



# Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

March 2017

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The month of March begins with the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Lent is a period of forty days plus six Sundays which commemorate the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. The purpose of Lent is to prepare ourselves for the holy season of Easter, where we celebrate Jesus' victory over death through his resurrection. I hope to see you in worship on Sunday mornings and for our weekly Wednesday Lenten services throughout this holy season! A complete list of the schedule for the Wednesday worship services is on page 4 of this newsletter.

One of the joys of being Christ's disciples is welcoming others to come and be a part of our family of faith. Following worship on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a luncheon for anyone who is interested in learning more about our church, including anyone who might want to know more about becoming a member of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. The luncheon is a good opportunity to get to know both long-time members and those who have been visiting our church. If you are interested, please speak to Barbara Nock or to me or call our church office. If there is anyone who you think may benefit from coming to this luncheon, please invite them!

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our third annual Service of Hope for all those impacted by cancer at 4:00 pm in our sanctuary. This is a community service and is sponsored by the American Cancer Society; the Relay for Life is also connected with this Service for Hope. I hope that you will attend this service to pray for and support those who are battling cancer.

The Christian Education Committee and our Youth Group have planned a "Breakfast for Dinner" fundraiser on Sunday evening, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. Pancakes, eggs, and other breakfast items will be served by our very own youth group. Please plan to come out for this dinner, which will help raise funds for the youth group's summer conference in Montreat, NC.

At the Annual Meeting in January, Jeff Aldridge shared with the congregation that we are going to be undertaking some major repairs to our church property, including a replacement of the parking lot, the roof, and the north exterior wall of the church building. The Building and Grounds Committee has been busy meeting with a number of different contractors and individuals to make plans for this work and has received Session approval for contracts at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Session meeting. I anticipate being able to share more information with you about plans that have been made and ways that the congregation can be involved in the coming weeks and months. Thanks to the Building and Grounds and Finance Committees that have been diligently working on these projects!

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

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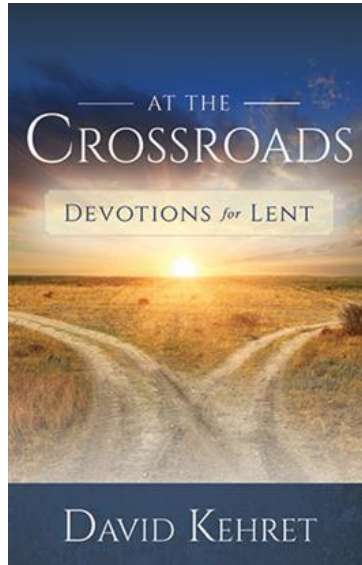
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**Prayer Concerns**

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

- Jack Abernethy
- Marc Basnight
- Morris & Marge Bennett
- Don & Nancy Bierwerth
- Shawn Bowman
- Ruth Dutt
- Gwen Engleright
- Karen Foard
- Helen Gauvreau
- Al & Shirley Grimm
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- Karen Lurie
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- Lynn Miller
- Landon Moore
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- Jane Smith
- Norm Sparks
- Max Strange
- Terry VanderMyde
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- Those Serving our Country

**Lenten Devotionals Available**



Lent is the perfect season to consider the critical crossroads of life, losses, transitions, choices, uncertainties and disappointments - those times when faith and life intersect. These devotionals for Lent by Rev. David Kehret, an experienced campus minister, help us to become more keenly aware that our crucified and risen Savior navigated the difficult crossroads of this world for the sake of our salvation, equipping us to navigate the crossroads of our own lives.

The Lenten Devotional booklet, *At the Crossroads*, is now available. You may pick up your copy in the Gathering Space!

