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*Nursery Caregiver*

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*Sexton*

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**Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian**

**Hanging of the Greens**

Tuesday, December 1 | 9:00 am

All are welcome to join us in helping to make our church beautiful for the Advent/Christmas season.

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**Christmas Poinsettia Orders**

Be sure to place your poinsettia order for the sanctuary for this Christmas.

The cost of the poinsettias will be $10.00.

The last Sunday to order is December 6th.

Envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space or you may mail your order to the church office. Make checks payable to OBPC, indicate how many poinsettias you are ordering, and who they are in honor of or in memory of. To make sure your order arrives in time, mail no later than Nov. 30th.

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This Is God’s House  
All Are Welcome!
Prayer Concerns

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

Jack Abernethy
Les Basnight
Marc Basnight
Helen Beshens
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
Donna Bissell
Margaret Brown
Martha Butcher
Those Fighting Covid-19
Jim Carns
Anne Cramer
George Daniels
Tommy DeSanto
Donna & Terry Evans
Claudette Forney
Dorothy & Matt George
Those Serving in our Military
Barbara Hardy
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. John Dick
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Snyder
Rev. & Mrs. John Rickers
Mr. & Mrs. Gary McGee
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hartman
Mr. & Mrs. Don Younkin

Advent Devotionals

The daily Advent devotional booklet this year is "Praying the Jesse Tree" by author Debra Grant. She brings fresh insights to the Biblical images that lead from the Garden of Eden to the birth of the Messiah. In chronological order, discover everything from rainbows to roses, from sandals to stars. Colorful illustrations accompany devotions for all the days in Advent and Christmas week, each with its own Scripture reference and closing prayer.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. The booklet is available in the Gathering Space beginning Sunday, Nov. 22. If you would prefer to have a copy mailed to you please contact Cathie in the church office.

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Advent Readers

Nov. 29.................. John & Evelyn Webb
Dec. 6.................... Ron & Clara Ann Baker
Dec. 13................... Gary & Linda McGee
Dec. 20.................. The Writtenberry Family
Dec. 24................... The Jody Moore Family

Liturgist Schedule

Dec. 6.....................Jean Basnight
Dec. 13........................Barbara Hardy
Dec. 20........................Nonie Booth
Dec. 27........................TBA

Elder Schedule

Dec. 6............................Available
Dec. 13............................Available
Dec. 20............................Poinsettias
Dec. 27............................Poinsettias

Dec. 6............................Jean Basnight
Dec. 13............................Gentry / Webb
Dec. 20............................Messinger / Campbell
Dec. 27............................Nock / McRee

December Birthdays

Barbara Hardy .................. 10
Bob Scott ....................... 15
Warren Davis .................. 16
Jaylen Lindsey ................ 18
EJ Markwood .................. 18
Jason Evans ................... 19
Chris Lewis ................... 20
Hillary Stautzenberger ...... 20
Charles Hardy ................. 24
Charlie Jones ................ 24
Carol Sparks .................. 24
Ruth Dutt ...................... 25
Vera Berg ..................... 26
Joanne Hale ................... 27
Brittany Oustland ........... 27
Chuck Olejasz ............... 29
Ashley Lowcher-Norris ...... 30

December Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Morgan ........... 4
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Mr. & Mrs. Gary McGee ....... 19
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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hartman ...... 27
Mr. & Mrs. Don Younkin ...... 28

We’re Celebrating All Month Long
A Word from our Pastor

I am writing this article as the number of cases of COVID-19 has been drastically rising in recent days. While many of us have looked forward to Advent and Christmas each year, there is sadness and disappointment that some of our celebrations of the holiday will need to be different this year in order to protect each other and to save lives. While we grieve for those losses this year, we are beginning to see promising results of vaccine trials and expect that things will improve in the coming months. Advent is a period of waiting: a time to prepare ourselves for Christ’s coming. But waiting is hard for many of us, including me. We want results quickly, to be able to get through unpleasant situations as fast as possible. But the wisdom of the Advent season is that there are periods of time when we wait. After all, the Jewish people waited hundreds of years for the Messiah to come. Some began to wonder whether the promises of the Old Testament prophets were true, but the faithful held onto the hope that God provides. That is what we are called to do now: to remember our faith in the eternal, everlasting God.

