A Word from Your Pastor

I am writing this article during the week of Vacation Bible School. Our church walls have been filled with forty-plus children and dozens of youth and adult volunteers. It has been a joy to see our children filled with great excitement as they have learned the songs, Bible stories, and themes for each day. This year’s lessons have taught our children that no matter what happens, whether life is unfair or scary, God is good. Vacation Bible School is one of our best outreach efforts of the entire year—in addition to serving children from our congregation, many young ones from the community are blessed by their participation in VBS. Thanks to Hollie and all of the volunteers who make VBS possible!

Our youth group will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference from July 27-August 3. I will be joining our youth for part of the week. Our youth know Montreat as one of those “thin places” where God seems a little closer to us. Montreat is an intense week spiritually; over the years, I have been grateful for the conversations we have during the conference that help our young people grow in their faith. Please pray for all of our youth and adult leaders at Montreat.

It feels like summer just began, but the end of August marks the end of summer break for teachers and students. To honor our students and teachers, we will be having a blessing of the backpacks during worship on Sunday, August 25. Students at all levels and school staff are joyfully invited to bring your backpacks, briefcases, or tote bags to church that day as we seek God’s blessing and support for your upcoming year at school. We also invite others who aren’t involved in schooling to bring briefcases, calendars, and other items that you utilize in your daily lives for the special blessing. This blessing of the backpacks emphasizes our belief as Reformed Christians that God calls every one of us to honor and serve the Lord in the choices and interactions we have in our normal lives.

Please mark your calendars now for the weekend of September 21st when Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Before Outer Banks Presbyterian Church was chartered, the closest Presbyterian congregation was in Elizabeth City. The increasing number of summer vacationers requested having a Presbyterian congregation in this area. Albemarle Presbytery (the precursor to New Hope Presbytery) appointed a task force to explore the viability of a congregation in this region and Outer Banks Presbyterian Church was officially chartered on September 23, 1979 with 38 charter members and Rev. Spottswood Graves as its founding pastor.

We will have several ways to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. On Saturday evening, September 21st, the music ministry program of Outer Banks Presbyterian will present a 40th Anniversary Music Concert. The concert will feature Mr. Nicholas Bowden, the former organist at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. On Sunday morning, September 22nd, we will have a special worship service at 10:00 am that is scheduled to celebrate God’s faithfulness to our congregation over the past forty years as we also look forward to the next forty years and beyond. We will hear from special speakers who will reflect upon some of our most significant stories and moments. Following worship, we will have a luncheon at Duck Woods Country Club. We hope that former members and friends who have moved away will return to join us for the special celebration. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore
A Note of Thanks from James H. Cahoon

Dear OBPC Family,

Thank you so much for the kind graduation gift. This book of devotionals will certainly help guide me in my new adventures. They say it takes a village to raise a child. I think for me, it took several, but OBPC was one of the first. It has certainly been one of the steadiest and most generous and for that I am thankful.

Love,

James

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule
- August 4 ........ Hope, Faith & Love Circle
- August 11 ........ Christian Education
- August 18 .......... Basnight / Campbell
- August 25 .......... Fellowship

Flower Schedule
- August 4 ...................... Jason Evans
- August 11 ...................... Ruth Dutt
- August 18 ...................... Available
- August 25 ........ Fred & Helen Gauvreau

Liturgist Schedule
- August 4 ..................... Ike McRee
- August 11 ..................... Jeanne Martie
- August 18 ..................... Brenda Brown
- August 25 ..................... Ben Cahoon

Children’s Church Schedule
- August 4 ................................ Moore / Braymiller
- August 11 ................................ Moore/Wood
- August 18 ......................... Michler/Writtenberry
- August 25 ................. Letha & Kyle McDowell

August Birthdays

Anne-Marie Munson ...................... 2
Clara Ann Baker ......................... 4
Jody Lewis ............................... 5
Arlene Evans ............................. 6
Gideon Wayne Writtenberry-Lewis ... 8
Helen Gauvreau ......................... 8
Caroline Harman-Scott ................ 9
Michael Bennett ....................... 10
Anna Moore ............................ 11
Joseph Moore III ....................... 11
Karen Lurie .............................. 12
John Webb .............................. 14
Gayle Goetchius ....................... 15
Case Aldridge ......................... 17
Fred Smith ............................. 19
Frank Butler ........................... 22
Phil Moore ............................ 27
Al Ihrig ................................. 29
Joe Morgan ........................... 30
Norm Sparks ......................... 31

August Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Spencer ............. 12
Mr. & Mrs. Jody Crosswhite ............ 14
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Baker ................... 15
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Davis ................... 15
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Landis ............... 16
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jackson ................. 17
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith .................. 19
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Moore ............... 20
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Olejasz .............. 26
Mr. & Mrs. August Michler ............. 31
What kind of perspective does our faith give to our identity and how we handle our disagreements?

