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September 21 & 22

Saturday, September 21
5:00 P.M.

Anniversary Musical
Featuring Concert Organist Nicholas Bowden, the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Sunday, September 22
10:00 A.M.

Worship Service & Holy Communion

12:00 P.M.
Complimentary Celebration Luncheon

RSVP Required
Duck Woods Country Club
50 South Dogwood Trail
Southern Shores, NC 27949
Prayer Concerns

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

Jack Abernethy
Les Basnight
Marc Basnight
Nathalie & Duel Ballard
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
Martha Butche
Anne Cramer
George Daniels
Claudette Forney
Dorothy & Matt George
Cindy Goes
Robert Graves
Margaret Hartman
Esther Huntsinger
Nancy Messinger
Amanda Kirkman
Clay Moore
Roy Murray
Etta Parrott
Richard Phersick
Blanche Robinson
Louie Rodriguez
Lawrence Rust
Frank Stallings
Kevin Scholl
Peggy Seifert
Bud Sheets
Fred Smith
Hank Sprenger
Lisa Trupo
Brandon Tudor
Pat Yoder

Those Serving in our Military

OBPC Sunday School: 9:00 am - Sunday Mornings

Please join us for Adult Sunday School as we continue our study of the Book of Genesis.

September 1: Promises Fulfilled (Gen 17:1 - 22:4)
September 8: Passing the Promises from Abraham to Isaac (Gen 23:1 - 26:33)
September 15: Lessons from Deception (Gen 26:34 - 31:55)
September 22: From Jacob to Israel (Gen 32:1 - 35:29)
September 29: Joseph's Slavery, God's Promises (Gen 36:1 - 41:57)

Each of these lessons is self-standing, so come for one or come for all! We meet from 9:00 AM until 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Coffee Hour Schedule

September 1.......... McRee / Gentry
September 8.......... Bass / Messinger
September 15......... Transportation
September 22........... Luncheon
September 29.......... Administration

Liturgist Schedule

September 1........ Susan Harman-Scott
September 8.......... Brenda Brown
September 15......... Tanta Hendricks
September 22.......... Various Clergy
September 29.......... Ron Baker

Flower Schedule

September 1..... Helen & Fred Gauvreau
September 8................... Cathie Feild
September 15........... Hollie Writtenberry
September 22........... Anniversary Service
September 29...... Susi & Bobby Gentry

Children's Church Schedule

September 1 ...... Writtenberry / Michler
September 8 .......... Hardy / Wood
September 15 ............. Jeanne Moore
September 22 ........... Andrea Braymiller
September 29 .................. Letha McDowell

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
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Linda McGee...........................20
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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
A Word from Your Pastor

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting an Educational and Ministry Fair after worship on Sunday, September 8th, in the fellowship hall to kick off our new program year. Outer Banks Presbyterian Church offers many different classes and Bible studies for people of all ages, including children, youth and adults. Have you ever wondered about what classes are offered at our church? Have you ever thought about getting more involved in one of our Bible studies, classes, or circles? This fair will be the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about our church’s educational programs. Christian Education is foundational to our faith formation at all ages and stages of our spiritual lives. One of the best ways that we grow closer to God and to our fellow Christians is through studying the Scriptures and reflecting upon our spiritual lives.

The big event is almost here! The fortieth anniversary of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will be celebrated the weekend of September 21 and 22, 2019. The Worship Committee has been meeting and diligently planning the weekend for months. We are excited about what has come together. The festivities will begin at the church on Saturday, September 21, at 5:00 p.m., with an Anniversary Musical featuring Concert Organist Nicholas Bowden, as well as the church’s Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Choir Director Nonie Booth and Director of Music Jason Evans. On Sunday morning September 22nd, the worship service will include a number of clergy, including our church’s founding pastor, Reverend Spottswood Graves, and the Executive Presbyter of New Hope Presbytery, Reverend Ted Churn. During worship on Sunday morning, we will have the sacrament of Holy Communion, as we remember all those who have broken bread with the Lord at our communion table over the past forty years. Following worship, a luncheon will be held at Duck Woods Country Club at noon. At the luncheon, we will have a slideshow with pictures covering the forty years of our church’s life together and hear reflections about our past. In order to have an accurate count for lunch, we need you to RSVP by September 15th to the church office at 252-441-5897 or office@outerbankspresbyterian.org. Please let us know if you’d be willing to drive or ride with a carpool to the luncheon. I’m looking forward to seeing familiar faces return for this special weekend.

