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Prayer Concerns

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

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Martha Butcher
Anne Cramer
George Daniels
Arlene Evans
Donna Evans
Claudette Forney
Dorothy & Matt George
Roberta Graves
Catherine Howell
Esther Huntsinger
Amanda Kirkman
Nancy Messi
Howard Miller
Clay Moore
Etta Parrott
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Louie Rodriguez
Lawrence Rust
Kevin Scholl
Bud Sheets
Hans Stelzer
Trish Thomas
Pat Wilson

Easter Sunday - April 21, 2019

TWO Identical Services:
8:30 am & 10:00 am

Please join us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 21st. It will be a joyous occasion! For the Sixth consecutive year, we will have two identical worship services on Easter at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 8:30 am service will have the same sermon, hymns, choir anthem, and Order of Service.

We will have our traditional “bare” wire cross in the Gathering Space for you to adorn with flowers from your garden. Every year this is just such a beautiful way to give thanks and praise to our Risen Lord, so please remember to bring a flower for our cross.

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

April 7 .................. Christian Education
April 14 .................. Lydia Circle
April 21 ............ Easter – No Coffee Hour
April 28 ............... Picnic at Sound Park

April Birthdays

Hollie Lewis .................. 1
Jeff Rhodes .................. 1
John Dick .................. 3
Grace Hook .................. 7
Judy Diaz .................. 8
Jody Moore .................. 9
Dan Harris .................. 10
Etta Parrott .................. 10
Max Strange .................. 11
Melanie Cahoon ............. 13
Claudette Forney .......... 14
Karen McIver .............. 15
Jim Goes .................. 16
Tom Williamson ............ 16
Judith Moore ............... 16
Donna Evans ............... 16
Susan Smith ................ 19
Emily Hastings ............ 21
Bethany Siefferman ....... 21
Donna Lowcher .......... 22
Winkey Roberts .......... 22
Elisabeth Writtenberry .. 26
Fran Peel .................. 27
Lyman Futrell .......... 30
Jessica Lowcher ........... 30
Millie Rickers .......... 30

April Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Jake Maestas ............ 1
Mr. & Mrs. Winkey Roberts ....... 5
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Messinger ....... 9
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Smith .......... 9
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A Word from Your Pastor

There is a lot to look forward to in the month of April. Our music ministry will once again be performing their spring concert on the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 13 and 14. The musicals will take place at 5:00 pm each evening and are the result of weeks of dedication and practice. One of my favorite worship services of the entire year takes place on Maundy Thursday as we gather in the fellowship hall. Not only do we worship on this special evening; we also break bread together and share a meal just as Jesus and his disciples did the night of their Last Supper. As we eat, sing, pray, and share in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper together, we commemorate Jesus’ final meal with his disciples before his crucifixion. This year’s Maundy Thursday service will take place on April 18th at 6:00 pm.

Easter is the highlight of the church year. Theologians throughout the centuries have considered every Sunday that we gather a “mini-Easter” because each time that we worship we recall the centrality and importance of Jesus’ death, resurrection, and victory over evil. Easter is the day that gives us hope and helps us see that everything ultimately makes sense in God’s eternal plan. Please join us for worship on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Once again this year, we will have two identical worship services on Easter at 8:30 am and 10:00 am with the same hymns, choir, and sermon. Plan to join us at the early service to avoid the crowds and get a good seat.

On March 19th, the adult education teachers and I began leading a fourteen-week class that will continue through June. I am writing this article a couple of days after I taught the first class. I can testify that we had a rich discussion based on the book Christian Doctrine by Shirley Guthrie. The Christian Education Committee purchased several copies of the book that are available for those who are interested in reading it. The classes will be taught in such a way that you can participate and get something out of it whether or not you read the chapter we are discussing. The schedule of topics that we will be discussing in April may be found at the bottom of the next column on this page.

