

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

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Pulpit Supply during The Rev. Dr. Moore's Sabbatical



The Worship Committee is very pleased and excited to share with you that the Rev. Walt Hunting will fulfill pastoral duties here at OBPC during the months of May and June while Jody is on his sabbatical.

Walt was born in Highland Park, MI and grew up in Royal Oak, MI. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. During the 45 years that followed, he served churches in Pennsylvania,

Washington, D.C., and most recently in Portsmouth, VA for 33 years prior to his retirement in during the year 2012.

Walt believes deeply in the importance of the ministry done through OBPC. He feels that not only do we provide a fine worship experience for a wide variety of summer visitors, but we also carry on a vital mission ministry to the Outer Banks community throughout the year. He is impressed with our outreach into the community through such programs as the Beach Food Pantry, Ruthie's Kitchen, AA, assisting young students from other countries during the summer months, Room in the Inn and many other such missions.

Walt also wants to support OBPC in providing sabbatical leave for Jody, Jeanne and their family. He knows firsthand the benefit of periodically having extended time off. Release from daily responsibilities provides rest and renewal that benefits both minister and congregation. A retired pastor in the congregation Walt most recently served told him he would never have retired as early as he did had sabbatical relief been available to him.

Be sure to give Walt and his wife, Elizabeth, a warm Outer Banks Presbyterian Church welcome!

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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
- Marge Bennett
- Don & Nancy Bierwerth
- Family of Greg Browder
- Nancy Dod
- Gwen Engleright
- Lori Gallagher
- Al & Shirley Grimm
- Karen Lurie
- Gary Martie
- Mickey Meekins
- Etta Parrott
- Ruth Ann Scholl
- Mary Shannon
- Bud Sheets
- Jane Smith
- Barry Stetzler
- Max Strange
- Jan VanEe
- Nancy Worsley

Those Serving our Country

May/June Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Chris Braswell..... May 6
- Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Futrell6
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bear 14
- Mr. & Mrs. Matt George 15
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gauvreau.....21
- Mr. & Mrs. Walter Werner.....23
- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hale29
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Charlton31
- Mr. & Mrs. Ben Cahoon..... June 1
- Mr. & Mrs. Reid Hinson 4
- Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Trotman.....5
- Mr. & Mrs. Howard Miller7
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary Martie9
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Martin 11
- Mr. & Mrs. Ron Campbell 19
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brown 19
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mogowski23
- Mr. & Mrs. Brad Telthorster28
- Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Deal30

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

- May 7 Stewardship
- May 14 Buildings & Grounds
- May 21 Worship/Fellowship
- May 28 Outreach & Witness

- June 4 Evangelism
- June 11 Finance
- June 18 Jean Basnight/Tom Smith
- June 25 Administration

Liturgist Schedule

- May 7 Nonie Booth
- May 14 Brenda Brown
- May 21 Jeanne Martie
- May 28 Jean Basnight

- June 4 Kevin Sheets
- June 11 Brenda Brown
- June 18 Nonie Booth
- June 25 Jeanne Martie

Flower Schedule

- May 7 Available
- May 14 Jason Evans
- May 21 Available
- May 28 Available

- June 4 Available
- June 11 Available
- June 18 Barb Nowland
- June 25 Barbara Nock

Children's Church Schedule

- May 7 Braymiller/Wood
- May 14 Davis/Hardy
- May 21 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- May 28 Bev Jones

- June 4 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- June 11 Braymiller/Wood
- June 18 Davis
- June 25 Jones/Morgan

May Birthdays

- Jack Abernethy.....May 1
- Sam Martin5
- Jan VanEe 13
- Jane Smith 16
- Amanda Martin 19
- Ellen Berg 20
- Nancy Clemmons 20
- Jerry Hale 20
- Nancy Dod 21
- Jeanne Kramer 22
- Megan Munson 23
- Cathy Hammill 27
- Carol Jackson 27
- Caroline Hastings 31
- Caroline Lowcher 31

June Birthdays

- Don Bierwerth June 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
- Alana Blackmon 17
- Tommy Henderson 17
- Jody Crosswhite 21
- Marty Hammill 21
- Kevin Sheets 22
- Jim Perry 24
- Connie Rogers 27
- Bev Jones 28
- Helen Wall 28



