As we move forward from the busy season of Lent and Easter, I want to take a moment to say thank you. I am currently the Co-President of the North Dare Ministerial Association and I want to express appreciation for our congregation continuing to host the Wednesday Lenten worship services for our community. It is an important ministry that our congregation hosts these services that help promote unity among the Christians in the Outer Banks from a variety of congregations and traditions. I also want to thank our music department for another wonderful spring musical presentation. Every year, our choir, instrumentalists, production crew, and staff outdo themselves. These musicals are another way that our congregation brings together people throughout the Outer Banks.

Please be in prayer for our Session. We will have our annual retreat on Saturday, May 18. The retreat has a number of purposes: it is a time for our Session to spend quality time focused on building up their own spiritual lives and an opportunity for fellowship among the members of the Session. The retreat is also a chance for us to take a big picture view of how we are doing as a congregation and what it means to be faithful to God as we look toward our future. To help us with that conversation, the Session will be reading Robert Schnase’s book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations to discuss what we can apply to our context. Those five practices are radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

One way that we are living out the practice of intentional faith development is through all of our Bible studies, circles, Sunday School classes, and discussion groups. I want to express my appreciation for all those who have been participating in the Tuesday afternoon classes this spring on Shirley Guthrie’s book Christian Doctrine. The discussions have been excellent and lots of people have made positive contributions. The classes continue until June 18 and a full schedule is included on page 2 of this newsletter. Even if you haven’t been able to join us yet, it is not too late—we’d love to have you participate in the class!

I hope that you will all participate in our church’s efforts to update its pictorial directory. We will be taking pictures May 15-18. I hope we will get as close to 100% participation as possible! There is more information elsewhere in the newsletter about how you can sign up.

Peace in Christ,
Jody Moore
Christian Doctrine Spring Classes
Tuesdays at 5:00 pm: Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

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

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George Daniels
Arlene Evans
Claudette Forney
Dorothy & Matt George
Robert Graves
Catherine Howell
Esther Huntsinger
Amanda Kirkman
Nancy Messinger
Howard Miller
Clay Moore
Etta Parrott
Richard Phersick
Louie Rodriguez
Lawrence Rust
Kevin Scholl
Bud Sheets
Hans Stelzer
Trish Thomas
Pat Wilson

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule
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May 26 .................. Congregational Care

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May 26 ........................ Ben Cahoon

Children’s Church Schedule
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Sermons for May 2019
The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

May 5, 2019

On Easter Sunday, two travelers are walking home to Emmaus distraught because their Lord has died. Another man joins them on their journey and they invite the man to join them for dinner. As they break bread together, they realize that the mysterious man is in fact Jesus Christ, who has risen from the grave. During worship, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

May 12, 2019
Psalm 23 and John 10:22-30

The twenty-third psalm is one of the most beloved passages in the entire Bible. From John, we learn that Jesus sees himself as our shepherd, the one who protects us. The Lord will shield us and protect us through all of life’s trials and tribulations, even when we walk through the darkest valley. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, in whom we can depend.

May 19, 2019
Acts 16:16-40

God has the power to free us from what is holding us captive. Paul and Silas are ministering in Christ’s name when they are arrested, beaten, and put in prison. In the middle of the night, God opens the prison doors through a mighty earthquake, setting Paul and Silas free. God also has the power to save us from anything that is holding us captive!

May 26, 2019
John 5:1-9

Jesus heals a man who has been sick and lame on the sabbath. This man had been ill for almost four decades and had no one to assist him. Jesus took a special interest in him and he was healed. Jesus has the power to cleanse us, offering new life and new hope.

