



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

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Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
**Down to the
RIVER
to
PRAY**

Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic

Sunday, September 23rd 10:30 am
Soundside Park Point Harbor, NC

BBQ | Fried Chicken | Fixin's
Sign Up in the Gathering Space

An illustration of a picnic spread on a red and white checkered tablecloth. It includes a plate with a fried chicken drumstick, a hamburger, and french fries; a bowl of soup with tortilla chips; and a bowl of salad with tomatoes, onions, and olives. A bottle of ketchup is also visible.

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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
- John Dick
- Ansley Johnson
- Charlie Jones
- Amanda Kirkman
- Terry Legel
- Karen Lurie
- Mickey Meekins
- Nancy Messinger
- Etta Parrott
- Lawrence Rust
- Bud Sheets
- Hans Stelzer
- Russell Taylor
- Tim Tiller
- Those Serving our Country

Down to the River to Pray!

An exciting day of worship and fellowship for OBPC will happen on Sunday, September 23rd at 10:30 am (yes, that’s right 10:30 am). We will hold our third Worship Service/Church Anniversary Picnic outdoors! The Worship and Fellowship Committees have been hard at work the past few months to coordinate this event. It all takes place just over the bridge in Currituck County at the Sound Park in Point Harbor. The park is located on your right just after passing Parker’s Landing and the BP Gas Station on your right. Darrell’s II Restaurant will cater the delicious B-B-Q and Fried Chicken lunch afterwards. As a thank you to you the Fellowship Committee has included the price of the lunch in their budget this year. This Sunday, we are sure, will bring back fond memories you have of other gatherings and family reunions in summers past. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us as “We Go Down to the River to Pray”. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space where you can check bus/carpool if you need a ride.

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

September 2..... Basnight/Messinger
 September 9..... Martie/Smith
 September 16..... Transportation Comm.
 September 23..... (Picnic – No coffee)
 September 30..... Mogowski/Gentry

Flower Schedule

September 2..... Available
 September 9..... Karol Browder
 September 16. Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis
 September 23.....(Picnic – No flowers)
 September 30..... Available

Liturgist Schedule

September 2..... Brenda Brown
 September 9..... Ben Cahoon
 September 16Ike McRee
 September 23(Picnic – No liturgist)
 September 30 Nonie Booth

Children’s Church Schedule

September 2Moore / Wood
 September 9 Braymiller / McDowell
 September 16Hardy / Davis
 September 23 (No Children’s Church)
 September 30Hollie & Jody Lewis

We are grateful to Nancy Messinger & Judy Whittle for supplying the elements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion on September 2.

September Birthdays

- Brenda Feury..... 1
- Judy Bear 2
- Taylor Lewis 3
- John Rickers..... 3
- Al Schalk..... 5
- Karen Hastings 6
- Sharon Moore..... 7
- Nancy Worsley 8
- Paul Munson..... 9
- Trish Thomas..... 9
- Forrest Seal 10
- James Jackson..... 12

- Nancy Bierwerth..... 14
- Liz Hamley 14
- Judy Whittle 14
- Glenn Baum 17
- Becky DeSanto 20
- Linda McGee..... 20
- Lynda Wood..... 22
- Trish Blackmon 23
- Anita Bennett 24
- Margaret Hartman..... 30

September Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Callens 8
- Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Baum 9
- Mr. & Mrs. Buzz Boyd 10
- Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Hastings 12
- Mr. & Mrs. Doug Helmkamp 12
- Mr. & Mrs. Al Ihrig 16
- Mr. & Mrs. Matt Lowcher 22
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Harris 24
- Mr. & Mrs. Phil Moore 27
- Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Gentry 28

Note: The cover art for the “Down to the River to Pray” Sunday was done by the late Leah Williamson in the summer of 2016.

A Word from our Pastor



I am going to be teaching a Bible Study class during September and early October beginning on September 4th. We will meet at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall on Tuesday afternoons. As we have done in the past, we will be studying the same Scripture passage that I will be preaching on the following Sunday. During the month of September, we have the opportunity to study the entire book of James, which proclaims the importance of putting our faith into action. Whenever we gather for Bible Study, I appreciate the ways that the Holy Spirit guides our discussion and helps us learn new insights about God's Word. I hope to see you on Tuesdays this fall for Bible Study! A schedule of the Bible Studies is listed below.