A Word from our Pastor



I am writing this newsletter article after a full weekend here at OBPC, the weekend of April 22 and 23. The weekend began with the wedding of Jeremy Williams and Eva Hardy, who is the daughter of Charles and Barbara Hardy. Then during worship on Sunday morning, we honored our 2017 Older Adult Award Winner, Bob Messinger, for all of his contributions to our church and community. Later in the same worship service, we had the baptisms of Ethan Christopher and Kylie Rae Michler, children of Buzz and Janet Michler. Baptism is always such a special occasion for a church as we extend to the baptized individuals God's blessings. During baptism, we are reminded of one of our most joyous responsibilities as a church family, to help raise young people in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Then on Sunday afternoon, April 23, we gave thanks to God for the life of Morris Bennett. Just ten days earlier, on Maundy Thursday, we also remembered Greg Browder's life in a service of witness to the resurrection. The good news of Easter helps us to remember that even though we grieve when a loved one dies, we hold onto hope of the new life that belongs to Greg, Morris, and each of us through our resurrected Lord. What a privilege it is that we gather together seeking God's blessings and assistance during so many important life events from birth to death here at OBPC!

I am grateful for the opportunity for a sabbatical during May and June 2017. In my terms of call, I have been granted a ten-week sabbatical after five years of continuous service at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. I will be taking eight consecutive weeks of the sabbatical during the months of May and June. The eight-week portion of my sabbatical will begin on May 3rd and will conclude on June 28th. I am looking forward to being back in time to participate in the Patriotic Musical during the first weekend of July.

I have already taken a few days of my sabbatical when I attended a conference in Kansas City from March 12-15. In Kansas City, I participated in the NEXT Church National Gathering, in which 650 Presbyterian leaders from across the country gathered for workshops, keynote speakers, worship, and small group discussions. The theme of this year's conference was called "Wells and Walls: Well-Being in a Thirsty World" based on Jesus offering salvation to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. At the NEXT Conference, one of our speakers was Rodger Nishioka, who was my advisor at Columbia Theological Seminary for my Doctor of Ministry project/thesis. Rodger has been an inspiring mentor to me for many years. Another one of the keynote speakers, Soong-Chan Rah, wrote one of the books I used for my Doctor of Ministry thesis. Our third speaker, Linda Mercadante, gave such a thought-provoking speech about those people who consider themselves spiritual but not religious that I ended up buying Mercadante's book and plan to read it during my sabbatical.

As part of my sabbatical, I will be attending a seminar at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, meeting with pastoral colleagues, reading a number of the theological and ministry-related books, rejuvenating through prayer and study, spending time with my family, and planning for my continued ministry here at OBPC. I am thankful for everyone who is making this sabbatical possible, including our gifted church staff, our committed elders on the Session, our dedicated church members and volunteers, and the Rev. Walt Hunting, who will be fulfilling the pastoral duties in May and June. I will miss our church and being with all of you during the Sabbatical and will look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I return.

The final piece of my sabbatical is a 10-day journey to the Holy Land planned for September. I will be going to Israel with a group of mostly Presbyterians. Our guides will be a husband and wife team; they are experienced guides who have taken many groups to the Holy Land. I will plan to share pictures with you of my trip to the Holy Land!

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

A Note of Thanks from the Browder's

To our Church family,

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the support, cards and love shown to our family.

Big thanks to all who helped with the services. Jody, Jason, the Choir and those who helped with the reception. Thank you so very much.

Love,

The Browder Family

A Note of Thanks from the Grimm's

Dear OBPC Family,

During the past year, we have been continuously blessed by the love of our church family. We have received communion, deliveries of food, beautiful card and flowers and of course, visits.

We really miss coming to church as that has always been an important part of our lives.

Many, many thanks,

Love, Albert & Shirley Grimm



News from the Presbyterian Women

On Saturday, May 6, the Presbyterian Women circles will meet jointly at the church at 12:00 noon for their annual birthday luncheon. Please bring a salad to share and the cake will be provided. All women are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Karen Lurie at karenluriernccm@gmail.com or at (252) 619-6144.

Third Thursday Lunch Thurs., May 18

Hi Everyone!