This year, our church is providing the devotional "Praying the Jesse Tree" by author Debra Grant as a way for us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ child. I hope that you will pick up a devotional from the church or if you would prefer, please contact the church office and we will be happy to mail a devotional to you. One of the other devotionals that we considered using this year is entitled "Prepare Ye" by Reed Lessing. One of the entries from that devotional speaks to the importance of trusting in God’s everlasting promises.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! PSALM 72:19

Romantic novelist Tessa Dare has one of her characters say, “I am going to build a house so it lasts forever.” No. It won’t. The temple in Jerusalem didn’t last forever—neither will any house. The Beatles sing, “Strawberry Fields Forever.” Diamond Infused Skin Care says, “We invite you to become flawless forever.” I googled “forever” and found these companies—Forever Pictures, Forever Health, Forever Stainless Steel, Forever Natural, Forever Farms.

We all want forever, yet only God can give it. The English Standard Version of the Holy Bible includes words translated “forever” 379 times. Among them are Psalm 136:1, “His steadfast love endures forever”; Exodus 15:18, “The Lord will reign forever”; Psalm 23:6, “I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever”; Isaiah 40:8, “The word of our God will stand forever”; and Psalm 72:19, “Blessed be his glorious name forever.” His name? Jesus! Jesus died but now lives forever—for you!

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore
The Winter started out gently but became progressively more discourteous. At least this Sunday's forecast didn’t threaten snow. After church, the sun greeted us as if trying to distract us from the lacerating cold.

“Not wanting to linger outside, I squeezed into my car and drove away, waiting for the car’s heater to puff out some warmth. I had gone just far enough to feel the first breath of warm air when I saw a panhandler standing by the road. Holding up a sign, he had positioned himself near a traffic light, hoping for spare change from drivers detained there. I stopped, fourth or fifth in line, and noted with relief that the snow was deep enough to prevent him from walking up alongside the row of cars. It’s not that I had never offered anything to roadside panhandlers. I was ambivalent about such drive-by charity, though. Better not to be regarded as a potential source of hope.

“The light turned green. Driving past, I glanced in the man’s direction. He had a decent winter coat, but his hands, ungloved, looked raw and red. I felt a pang of empathy. How cold his fingers must be! I thought fleetingly of giving him my gloves but quickly concluded I wasn’t that kind of saint. Then I remembered – I had extra gloves with me! Months earlier I had stuck them in, of all places, the glove compartment, thinking they might come in handy sometime. Now here was someone who desperately needed them.

“I parked in the first spot I could find, about a block away, and located the gloves. Walking back to where the man was standing, I pulled out a few dollars to go with my gift. I thought I would say something spiritual like “God bless you” just so he would know he was being assisted by a believer. It seemed like the Christian thing to do. I anticipated that he would be appreciative, and that made me happy.

“I handed him the money and said, “I have some extra gloves. Why don’t you see if these fit?” He pulled them on, exclaiming, “Yes, they fit perfectly!” Then, before I could pronounce my benediction, he turned to me and said, “God bless you!”

“That didn’t quite follow my script. I stammered something like, “And may God bless you too,” and we parted. I thought about our exchange later that afternoon. Why was I so startled by his blessing? Perhaps because he said the words I had planned to say but with a sincerity that I lacked. During the course of a block, after I grabbed the gloves and exited my car, I had constructed a little skit in which I was the pious Christian helping the needy beggar. I wasn’t going to bless him so much as bask in the acclaim I imagined the heavenly host and God himself would express toward my act of charity. The warm glow I felt wasn’t love; it was sanctimony.
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Faith Knitters

FAITH KNITTERS HONOR THE VETERANS

Thank you for your service Veterans. The Faith Knitters donated 58 prayer Shawls to the VA Hospital in Hampton, Virginia to say thank you to our Veterans. The shawls were blessed on November 8th during the church service by Dr. Jody Moore. This has become a tradition for us and the knitters find great pleasure in making these shawls and sharing them with those who have served to protect us. The knitters and crocheters that so generously gave of their time and talents are Judy Swanson, Clare Ann Baker, Karen O'Brien, Karen Lurie, Susan Furlough, Barbara Nowland, Linda Younkin, Ellen Carrico, Barbara Nock, Gayle Goetschus, Yvonne Blomberg, Judy Whittle, Karen Corbett & Veronica Reich. If you have an interest in becoming part of this group, we would welcome you. Please call Barbara Nock at 252-255-5979 for more information.

