



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

January 2018

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Happy New Year! I am writing this newsletter article during the week leading up to Christmas. I want to thank everyone, including the staff, music program, the Worship Committee, advent candle lighters, and so many more people from this church who have helped make this Advent and Christmas season a joyous occasion as we have celebrated the birth of our Savior.

It seems hard to believe that 2017 has passed by us and 2018 is upon us. Someone recently shared the following story with me that I hope you will appreciate as we look forward to a new year. Have you ever heard the story of the Magic Bank Account? The author is not known, but this story was found in the legendary coach Bear Bryant's wallet when he died. Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has Rules: First, everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. Second, you may not simply transfer money into some other account. Third, you may only spend it. Fourth, each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day. Fifth, the bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "game over!" It can close the account and we will not receive a new one. What should we do if we could play that game? We would spend it on wonderful blessings for ourselves and for all the people we love and care for. Hopefully we would spend the account on people we don't even know because we couldn't possibly spend it all on ourselves. We would try to spend every penny because we were confident that the account would be replenished in the morning.

Actually, this game is real. Are you shocked? Each of us is already a winner of this prize. We just can't seem to see it. The prize is TIME. Each new day we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life for that day. When we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is gone forever. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning. So, what will we do with our 86,400 seconds each day? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. God gives each second of our lives as a gift to us. How will we spend them? As we look forward to 2018, God has given us the precious opportunity to use the time that we have been given for uplifting causes. May we be good stewards of our time in the New Year, looking for opportunities to serve our families, friends, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our community, and even strangers whom we can bless by offering them a kind word or a listening ear.

We will be ordaining and installing our new group of elders on Sunday, January 14th. I want to say a word of thanks to Nonie Booth and Kathryn Lamb, who are wrapping up three years of faithful service on the Session and to Buzz Boyd and Melinda Mogowski. Melinda has agreed to serve an additional year on the Session to fill Buzz Boyd's unexpired one-year term. We welcome Bobby Gentry, Bob Messinger, and Barb Nowland, who will be ordained and/or installed as ruling elders in the class of 2020. I hope that you will be present in worship on January 14th as we lay on hands and pray for these elders, which is an important sign of our support for these individuals as they lead our congregation.

Peace in Christ,
Jody Moore

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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
 - Judy Bear
 - Don & Nancy Bierwerth
 - Dennis Dutt
 - Gwen Engleright
 - Lori Gallagher
 - Sarah Garvin
 - Cindy Goes
 - June Harris
 - Ansley Johnson
 - Karen Lurie
 - Barbara Morgan
 - Mickey Meekins
 - Barbara Nock
 - Etta Parrott
 - Richard Pfersick
 - Lawrence Rust
 - Bud Sheets
 - Jane Smith
 - Russell Taylor
 - Tim Tiller
 - Nancy Worsley
- Those Serving our Country

Ordination/Instillation of Elder Class 2020

The new Elder Class of 2020 will be ordained and installed during worship on Sunday, January 14. The class of 2020 will be comprised of Bob Messinger, Bobby Gentry and Barb Nowland. Below is pictured the class of 2020!



Bob Messinger



Bobby Gentry



Barb Nowland

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

- Jan. 7Building & Grounds
- Jan. 14.....Administration
- Jan. 21..... Congregational Care
- Jan. 28..... Jeanne Martie / Tom Smith

Flower Schedule

- Jan. 7 Available
- Jan. 14 Available
- Jan. 21 Available
- Jan. 28 Available

Liturgist Schedule

- Jan. 7Brenda Brown
- Jan. 14..... Susan Harman-Scott
- Jan. 21Jean Basnight
- Jan. 28.....Nonie Booth

Children's Church

- Jan. 7Braymiller / Wood
- Jan. 14 Hollie & Jody Lewis
- Jan. 21Hardy / Davis
- Jan. 28..... Jeanne Thomson / TBA

