A Word from our Pastor

Thanks to all of you who helped celebrate our church’s 39th Anniversary at our Church Picnic at Sounds Park on September 23rd. It is one of the highlights of our church year! While there was some rain earlier in the morning, we ended up having beautiful weather, uplifting worship, delicious food, and heart-warming fellowship. October 19th marks the fifteenth anniversary of my ordination as a minister of Word and Sacrament and I continue to be grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

While we are appreciative that our area mostly was spared from the impact of Hurricane Florence, living on the Outer Banks comes with the recognition of how we are vulnerable to Mother Nature’s power. For many in other parts of the country, they are returning to life as normal, but we know that those impacted by Florence will be cleaning up the mess and rebuilding for months, even years to come. Many of us have felt led to offer assistance to our neighbors in New Bern, Wilmington, Fayetteville, and throughout North Carolina. You can help by donating money to the church earmarked for Hurricane Florence relief, providing buckets of materials that will be used to clean up flooded homes, contacting the church office to let us know if you would be willing to volunteer with a team from our church to help victims on-site, and lifting up our prayers to God. More information about what we can do to help is found on page pg. 7 of the newsletter.

We are also in the midst of Stewardship Season. It is a privilege that God has given us the responsibility to be good stewards of the many gifts entrusted to our care. This year, the Stewardship and Generosity Committee is encouraging us not only to think of what financial gifts we can share with our church family, but to truly consider how we can offer our time and talent in service to God and to the church. At the church picnic on September 23rd, we heard from Grace Hook about the many ways our youth volunteer their time to our church and community. In addition to your pledge card, we are asking this year for you to fill out the Stewardship and Generosity Ministry Opportunities form that lists all of the different service opportunities at OBPC. Our church benefits when we work together with all of us sharing our various God-given talents. Consecration Sunday, which will be October 14th, is the day when we ask our members and friends to make a spiritual and financial commitment to God and to our church for the next year. I hope that you will be in prayer throughout October for the ways God may be calling you to share your blessings.

My Tuesday Bible Study continues during the majority of October. I hope that you will join us on October 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 5:15 pm. Even if you have not attended yet this fall, we would love to have you join us in October. A full schedule of the remaining Bible Studies is included below.

Peace in Christ,
Jody Moore
Prayer Concerns

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

Jack Abernethy
Marc Basnight
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
The Family of Tom Charlton
Anne Cramer
George Daniels
Helen Dick
John Dick
Ansley Johnson
Charlie Jones
Amanda Kirkman
Terry Legel
Karen Lurie
Mickey Meekins
Nancy Messinger
Etta Parrott
Seth Peters
Lawrence Rust
Bud Sheets
Hans Stelzer
Russell Taylor
Tim Tiller

Those Serving our Country

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule
Oct. 7 ................... Administration
Oct. 14 .................. Outreach & Witness
Oct. 21 .................. Worship
Oct. 28 .................. Fellowship

Flower Schedule
Oct. 7 .................. Karol Browder
Oct. 14 .................. Rosalyn Pugh
Oct. 21 .................. Dan & Ann Broadhead
Oct. 28 .................. Available

Liturgist Schedule
Oct. 7 .................. Jeanne Martie
Oct. 14 .................. Susan Harman-Scott
Oct. 21 .................. Ike McRee
Oct. 28 .................. Jean Basnight

Children’s Church
Oct. 7 .................. Hardy/Davis
Oct. 14 .................. Jody & Hollie Lewis
Oct. 21 .................. Moore/Wood
Oct. 28 .................. Braymiller/McDowell

We are thankful to the Worship Committee for providing the elements for World Communion on Sunday, October 7, 2018.

October Birthdays
Oscar VanEe .................. 1
Marion Jones .................. 4
Barbara Morgan ............... 6
Debi Baum .................... 6
Bonnie Langdale ............... 7
Marilyn Smith .................. 9
Barb Nowland .................. 10
Reid Hinson ................... 11
Nancy Messinger ............... 12
Buzz Boyd .................... 14
Brenda Brown .................. 14
Samantha Leopardi ............. 14
Donna Lewis ................... 14
Mollie Bass .................... 17
Mickey Meekins ............... 17
Shirley Lillard ................. 18
Gary McGee ................... 19
Barbara Rust ................... 19
Terry Collins ................... 21
Dan Broadhead ................ 24
Jean Sias ...................... 28
Nonie Booth ................... 29
Ben Cahoon ................... 29
Frank Moore ................... 29
Wray Gruemiaux ............... 31