CHRISTMAS

Joy Offering

Supporting Past, Present & Future Leaders

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers (ministers, educators, missionaries) in their time of need, and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. There will be a bulletin insert & special envelope on Dec. 20. You may also send your Joy Offering to the church office with “Joy Offering” written on the Memo Line. Address: OBPC, P O Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for these special groups of people.

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

OBPC started holding in-person worship services in the church sanctuary in October. Due to Covid-19, we have had to make some adjustments, such as limiting attendance to 50 people, keeping social distance, wearing face masks, and not being able to have congregational singing.

We recognize that not everyone can or should attend in-person church services and it is our goal to make our services available online for those who wish to participate from home. However, you may have noticed that we have experienced some technical difficulties with our live streaming during the past month or so. We have worked hard to correct the issues and the system has performed well recently. If you have been frustrated, we hope you will try us again! To view services online, go to our website, www.outerbankspresbyterian.org, and follow the instructions highlighted in yellow at the top of the page. Thank you for your patience and persistence!
News from the Presbyterian Women

The monthly circle meetings for the Presbyterian Women of OBPC have changed due to Covid-19. Circle members have 3 choices of meetings to attend:

**DORCAS & LYDIA CIRCLE**
Wednesday, December 9 | 10:00 am
This meeting is held in the church sanctuary and is led by Mollie Bass.

Wednesday, December 9 | 7:00 pm
This is an online Zoom meeting led by Maggie Snyder.

**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE**
Thursday, December 10 | 5:30 pm
This meeting is held at the church and is led by Lisa Rhodes.

2020 Angel Tree

Due to changes in the Angel Tree set-up, we will not be able to have our own Angel Tree this year. We were told we can either pick up angels at other various sites or we can do a monetary donation. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make the check out to Presbyterian Women and we will send one check to the OBX Woman's Club.

Thank you all for the support you have given us in the past. Hopefully next year we’ll be able to have our own tree.

Merry Christmas
Evelyn Webb

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Join us on Sunday, December 6, 2020 as we observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This Sacrament is a true reminder of God’s sacrificial love for us by dying on a cross to save us from our sins and resurrecting that we might spend eternity with him.

We have individually wrapped Communion wafers and grape juice containers that you pick up as you enter the Sanctuary. For all who watch us online, you are invited to participate in virtual Communion.

Ruthie’s Kitchen

Thank the Lord for the generous responses of our church members! On Tuesday, November 17th, we delivered 60 takeout meals to Son Rise Church after preparing them in our OBPC kitchen. We wore masks, stayed 6 feet apart, and were very careful with touch, because the viral pandemic is very aggressive right now.

Nonie Booth, Glynn Powell, Shirley Lillard, Laura Lilieberg, Evelyn & John Webb, Mollie Bass, Rosalyn Pugh, Linda & Don Younkin, Barbara Nock, Melanie Cahoon, Carol Moore, and Nancy & Charlie Huff prepared menu items at home and brought them to our church.

Linda Younkin, Glynn Powell, Shirley Lillard, Barbara Nowland, Laura Lilieberg, and Evelyn & John Webb packaged the trays, plastic ware, desserts, and bottled waters in grocery bags. To accommodate social distancing with our volunteers, we did this in our fellowship hall, close to the kitchen.

Laura Lilieberg, Barbara Nowland and Evelyn & John Webb then delivered our meals to Son Rise Church, and passed them out to people who drove up in the parking lot, while others remained at OBPC to clean up.