Can you believe it's almost summer? We will be meeting for the final Third Thursday lunch (before our summer break) at Sugar Creek Restaurant in Nags Head, on May 18 at noon. Sugar Creek is on the causeway to Manteo (drive south on the bypass, past the outlet mall, and follow the road to the right)

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, May 14, if you are interested in attending -- 441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net.

On a side note, I will no longer do the arranging for Third Thursday lunches. If anyone would like to start making arrangements with area restaurants, please contact me. I can give you all of the information I have accumulated the past few years. Lunches start in September or October, skip December (gets too busy), and continue until May. Third Thursday lunches are a fun opportunity for people to get to know each other and to experience various restaurants in the area.

-- Jeanne

Thanks to Jeanne Martie

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church extends a big heartfelt thank you to Jeanne Martie for coordinating The Third Thursday Luncheon for many years! Thank you, Jeanne, for a job well done!!



Pentecost Sunday is June 4th. A special offering will be taken that day for the benefit of programs for children, youth, and young adults. Sixty percent of funds collected will go to the larger church for programs to help young people develop tools to be Christian leaders, such as the Young Adult Volunteer Program.

Forty percent of the offering will stay in our local community, and Session has designated the Friends of Youth program sponsored by Dare County to be this year's recipient. The mission of this mentoring program is to place at-risk youth between the ages of 6-17 with caring adult volunteers who serve as role models and friends. These youth face everyday challenges just like any other adolescent or pre-teen, but they often do not have the resources necessary to deal with their problems.

The program also provides opportunities to participate in group activities such as cookouts, beach clean-ups, ball games, etc. In addition, funds are needed for scholarships for camps and various recreation programs, such as swimming lessons at the YMCA. Receiving this offering allows Presbyterians to invest in the church's greatest resource, our youth.

There will be a handout in the bulletin and there is a special offering envelope for this very worthwhile cause. Our youth are our future Christian Ambassadors. Let's give them the opportunity to serve.



Pentecost Sunday

Don't forget to wear your red to the morning worship service on Sunday, June 4, 2017 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. There will also be a birthday cake served during coffee hour to celebrate the birthday of the church universal!

Two Baptisms

On Sunday, April 23, two children, Ethan and Kylie Michler were Baptized during the morning worship service. Ethan and Kylie are the children of August ("Buzz") and Janet Michler. We congratulate these precious children up their special day.

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

May 2017

Elder of the Month: Mollie Bass

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	4	5 8:00 am: Men's Study	6 Presbyterian Women's Luncheon: 12:00 Noon
7 The Sacrament of Holy Communion 5:30: Youth Group	8	9 10:00 am: Faith Knitters	10 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	11	12 8:00 am: Men's Study	13 10:00 am Choir
14 3:00 pm: Stamp Club 5:30 pm: Youth Group	15	16	17 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	18 12:00 pm: Third Thurs Lunch	19 8:00 am: Men's Study	20
21 4:00 pm: Choir 5:30 pm: Youth Group	22	23 10:00 am: Faith Knitters	24 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	25	26 8:00 am: Men's Study	27
28 4:00 pm: Choir 5:00 pm: Youth Group	29  Church offices Closed	30	31 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study			

June 2017

Elder of the Month: Tom Smith

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 8:00 am: Men's Study	3
4 The Sacrament of Holy Communion & Pentecost Sunday 4:00 pm: Choir 5:00 pm: Youth Group	5	6	7 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	8	9 8:00 am: Men's Study	10
11 Graduate Recognition 3:00 pm: Stamp Club 4:00 pm: Choir 5:00 pm: Youth Group	12 9:00 am Vacation Bible School	13 9:00 am VBS	14 9:00 am VBS 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	15 9:00 am VBS	16 9:00 am VBS	17
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25 4:00 pm: Choir 5:00 pm: Youth Group	26	27	28 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study	29 5:00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal	30 5:00 pm: Wedding	

Focus on our 2017 Graduate

During worship on Sunday, June 11, we will recognize our 2017 graduate. We congratulate her and wish her a successful college beginning! The following student will graduate from First Flight High School this year and we are so incredibly proud of her.