Jesus is eating a meal with Pharisees and everyone is fighting over something as silly as where they sit. We can also get into arguments over petty concerns ourselves. Jesus tells us that it is better to be humble, to honor others instead of ourselves, and to think first about how we can serve other people.

Sermons for August 2019
Reverend Jody Moore

August 4, 2019

Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray and gives us the Lord’s Prayer as a model for how we can communicate with God. Jesus teaches us to be persistent in our prayer lives. Prayer is a powerful, holy mystery. We will explore the nature of prayer. What is important for us to do when we talk with God? Does God answer our prayers? How can prayer become a more vibrant part of our devotional lives?

September 1, 2019
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Sermon Series on “The Pillars of Faith”
August 11 - September 1, 2019

One of the key concepts of our Christian identity is the notion of faith. As followers of Christ, we trust in what we cannot see or prove. We believe in an invisible triune God who blesses us day by day. Throughout this series, we will consider several key questions about the nature of faith and its implications for how we live our daily lives. We will explore the ways that the Gospel of Luke and the book of Hebrews define faith.

August 11, 2019
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

What is faith?

This text from Hebrews highlights the theme of faith and states its centrality to us as disciples of Christ. God invites us to have faith and to trust in our Lord. Hebrews defines faith as “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not yet seen.” What does it mean for us to put our trust in the Lord?

August 18, 2019
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

How does faith keep us going when times are tough?

Faith helps us to discern the will of God and to see what lies ahead. Hebrews traces the history of all the Old Testament figures who walked by faith, including Moses, David, Rahab, and the prophets. When we feel overwhelmed by life’s trials and burdens, we can lean on and depend upon Christ’s strength to carry us forward.

August 25, 2019

How does our faith help us to address our worries and concerns?

Jesus tells us to not worry about our material possessions because God will provide for us what we need. Jesus asks us to consider the lilies of the field and other simple joys of life. We will explore what it means to have faith in God in the present and to trust in God’s providence for our future.

OBPC Sunday School
9:00 am - Sunday Mornings

Below you will find a proposed outline for the study of Genesis. There are 12 blocks, most of which will take more than one week. This could possibly carry us through to Advent.

Study of Genesis Outline

1. Overview/History
2. Creation (1:1 – 2:3)
3. Humanity’s Purpose and Failure (2:4 – 3:24)
4. The Downward Spiral of Sin (4:1 – 11:26)
5. Abraham and The Nations (11:27 – 16:16)
7. Passing the Promises from Abraham to Isaac (23:1 – 26:33)
8. Lessons from Deception (26:34 – 31:55)
9. From Jacob to Israel (32:1 – 35:29)
10. Joseph’s Slavery, God’s Promises (36:1 – 41:57)
12. Death and Blessing (48:1 – 50:26)

Resources:

1. Genesis by Mitchell M. Kim (where the outline came from)
2. The Old Testament, The Great Courses, Professor Amy-Jill Levine
3. In the Beginning: A New Interpretation of Genesis by Karen Armstrong
4. The Evolution of Adam: What the Bible Does and Doesn’t Say About Human Origins by Peter Enns
5. In the Beginning, Nelson Impact Bible Study Series
6. Genesis for Normal People, A Guide to the Most Controversial, Misunderstood, and Abused Book of the Bible by Peter Enns and Jared Byas
The OBPC 40th Anniversary Committee is excited to share with you a peek into the weekend surrounding this special time in the life of our church.

The festivities begin on Saturday, September 21 at 5 pm with an outstanding musical program featuring guest organist Nicholas Bowden, the Sanctuary Choir and guests, and brass/percussion. The Music Ministry of OBPC has planned a most beautiful evening of uplifting music befitting of such a special occasion.