As you may remember, during Advent we used devotionals from Union Seminary. They are doing a similar thing during Lent. You may sign up to receive their devotionals delivered to your email at <https://upsemdevotions.wordpress.com>

**We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers**

**Coffee Hour Schedule**

- March 5 .....Communion Guild
- March 12 ..... Hope, Faith & Love Circle
- March 19 ..... Bus Committee
- March 26 ..... Mollie Bass/Jean Basnight

**Flower Schedule**

- March 5 ..... Basnight Family
- March 12 ..... Available
- March 19 .....Rosalyn Pugh
- March 26 ..... Tom Williamson

**Liturgist Schedule**

- March 5.....Brenda Brown
- March 12..... Mollie Bass
- March 19.....Barbara Hardy
- March 26.....Jean Basnight

**Children's Church**

- Feb. 5.....Bev Jones
- Feb. 12..... Hardy / Davis
- Feb. 19..... Hollie & Jody Lewis
- Feb. 26.....Braymiller / Wood

**March Birthdays**

- Al Grimm ..... 1
- Ann Boyd ..... 11
- Tom Smith ..... 12
- Margaret Kugler ..... 13
- Frances Maestas ..... 13
- Alex Thomas..... 16
- Sam Vercauteren..... 16
- Andrea Braymiller ..... 17
- David Tillett ..... 17
- Sara Munson ..... 18
- Marge Bennett..... 21
- Charles Henderson ..... 21
- Helen Dick ..... 23
- Matt George ..... 24
- Bob Kenan..... 26
- Alicia Norwood ..... 27
- Jeffrey McGee ..... 28

**March Anniversaries**

- Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Varnell ..... 15
- Mr. & Mrs. Al Schalk ..... 21

## Lenten Sermons for 2017

### Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

#### March 1: (Ash Wednesday)

##### Matthew 6:1-6, 16-23

Jesus instructs us about the motivations for our piety. He warns against showing off our faith so that others will admire how religious we are. Instead Jesus hopes that our actions will be guided by the proper motivations and the desire to grow closer to God.

#### March 5

##### Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-13

God provides a stable home for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, yet their sin leads to Adam and Eve's expulsion from the garden. Adam and Eve must face the consequences for their actions. How do we respond when we, like Adam and Eve, have fallen short and are facing adversity? What is God's will for our lives when things do not go according to our own plans?

#### March 19

##### Romans 7:15-25a

Paul offers one of the most thoughtful and in-depth discussions of the nature of sin in the entire Bible. We will explore Paul's teachings and look into the pervasive and deceptive nature of sin. How can we find hope and forgiveness in Christ for our sinful actions and attitudes?

#### March 26

##### John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man who has been blind since birth on the Sabbath. Instead of being grateful that this man has been healed, the Pharisees are angry with Jesus; they have been blinded to God's will. Our Lord came to earth so that our eyes might be opened to the truth and we may see the glories of God. In what ways are we spiritually blind and how can Jesus open our eyes to the truth?

#### April 2

##### Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26

Lamentations contains prayers of lament for the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonians. These texts offer some of the most honest and poignant laments in the entire Bible. There are times in life that we have heavy hearts and Lamentations helps express those spiritual longings. As people of faith, we cry out to the Lord for healing and reconciliation.

#### April 9: (Palm Sunday)

##### Philippians 2:5-11

On this Palm Sunday, we will hear Paul's teachings about what makes Jesus Christ so great, which is Christ's willingness to humble himself, take the form of a slave, and serve humanity through his life and ministry. We see Jesus' greatness most clearly in his choice to suffer and die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. As we look toward Holy Week and Easter, we will give thanks for Jesus' greatness, his sacrificial love, and his humility.

#### April 13: (Maundy Thursday)

##### John 13:1-17, 31-35

We will hear the story of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Jesus knows that he is preparing to hang on a cross and die for our sake and yet in that moment he serves, not himself, but his disciples. Jesus humbly gets on his knees and washes his disciples' feet and he commands us to do the same. For Maundy Thursday, our church family will gather in the fellowship hall for dinner, a worship service, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Musical presented by the Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra



Saturday, April 8 | 5:00 pm  
Sunday April 9 | 5:00 pm

### New & Perspective Member Luncheon

Are you interested in learning more about Outer Banks Presbyterian Church and meeting other people who are new to the church? You are invited to join us for a New and Prospective Member Luncheon on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> immediately after the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. Please call the church office at 441-5897 or contact The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore if you are interested in attending!