On September 16th, the Session has called a congregational meeting to receive a report from the Nominating Committee on the individuals to serve on the Session's class of 2021. I want to thank the members of the Nominating Committee who have been meeting and faithfully considering who might respond to God's call to serve on the Session. The three people who are elected will meet with me during the fall for an officer training class so that they will be prepared to serve Christ and our congregation beginning in January 2019.

September marks the 39th anniversary of the founding of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church on September 23, 1979. We look forward to celebrating our fortieth anniversary next year. For the third consecutive year, to mark our church's anniversary, we are going "Down to the River to Pray." I hope that you will join us for a worship service and picnic catered by Darrell's II at Sound Park on Sunday, September 23rd at 10:30 am. More details about the picnic, including directions to Sound Park are found on page 2 of this newsletter. Since September 23rd falls on a Sunday, we actually get to have the picnic on the exact date that the church was established. This picnic is a highlight of the church year: a time to worship more informally, laugh and share stories around the picnic tables, and enjoy a delicious meal that someone else has prepared for us.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

September & October Bible Study Schedule

(All classes will meet at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall.)

Sept 4 th :	James 1 and 2:1-10, 14-17
Sept 11 th :	James 3:5-4:12
Sept 18 th :	James 5
Oct 2 nd :	Ephesians 4:1-16
Oct 9 th :	2 nd Corinthians 9:6-15 and Acts 4:32-37
Oct 16 th :	Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

Sermon Series for September 2018

The book of James is unique in the New Testament for its no nonsense, practical wisdom. While many other New Testament texts highlight the importance of faith and belief, James focuses on the requirement for us to live out our faith in action. James states, "Faith without works is dead." For James, faith is expressed outwardly, as we treat others with dignity and offer assistance to those in need. Throughout this sermon series, we will explore a number of practical ways to live out our faith in our daily lives.

September 2 James 1:1-5, 17-27

James establishes that God is generous and has offered us many blessings from above. In response to God's generosity, we are called to live for a higher purpose. God longs for us not only to hear God's Word, but to also be doers of God's will. As Christians, we preach a sermon by how we treat other people and how we live our daily lives.

September 9 James 2:1-10, 14-17

James tells us that "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James emphasizes the importance of caring for those in need by providing for those who are hungry, thirsty, need clothing, or seek peace in their lives. As Christians, we are supposed to be compassionate and fight against injustice.

September 16 James 3:5-17, 4:7-12

First, we are warned about the importance of being thoughtful with 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.

September 23 James 5:7-20

Worship will be held at Sound Park as we have our third annual "Down to the River to Pray" worship service and picnic. The book of James concludes by noting the centrality of prayer. No matter what our circumstances, whether we are suffering, cheerful, repentant, or sick, we should pray. God offers wisdom and guidance no matter what we are facing. Prayer centers us in God's presence and offers us new insights.

Nominating Committee News

There will be a called congregational meeting immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, September 16. The purpose of this meeting is the election of the Elder Class of 2021. The nominees are Dan Broadhead, Ron Campbell, and Ike McRee. At the meeting, there will be an opportunity to nominate from the floor, but the person must have agreed to serve. These leaders will have responsibility for the decisions for our church over the next three years. Please plan to participate on September 16, 2018.

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

— via Charles Laine
Franklin, TN

Flu Shot Clinic after Worship on Sunday, October 7, 2018



Flu Season will soon be here. Influenza and pneumonia remain the 8th most prevalent cause of death in the U.S., particularly for little children and adults over age 65; yet, many of us do not get vaccinated! The vaccine not only protects you, but your family and friends too.

This year, Walgreen's Pharmacy has agreed to offer a Flu Shot Clinic here at church after Worship on October 7, 2018, if we can get 25 people to sign up for the vaccine. In fact, they are willing to provide other vaccines as well, such as pneumonia, shingles, and tetanus. Medicare, Advantage Plans, and Commercial Insurances usually cover vaccines, so it's really smart to bring your insurance cards along.