This year our congregation is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. We will have a special celebration for the anniversary in September. For the last several years, we have held a worship service and picnic at Soundside Park in Point Harbor, NC during the month of September. With all the other exciting events planned for our anniversary in September, the Worship and Fellowship Committees decided to move the “Down by the River to Pray” worship service and picnic to the Sunday after Easter, April 28th. Worship will begin at Soundside Park at 10:30 am. There are picnic tables we can use, but we invite those who are able to bring an extra lawn chair. The meal will be catered once again by Darrell’s 2, which provides delicious fried chicken, barbecue, and all the fixings.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

Sermons for April 2019
The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

April 7: John 12:1-8. Just a few days before his arrest, Jesus comes to Bethany and has a meal at the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. Lazarus’ sister Mary took some costly perfume and placed it on Jesus’ feet, wiping it with her hair. Such an extravagant act was criticized by some, including Judas. Jesus, however, commends Mary for her sincere act of devotion and love, which prepared Jesus for his impending death on the cross.

April 14: Luke 23:1-25, 44-47. Palm Sunday. After meeting with the Jewish High Priest, Jesus is put on trial before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. Even though Pilate does not believe Jesus deserves to die, he hands Jesus over to be crucified in the greatest miscarriage of justice in human history. We will explore what factors led to Jesus’ crucifixion.

April 18: Luke 22:14-27. Maundy Thursday. This is Luke’s account of Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. Jesus is still teaching them, even at the very end when his own life is on the line. He tells the disciples that the bread is his body given for us and the cup is the new covenant poured out for our sake. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion as we remember how Jesus gave us this special meal.

April 21: John 20:1-18. Easter Sunday. John tells us about the event that changes the course of human history: not even the grave could keep Jesus captive. The resurrected Christ appeared to his amazed followers on the third day after his crucifixion. Jesus’ victory shows us that God is stronger than even death!

April 28: John 21:1-19. Down to the River. After his resurrection, several of Jesus’ disciples were gathered on the sea fishing and were not able to catch anything. Suddenly the resurrected Christ appears on the beach and instructs them how to have a miraculous catch. Jesus also forgives his disciple Simon Peter, who had denied his Lord. We will hold our worship service at Soundside Park in Point Harbor and have a picnic following worship.

Christian Doctrine Tuesday Classes

| April 2 | 3: How Can We Find God: The Doctrine of General Revelation |
| April 9 | 4: How Does God Find Us? The Doctrine of Special Revelation |
| April 16 | 5: Who Is God? The Doctrine of the Trinity |
| April 23 | 6: What Is God Like: The Doctrine of the Attributes of God |
| April 30 | 7: What Does God Want with Us? The Doctrine of Predestination |
Wednesday Lenten Worship Services Continue

Outer Banks Presbyterian continues to host the community Lenten Services sponsored by the N. Dare County Ministerial Association. The services began on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 noon and will continue through April 17. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is $5.00 and the proceeds go to the Beach Food Pantry, Mt. Olivet Food Pantry, Hatteras Island Food Pantry and Food for Thought. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The schedule for the remainder of the 2019 Lenten season is as follows:

April 3
The Rev. Keith Dey, Speaker
from Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon

April 10
Chaplain Cherri Wheeler, Speaker
from Kitty Hawk Baptist Church
Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, Luncheon

April 17
The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Luncheon

Thursday, April 18, 2019
6:00 pm

The night before Jesus was crucified, He shared fellowship and a Passover meal with His disciples and then instituted the first Lord’s Supper with the words, “Do This in Remembrance of Me”. On Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. we will meet for a similar time of food and fellowship followed by the Lord’s Supper. The entire evening will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting with a gathering and greeting time, followed by a home cooked meal, a time of worship and ending with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering space so that the Worship Committee will know how much food to prepare. This evening is a beautiful and meaningful time bringing an end to the Lenten journey we have shared together.

More than 300 million palm fronds are harvested each year for US consumption alone – for Palm Sunday and also for floral displays. Usually, palms are harvested in rain forests that are critical habitats for migrating birds. The more fronds harvesters cut, the more income they generate, which results in overharvesting and threatens the rain forest. Middle men then transport the palms out of the communities for processing where more than half of the palms are discarded because of poor quality. Eco-Palms are responsibly harvested in Guatemala and Mexico and distributed through partnerships in the USA, including through “Enough for Everyone”, a ministry of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The use of Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday helps protect forests, local jobs and sustainable livelihoods in harvesting communities.

The Worship Committee is proud to announce that OBPC will be using Eco-Palms on Palm Sunday, April 14th. You may learn more about Eco-Palms at www.ecopalms.org. We will gather in the fellowship hall to process into worship with the eco-palms.

In addition, the ashes that were used for the Ash Wednesday Lenten Service this year were from the burned eco-palms left over from last year.