Sunday morning, September 22 we will have our regular Morning Worship at 10 am. Clergy who have had a role in the life of the church have been invited to attend and participate. Music will also play an integral part in this meaningful service.

Following worship, we will travel to Duck Woods Country Club in Southern Shores for a celebration luncheon, complete with a slide show of our past 40 years, shared memories from various members, a special anniversary cake and a small commemorative gift.

This will be a very memorable weekend – we hope you will be able to participate in some, if not all, of the events. If you would like to make a gift to help offset any expenses incurred there will be envelopes available in the Gathering Space.

To God Be the Glory – Great Things He Has Done – especially here at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church.

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

5:00 pm

Concert featuring Concert Organist, Nick Bowden with The Sanctuary Choir, Brass & Percussion

**Saturday, September 22, 2019**

10:00 am

40th Anniversary Celebratory Worship Service Luncheon following at Duck Woods Country Club

The PW organization has been on hiatus for the summer. Now, as the last weeks of summer are winding down, the circles are gearing up for another exciting year of Bible study, projects, fellowship and service. The first meeting in September will be a dinner meeting of all the circles to be held at the church the second Thursday at 5:30 PM. The Horizons Bible study for this year is Love Carved In Stone, a “Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments” by the Rev. Eugenia Anne Gamble. Study books will be handed out, dues for the year collected, and the leaders elected at the May meeting for 2019-2021 will be installed. The first lesson in the study book will be given.

As with any PW activity, remember, all women 18 and older who are members of this church are PW and are welcome at all events. Come give us a try.

Just to keep you posted on the status of the new photo directory it should be available in mid-August. We just finished proofing it for errors and corrections, which was a much bigger job than we anticipated. Hopefully we caught all the misspellings and missing pieces but I’m sure there are some that even “three sets of eyes” missed. The “mockup” looks very good and I think you will be excited to receive the new directory when it arrives. The proof has been sent to LIFETOUCH and should be at the printer. We will let you know when it arrives so we can get your copy to those who had their photos taken. Stay tuned!
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August 2019

Elder of the Month: Barb Nowland
Be sure to join us on Sunday afternoon, August 25 at 4 pm in our sanctuary for a wonderful afternoon of music featuring great hymns of the faith sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Concert Society. This concert will be presented by a community mass choir and conducted by Mrs. Billye Brown-Youmans. Mrs. Youmans is as professor of music at Virginia Wesleyan University and is the Director of Music Ministries at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church in Chesapeake, Virginia.

This concert will be accompanied by Jason Evans, organist; Cheryl Needham, pianist, and the Virginia Symphony Brass and Percussion.

If you are interested in participating in the weekend-long hymn festival, please see Jason Evans for information!

All are welcome to attend this great afternoon of music!

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**From Serving Our Country to Serving Others Through Music!**

- Hear Inspirational Story of How a Retired Navy Captain Transitioned Naval Career into Service to Others w/ Music
- Explore How Music is a G-I-F-T to Build Faith Community & to Deepen Spirituality (no prior music experience required)
- Feel Empowered, Rejuvenated, & Reinvigorated

Speaker: Becky Watson, MBA, Board Certified Music Therapist, (Retired Navy Captain)

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**You are Invited: All Are Welcomed (bring a Veteran)!!**

**When:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 @ 1pm

**Where:** Outer Banks Presbyterian Church 907 S Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

**Email Inquiries:** [office@outerbankspresbyterian.org](mailto:office@outerbankspresbyterian.org)

**Cost:** FREE, special invite for veterans & their families)
The Session met on June 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the church conference room. Session members present were Jean Basnight, Mollie Bass, Ron Campbell, Bobby Gentry, Jim Goes, Bob Messinger, Ike McRee, and Barbara Nowland. Rev. Dr. Jody Moore opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer and moderated the meeting. Clerk of Session Gary McGee was also present.

Judy Whittle, who was nominated by the Church Nominating Committee, to fill an expired term for the Session Class of 2021, was examined by the Session as required by the Book of Order. She was approved by the Session to be presented to the Congregation for election on Sunday, June 30, 2019, at a Congregational meeting. Session established Sunday, July 14, 2019, as her date of Installation if she is elected by the Congregation.

Minutes of meetings on May 18, May 26, and an e-vote on June 7 were approved as written.

Committee reports from Witness and Outreach and Finance were reviewed.