January Birthdays

- Glynn Powell..... 7
- Catherine Hammill 8
- Oscar Northen 8
- Debbie Telthorster 12
- Rosalyn Pugh 15
- Ron Baker 15
- James Seal 15
- Carla Hardy..... 16
- Howard Miller..... 19
- Mark Martin 24
- James Cahoon 26
- Shirley Grimm..... 27
- Kyle Lewis 27
- Sharon Aldridge 28
- Rose Dugger 28
- Laura Worsley 28
- Evelyn Webb 31

January Anniversaries

- Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Horne 7
- Mr. & Mrs. Oscar VanEe..... 14

Sermons for January 2018

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The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

January 7, 2018

Acts 19:1-7. On this Baptism of the Lord's Sunday, we will hear the apostle Paul explain the meaning of being baptized in Christ's name, which has a deeper meaning than John the Baptist's baptism. We will reflect on what it means for our Christian identity to be washed clean and to receive the Holy Spirit's grace through our baptism.

January 14, 2018

January 14: John 1:43-51. Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to leave their lives behind and follow him. Jesus has called each one of us to be his disciples and to follow him. What does it look like for us to respond to Jesus' call on our lives? We will be ordaining and installing the elders from the Class of 2020 during worship.

January 21, 2018

January 21: Ezekiel 37:1-14. The prophet Ezekiel is set in the midst of a valley of dry bones. There is no life in these bones, yet God promises to Ezekiel that our Lord will breathe new life into them. With God's resurrection power, God can bring new life out of death. God has the power to breathe new life into this congregation and into our individual lives.

January 28, 2018

January 28: Mark 1:21-31. Immediately after he calls his first disciples, Jesus travels to Capernaum where his ministry begins. I visited Capernaum myself in the fall of 2017 and saw the sanctuary where Jesus taught with authority and what remains of the foundation of the home of Simon Peter's mother-in-law, who Jesus healed. What can we learn from Jesus' teachings and acts of healing? After worship, we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting, where we will receive the 2017 Annual Report.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dare County Celebration

Saturday, January 13, 2018
11:00 am

The annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11:00 am. This year's festivities will be held in the Manteo High School Auditorium located at 829 Wingina Street in Manteo, NC.

Following the celebration of Dr. King's life, a free fellowship meal will be held. During this meal, you are invited to mingle and dine with folk of other races, denominations and walks of life.

For more information regarding this event, you may contact Mrs. Ruth Lewis at (252) 473-3151 or (252) 305-1934 and by email at Clarence.lewis@aol.com. All are invited to attend!

A Thank-You from Jody & Jeanne Moore

Thank you to the members of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church for the many ways that you support Jeanne and me. We are grateful for all of the Christmas cards you sent us and for your prayers. We are also appreciative of the generous donations that you made to the Pastor's Purse. Thank you so much for your kindness!

Jody & Jeanne Moore

Third Thursday Lunch: Jan. 18

We'll be welcoming the new year by having a Third Thursday lunch at the Restaurant at Coinjock Marina on Waterlily Road, off Rt. 158 in Coinjock. You will see the billboard on Rt. 158 pointing the way to the marina. If you end up in Barco, you've gone too far north! The date is Thursday, January 18 at noon.

We are going to use the church bus for this outing. We are allowed to take 14 passengers – so make your reservation with Jeanne to hold a spot for you. We will have 2 pick-up points. If you want to get on at the church, be on the bus ready to leave no later than 10:50 a.m. If you wish to board the bus at the Marketplace/Southern Shores Food Lion, plan to be on the bus and ready to leave no later than 11:10 a.m. If you want to ride the bus, contact Jeanne Martie. It will be first come, first seated!! If we have more than 14 people requesting rides, we will arrange for carpools. Of course, you will be able to drive directly to the restaurant. The restaurant is about 40-50 minutes from the church.