October Anniversaries
Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Booth ........ 5
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy DeSanto .... 7
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Siefferman .... 8
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hammill .... 10
Mr. & Mrs. Don Frye .......... 15
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Aldridge ....... 17
Mr. & Mrs. John Webb .......... 21

World Communion Sunday, October 7, will once again be observed here at OBPC by the sharing of breads from around the world. World Communion Sunday, observed on the first Sunday in October, promotes unity and ecumenical cooperation with other Christians all around the world. “In Christ, there is no east or west, in Him no north or south, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.”
Sermons for October 2018
Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

October 7: Ephesians 4:1-16: This passage describes the things that unite us as Christians. Paul explains that Christians share faith in one body, one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one baptism, and one God and Father of all. This passage reminds us that even though we may disagree about particular issues, there are many important commonalities that unite us as Christians. What would it look like if we let our worldview and our encounters with other Christians be guided by these principles? We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday, which highlights our unity with Christians throughout the world.

October 14: 2nd Corinthians 9:6-15. Paul discusses how God wants us to give cheerfully. The theme text of this year’s Stewardship program is 2nd Corinthians 9:11, which says, “You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.” Oct. 14th will be Consecration Sunday, where the congregation is invited to bring their 2019 pledge cards and ministry opportunities forms forward, dedicating their gifts to the service of almighty God.

October 21: Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16. In Jesus’ day, children were often seen by adults as a nuisance and they were not paid much attention. Jesus, on the other hand, included and embraced children. He taught us that when we welcome children, we are welcoming Jesus himself. Jesus also applauded the faith of children and instructed us that the we should receive the kingdom of God as little children do.

October 28: James 3:5-17, 4:7-12: First, we are warned about the importance of being thoughtful about the words we use. James notes that we need to tame our tongues because we often say things that tear down, instead of lifting up other people and God. Then we hear the importance of drawing near to God, who will then draw near to us. How do we draw closer to the Lord? James explains that we need to purify our hearts, humble ourselves, and refrain from judging one another. This sermon was originally going to be preached on September 16th, when worship was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

Twenty-five percent of our special offering will be given to Hotline, our community’s local shelter for battered women. The remainder goes to the larger church for peacemaking and witness projects throughout the United States and the world.

It has helped support our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. And the whole church joins together, through this Offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically, the sin of child soldiers. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. The children learned about ways to resolve conflicts and how to handle angry and sad feelings. The curriculum, “Building a Neighborhood Together,” draws a connection to Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, a PBS program created and hosted by the late Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister.

Your gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering will help initiatives like these and more, to provide support for those affected by violence and injustice around the globe as well as here in Dare County.

Sunday, October 7
11:30 am

For those of you who have signed up, don’t forget to bring your insurance card with you!
**Third Thursday Lunch: Oct. 18**

Hi Church Members and Friends!

For this month the Third Thursday group will meet on Thursday, October 18, for lunch at the Black Pelican Restaurant in Kitty Hawk at 12:00 noon. The theme will be All Saints’. Please RSVP with Ann & Dan Broadhead at kittyhawklife@gmail.com.

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**Congregational Committee Updates**

**Harmony Café – Saturday, October 6, noon – 3 pm:**

Rosalyn Pugh and Anita Bennett are coordinating the lunch that our church will provide and serve for the Harmony Café on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Food and helpers need to arrive around 11:30 am at the Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church.

If you are willing to prepare something or assist with the lunch or activities, please contact Rosalyn (757-300-8608) or Anita (252-305-4765).

**Shot Clinic – Sunday, October 7, after worship**

Walgreen’s Pharmacy has agreed to provide a Shot Clinic on October 7, 2018, immediately following worship. They will give flu pneumococcal and shingles shots. The sign-up list is in the Gathering Space. If you have signed up, remember to bring insurance cards. There is no charge to you!

**Flower Ministry**

Rev. Fran Peel (252-267-3806) will be working with Cathie in the church office to coordinate a “flower ministry.” Call one of them if you:

- Have ordered flowers for a Sunday morning and do not plan to take the flowers home. The flowers will be re-arranged into smaller bouquets and distributed to shut-ins or people with health issues;
- Are willing to help make the smaller arrangements; or
- Are interested in bringing the flowers and visiting recipients.