One Great Hour of Sharing

There will be a special offering collection on Easter Sunday, April 21, from the Presbyterian Mission titled “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS).

This is a once a year collection for natural disasters, alleviating hunger, and support towards the development of poor and oppressed communities. There will be a handout in the bulletin and there is a special offering envelope for this very worthwhile cause. Over $500 was collected last year. Let’s see if we can top that this year. The OGHS ministries are driven, not so much by who the recipients are, but by who we are - faithful and generous followers of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday!

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Outer Banks Presbyterian Church to Present 2019 Easter Musical

The Music Ministry of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will present “Alabaster Box”, a musical on the life of Christ on Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 14 at 5:00 pm.

This musical presentation consists of song selections and narrations pulled from various sources by the Church Music Director, Jason Evans. The performance will be given by the Sanctuary Choir of the church along with numerous musical guests all combining to build a 50-voice choir, a 12-piece orchestra and narrators to tell the wonderful story of Jesus’ love for us by giving His life on a cross over two thousand years ago. The first portion of the program will feature several anthems surrounding the theme of worship. The first half will also consist of the feature song of the program, “Alabaster Box” which tells the story from the Gospel of Luke of the sinful woman who came to Jesus and poured out her valuable essence from her box of alabaster asking Jesus if she could wash his feet with her tears and dry them with her hair. The second portion will tell the story of the final week of Christ’s life from the Triumphal Entry through the Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Savior. The choir has been working on the musical for weeks.

Guest solo vocalists include; Natalie Drummond, Pamela Tanner, Elaine Reed, and Brian Hare.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Steve Blackstock, organ; Jason Evans, piano; David Hopson, drum set/percussion; Reid Stockdill, Timpani/Percussion; Timothy Briggs, Electric Bass Guitar; Emily Anderson and Billy Tanner, violin; Sue Waters, viola; Suzanne Blackstock and Katie Blackstock Blanchard, flute; Christi Briggs, clarinet.

We invite all to attend this moving and powerful presentation. Admission is free, and a freewill love offering will be taken. Nursery will be provided. For additional information about the performances, please call 441-5897 or visit us on the web at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.

“Down to the River to Pray”
Sunday, April 28
10:30 am

An exciting day of worship and fellowship for OBPC will happen on Sunday, April 28th at 10:30 am (yes, that’s right 10:30 am). We will hold our fourth Worship Service 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 Restaurant will cater the delicious B-B-Q, Fried Chicken lunch afterwards. We hope to offset the $15.00 charge per person by voluntary contributions in baskets provided at lunch. This Sunday, we are sure, will bring back fond memories you have of other gatherings and family reunions from the 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.

Spring Bulbs for the Bible Garden

We would like to offer a special thank you to Carl and Laura Lilieberg for donating the spring bulbs that are now in bloom in the Bible Garden.
Presbyterian Women

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

**DORCAS CIRCLE**
Thursday, April 4 | 9:30 am
This meeting will be held at the home of Vera Berg.

**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE**
Thursday, April 11 | 5:30 pm
This meeting will be held at the church.

**LYDIA CIRCLE**
Wednesday, April 10 | 9:30 am
Due to the Lenten service following this month's meeting, Lydia Circle will be held at the church with a light continental breakfast.

Presbyterian Women

**Annual Spring Gathering**

Presbyterian Women across the Presbytery of New Hope have the opportunity to gather together for their Annual Spring Gathering to be held at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Lucama on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Registration begins at 9:30 AM with the Call to Order at 10:00 AM. At the Spring Gathering new leaders are elected and installed, an offering is collected for the Scholarship Fund, and annual reports are received. Worship and Communion are also a vital part of this meeting. The Mission Outreach Opportunity will be the collection of gift cards from Lowe’s, Home Depot, and other businesses to aid in rebuilding hurricane and flood ravaged areas of the Presbytery of New Hope. Brenda Brown has the registration form for those who are interested in attending.

**40th Anniversary Shirts**

The PW of OBPC are excited about a new project to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our church. We will be selling Polo shirts, T-shirts and Sweatshirts beginning in April. These shirts will have the church name, PCUSA symbol and 40th Anniversary on them. More information to follow!! We hope everyone will purchase at least one shirt to wear at our church picnic and worship at Sound Park on April 28. These shirts can be worn when we participate in Ruthie’s Kitchen, Room at the Inn, visit nursing homes and hospitals, attend presbytery meetings and many other ways. It’s a great way to make our church family more identifiable in our community.