Bethany Siefferman will graduate from First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills on June 9. Bethany will be attending the College of the Albemarle in the fall for 2 years while working at Ladles Soups. She will be transferring to East Carolina University's Bodie School of Medicine and majoring in microbiology. Her goal is to work for the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA.

Calling all Graduates

If you know a graduating senior (high school or college) who would like to be included in this ceremony, please contact the church office at (252) 441-5897 or send us an email at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org no later than Monday, May 15.

*"For I know the PLANS
I have for YOU," declares the LORD,
"Plans to PROSPER YOU and not to HARM YOU,
Plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE."
Jeremiah 29:11*



The Beach Food Pantry celebrated the opening of the building's addition with a reception on April 18th. The event was organized to say "Thank you" to all the individuals and businesses who helped this project be a success. The majority of our workers were volunteers with Duck Methodist's Caring Hands, a group of retired men who offer their building skills to organizations and individuals on the Outer Banks.

The addition has doubled the size of the pantry. Approximately 25% of it enlarges the pantry's shopping area so that our clients can move from one area to the next with more space, thus diminishing the times when individuals had to wait on each other to have access to the refrigerators, freezers and shelving. The remainder of the addition is being used for storage and the delivery/processing of donations. In addition, deliveries can be made to a loading platform at the back of the building

If anyone is interested in a tour, please let Susan Smith know. (spsobx@gmail.com or 252.255.4855) I will be happy to schedule a visit for you.

Currently, the most needed items at the food pantry are: Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Pancake Mix (32 oz.), Syrup Instant Oatmeal (variety pack), Oatmeal (18 oz. container), Canned Diced Tomatoes, Mayonnaise (15 oz.), Jelly (16 oz.), Salad Dressing, Feminine Products.

Please note – The pantry is unable to take perishable food items, expired food, prepared food, homemade foods, items without ingredients listed, or open containers.

Items may be brought to the church or delivered to the Beach Food Pantry located on the on the east side of the Bypass in Kitty Hawk at Milepost 4. The physical address is: 4007 North Croatan Highway. They are open Monday-Friday between the hours of 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.



Upcoming Concert Opportunities

10th Annual Let Freedom Ring Concert

Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:00 pm

Choral Festival Concert

Sunday, August 27, 2017
4:00 pm

World Renowned Pianist in Concert

Sunday, October 1, 2017
4:00 pm

Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian

Saturday, December 2, 2017
5:00 pm

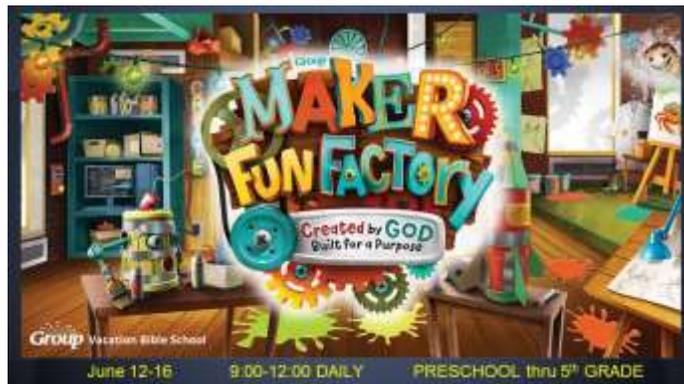
Sunday, December 3, 2017
5:00 pm

Outstanding Older Adult Award



During worship on Sunday, April 23, OBPC presented the Outstanding Older Adult Award for 2017 to Mr. Bob Messinger. Bob has been instrumental in the life of this church in many ways. Bob made and installed the "Window of Salvation" stained glass window in the Gathering Space. Bob has been instrumental in bringing a talk on Veteran's day Sunday and so many things too numerous to list. Bob, thank you for all that you do for our church. Both you and Nancy are integral parts of our church family! Following the service on April 23, a reception was held in his honor.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-16 daily from 9:00 AM until noon. Children from preschool through fifth grade will become hands-on inventors as they discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Children will rotate through stations such as Sound Wave Sing and Play, Game Makers, Imagination Station, Bible Discovery, Snack Factory, Kid Vid Cinema, and Fun Shop Finale. You don't want to miss this exciting week!! Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us--registration is available on the church website.