## Third Thursday Lunch: March 16

Hi Everyone!

Let's get together for lunch and celebrate spring being around the corner. We will go to Fuji Japanese Steak House for lunch at noon on Thursday, March 16. If you have not had hibachi food, you're in for a treat. Everyone sits around a grill where the chef prepares the food – chicken broth, fried rice with chicken, steak or shrimp, and grilled vegetables. And yes, it IS entertaining.

Fuji Steakhouse is on a corner of the bypass, across from CVS and Walgreens, in Kill Devil Hills. Everyone is invited to come. You pay your own bill. Please contact Jeanne Martie by Sunday evening, March 12, if you are interested in attending -- 441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net.

Jeanne

## Faith Knitters

The Faith Knitters visited Peak Nursing home in Nags Head on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. They delivered 52 prayer shawls to the residents and spent time visiting and wishing them a Happy Valentine's day. Everyone was very grateful for the visits and enjoyed receiving the shawls. After going to Peak the group went to Café Lachine for a Valentine's Lunch and fellowship. If you have an interest in becoming a part of the Faith Knitters please contact Barbara Nock at 252-255-5979. We meet at 10:00am on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Church library.



Pictured are Barbara Nock, Barbara Nowland, Gayle Goetschius, Karen Corbett, Anne Cramer, Janet Kott, Paula Stensvaag. Faith Knitters who were unable to attend today are Karen O'Brien, Judy Swanson, Lynn Miller, Helen Gauvreau, Susan Smith, Cynthia Slegal and Alice Pratt.

## Wednesday Lenten Worship Service Schedule

Outer Banks Presbyterian has proudly hosted community Lenten Service sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association for many years. The services begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 12:00 noon and will continue through April 12. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and the proceeds go to the Beach Food Pantry. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The schedule for the remaining 2016 Lenten season is as follows:

### March 1

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Speaker  
from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church  
Presbyterian Women, Luncheon

### March 8

The Rev. Phil Glick, Speaker  
from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Luncheon

### March 15

Chaplain Cherri Wheeler, Speaker  
from Kitty Hawk Baptist Church  
Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, Luncheon

### March 22

The Rev. Nick Hodsdon, Speaker  
from Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon

### March 29

The Rev. Keith Dey, Speaker  
from Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
(To be announced), Luncheon

### April 5

The Rev. Tom Wilson, Speaker  
from All Saints' Episcopal Church  
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Luncheon

### April 12

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker  
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter  
N. Dare Ministerial Association, Luncheon



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

March 2017

Elder of the Month: Nonie Booth / Jean Basnight

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 12:00 N: Lenten Service  6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study	<b>2</b> 9:30 am: Dorcas Circle	<b>3</b> 8:00 am: Men's Study	<b>4</b> <i>Session Minutes Review</i>  6:30 pm
<b>5</b> <i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i>  11:15 am: New Member Lunch  5:30 pm: Youth Group	<b>6</b>  6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 8:00 am: Ministerial Association  6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 9:30 am: Lydia Circle  12:00 N: Lenten Service  5:15 pm: Christian Ed. 6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00 am: Men's Study	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward</i>  3:00 pm: Stamp Club  5:30 pm: Youth Group	<b>13</b>  6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 10:00 am: Faith Knitters  6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	<b>15</b> 12:00 N: Lenten Service 2:00 pm: Congregational Care  6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study	<b>16</b> Salvation Army  12:00 N: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. Luncheon	<b>17</b> 8:00 am: Men's Study	<b>18</b> 10:00 am: Choir
<b>19</b> 11:15 am: Healing Service 4:00 pm: Service of Hope 5:30 pm: Youth Group	<b>20</b>  6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	<b>21</b>  6:30 pm: Cub Scouts	<b>22</b> 12:00 N: Lenten Service  6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 am: Men's Study	<b>25</b> <i>Session Retreat 9:00 – 11:00</i>
<b>26</b> 4:00 pm: Choir  Youth Pancake Fundraiser! 5:00 pm	<b>27</b>  6:30 pm: Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 10:00 am: Faith Knitters  6:30 pm: Cub Scouts				<i>Note: There are sessions of AA that meet Monday-Saturday at 7:30 am &amp; 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.</i>