As we heard in a Minute for Mission this August, we are beginning our annual Stewardship season. The Stewardship and Generosity Committee will be mailing their stewardship letter, pledge card, and ministry opportunities form in early to mid September. When the stewardship mailing arrives, may we take the time to pray about what we have received as we consider what time, talents, and resources that God may be calling us to offer in 2020 in thanksgiving for all of God’s many blessings to us. As we think back on forty years of ministry at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, we could not be here as a congregation without the faithful giving and ministry of so many Christian brothers and sisters who have come before us. Let us do our part so that God’s kingdom will continue to be honored in our church and community for the next forty years and beyond. Consecration Sunday, when we dedicate our gifts to God for the coming year, will be held on October 20th.

Peace in Christ, Jody Moore

Sermons for September 2019

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

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.

September 8, 2019
Luke 2:41-52

As a twelve-year-old, Jesus is eager and anxious to spend time in the temple learning about the Lord. Since even God’s own Son needed to spend time in prayer and learning about the Scriptures, all of us have a continuing responsibility to participate in Bible Studies and Christian Education classes that will help bolster our knowledge and faith. We will highlight the importance of our church’s educational ministries throughout the morning’s service.

September 15, 2019
Luke 15:1-10

In these verses, Jesus tells us the parable of the lost coin and the lost sheep. One sheep wanders away from the flock, yet the shepherd leaves all the other sheep to find the one who is lost. In the Bible, a nomad is a wanderer; one who is lost as a nomad has wandered away from the faith. God’s desire is to bring those who have wandered away back into the fold.

September 22, 2019
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

We will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, looking back at our church’s rich history, thanking God for our present blessings, and looking forward to what God has in store for us in the years to come. Ecclesiastes speaks to the many seasons of our individual lives and the many seasons in the life of a church: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up, a time to keep silence and a time to speak, and a time to love. We will explore how God is faithful to us through all of the seasons of our lives.
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 with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. 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. It is essential that we have an accurate head count for the luncheon. Please RSVP to the church office at 441-5897 or by email: office@outerbankspresbyterian.org by September 15th.

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

PW is looking forward to a new year! We begin with a joint meeting of all circles on Thursday, September 12 at the church beginning with dinner at 5:30 and ending by 7:00. Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks will present the first lesson of the new Horizons Bible Study, *Carved in Stone*, a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. Leaders for 2019-2021 will be installed by Past Moderator Karen Lurie. Dues which include the cost of the study book will be collected. All are welcome, especially those who would like to know more about the work of PW. There is no charge for dinner, and you need not bring anything except yourself!

The long-awaited collared shirts and sweatshirts should be in soon. PW is selling these shirts with the church logo on the back, 40th anniversary on the sleeve and the PCUSA symbol surrounded by the name of the church to celebrate our anniversary, to make our church more visible as people wear them in the community, and to allow support of more missions. Watch for them at the PW table on Sept 8th’s event after worship.

**Called Congregational Meeting**
September 15th

The Session has called the congregation to meet on Sunday September 15th following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee, including their recommendation of three individuals to serve on the Session’s Class of 2022. Please plan to attend this important meeting!
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Music & Dementia

Tom couldn’t remember the names of his wife and daughter. But he would confidently sing “Jesus Loves Me” and he would rock with delight to the chorus of his favorite hymn, “Come home, ye who are weary, come home.”