2019 Outstanding Older Adult Award
Mrs. Margaret H. Brown

Margaret and her family joined the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church (OBPC) on November 2, 1980, just one year after the church was chartered. She also claims the rare status of being a “local,” having lived on the Outer Banks since 1952.

Margaret taught speech, English, and social studies at the Manteo High School and Middle School, which quickly led to her role as a liturgist during worship services at the church. Margaret also sang in the choir, served on the Session, taught in Vacation Bible School, and participated in the Women’s Circle. One of her favorite roles was giving the Children’s Sermons during worship. Margaret loves the beauty of the Outer Banks, and has always contributed to the care of the Bible Garden and vegetation around the OBPC.

It is with great pleasure that the OBPC family recognizes the contributions of Margaret Brown with the 2019 Outstanding Older Adult Award. **Congratulations Margaret!!**

*Easter Lilies*

If you would like to place an Easter Lily order to remember or honor a loved one, the Easter lily order forms are now available. The cost this year is $10.00. Please pick up an order form in the gathering space and turn it into the church office or place in the offering plate prior to or on Sunday, April 14, 2019.

**Thank-You**

Dear OBPC Members & Friends,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members and friends of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church for their many visits, phone calls and cards during my recent illness. It certainly made a difficult time more bearable knowing that you were praying for me.

In His Love,

Arlene H. Evans
And practice your smile! Why you ask? Because the church will be doing a “NEW” pictorial directory. It’s been almost 5 years since we did the last one and it’s so out of date. As our congregation changes, it’s so helpful to be able to put names with faces. And, we want everyone included—whether you are a member or friend of OBPC, please plan to be included in our new directory!

Photos for the directory will be taken at the church on May 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. You must make an appointment to schedule your time slot. There are 3 ways to schedule an appointment: IN PERSON on April 28th, May 5th or May 12th (Barbara Nock and other helpers will be available after worship services on those Sundays to make your reservation); ON LINE by going to our web site at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org, clicking on the directory announcement and following the directions; or, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE at 252-441-5897.

There is no cost to you, and you will receive a free 8X10 color photo and a copy of the new directory. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase additional photos that you can use as gifts and discounts are available. A copy of the price sheet will be available when you make your appointment time.

We urge everyone to get their photos taken so that the directory is an accurate representation of our congregation. We would like to have 100% participation. If for some reason you elect not to have a photo taken for the directory, you will be listed in the roster section only and no new directory will be available for you. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the dates!

Third Thursday Lunch Coordinator

We are in need of someone to take over coordinating our monthly Third Thursday Lunches. If anyone would like to begin making arrangements with area restaurants for these gatherings, please contact the church office. Third Thursday Lunches range from September to May and are a fun opportunity for people to get to know each other and to experience various restaurants in the area.

Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 18, 2019
6:00 pm

Down to the River to Pray
Sunday Worship Service and Picnic
Held at Sound Park in Currituck, NC
Sunday, April 28, 2019
10:30 am

Cathedral of the Rockies
Youth Choir in Concert
Friday, June 7, 2019
7:00 pm

OBPC 40th Anniversary Music Concert
Featuring
Mr. Nicholas Bowden, concert organist
And the Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian
Saturday August 21, 2019 ♦ 6:00 pm

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
40th Anniversary
A wonderful and meaningful worship service followed by a catered dinner.
Sunday August 22, 2019 ♦ 10:00 am

Volunteers Needed at Spring Arbor

Spring Arbor, a residential assisted living and memory care community in Kill Devil Hills, is looking for volunteers to interact with their residents. Some fun things to do include calling Bingo, helping put together puzzles, helping with crafts, or just sitting and chatting with a resident. If you are interested, please call Activity Director, Linda Hamlett, at 252-449-4455 or 252-473-0321.

Communion Guild

We are always appreciative of our Communion Guild members for their faithfulness in providing the elements each month for The Sacrament of Holy Communion. This month’s volunteers for the Regular First Sunday Communion & Maundy Thursday service:

Sunday, April 7
Glynn Powell & Judy Whittle

Thursday, April 18
Barbara Nock & Louise Roberts