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space; the pharmacy needs it to plan the appropriate vaccines to bring along. If you remember how long you waited to get the vaccine at the pharmacy last year, you will know the clinic here will save you lots of time. Help us make this possible for all of us.

Stewardship and 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". During September watch for the arrival of pledge cards and forms for opportunities to give time and talent. 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; a day to express our "Gratitude, Grace and Generosity." We will have speakers from the congregation throughout September and early October to help us reflect on the theme of "Gratitude, Grace, and Generosity."

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

September 2018

Elder of the Month: Melinda Mogowski

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Note: There are sessions of A.A. that meet here Monday through Saturday at 7:30 am and 10:00 am.</i></p>						1
<p>2</p> <p>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm: Youth Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Labor Day</p>  <p>Church offices Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 pm: Ruthie's Kitchen</p> <p>5:15 pm: Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 am: Dorcas Circle</p> <p>5:00 pm: Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p> <p>11:00 am: Charlton Funeral</p>	8
<p>9</p> <p>5:00: Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 am: Faith Knitters</p> <p>5:15 pm: Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm: Stated Session</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am: Lydia Circle</p> <p>6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00 pm: Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30 pm: Hope, Faith & Love Circle</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	15
<p>16</p> <p>11: 15 am: Cong. Meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm: Youth Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 pm: Worship</p> <p>5:15 pm: Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2:00 pm: Cong. Care</p> <p>6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	22
<p>23</p> <p>Down to the River to Pray</p> <p>Worship / Picnic</p> <p>Soundside Park, Point Harbor</p> <p>10:30 am</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm: Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 am: Faith Knitters</p> <p>5:15 pm: Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm: Cub Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm: Adult Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00 pm: Girl Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Study</p>	29
<p>30</p> <p>5:00 pm: Youth Group</p>						



The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church had a busy spring and summer season. Between both the Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Easter Musical and the Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Patriotic Concert, they took a much deserved break during the months of July and August. However, even though they took a break from regular Wednesday rehearsals, they did a great job in preparing ahead to continue to bring you beautiful music each and every Sunday morning throughout the summer.

Well, break-time is over, and it is time to get back to work! We will resume our regular choir rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 12 at 6:00 pm in the choir room. If you have ever had an interest in singing in the choir, now is a great chance to come and give us a try. If you are interested in the choir, please see Jason Evans, Nonie Booth, Elaine Spencer or any of our other choir members and they will point you in the right way!

We will soon begin rehearsing for our Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian concerts which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 & 2 – both at 5 pm. Our first rehearsal for this concert will be on Sunday, October 7 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. You do not have to be a regular member of the choir to join us for these concerts. Again, please see any of us in the music ministry and we will give you information.

Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian

presented by

The Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

Saturday, December 1, 2018

5:00 pm

Sunday, December 2, 2018

5:00 pm



The Beach Food Pantry (BFP) initiated the Summer Food for Kids Program this year. This 10-week program has provided food to the children who are served by Food for Thought during the school year. A total of 35 families participated this summer allowing over 90 children to receive additional food while on summer vacation. They have been able to pick up food at the Department of Social Services (DSS) in Frisco, at Children and Youth Partnership (PC&Y) in Manteo and at our pantry in Kitty Hawk. However, the families we served this summer represent a very small percentage of the children in our community who are eligible for this service. We look forward to learning from this summer's experience and expanding the program next year. It is important to note that the BFP could not have provided this service without a grant from the Dominion NC Power and the support of Surf Pediatrics.

News Flash: The BFP has a new Executive Director. Elisabeth Silverthorne was hired in July. A resident of Kitty Hawk, Ms. Silverthorne comes to us with 15 years' experience managing nonprofit organizations. Most recently she served as the Executive Director of the Dare Education Foundation for 7 years. Her experiences with the Community Services Collaborative, the Community Food and Shelter Board, Interfaith Community Outreach and the Kitty Hawk Rotary Club give her a unique understanding of our community and a presence among many of the nonprofit organizations that have partnered with the pantry.