Our youth work very hard to decorate the church, organize the materials, teach the music, lead the skits, and serve as guides for the children from station to station. However, we are in need of adult volunteers to make VBS possible. Do you have a heart for children? Consider how God will use you as part of our VBS outreach. We need bus drivers for the morning/afternoon route, lead teachers and assistants for Bible stories, arts and crafts, and Kid Vid Cinema, and volunteers to coordinate snack each day, assist with registration, provide food and organize our family picnic after the closing celebration on Friday. If you would be willing to volunteer during VBS in any capacity, please see Hollie or email her at holliewrittenberry@gmail.com.

Beach Food Pantry Benefit

**Will be Held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Parish Hall
Kitty Hawk Road
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949**

Friday May 5th from 11:30 am – 6:30 pm

Eat In or Take Out

Barbeque Pork, Beans, Slaw, and Beverage

(Food by Pigman's Bar-B-Que)

\$12.00 per person

A Word from the VA Medical Center

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Hampton VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to your congregation for the generous donation of prayer shawls, clothing and toiletries.

It is through the effort of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Black, MS, PT, VHA-CM
Interim Director, Hampton VA Medical Center

**In Loving Memory of
Gregory Wayne Browder
Oct. 5, 1953 – April 9, 2016**



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karol and their children Andrew and Corey in the loss of their husband and father, Greg Browder, on April 9, 2016 at Vident Medical Center in Greenville, NC. Funeral services were held here at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church with burial following the service in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Chesapeake, VA. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Remembering Lisa Martinez

Many of you remember Lisa Martinez. Lisa was the wife of our previous pastor, The Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Martinez (2005-2011). After leaving the Outer Banks, Lisa was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Ovarian cancer. Lisa maintained for awhile undergoing all kinds of chemo drugs as well as experimental drugs. Lisa passed away in her home on Thursday, April 6, 2017. She was 56 years old. We remember Lisa for her beautiful and welcoming smile and her heavenly soprano voice that she so often blessed our services with. We can only think of Lisa singing in that heavenly choir now – free from pain, worries and sickness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to The Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Martinez and their three children, Lauren, Peter and Joy Claire. Even though Lisa is no longer with us, we hold a special place in our hearts for both Lisa and the Martinez family.

Here is a little history on Lisa as was written in her obituary:



Lisa Bower Martínez, 56, of Hannibal, went to be with Jesus on April 6, 2017 peacefully at her home with Andy by her side.

Lisa was born in Camp Point, Illinois to Jay R. Bower and Shirley Day Bower on November 15, 1960.

At a young age Lisa moved with her family to Quincy, Illinois. While at Quincy High School, Lisa was active in theater, choir, and band. She stole the show in roles such as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz and Molly in The Unsinkable Molly Brown.

At Southern Methodist University, Lisa majored in musical theatre.

During college, she met her husband Andy Martínez, while attending Highland Park Presbyterian Church.



Christ became Lord of her life while on a mission to Mexico with the Baptist Student Mission. Lisa then followed the Lord's call to serve as a marriage and family counselor.

Once married, Lisa and Andy, served at a Presbyterian Church in Glendora, California before joining the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in church planting.

Three wonderful children were born during this time in Dallas, Texas: Peter Björn Martínez (Alexis), Lauren Martínez Olinger (David), and Joy Claire De Aguilar Martínez. Each day just before leaving for school, Lisa taught the kids a verse from the Bible and she asked them to pray for three friends. This happened every day and many they prayed for came to know the Lord.

Lisa supported the startup of Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the First Flight High School and youth groups at each of the churches she served at with Andy.

With her husband, Lisa has lived in Glendora, CA; Pasadena, CA; Mission Viejo, CA; Grapevine, TX; Waynesburg, PA; Kill Devil Hills, NC; Elk Rapids, MI; and Hannibal, Missouri.

In each of these locations, Lisa fiercely loved & supported her husband and three children.



Lisa loved God with Thanksgiving and served him faithfully.

She inspired many and loved others sacrificially.

Gifts to honor Lisa may be made at gofundme.com, then search for Lisa Martínez of Hannibal, MO.