A special thanks to those volunteers funding the 120+ fried chicken pieces (and a few of the packaging supplies): Rosalyn Pugh, Jean Basnight, Ron Herron, Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Karen Lurie, and Margaret Hartman.

As you may conclude by viewing these lists of confirmed participants, we are blessed with compassionate OBPC volunteers. You recognize the needs of our OBX community, and you step up time after time. Thank you!!

The next scheduled Ruthie's Kitchen will be on January 19, 2021.

Linda Campbell (Coordinator, Ruthie’s Kitchen)

Six of the many volunteers who provided the 60 take-out meals for Ruthie’s Kitchen (l.to r. Evelyn Webb, Linda Younkin, Glynn Powell, Nonie Booth, John Webb and Shirley Lillard)
Room In The Inn News

Like everything else, the program at Room in the Inn has had to change to meet the challenges of Covid in our midst. Concerned about the mitigation of Covid, host churches have asked to find an alternative to using their facilities. This year, instead of churches hosting the guests, RITI has rented the building next to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, which houses the international students in the summer. A full time monitor and a cleaning person have been hired to supervise the guests and maintain the safety and health of the guests and volunteers. Churches will continue to contribute groceries for breakfast and lunch and to provide a hot dinner each day. Volunteers will continue to assist the monitor for overnights, to check in guests at intake, and other services. Other volunteer possibilities are available in the office in KDH which minimizes contact with guests.

A new director has been hired. Betse Kelly retired after two years of effective leadership. Michael Jones is welcomed to the position.

A new board president has been elected. Tracy Ryder’s passion for the homeless energizes the program. Past president, Nancy Griffin, continues on the board providing her insight and experience.

Again, as a result of the challenges of Covid, our major fund raiser will not be the usual buffet at Sugar Creek. Instead, we will have a drive thru dinner on December 6th, 11:30 to 3:00, catered by Mike Kelly. Tickets are $20 per person and can be purchased online at the RITI Facebook page or at the office at 111 Carlton Avenue in KDH or I can pick them up for you.

Our silent auction has also been cancelled but a raffle is being held for a week at a beautiful mountain cabin. See pictures on line and take a chance!

We find ourselves over $35,000 short of our budget this year. If you have partnered by a contribution to this program in the past, please consider renewing your gift. If you haven’t supported RITI in the past, this is a time to prayerfully consider the need. Also, as we look forward to the 2021 season, the additional expenses of rent, salary and resources challenge our financial health. Please consider your support.

Thank you for your continued care for this essential program. “I was hungry and you fed me. I was homeless and you sheltered me.” Matthew 25

Blessings upon you and yours this holy season. May you make room for Jesus in your heart,

Always,
Tanta M. Luckhardt-Hendricks
Board member for RITI and liaison for OBPC
330-386-5723
tanta2107@gmail.com

Happy 100th Birthday, Warren!

If you cannot imagine what it was like to be here 100 years ago, ask Warren Davis. He was born December 16, 1920 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Percy and Cora Davis.

He has accomplished much during his 100 years. He retired from Gulf Oil Corporation in 1983 as Chief Economist in the Department of Corporate Planning. He and his wife Jane moved to the Outer Banks shortly after that. They built their dream home and soon became stalwart members of the community.

Over the years, Warren has served on the Southern Shores Civic Association in a number of capacities; volunteering for the US Fish and Wildlife Service from 1983-2020, and serving as treasurer of Outer Banks Hotline from 1992-2016. In addition, he is active in his church, Outer Banks Presbyterian, and has served as an elder on the Board of Trustees and as Sunday School Superintendent, tutored students in math and English, and served on the Outer Banks Forum as Director and Treasurer.

He has forayed into such activities as hang gliding, scuba diving, tennis, golf, sailing, square dancing, and loves to do crossword puzzles, watch NFL football, and watch his favorite reruns on TV.

Warren married Susan Lawrence in 1998 9 years after Jane died. After Susan died, he became close friends with Peggy Foster. He is the father of 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren, not to mention the many dogs he has had over the years. The present love of his life is his rescue dog Ness.