# Looking Ahead...



## Ash Wednesday Service

Wed., March 1 | 12:00 noon

## Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sun., March 12

## Service of Hope

Sun., March 19 | 4:00 pm

## Session Retreat

Sat. March 25 | 9:00 am-2:00 pm

## Youth Pancake Supper

Sun., March 26 | 5:00 pm

## Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Easter Musical

Sat., April 8 | 5:00 pm

Sun, April 9 | 5:00 pm

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thurs., April 13 | 6:00 pm

## Easter Sunday Morning

Sun., April 16 | 8:30 am & 10:00 am

## Service of Hope

Sunday, March 19, 2017  
4:00 pm



On Sunday, March 19, 2017, a "Service of Hope" will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church as part of the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a celebration of HOPE in the fight against cancer. As part of the "Service of Hope" luminaries (bags with glow sticks) bearing the name of a person touched by cancer will be displayed. You will be given the opportunity to purchase a luminary for \$10.00 prior to the service "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a loved one.

The service will be led by area ministers as well as a combined community choir under the direction of Steve Blackstock and accompanist, Jason Evans. Please email Carol Moore at [kdhcarol@yahoo.com](mailto:kdhcarol@yahoo.com) or Katie B. Blanchard at [kab0606@gmail.com](mailto:kab0606@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## What Is Lent and Why Does it Last Forty Days?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

## Presbyterian Women



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

### **DORCAS CIRCLE**

Thursday, March 2 | 9:30 am

This meeting will be held at the home of Helen Gauvreau.

### **FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE**

Thursday, March 9 | 5:30 pm

This meeting will be held at the church.

### **LYDIA CIRCLE**

Wednesday, March 8 | 9:30 am

Due to the Lenten service following this month's meeting, Lydia Circle will be held at the church.

## Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to place an Easter Lily order to remember or honor a loved one, the Easter lily order forms are now available. The cost this year is \$10.00. Please pick up an order form in the gathering space and turn it into the church office or place in the offering plate prior to or on Sunday, April 9, 2017. Also, there is a place on the order form to notate whether you would like to take your lily home or if you would like to leave it to donate to a homebound individual.

## Communion Guild

We are always appreciative of our Communion Guild members for their faithfulness in providing the elements each month for The Sacrament of Holy Communion. This month's volunteers are:

**Sunday, March 5**

Nancy Messenger & Judy Whittle

## Beach FOOD PANTRY

Our local Food Pantry is in need of help on March, 6, 8, 9 and 10. If you can volunteer 3 hours of your time (1:30-4:30 pm) please contact Susan Smith by email at: SPSobx@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Susan Smith

## Bierworths Still Going Strong!

As you know, Don and Nancy Bierworth have relocated to a nursing facility in Elizabeth City. But, it sure hasn't slowed Nancy down. Enjoy this photograph of Nancy dancing with one of the Coast Guardsmen at a recent event.



If you would like to drop them a note or send a card, their address is: Don & Nancy Bierworth, 410 Hastings Lane, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.



## Youth Group News

### Youth & Parents Super Bowl Party at Hollie & Jody Lewis' Home!



**Sunday, March 26**

5:00-7:00 PM

\$10/person or \$20/family

Includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, juice & tea.