(L-R) Andy, Lisa, Mr. & Mrs. Bower, Peter, Lauren & Joy Claire

The family is being served by the James O'Donnell Funeral Home of Hannibal, MO. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM, Friday April 14, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Hannibal, MO. A private burial will be at the Evergreen Cemetery in Camp Point.

Friends and family are invited to Lisa's Life Celebration at a visitation that will be held from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM, Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Hansen Spear Funeral Home in Quincy, IL. A second visitation will be from 10:00 AM until time of services Friday, April 14, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church.

The Mailing Address to the family is: Andrew P. Martinez, 54356 Johnny Trail, Hannibal, MO 63401

April Session Meeting Highlights

At the April meeting the Session approved:

- A. Recommendations from the Christian Education Committee for approval of:
 1. Selection of teaching material for:
 - a. The Adult Sunday School – *Revelation* led by Warren Davis
 - b. The Children’s Church – *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* by PCUSA publishers.
 - c. Vacation Bible School – *Maker Fun Factory* by Group Publishers
 - d. The Men’s Bible Study – *Exodus* led by John Rickers
 - e. The Adult Study – *Jesus and His Jewish Influences* by the Great Courses
 2. Sunday, June 18, 2017 – A Youth offering will be taken with VBS Youth participating in the worship service, and another Pancake Supper will be planned for Fall with proceeds from both going towards the Montreat Conference expenses.
- B. Administration Committee’s recommendation to renew the existing Memorandum of Understanding with Captain George’s Restaurant for use of the satellite parking lot from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2017 for a \$1,500 donation to the church.
- C. Recommendation from Finance Committee to open a new \$50,000 line of credit with Towne Bank for temporary financing for the new roof and parking lot rehabilitation, subject to Presbytery approval.
- D. Donation of \$100.00 to First Presbyterian Church of Hannibal, MO in memory of Lisa Martinez.
- E. A piano concert to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 1, 2017 at 4:00 pm to be given by world renowned pianist, Teresa Walters.
- F. Recommendation from the Christian Education Committee:
 - a. Sunday, June 11, 2017 – Award of \$500 OBPC Scholarship to Bethany Siefferman; and recognition of high school and college graduates during the worship service.
 - b. Sabbatical plans and Pastoral Coverage during May and June by The Rev. Walt Hunting.
- G. Next Stated Meeting will be July 11, 2017

Ruthie's Kitchen

The Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will again serve Ruthie's Kitchen on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017**. Please contact Mollie Bass at 480-0858 if you would be willing to assist in any way.

A Devotional and Story of the Hymn “Lift High the Cross”

Devotional:

Regardless of the season, the cross requires continual reflection. It was a place of such gruesome punishment for Jesus. Yet it’s also a place of glory--where death and sin were conquered forever. With mixed emotions, we look at the cross and recognize its profound impact on our lives. Since the crucifixion event was one of such magnitude, it’s fitting that we take time to reflect on what happened there. This hymn focuses our attention on the cross of Christ. It’s a song that celebrates the King, and rejoices in his triumph over death.

But the hymn carries another message as well--one of action and outreach. It calls us to "lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim" so that the whole world will hear of Jesus' sacrifice. It also calls us to pray for those who haven't heard the story, asking God to "draw men unto thee".

Today, we must pause to reflect on the events of the cross. But we must also be stirred to action, to move from personal reflection to outreach. As our hymn reminds us, we need to carry the cross high, sharing our faith with those around us.

So in the coming week, maybe you could accept a mission opportunity or say a daily prayer for unbelievers. Or perhaps you could briefly share with your next-door neighbor how Christ has impacted your life. But whatever you choose to do, keep this hymn in mind. Singing about the cross is not just for Easter. Make it your daily pursuit to "Lift High the Cross."

Hymn Story:

Christ's death on a torturous cross was a horror beyond compare. But it wasn't the end of his story: The gruesome cross experience opened the way to Jesus' glorious victory over sin and death. Those two ugly realities have plagued the human race since the Fall in Eden. But today, the outcome of that battle is sure: Christ conquered sin and death on the cross.

Jesus' stunning sacrifice requires a response. And that's exactly what "Lift High the Cross" provides. With a triumphant melody, the hymn calls Christians to bring the story of the cross to the entire world. We are to "lift high the cross" for the world to see, so that they might come and adore Christ the victorious King.

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