Please let Jeanne Martie (441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net) know by Sunday, January 14 if you will be at the Coinjock Marina. All members and visitors are welcome to join us!!

Jeanne

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, January 7 during the 10:00 am worship service. Join us as we remember Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross for us.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 following the morning worship service. The agenda will be: Presentation of the 2017 Actual Budget and the 2018 Proposed Budget; Vote to approve the Minister's Terms of Call for 2018; and Election of the Congregation's members to the 2018 Nominating Committee.

Evangelism Has a Gift for You!

It's the 2018 Pocket calendar. This gift is in appreciation of your welcoming spirit to all our visitors. We just want to thank you and ask that you keep up the excellent work in 2018 because the Evangelism committee can't do this alone. It takes everyone to be part of the team effort to demonstrate the "spirit of friendship" which is one of the strengths of our church. You have heard the saying "It takes a village to raise a child", well "it takes a congregation to run a church". Thank you again for all you do, and may God bless each one of you in this New Year.



Jim Sias, Jeanne Sias & Nonie Booth hard at work making our Poinsettia tree and display look beautiful!



2018 Flower Schedule

The sign-up sheet for flowers is now available in the Gathering Space! Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a person (s) or to honor a birthday, anniversary, birth or any other special occasion!



2018 Coffee Hour Schedule

We are looking for members to volunteer to help with 2018 Coffee Hours. Two or three members will work together each Sunday to set up the coffee and provide snacks. To volunteer, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am: Dorcas Circle</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p><i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i></p> <p>3:00 pm: Stamp Club</p> <p>5:30 pm: Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am: Faith Knitters</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am: Lydia Circle</p> <p>6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 pm: Hope, Faith & Love Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Dr. King Celebration 11:00 am – Manteo High School</i></p>
<p>14</p> <p><i>Installation of Elders</i></p> <p>11:15 am: Healing Service</p> <p>5:30 pm: Youth Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Church offices Closed</i></p> <p>6:30 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm: Stated Session</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00 N: 3rd Thursday Luncheon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>5:30 pm: Youth Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am: Faith Knitters</p> <p>5:15 pm: Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:00 pm: Cong. Care</p> <p>6:00 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>11:15 am: Annual Cong. Meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm: Youth Group</p>						<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>OEA= Over Eaters Anonymous</p>



Between THE Lines
MUSIC Ministry

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church held their annual Christmas Musical on Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3. The concert consisted of the Sanctuary Choir and orchestra who sang and played to over 500 people over the course of two evenings!



Sanctuary Choir:
Wednesday Evenings
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Presbyterian Women



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

DORCAS CIRCLE

Thursday, January 4 | 9:30 am
This meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Hartman.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Wednesday, January 10 | 9:30 am
The location will be at the home of Barb Nowland.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE

Thursday, January 11 | 5:30 pm
This meeting will be held at the church.

Angel Tree

We would like to offer a special thank you to Evelyn Webb for collecting all of the Angel Tree gifts from church, sorting them and delivering them to the Baum Center, as well as a special thank you to John for supervising!!

Also, thank you to all who contributed gifts for the Angel Tree. There were many happy children Christmas morning thanks to your generosity.

New Members

We would like to welcome Anthony and Elaine Spencer into the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church Family. Anthony and Elaine joined on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017. They reside at 46197 Buxton Oaks Lane, # 29, Buxton, NC 27920.

Youth Ambush Caroling

On Sunday, December 10 our youth group surprised church members with our first annual "Ambush Christmas Caroling." The youth managed to keep this event a secret from the entire church for months! They loaded the bus and headed out to members' homes, rang the doorbell and burst into song! If you weren't on our route this year, stay tuned for more surprises next Christmas. You never know who may show up at your door to spread some Christmas cheer!



Stated Session News

NEW MEMBERS

Session received Elaine and Anthony Spencer as new members on Sunday, December 10. They come by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Reidsville, NC. Please join in welcoming them to our fellowship.