OBPC's next scheduled time to serve at the pantry is the week of September 10, Monday through Friday from 2 PM – 4PM. We still have seven slots to fill so that we have enough people working. If you would like to help, please contact Susan Smith at spsobx@gmail.com or 252-255-4855.

Current Beach Food Pantry Needs

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Canned Chicken or Tuna | Pancake Mix & Syrup |
| Brown or White Rice | Instant Oatmeal (<i>Variety Pack</i>) |
| Pasta - Elbow, Penne, Rotini | Hamburger Helper |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Canned Soup | Salad Dressing |
| Canned Beef Stew | Vegetable Oil (<i>16 oz.</i>) |
| Canned Beef Chili w/ Beans | Adult & Child Toothbrushes |
| Canned Mixed Vegetables | Toothpaste |
| Canned Fruit | Feminine Products |
| Grape or Strawberry Jelly | |

Third Thursday Lunch

Here's an open invitation to all church members and guests, to attend our monthly group for fellowship and great food - now every month year round.

We have our gatherings at rotating restaurants in the area. The month of August we met at the Sea Ranch Resort event room, in Kill Devil Hills.

In September we will meet at Steamers in Kitty Hawk. Look for details in the bulletin.

Contact Dan or Ann Broadhead, by calling 252-202-0365; or by sending them an email to kittyhawklife@gmail.com, to reserve your seat. We like to see new faces!

We look forward to having you join us in fellowship and fun!



Congregational Care

The CCC is again planning to co-host the Harmony Café on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 12 noon – 3 pm. The OBPC provides the food, sets up the tables, and cleans up afterwards; participates and leads some of the activities such as musical entertainment; and socializes with those who have memory loss and especially with their caretakers. **Please consider helping; Rosalyn Pugh is the contact person. This is a very personal way to show God's love.**

Rev. John Calvin Rickers has offered his personal ministry for years to numerous members and friends of the church who are homebound or have health issues. Other committee members help with visits, calls, and distribution of Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies. The CCC also coordinates with the Elder Caregivers to be sure that cards or notes are sent to people who cannot attend worship. **If you have a need or know of someone in our church who does, please contact Cathie Field in the church office at 252-441-5897.**

Frequent requests are for transportation or monetary assistance here on the Outer Banks. In addition to help from the CCC, some important resources include:

- Dare County Transportation System, which provides rides; Contact Don Cabana, Director, donc@darenc.com; 252-475-5640 for scheduling. The rates are \$3/ride locally or \$14/ride to Greenville, Norfolk, and other cities.
- Interfaith Community Outreach, Outer Banks at 252-480-0070;
- Hands of Hope for cancer patients. The hospital contact is Kelly Divita, 252-449-4550 (work) or 757-572-7274 (mobile); and
- Baum Center for Older Adult Services at 252-475-5635.

The CCC is a great committee for you to join if you like to help people. **Please come to the next meeting which is Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 2 pm or contact Jim Goes, Moderator. The CCC is one of the OBPC committees that provides hands, feet, and hearts that care.**

In Loving Memory of Tom Charlton

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Charlton who passed away on August 22, 2018. Tom was a long time member of OBPC and sang in the choir for many years. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held here at OBPC on Friday, September 7 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service. Burial will be in Southern Shores Cemetery.

Ruthie's Kitchen

The Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will again serve Ruthie's Kitchen on **Tuesday, September 4, 2018.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion



Join us on Sunday, September 2, 2018 as we observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion during our morning worship service.

This Sacrament is a true reminder of God's sacrificial love for us by dying on a cross to save us of our sins and resurrecting that we might spend eternity with him.



On Saturday, August 18 approximately 18 women gathered at the church to say Aloha (goodbye) to summer and Aloha (hello) to a new PW year. The Hawaiian theme was carried out with nautical decorations, leis and miniature palm trees. The

menu featured Hawaiian foods and beverages. After dinner, an overview of the coming year's Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am With You* was presented and study books were given out. Many thanks to those who helped and to those who attended.