Session approved:

- Scout Troop 116’s new Scout Honor Group, known as the Roanoke Village Order of the Arrow, was given permission to use church classrooms when inclement weather prevented the Order from meeting outside.

- Reimbursements for mulching the Bible Garden and purchase of a new bench for the Garden.

- A recommendation from the Christian Education Committee that Hollie Writtenberry, Lisa Helms (Hollie Writtenberry’s aunt), Karen Lurie, and Jody Moore are authorized to serve as adult supervisors during the youth group’s upcoming trip to the Montreat youth conference. It was noted that Rev. Craig Peel has volunteered to attend the conference, as well.

- Request from the Worship Committee to use monies in the Music Memorial Fund to purchase new choir stoles.

- Bid from Audio Light & Music to install a laser projection system in the Sanctuary.

- A request from Shirley Grimm to transfer her membership to West End United Methodist Church, West End, NC.

Bob Messinger reported that the church’s Boy Scout troop has two Eagle Scouts and commended the troop.

The Session discussed outcomes recorded during the annual Session Retreat. It was decided that Rev. Dr. Jody Moore would further review the outcomes and recommend assignments to appropriate church committees.

The next stated Session meeting will be held on August 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

Rev. Dr. Moore closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully,

Gary McGee
Clerk of Session

Communion Guild

We are very thankful for our volunteers who set up and provide the elements each month for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

For August 4, our Communion Guild volunteers are Louise Roberts & Barbara Nock.
New Members

On Sunday morning, July 21, we had the pleasure of welcoming three new members to the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church family! Be sure to give them a warm friendly welcome!

Liesel Witzel
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Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
727-488-8700
Lieselkw@gmail.com

Phil & Randy Parker
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Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
Phil: 828-785-9434 / PJ Parker720@gmail.com
Randy: 484-459-3128 / MWP518@msn.com

Outreach & Witness Committee: Ruthie’s Kitchen

On June 11, we hosted dinner for Ruthie’s Kitchen at the Son Rise Church in KDH. Our church is very fortunate to have a lot of volunteers --food preparers, servers, clean-up folks. We served 18 people and provided 25 carry-out dinners. To learn more about Ruthie's Kitchen, you may visit their website at:


The next time our church will be serving is Tuesday, September 10. About mid-August, a sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Space at church. If you have thoughts on what we could serve, please contact Jeanne Martie at jlmartie@charter.net. Always looking for something a little different than what we've done in the past.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, my Father has blessed you! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink.’"

- Matthew 25: 34-35

OBPC’s Sunday August 25th worship service will include a “Blessing of the Backpacks”. The backpack is one symbol (and an essential tool) of our students’ call to grow in wisdom, and we want to send our students and school staff into the academic year with our prayers and blessings. As we celebrate God’s gift of learning, we will pray for His blessing on students and schools in the coming year. Students at all levels and school staff are joyfully invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or tote bags to worship on August 25th. And even if you are not in education please feel free to bring briefcases, calendars, and other essential tools of life and business for the blessing.
Graduate Recognition Sunday

Youth Having Fun at Jumpmasters

Vacation Bible School 2019!

From July 15-19, our church was transformed to the jungles of Africa as we experienced ROAR VBS. A total of 51 children attended this week of fun as we learned about God's goodness. Each day, students rotated through five stations (Wild Bible Adventures, Stampede Sports, Kid-Vid Cinema, Imagination Station, and Hungry Herd Cafe) where they enjoyed interactive, hands-on lessons to reiterate the daily Bible point and Bible memory verse. As we studied Moses's journey, we learned that:

1) When Life is Unfair, God is Good
2) When Life is Scary, God is Good
3) When Life Changes, God is Good
4) When Life is Sad, God is Good
5) When Life is Good, God is Good

We also partnered with Operation Kid to Kid to raise money for mothers and newborn babies in Zambia to receive medical care and nutrition. Our missions offering totaled $365!

VBS would not be possible without the 45 adult and youth staff members who volunteered their time all week. Each and every person who helped decorate, teach classes, lead groups, drive the bus, serve snacks and lunch, and clean up made an impact on the children. Thank you for making ROAR a huge success!

Montreat 2019

By the time you read this, our youth will be halfway through the Montreat Youth Conference! This year's theme is LET LOVE LEAD. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you when we return. Please pray for safe travels and a fun, spirit-filled week for each of us!