Upcoming Concert Opportunities

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Visiting Choir 1 Night Housing Needed

On Friday, June 7, 2019, we are thrilled to be hosting the youth choir from the Cathedral of the Rockies (First United Methodist Church of Boise, Idaho) in concert. We are looking for host homes to accommodate the youth choir on that Friday night. They will need to be taken home with you following the concert on Friday evening and returned to the church on Saturday morning. If you would be willing to host some of these youth, please let Jason or Nonie know or contact the church office at (252) 441-5897!
News from the Presbyterian Women

ALL women are invited to stay for lunch after worship service on Sunday, May 5. The circles are providing the food and beverages. There will be a brief business meeting following lunch to elect leaders for 2019-2021. A birthday offering will be collected. Please come for fellowship with friends and make new friends!

Many thanks to our volunteers who worked the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter. These additional days were open because some of the smaller volunteer churches do not have enough people to cover a full week. The Beach Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers to help shelve food, pick up supplies from various grocery stores on the OBX and serve clients.

Our church will be serving clients at the Beach Food Pantry again in May. We need volunteers to cover the 13 – 17. It is a very rewarding experience helping the individuals and families who come to the pantry for food. We work at the pantry from 1:30 to 4:00 all that week, so if you would like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Susan Smith at spsobx@gmail.com or 252-255-4855.

Third Thursday Luncheon

The last 3rd Thursday Luncheon before a break during summer will be held at Sugar Creek Restaurant on the sound in Nags Head at noon on May 16th. Please call the office Secretary, Cathie, at 252-441-5897, or you may email the office at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org no later than Monday, May 13 to reserve your seat. This is always a great time of fun and fellowship and we hope you will join us!

Third Thursday Luncheon Coordinator Needed

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.

Save the Date

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 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 “Church Directory Session Sign-Up” on the right side under “Quick Links,” 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.

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Join us on Sunday, May 5, as we partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the 10:00 am worship service. We are thankful to Evelyn Webb and Carol Moore for providing the elements for the month of May.
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*Church Office Closed*
New Hedge Boarders Installed

During the month of April, the Building and Grounds Committee spent a large amount of time on the hedges on the east side of the church! New boarders were installed around the hedges along Wrightsville Avenue giving beautiful definition to the already existing hedges! Be sure to thank the members of the Building and Grounds Committee for this wonderful enhancement to our grounds!

Upcoming Events

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

Vacation Bible School
July 15-19, 2019
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Montreat High School Youth Conference
July 27 – August 3, 2018

Hymn Festival with Choir & Brass
Sponsored by
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Saturday, August 25, 2019 ♦ 4:00 pm

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Mr. Nicholas Bowden, concert organist and the Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian
Saturday, September 21, 2019 ♦ 6:30 pm

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

Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian
Presented by: Sanctuary Choir & Guest Musicians/Singers
Saturday, December 7, 2019 ♦ 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 8, 2019 ♦ 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24, 2019 ♦ 5:00 pm

Calling all Graduates

If you know a graduating senior (high school or college) who would like to be included in the graduate recognition ceremony on June 16, please contact the church office at (252) 441-5897 or send us an email at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org no later than Monday, May 20.
Welcome New Members!
On Sunday, April 7, we received Don & Linda Younkin as new members into our church family. The Younkins are from Pittsburgh, but now reside in Grandy. Be sure to give them a warm OBPC welcome!

Our Deepest Christian Sympathy

Martin “Marty” L. Hammill
June 21, 1955 – April 9, 2019

Martin "Marty" Leslie Hammill, 63, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday Morning, April 9, 2019 at his home in Kill Devil Hills. A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Cathy and their daughters, Catherine and Leslie.

Pentecost Picnic

The Youth Group and Christian Education Committee will be hosting our second annual "Pentecost Picnic" on Sunday evening, June 9 at 5:00 PM. The cost is $10/person or $20/family and includes hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, drinks, and ice cream. All proceeds from the picnic will be used to offset the cost of our Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Tickets will be available to purchase after church the week before the picnic. Come out and celebrate Pentecost with us!