**Home Delivered Meals (known as “Meals on Wheels”)**

Nancy Huff (252-573-9070 or nhuff0801@gmail.com) presented her work with the “MOW” Program on the Outer Banks; they have funding and volunteers to bring fresh, hot meals 5 days/week. The only qualifications are persons who live at home, are over 60, and have difficulty in grocery shopping and/or preparing meals.

Please contact Nancy if you or someone living in Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, or Nags Head, would benefit from this wonderful resource.

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**All Saints Sunday**

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 4, 2018 during the 10 am worship service. On that Sunday, we will remember and celebrate the lives of our church members who died during the past year. All Saints Day, November 1st, commemorates those whom God has chosen, have died in the faith, and have joined the church triumphant.

**John Kraemer**

*January 18, 1945 ~ January 8, 2018*

**Gwen Engleright**

*September 13, 1921 ~ January 26, 2018*

**Tom Charlton**

*March 1, 1924 ~ July 26, 2018*
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Note: There are sessions of AA that meet Monday-Saturday at 7:30 am & 10:00 am in the OBPC fellowship hall.
The Circles will meet in October at the following dates, times and places to continue their Horizons Bible Study God’s Promise: I Will Be With You.

Individual circle meetings for the month of October will be held as follows:

**Dorcas Circle**
Thursday, October 3 | 9:30 am
This meeting will be held at the home of Helen Gauvreau.

**Lydia Circle**
Wednesday, October 10 | 9:30 am
The meeting will be held at the home of Barbara Nock

**Faith, Hope and Love Circle**
Thursday, October 11 | 5:30 pm
This meeting is held at the church.

All are welcome. This year’s study is very readable and reassuring as it reminds us of God’s promise to never leave us.

The Annual OBPC PW Retreat is fast approaching!! Once again we will meet at the Davis Cottage (#8 on 9th Ave ) in Southern Shores for our time together to enjoy friendships and to draw closer to God. This year’s theme is **SeaSide Escape**. Any lady is welcome to join us for this retreat. Some of us will gather on Friday night to prepare for the weekend. The Saturday session begins at 8:00 AM with breakfast and the first lesson at 9:00 AM. We will have caring, sharing, Bible Study, great food, relaxing time on beach, and much laughter! Saturday concludes after dinner with an evening session. Last year we even cooked s’mores around Karen’s fire pit!! There’s plenty of sleeping room, so we hope many of you will plan to spend the night. Sunday begins at 9:00 AM with breakfast followed by sessions 6 & 7, cleanup and leave before lunch. The cost for food, crafts, and participant’s guide is $40. A great weekend deal at a great price!

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**Session News**

On September 9, 2018, the Session received five *new members* into the church family: Michael Bennett, Jerry and Esther Huntsinger, and Dr. Tom and Ellen Carrico. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them.

The permanent Church Office Hours are now Monday-Thursday, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**
- Called Congregational Meeting immediately after Worship to elect the Elders, Class of 2021
- Shot Clinic in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after Worship

**Sunday, October 14, 2018** – Consecration Sunday
- Christian Education Committee at 11:30 am in the Library
Stewardship & Generosity

Scripture tells us that we “will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving for God.” (II Corinthians 9:11). Through God’s word we are reminded that stewardship and generosity are about the joyous discipline of thanking God with the way we live our lives, spend and share our money, and otherwise use our resources.

Recognizing that God calls us as believers to be generous with our time, talent and finances, the Stewardship and Generosity Committee is preparing for this fall’s opportunity for giving under the theme “Gratitude, Grace and Generosity”. Pledge cards and forms for opportunities to give time and talent were mailed in September. Through our generosity we will give thanks to God for all that he has given to us and concretely demonstrate our allegiance to Jesus Christ.

In one of his many sermons, the late evangelist Billy Graham spoke about the investment of our resources toward the betterment of humankind. “What do we get when we invest our resources, our time, talent and treasure in people?” he asked. The response is that we get a meaningful life that will count for God and give fulfillment in our lives.

Mark your Calendars
Consecration Sunday will be October 14. Consecration Sunday is the day that we dedicate the offerings of our time, talent and financial gifts to God!

Outreach & Witness News

At the beginning of September, our committee hosted a meal for Ruthie’s Kitchen. We had 21 people from church contribute money and food and/or help with the serving and clean-up. What a wonderful group!!! We served meals to 18 guests, along with 15 take-out meals.