Warren’s strengths are his calm self-confidence, his wit and sense of humor, and his moral convictions. He values honesty and integrity and is open to others’ opinions. His faith is an important part of his life. His needs have always been simple. He does not need a fancy house, or big boats, or expensive cars to make him happy. He would rather focus on doing something to making the world a better place and caring for those he loves best. He is well respected among family and friends alike.

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Submitted by Jan Partin, daughter
Session Highlights – Nov. 9

The Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church met on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 4:40 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Present were Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, who moderated, and Elders Ron Baker, Ron Campbell, Bobby Gentry, Ike McRee, Bob Messinger, Barbara Nock, Barb Nowland, Evelyn Webb, and Judy Whittle. Clerk of Session Gary McGee was also present to record actions taken. Dr. Moore declared that all elders were in attendance and therefore a quorum was present.

All persons in attendance wore face masks and social distanced while at the meeting.

Dr. Moore opened the meeting with a devotional entitled “Saying Thank You” by Rebecca Jordan Heys. Scripture was from Luke 17:11-19. A prayer was said following the devotional.

The Omnibus Motion was approved as presented, which included Session minutes of a Called Meeting on September 8, 2020 and minutes of a Congregational Meeting on October 11, 2020. The Session reviewed Elder assignments for in-person worship services for November and December. New assignments will be prepared by the Clerk of Session and presented to Session for approval for the first quarter of 2021.

Session liaisons to the following committees presented and reviewed reports:

- Buildings and Grounds Committee
- Congregational Care Committee
- Christian Education Committee
- Finance Committee
- Covid-19 Task Force
- Worship Committee
- Stewardship and Generosity Committee

The Session had provided previous authorization for the staff to eat in the church building and to serve food for funeral or wedding receptions on a case by case basis. After hearing the report from the Covid-19 Task Force and the Worship Committee, the Session gave approval for the Youth Group eating meals together at church. The Session noted that any other groups who bring food to the church do so at their own risk.

Session also agreed with the recommendation of the Worship Committee to deny a request by Music Ministry Director Jason Evans to hold a modified Christmas Concert, which he would record in various levels with limited people in the room at any given time. Session cited the recent surges of the Covid-19 virus in Dare County. Alternatively, Session suggested that Jason Evans may consider a recorded rendering of the best of Christmas concerts of past years.

Session approved one Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. that will be modified to avoid spread of breath droplets, social distancing, and wearing masks. Reservations to attend would be requested, as reservations are now requested for Sunday worship services, and attendance limited to 50 people. Barbara Nock and Ron Baker were designated to be Greeting Elders at the Christmas Eve service.

Dr. Moore announced that the Session would examine newly-elected elders at the December 15, 2020 meeting at 4:00 p.m. and that the newly-elected elders would be installed on January 10, 2021. Dr. Moore will conduct new elder training for Maggie Snyder and Bev Jones on November 10, November 17, and December 1.

Dr. Moore also asked elders who will remain on Session in 2021 to indicate their top three choices by December 1 for committees to which they would like to serve as Session liaisons. He further asked those elders to contact committee moderators by December 1 to see if they would be willing to continue to serve. Dr. Moore wants to make liaison and moderator appointments at the December stated meeting.

Elder Evelyn Webb presented a written and verbal report of the Presbytery meeting held virtually on October 11, 2020. She served as commissioner from the church. Elder Ron Baker announced that he has been appointed to the Presbytery’s Permanent Judicial Committee.

Clerk of Session Gary McGee was asked to organize a group to examine Eldercare Lists and consider redistribution of members and friends to make the lists more equal in number of assignments per elder.

A closing prayer that included prayers of thanksgiving, intercession for each other and for members and friends of the church, was conducted by Dr. Moore.

There being no further business at 5:45 p.m., the Session adjourned. The next stated Session meeting will be held on December 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully,
Gary McGee, Clerk of Session

Did you know?

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up again represents the resurrection of Christ? Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles, which represent eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors... Red, for Jesus’ blood. White for purity. The gifts represent the 3 gifts the wise men brought for Jesus. So, when you are running around trying to get the “perfect gift”, stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all of our sins...MERRY CHRISTMAS!