Jill watched with wonder as the light of a teenager lit her mother’s unfocused eyes and her feet began to dance when “Duke of Earl” and “Blueberry Hill” played on the nursing home cassette.

As baby boomers grow older, we see evidence that by age 65, 3% will be diagnosed with a memory illness; by age 85, 35%. And as a church family, we need to know how to welcome and include these cherished members.

Music strikes a chord of memory and joy for those who have a memory illness. It reduces stress and provides an avenue for wholeness for those diagnosed and those who are caretakers.

On September 18, from 1:00-2:00, we are privileged to have Becky Watson, MBA, MT-BC, certified music therapist and certified trainer for Positive Approach to Care, conducting an hour long program for those who have dementia and those who love someone with the diagnosis. Using music and her experience, she will guide us in a time of enjoyment and learning, help and hope.

Please contact the church office, 252-441-5897, to indicate interest and intent to attend. Light refreshments will be served, along with a fun time of fellowship and sharing.

40th Anniversary Concert
Saturday, September 21, 2019
5:00 pm
Featuring
Guest Organist, Nicholas Bowden
Sanctuary Choir, Brass & Percussion

Be sure to join us on Saturday, September 21 at 5 pm in our sanctuary for a wonderful evening of music featuring great hymns of the faith and favorite choral anthems throughout the past years. Nicholas Bowden will be joining us as a guest organist and conductor. Nick was the long-time organist at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA and has extensive experience as a concert musician and conductor. Nick will also be with us during the morning worship service on Sunday, September 22.

This concert will feature the Sanctuary Choir & guest singers as well as the Virginia Symphony Brass and Percussion.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please see Jason Evans for information!

All are welcome to attend this great evening of music!

Youth, Children & Young Family News

This year's VBS was extremely successful. Our attendance was the highest on record since my time here at OBPC, and it was so exciting to see many new faces from our church volunteering their time to work with our children. Our week at Montreat was also, in my opinion, the best youth conference we have ever attended. This year's theme, Let Love Lead, challenged our youth to live joyfully while serving the Lord and others, following Jesus' example of love. Being at Montreat, surrounded by hundreds of other teenagers, always reminds me what a special group of young people we have here at OBPC. Our youth are polite and respectful, they are accepting of others, they are inquisitive and seek to grow in their faith, they willingly and excitedly serve in worship, and they are flexible when change occurs. Our Montreat trip would not be possible without the financial support of our church and without the selfless love of those who give up their time to spend the week with us: Karen Lurie, Pastor Jody, Tyler and Taylor Helms. I cannot thank you enough for being with us!

After Montreat, we tearfully sent our college freshmen off to various parts of the state to begin this new phase of their lives. But, we also welcomed in several sixth graders who moved from our children's program to our youth group. We are looking forward to a new year full of Bible Studies, mission projects, recreation and more. We would love for YOU to be part of our exciting journey. We are currently looking for volunteers to spend a Sunday evening with our youth group from 4:30-6:30. The youth love getting to know you and learn from you, so if you would be willing to join us sometime please contact me.

Be on the lookout for several exciting family activities this fall! God is doing great things in our church!

In His Grip, Hollie
News from the Session

Submitted by Gary McGee, Clerk of Session

Session met with members Jim Goes, Bobby Gentry, Barbara Nowland, Judy Whittle, Bob Messinger, Mollie Bass, Ron Campbell, Ike McRee, and Moderator Rev. Dr. Jody Moore present. Elder Jean Basnight was granted an excused absence. Clerk of Session Gary McGee was present.