Vacation Bible School
July 15-19, 2019
9 – 12 Daily

This summer, our children will be going on an epic African adventure when we host Vacation Bible School, ROAR. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. VBS will be held July 15-19 from 9:00-12:00 daily. We are in need of volunteers for all areas.....Wild Bible Adventures, Stampede Sports, Kid Vid Cinema, Imagination Station, and the Hungry Herd Cafe. This is always our biggest event of the summer, and we need lots of hands on deck to make it happen! If you would be willing to assist, please see Hollie or sign up in the gathering space. Be on the lookout over the next few weeks for more information including a list of supplies that we will need donated for VBS.

VBS Helpers Needed

We need your help to make VBS the best week of the summer!

Please pray about how God would use you to impact the children in our community. Helpers are needed in the following areas:

- Arts/crafts
- Missions
- Recreation
- Snacks
- Registration
- Nursery
- Closing celebration lunch

Please talk to or contact Hollie for more information: holliewrittenberry@gmail.com.
The Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian met at the Call of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, on Tuesday, April 22, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Pastor. Session members present were Ron Campbell, Bobby Gentry, Jim Goes, Ike McRee, and Moderator Rev. Dr. Moore. Clerk of Session Gary McGee was also present.

The Moderator declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order with an Opening Prayer. The Moderator indicated that only items listed in the meeting notice that was distributed to the Session on April 17, 2019, could be considered at this meeting. Those items included consideration of 2019 Scholarship Awards to graduates and a letter from Elder Dan Broadhead stating that he and his wife Ann had begun an “indefinite medical leave from active participation at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church.”

The Session approved the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee to award scholarships, compliant with the adopted scholarship policy, to the following students who have participated in the church’s Youth Group activities:

- Kirsten Applebaum, (non-member) $500
- Ryan Braswell (member) $1,000
- Parker Duck (non-member) $500
- Chloe Futrell (member) $1,000
- Grace Hook (member) $1,000

Rev. Dr. Moore stated that funds for the non-members will come from the Benevolence Fund and funds for the members would come from the Scholarship Fund.

The Session unanimously moved to enter Closed Session to review and discuss the letter from Elder Dan Broadhead, which was addressed to Rev. Dr. Moore, and read as follows: “As discussed in our confidential meeting on Tuesday, March 19th, 2019, Ann and I have begun an indefinite medical absence from active participation at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. I return the key for whoever is selected to complete my term on the Session. Thank you.” Signed: Dan Broadhead

The Session returned to Open Session. A motion was duly made, seconded, and passed unanimously as follows:

With regret, the Session accepts the resignation of Dan Broadhead from the Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church and dissolves his active relationship with the Session, pursuant to Book of Order G-2.0405. The duly-elected Church Nominating Committee will nominate a person to the Congregation to fill this vacancy. Elders Jean Basnight and Jim Goes co-chair this committee, which also includes Congregants Ellen Carrico, Becky DeSanto, Karen Lurie, and Barbara Nock.

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**Faith Knitters Visits Nursing Home**

The Faith Knitters made a visit to Sentara Nursing Center-Currituck, Barco on April 23. We delivered 50 prayer shawls to the residents there. We spent time with them, and they enjoyed our visit which made our trip most rewarding. The staff at Barco were very supportive and grateful for our visit. Those pictured are Karen O’Brien, Barbara Nock, Gayle Goetschius, Ellen Carrico, Judy Swanson and Susan Furlough. After our visit we all enjoyed a delightful lunch at Simply Southern restaurant. We also donated 10 prayer shawls to the Oncology Center in Kill Devil Hills. Other Faith Knitters who made shawls and were unable to attend our field trip are Barb Nowland, Clara Ann Baker, Judy Whittle, Karen Corbett, Susan Smith, Veronica Reich, Yvonne Blomberg and Lynn Miller. If you would like to become part of this wonderful group, please call Barbara Nock at 255-5979 for more information. We can always use your talent. We only have one more meeting before our summer break which is May 14th. We would love to have you join us.

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Many, many thanks to you all for your prayers, cards, and kind thoughts during my surgery and rehab. It is such a blessing to be part of this caring congregation. God’s blessing to you all.

Mollie Bass