There are three circles at OBPC:

- **Dorcas Circle** meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30. Vera Berg is the circle leader. September's meeting, Sept 6 will be at the home of Helen Gauvreau.
- **Lydia Circle** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30. Nancy Messinger is the leader. September's meeting, Sept 12 will be at the church.
- **Faith, Hope and Love Circle** meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30. Lisa Rhodes is the circle leader. This circle always meets at the church. September's meeting will be on Sept. 13.

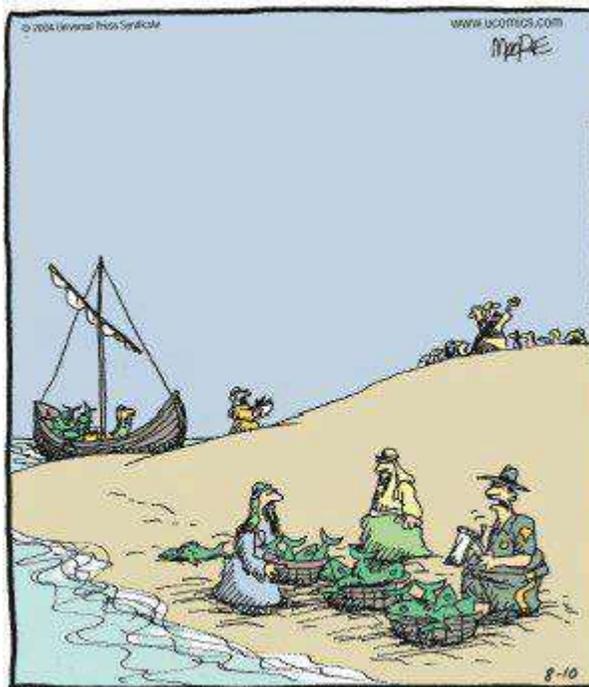
On Saturday, September 22, the Fall Gathering for the PW of New Hope Presbytery will meet at the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church at Bear Grass, near Williamston. Registration is at 9:30 followed by the program from 10:00-12:00. Hopefully, we will have a good representation from OBPC. Please let your circle leader or Brenda Brown know of your intention to attend this fun, informative gathering!

October 19-21 is the time for our OBPC women to "retreat" and spend the weekend in fellowship, prayer, Bible study, crafts, good fun and good food!! Once again we will be at the Davis Cottage in Southern Shores. You may come for the day meetings or spend the night. This is quality time for us to commune with God and each other. This year's theme is SeaSide Escape. Watch for more info in future bulletins. Again, a reminder that you do NOT have to belong to a circle. **All activities are open to women 18 years of age and older.** Hopefully, your schedule will permit you to join us on this retreat!

Faith Knitters

Faith Knitters will begin meeting in September. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month unless it conflicts with a holiday. The first meeting will be on September 11th at 10:00am. We meet at the home of Bill Pratt at 100 Mill Point Road in Martins Point. There is no need to RSVP except it's nice to know if you can't come just so we don't worry about you being stranded on the side of the road.

Everyone, hopefully, has been knitting or crocheting over the summer making prayer shawls for the Veterans hospital in Hampton, Va. We have until the first part of November to get them finished. Not everyone who makes shawls can make the meetings. Even though you are missing a lot of fun and laughter, we appreciated your contribution to this worthwhile mission project. If anyone is interested in joining the group you may call Barbara Nock at 252-255-5979 or send her an email at nocktwice@embarqmail.com for more information. See everyone on September 11th.



"Yeah, well, the loaves I don't care about. But, miracle or not, I'm writing you up because you're way over the limit on fish."

News from the August Session Meeting

SESSION APPROVED IN OMNIBUS MOTION:

- A. Stewardship and Generosity Committee's recommendation that Consecration Sunday be held on October 14, 2018.

RECORD OF ELECTRONIC APPROVALS BY SESSION:

- A. Outreach and Witness Committee's recommendation to approve the application by the Beach Food Pantry for \$2,000 from the Presbytery of New Hope (NHP).
- B. Administration Committee's recommendation to approve the use of our church for the funeral of a non-member, on August 14, 2018, with payment of \$400.