Items approved by Session during the Omnibus Motion included:

- Minutes of previous meetings
- Application to Presbytery for a $2,000 grant for the Beach Food Pantry
- Transfers of Charles Watson to the Presbyterian Church of Cadiz, Ohio and Dan Haynes to Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church
- “Shot (Vaccination) Clinic” to be held on October 6, 2019
- The Biblical theme from 1 Peter 4:10 to be used for Consecration Sunday on October 20, 2019 (Stewardship & Generosity recommendation)
- Adult Sunday School to complete study of Psalms and then Genesis
- Continue study of the History of Christianity for Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Christian Education recommendation)
- A “Ministry Fair” to be held on September 8 in the Fellowship Hall (Christian Education recommendation)

Session received a report from the Church Nominating Committee from Jim Goes, co-moderator. Nominated for the Session Class of 2022 are Ron Baker, Barbara Nock, and Evelyn Webb. Session set September 15, 2019 after the morning worship service as the date/time for the Congregational Meeting to elect the Session Class of 2022.

Following a report by Bob Messinger from the Transportation Committee, Session approved the sale of the church bus in the Asheville, NC area, due to extensive costs of estimated repair.

At the recommendation of the Administration Committee, Session approved a new job description and compensation for “church office manager” that incorporated duties of both the church secretary and church disbursing treasurer. Session named Jeanne Martie as substitute disbursing treasurer to act in the absence of the church office manager.

Appointed a task force, to be chaired by Ben Cahoon, to deliberate and make recommendations about how the church can reach out to international students working at the Outer Banks in a mission-related manner. Chairman Cahoon is to ask others to serve with him on the task for force including possibly Jim Perry, Tom Williamson, Rev. Tanta Hendricks and Ellen Carrico. Elders Mollie Bass and Evelyn Webb are substitute board members. Elder Jean Basnight was appointed to serve as a liaison on the task force.

Bobby Gentry volunteered to also serve on the task force.

Agreed with a report from the Building & Grounds Committee that the church sign be repaired and not replaced due to the replacement cost.

Approved recommendations from the Christian Education Committee to: (1) Sponsor a community event on October 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the church to celebrate the Reformation and Halloween (All Saints Day), (2) set the dates of July 13 – 17, 2020 for VBS and the youth visit to Montreat, July 25 –August 1, 2020, and (3) “Mommy and Me” gatherings to be held at the church at no charge.

Session directed the Christian Education Committee to consult with the Worship Committee and to obtain quotes for purchase of an appropriately-sized, permanently-installed dropdown screen for the Sanctuary before this matter is decided by Session.

The Session reviewed and approved the Worship Committee’s recommendations for celebrating the church 40th anniversary: (1) Holy Communion to be served on Sunday, September 22, 2019. (2) A coaster with the Presbyterian cross and church name and 40th anniversary dates will be given to all persons attending as a commemorative gift, (3) Church stationary that has pictures of the old “cottage church” and the current church building can be sold (5 cards for $5), and a celebratory luncheon, free to all who RSVP with the church office, to be held at Duck Woods Country Club following the worship service and celebration. It was mentioned that Session previously approved Presbyterian Women to sell commemorative t-shirts. Rev. Dr. Moore discussed his plans for the worship service and a program at Duck Woods that would include charter members, former pastors, and Presbytery officials. Rev. Dr. Moore indicated that Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church, Manteo, NC, had cancelled its worship serve on that Sunday to attend our 40th anniversary celebration.

Session discussed, but took no action pending further consideration by the Presbytery, a request by Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks to serve as “Parrish Associate” at OBPC.

Session approved two appropriations from the Local Benevolence Fund: $250 to support the local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and $250 to support John Etheredge (Rocky Mount, NC) as he begins a long-term volunteer ministry in Ghana over the next two years.

Session will encourage members and persons who have served as elders in the church to consider volunteering to serve on Presbytery committees.

Rev. Dr. Moore advised that he would continue fall classes at the church on October 8, 15, 22, and 29 and November 5 at 5:00 pm each day.

An updated Session calendar was presented with Elder of the Month assignments and future Session meetings.

Respectfully,
Gary McGee
Clerk of Session
**Witness & Outreach Committee: Ruthie’s Kitchen**

The Witness and Outreach Committee will be providing dinner for Ruthie's Kitchen on Tuesday, September 10, between 5-6 p.m. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have signed up to provide a dish and/or help serve and clean-up. Many hands make light work, and our church members prove that over and over again!