All proceeds benefit our youth group summer conferences at Massanetta Springs & Montreat.

Tickets will be sold after church on Sunday, March 12 & March 26 or may be purchased at the door.

## Souper Bowl of Caring Pictures



The youth collected lots of food and raised \$632.00 for our local food pantry!





## February Session/Trustee Highlights

### AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING, SESSION APPROVED IN OMNIBUS MOTION:

- A. The Congregational Care Committee's recommendation to ask Rite Aid Pharmacy to plan a flu-shot clinic at OBPC sometime in October or early November 2017;
- B. Worship Committee's recommendations for:
  1. The Noon Lenten Worship Services beginning on Ash Wednesday with the following pastors: March 1 Jody Moore, March 8, Phil Glick, March 15, Cherri Wheeler, March 22 Nick Hodson, March 29 Keith Dey, April 5 Tom Wilson and April 12 Spottswood Graves;
  2. Maundy Thursday Service with communion and dinner, April 13 at 6:00 pm;
  3. The Service of Hope, March 19 at 4:00 pm;
  4. The Easter Musical to be performed on April 8 and 9 at 5:00 pm;
  5. Two identical Easter Worship Services on April 16 at 8:30 and 10:00 am;
  6. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "I Went Down to the River to Pray" Worship/Fellowship Picnic at Sound Park in Point Harbor, NC on September 10, 2017;
- C. The Youth Ministry Director's recommendation for Vacation Bible School on June 12-16, 2017 and Montreat conference on July 29-August 5, 2017
- D. Administration Committee's recommendation of the Scouts to use the parking lot and restrooms on April 29, 2017 for yard, bake sale, and car wash 9 am – 1 pm.

### BUSINESS

- E. Session approved:
  1. The Christian Education Committee's recommendation for OBPC to provide hospitality to Tom Watkins, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilson, and his youth group to stay at our church on July 23, 2017. OBPC youth would be welcome to join their service project at Pea Island Wildlife Refuge.
  2. The Youth Group fundraiser/pancake supper on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall; proceeds will help fund the youth at Montreat.
  3. Administration Committee's recommendation for the rehearsal dinner and wedding of Katie Writtenberry as requested on June 29 and 30 at our church.

- 4. The Congregational Care Committee's recommendation for Donna Lowcher to provide a blood pressure screening clinic at our church.

- A. The sound system upgrade has been installed by Jerry Marsicano. He is offering training on how to operate the equipment on Tuesday, February 28, at 5:30 pm.
- B. Session approved the Building and Grounds Committee's recommendations for contracts with C&L Concrete Works, Inc for the Parking Lot and with Gallop Roofing and Remodeling, Inc for the Roof Replacement on the church building, at \$56,000 and \$52,135, respectively.  
  
Session noted that the timing for construction must not interfere with the Lent and Easter Services, or the wedding of Eva Hardy on April 22, 2017.  
  
Winkey and B&G will begin work on the North Wall Replacement soon.
- C. Session approved changing the next Stated Session Meeting from March 21, to be part of the Session Retreat on Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9 am – 3 pm. Discussion will include spiritual leadership and coverage of the pastor's sabbatical.
- D. Walt Hunting has agreed to cover the pastoral duties and preaching from the first Sunday in May through the last Sunday in June. He will be available from Thursday nights to Sunday afternoons.

### PASTORS REFLECTIONS:

- A. Jody's sabbatical starts March 12-15, 2017 at a PCUSA Conference in Kansas City.
- B. The adjusted Stated Session Meeting Dates are March 25, April 25 and July 11, 2017. All Committees need to get any summer requests in a week before the March 25 or April 25 meetings.
- C. Evangelism is hosting a lunch for new members after worship on March 5, 2017.

Please note that because session made decisions on building contracts and funding for the projects, the February meeting of the elected session elders also served as a meeting of the trustees of the OBPC Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clerk of Session,  
Beverly Jones

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