NEW BUSINESS APPROVED:

- A. Congregational Care Committee's recommendation to sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic at church on October 7, 2018 after worship. Walgreen's Pharmacy has agreed to provide flu, pneumococcal, shingles and tetanus vaccines if 25 people will commit to participate. See the full article elsewhere in the Newsletter.
- B. The Building and Grounds Committee's recommendation to replace the five windows along the south wall, including Pastor's office, Secretary's office, Library, Youth Room and Nursery.
- C. Christian Education Committee's recommendation to change the local church policy on Use of the Library on Sunday mornings allowing the following:
 - Adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings, ending promptly at 9:45 am;
 - Children's Church on Sunday mornings, from 10:20 am -11:00 am; the class will then move to the Fellowship Hall or outdoor play area; and
 - Church committees and other groups, such as Presbyterian Women, no earlier than 11:30 am.

Session reiterated the rule that no food or drink be allowed in the library on Sunday mornings.

- D. Administration Committee's recommendation that the Church Office Hours be permanently changed to Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm.
- E. The Nominating Committee's recommendation to call the Congregational Meeting for September 16, 2018.
- F. The Pastor's recommendations to:
 1. Lead a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 5:15 pm from Sept. 4- Oct. 16; and
 2. Have a Called Session Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9, to welcome new members; for anyone interested in joining our church, please call the Pastor or the church office at 252-441-5897.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Called Session Meeting, Sept. 9, 2018, 9:30 am, in the Pastor's Office
- Called Congregational Meeting, Sept. 16, 2018, immediately after worship
- Next Session Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, 6:30 pm
- Consecration Sunday, October 14, 2018



Sacrament of Holy Communion Observed

Sunday, September 2, 2018
10:00 am

Ruthie's Kitchen

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 16, 2018
11:15 am

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Bear Grass Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship & Luncheon at Sound Park, Point Harbor

Sunday, September 23, 2018
10:30 am

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18, 2018
4:00 pm

Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian

Saturday & Sunday, December 1-2, 2018
5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24, 2018
5:00 pm

Vacation Bible School

We ventured onto an uncharted island where kids survived and thrived. Kids were anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. This summer, Vacation Bible School at OBPC did just that for your kids! At SHIPWRECKED VBS, kids discovered that Jesus rescues...always! Shipwrecked was filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences allowing kids to see, hear, touch, and even taste! sciency-fun gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats were just a few of the standout activities that helped faith flow into real life. Plus, kids discovered how to see evidence of God in everyday life — something we call 'God Sightings'.

This year during VBS, which was held the week of July 16-20, we had a total of 46 children and 33 workers and a great time was had by all!

Photos from Vacation Bible School



Montreat Youth Conference

On a very rainy Saturday at the end of July, 15 of our youth and chaperones loaded the church bus and spent the day traveling to Montreat for the Youth Conference, "Lift Every Voice." We arrived in Montreat late that evening, exhausted but excited to discover a life-changing conference. Each day, we were inspired by relevant keynote addresses and sermons. In addition to keynote addresses each youth was assigned to a small group made up of young people from other churches who met morning and afternoons for discussions. The final evening had a late worship service concluding with a candlelight service around Lake Susan. Many were moved to tears as they bid farewell to new friends and to Montreat. In their free time, they went rock-hopping and ate lots of ice cream at the Huck.

Perhaps the most meaningful part of the week was watching our OBPC Youth transition from "attending" worship to "participating" in worship. Our youth were genuinely involved in the youth leadership of worship and keynote.

As always, Montreat would not be possible without the prayerful support of so many in our church. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially to make this trip possible. Thanks to those who donated items for the various mission projects we participated in at Montreat. Those attending the conference were Hopelyn Kovacs, Kristen Applebaum, Chloe Futrell, Grace Hook, Grace Folds, Cailin & Joseph Lewis, Autum Helms, James LaCroix, Parker Duck, Elisabeth Writtenberry and Gideon Writtenberry-Lewis. And, from the bottom of my heart, a huge heartfelt thank you goes out to our adult chaperones: Jennifer Kovaks, Aunt Lisa Helms, best chef and Jody Lewis, best bus driver EVER. Pastor Jody joined us for most of the week "And a great time was had by all"!!

Photos from the Montreat Youth Conference!



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