Ruthie’s Kitchen is held at the Son Rise Church in Kill Devil Hills. A very nice lady, Ruthie Rigor, left some money in her will to St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Parishioners got together with parishioners from other churches and decided to have a community kitchen and use Ruthie’s money for beverages, paper goods, silverware, and cleaning supplies. The first meal was served in October 2009 and meals continue to be served every Tuesday night.

The next time our church will provide a meal is Tuesday, December 3. If you would like to help, look for notices in the November newsletter and bulletins. The sign-up board will be in the Gathering Space during November.

**Flu Shot Clinic after Worship on Sunday, October 6, 2019**

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.

Mark your calendars for the annual "shot clinic", planned for October 6, 2019 after worship. There will soon be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, where you can mark which immunizations you need - we hope to have flu, tetanus, pneumococcal, and shingles vaccines available by Walgreens pharmacy.

The Congregational Care Committee agreed this was a very efficient way to get immunizations last year, and Walgreens provided excellent service. It really helps to protect you and all the people around you. Thanks for participating.

**Supper for Six**

As you know, our church has been blessed with a large number of new members over the past few years. Supper for Six is a fun way to get to know people from church on a casual, small group level.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, where people can sign up until Sept. 22. The names will be divided into small groups (usually 6 people), which include couples and singles. Each group will decide when they will meet (about once a month or so) at each other’s homes. Other options include meeting at a restaurant for lunch or dinner or having a picnic — whatever your group decides.

This is a great way to get to know other people from church in a social setting. The host of the night determines the menu and asks each person/couple in the group to bring something for the dinner.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Martie (441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net).

**Christian Sympathy**

We offer our prayers to the family of Max Strange who passed away on May 3rd, and the family of Liz Hamley who passed away on August 4th.
The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a Ministry & Educational Fair after worship on Sunday, September 8th, in the fellowship hall to kick off our new program year. Outer Banks Presbyterian Church offers many different classes and Bible studies for people of all ages. In addition, you can learn about other activities including Faith Knitters, the Flu Shot Clinic, and the 40th Anniversary luncheon. Have you ever wondered about what classes are offered at our church? Have you ever thought about getting more involved in one of our Bible studies, classes, circles, or other activities? This fair will be the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about our church's programs. Christian Education is foundational to our faith formation at all ages and stages of our spiritual lives. One of the best ways that we grow closer to God and to our fellow Christians is through studying the Scriptures and reflecting upon our spiritual lives.

Faith Knitters

The Faith Knitters will start again on September 10, 2019 at 10:00am. We meet at a home in Martins Point at 100 Mill Point Road. The meetings are twice a month on the second and third Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. If you knit or crochet or want to learn, we would love to have you join the group for wonderful fellowship with a purpose. Last year we made and distributed over 200 prayer shawls. If you have an interest and would like more information call Barbara Nock @ 252-255-5979. We have some wonderful fall and winter dates open, and our work partner (NC Baptists on Mission) has a one-year waiting list of homes needing repair. For more details contact Allison Cockrill at allison@firstonthird.org. To schedule a trip, contact Eden Carroll at pda.callcenter@pcusa.org. Thank you!

Third Thursday Lunch

Please join us on Thursday, September 19 at 12 noon at Steamers Restaurant, 1 Ocean Boulevard, Southern Shores for our first lunch of the new year. Join us for a great meal and fellowship! Please RSVP to Cathie in the church office (252-441-5897 or office@outerbankspresbyterian.org) by Monday, September 16.

Volunteers are needed to plan additional 3rd Thursday Luncheons. Currently, we have individuals or couples who have agreed to plan the meals for September, October, and November. After that, we need either one person or couple who would take charge of planning all future monthly luncheons or different people to coordinate lunches on a month-by-month basis. If you are interested, please call the office.

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 September 1, our Communion Guild volunteers are Nancy Messinger and Judy Whittle. For September 22, they are Glynn Powell and Judy Whittle.