The next time our church will provide a meal will be Tuesday, December 4. We will be organizing that meal in November.

Our presbytery has offered suggestions on how we can help our neighbors who were affected by Hurricane Florence. Donations can be made to our church, with “Hurricane Florence” written on the memo line. This money will be forwarded to Presbytery of New Hope. Other ways to help are described in this newsletter If you are interested, please contact Jeanne Martie (441-8608 / jlmartie@charter.net) or the church office.

The needs will change as the recovery unfolds. Right now families need food, shelter and medical care as well as Spiritual Care as they return to their homes. Do NOT attempt to go there on your own right now. When the curfews are lifted and mandatory evacuations are cancelled, survivors will need support for clearing debris, cleaning up their homes and rebuilding what has been washed away.

In response, Churches can help in a number of ways:

1. **Provide financial support** through offerings to our church. On the Memo Line of your check, write "Hurricane Florence." Your money will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or the Presbytery of New Hope.

2. **Assemble Flood Buckets.** New Hope Presbytery is organizing a Flood Bucket Collection to assist families in cleaning their homes after the water recedes. (Lists of items needed and instructions for assembling the flood buckets are in the Gathering Space and in the October newsletter. http://nhpresbytery.org/flood-bucket-collection/) The finished buckets will be stored at the church until they are taken to a collection site designated by the Presbytery. The deadline for delivering your completed flood buckets to the office is 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 2.

3. **Organize teams to help with debris clearance.** Pastor Jody would like to see a work team organized from our church to help hurricane victims with clean-up and rebuilding efforts. Contact the office if you are interested in serving on a team. As suggested by the Presbytery, we will be using the Crisis Clean-up clearinghouse (crisiscleanup.org) to register our team. Once we organize a team, we will go to the website and pick a job from the ones posted. More information will be available about this from the office once we find out who wants to serve on our team.

4. **Begin organizing to help rebuild** later this year or even next year. First Presbyterian Church in Kinston has a 22 bed volunteer village available for work teams. Call the PDA Call Center at (866) 732-6121 to register and get more information. More volunteer housing options will come on line as the recovery moves forward.

5. **Pray for people affected by Hurricane Florence**
Each year, our youth group packages shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, “Go and do likewise.” For over 40 years, Samaritan’s Purse has tried to follow Christ’s command by going to the aid of the world’s poor, sick, and suffering. They are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child is just one way we can support this ministry.

On Sunday, November 4 the youth will be shopping at Dollar Tree to fill their own shoeboxes, then will return to church to wrap and package all the shoeboxes for National Collection Week. Please prayerfully consider on of the following ways you can join us in this ministry:

1) Shop with us at Dollar Tree (the new location in front of Harris Teeter) on Sunday, November 4 at 4:30 PM then return to church to package your shoebox for shipping.

2) Donate $9 to cover the shipping cost of a shoebox. Donations may be given to Hollie or any youth member, or placed in the offering and marked “Operation Christmas Child.”

3) Donate items for shoeboxes. A list of suggested items (and prohibited items) is below. We will be collecting items throughout the month of October. A donation box is located in the Gathering Space.

4) Pray for the children who will receive these Christmas shoeboxes, and all those involved in the Operation Christmas Child ministry.

**Prohibited items:**

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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**Suggested items (for children ages 2-14):**

- Plastic shoeboxes with lids
- Stuffed animals,
- Figurines,
- Dolls
- Small toys
- Musical instruments (balls, yo-yos, harmonicas, slinky)
- Clothing (socks, underwear, sunglasses, hats, t-shirts)
- Toiletries & linens (bar soap, washcloth, toothbrush, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, hygiene products)
- School supplies (pencils, notebooks, markers, crayons, coloring books, glue sticks)
- Craft supplies (play-doh, sewing kit, yarn, beads)
Welcome New Members

During the morning worship service on Sunday, September 9, 2018, we were pleased to welcome 5 new members into our Outer Banks Presbyterian Church family! Please be sure to introduce yourself to these new members and give them a warm and friendly welcome!

Tom & Ellen Carrico  
3033 Creek Road  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949  
Tom: (434) 941-5127  
Ellen: (434) 841-0-0185

Mr. Michael Bennett  
P. O. Box 564  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949  
(252) 457-5803

Ester & Jerry Huntsinger  
1040 Martins Point Road  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949  
(804) 814-8438

Worship & Picnic at Sound Park  
September 23, 2018