The coming of Christ as a babe in Bethlehem was heralded by a hymn of the angels in the first Christmas Gloria: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." After the Last Supper with the Savior the apostles sang a hymn and went out, as it is recorded in the gospel. Hymn-singing was one of the peculiar customs of the early Christians observed by secular writers of that age. There is inspiration to us in the thought that the Christians of this day make such frequent use of the hymn to the Trinity, sung by Christians in the apostolic age.

It is said that on May 26, A. D. 735, when his death was approaching, The Venerable Bede, the most eminent sacred scholar of his age, asked his friends to carry him to that part of the room where he usually prayed; and there he sang the "Gloria Patri"; and when at last he had sung, "World without end, Amen," he died.



VBS Revisited!



From June 12-16, our church was transformed into a Maker Fun Factory as 39 children and more than 30 youth and adult volunteers flooded the halls for Vacation Bible School! The children enjoyed skits, singing, and special experiments as they began and closed each day with group worship. Throughout the day, they rotated through stations such as Bible Discoveries, Imagination Station, Kid-Vid Cinema, Snack Factory, Game Makers and Create and Play. The children were encouraged to be as creative as possible as they learned five key Bible points about God, our master creator:

- Day 1: God made you!
- Day 2: God is for you!
- Day 3: God is always with you!
- Day 4: God loves you!
- Day 5: God made you for a reason!

Our children also brought in an offering each day to support Operation Kid to Kid's mission project, Clean Water for Peru. The children learned about water conditions in Peru and brought in money each day to "fill the well" and help children in Peru get clean water for drinking, bathing, cooking, and washing clothes. Our children raised \$247.80 to assist with this mission project!

On Friday, the children presented a closing program for their families and afterwards we all enjoyed a cookout lunch. It was a great way to celebrate an awesome week.

VBS would not be possible without the numerous volunteers who donated decorations, supplies and money, and especially the youth and adult teachers who spent their week working with our children. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to VBS in any way possible...from teaching, to driving the bus, to preparing snacks, to donating supplies.....YOU made this week truly awesome!

In Christ,

Hollie





Montreat: July 30 - August 5



Please be in prayer for our youth group and adult sponsors as they travel to Montreat July 30-August 5 for the youth conference, "A Missing Peace." Throughout the week, our youth will attend small groups, recreation, and relevant worship and keynote addresses. Our youth will stay in a house together for the week where they become a family, sharing the cooking and housekeeping responsibilities. This is sure to be a life-changing week for our youth, and we have a very large group attending this year!

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