SESSION APPROVED

- A. Positions for 2018:
 1. Jeanne Martie to provide payroll services and to serve as Disbursing Treasurer;
 2. Becky Lofton-DeSanto and Barbara Nowland to serve as Receiving Treasurers;
 3. Bev Jones to serve as Clerk of Session; and
 4. Mollie Bass, Fred Smith, and Jim Perry to serve as the OBPC signature authorities and contacts for our church's banks.
- B. Worship Committee's recommendation that the Lord's Supper be observed on the first Sunday of each month, and on Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018;
- C. The Youth Group to take up a special offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4, 2018, and proceeds to go to the Beach Food Pantry.
- D. Finance Committee's recommendation that the 5 pm Christmas Eve Service's offering be distributed with \$100 to Outreach Committee for purchase of personal kits for the homeless staying with Room in the Inn, and the remainder going to Hotline.
- E. Finance Committee's 2018 Proposed Budget, which will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting, and their recommendation of the 2018 Pastor's Terms of Call, for congregational approval.
- F. The Incoming Elders, Bobby Gentry and Barbara Nowland, Class of 2020, after their examination. Ordination and installation will be during worship on January 14, 2018.
- G. The Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2018, with Proposed Agenda:
 - Distribution of the 2017 Annual OBPC Report;
 - Presentation of the 2017 Actual Budget Report and 2018 Proposed Budget;
 - Review of the approved 2018 Pastor's Terms of Call; and
 - Election the 2018 Nominating Committee members from the congregation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Session extended its congratulations to Winkey Roberts, Tom Williamson, and Tommy Smith for their recognition by the Town of Kill Devil Hills as recipients of the Community Appearance Award 2017-2018.
- B. It was noted that the Souper Bowl and Scout Sunday both occur on the National Calendar on February 4, 2018. The Youth and Scouts are asked to work out tight timeframes for their activities and seating on opposite sides of the sanctuary.
- C. Session approved the 2018 lists of responsibilities.
 - A. **Committee Moderators**
 - a. Administration and Personnel – Gary McGee
 - b. Building and Grounds – Winkey Roberts (Tommy Smith, Tom Williamson)
 - c. Christian Education – Susan Harman-Scott

- d. Congregational Care – Jim Goes
- e. Evangelism – Barbara Nock
- f. Fellowship – Brenda Brown
- g. Finance – Jeff Aldridge
- h. Outreach and Witness – Jeanne Martie
- i. Stewardship – Pending
- j. Transportation – Karen Lurie/Sharon Moore
- k. Worship – Nonie Booth

B. Elder Liaisons

- a. Administration and Personnel – Melinda Mogowski
- b. Building and Grounds – Tommy Smith
- c. Christian Education – Mollie Bass
- d. Congregational Care – Jim Goes
- e. Evangelism – Bobby Gentry
- f. Fellowship – Melinda Mogowski
- g. Finance – Mollie Bass
- h. Outreach and Witness – Jeanne Martie
- i. Stewardship – Jean Basnight
- j. Transportation – Bob Messinger
- k. Worship – Barbara Nowland

C. Other

- a. Presbyterian Women – Brenda Brown
- b. Usher Captain – Vacant

D. The deadline for 2017 Annual Committee Reports has been extended to January 2, 2018. Please submit to Cathie Feild.

Congregational Care Alert / Harmony Café

Members and friends of the OBPC are invited to participate in the “Harmony Café” on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 11 am – 2 pm, located at the Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church. Our Church will be co-hosting, with the GEM Program. Two of our ladies, Jean Basnight and Rosalyn Pugh, serve on the GEM board and will be recruiting volunteers for this event, as well as helping with the activities.

We all know the reality of living with memory loss issues. If you and your loved one are living with memory loss this is an opportunity to meet other families. This is an opportunity to enjoy an inclusive experience, where everyone is welcome, in a caring and understanding environment. Life is so much better out of the shadows and into the partnership. Plan to join us!

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